

# EVI Newsletter

Emerald Valley Intergroup, Eugene, OR  
January 2026



**Step 1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol-that our lives had become unmanageable.**

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- Web/Tech Vice Chair
- EVI Vice Chair
- 2 Members at Large
- Grapevine Vice Chair
- Meeting Guide Vice Chair
- CPC/PI Vice Chair
- Outreach Chair
- Outreach Vice Chair

### Next EVI Business Meeting:

January 19 @ 6:30pm PST  
(Business meetings occur every 3rd Monday of the month)

**In-Person:** 2160 W.11th, Eugene

**Online:** Zoom ID 892 0441 7839

Password: 602762

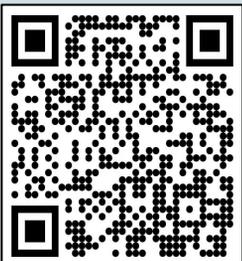
**EVI Intergroup** [www.eviaa.org](http://www.eviaa.org)

2160 West 11th, Suite I

Eugene, OR 97402

**Call Us 24/7:** 541-342-4113

### Subscribe to the Newsletter:



To receive this newsletter as a monthly email, scan this QR code or [CLICK HERE](#)

### Join an AA Meeting in Eugene

Meeting Guide: [www.eviaa.org/meetings/](http://www.eviaa.org/meetings/)

In-Person AA Meetings: [Click Here](#)

Online AA Meetings: [Click Here](#)

Email Meeting Guides Chair: [HERE](#).



# Emerald Valley Intergroup Service positions

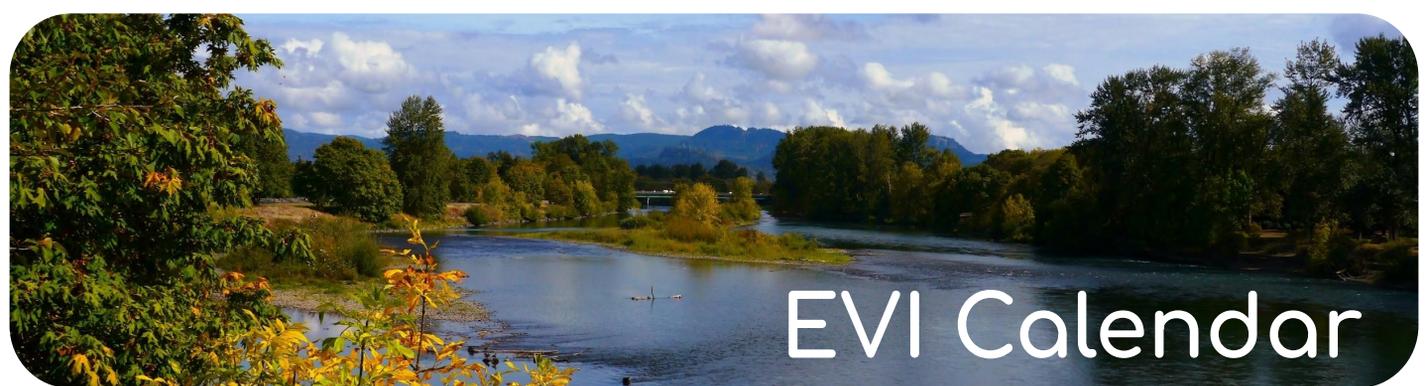
(available as of December 15th, 2025)

POSITION	SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT	TERM
EVI Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
Member at Large (2-positions)	2-years	2-years
Grapevine Co-chair	6-months	1-year
Meeting Guide Co-chair	6-months	1-year
Outreach Chair	1-year	1-year
Outreach Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
CPC-PI Vice Chair	6-months	2-years
Web Tech Co-Chair	1-year	1-years

**+PLUS** loads of opportunities to be of service as Committee Members, Office Volunteers, Special Project Staff, etc. To enhance your sobriety by helping others to find and maintain theirs call the office: 541-342-4113 or eMail us at: [evi\\_office@eviaa](mailto:evi_office@eviaa)

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT EVI SERVICE COMMITTEES





# EVI Calendar

<https://eviaaweb.org/calendar/>

**1/3/2025-1st Saturday Speaker Meeting-Potluck at 5pm,  
meeting at 6pm**

**1/4/2025-Committee Meeting for EVI Speaker Meeting  
12pm**

**1/4/2025-Activities Committee Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**1/5/2025-CPC/PI Committee Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**1/10/2025-EVI Speaker Meeting 7pm**

**1/12/2025-EVI Steering Committee Meeting 6:30pm**

**1/19/2025-EVI Business Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**1/28/2025-H&I Committee Meeting 6pm-7pm**

# Hospitals and Institutions Notes and Opportunities for Service



## Help Wanted with Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

(contact [Hospitals\\_vice@eviaa.org](mailto:Hospitals_vice@eviaa.org))

1 year minimum sobriety required unless otherwise noted

- 62 Scheduled Meetings - Facilitated by 100-120 different AA volunteers
- Springfield Jail (Women) - These 4 meetings did not happen due to lack of female officer availability or insufficient inmate numbers. Reassess women's meetings in October.
- Committee Procedure Manual - General Overview document is online as are documents for about half of our facilities. Work is in progress and should be finished within the next month.
- Chair/Vice Chair rotation is set for September approval by EVI Business
- Most if not all Meeting Coordinator/Co-Coordinator scheduled for Sept. rotation are set. Most, if not all incoming Co-Chair candidates are ready to stand for election.

**Getting Started** with H&I begins with Meeting Rep and/or Facility Meeting participation. Committee Meetings the LAST Wednesday each month. 6:00PM @ EVI. Grow your recovery with H&I.

(contact [hospitals\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:hospitals_chair@eviaa.org))

# Volunteer Opportunities

# HELP WANTED

## Cooperation With The Professional Community

### What we do...

- Communicate and cooperate with Correctional Facilities, Treatment and Accessibilities, Public Information, and other C.P.C. committees to share experience.
- Hold workshops for members who want to learn about C.P.C. Twelfth Step service and how to share information about Alcoholics Anonymous with professionals they may come in contact with in their daily lives.
- Contact local professional schools that train future healthcare, legal/correctional or human resources/employment professionals and offer to do A.A. presentations.
- Contact professionals and offer to meet with them in their office to share information.
- Utilize the About A.A. newsletter in your C.P.C. contacts with professionals.  
(Past issues can be found at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).)
- Utilize the C.P.C. Videos for Professionals.
- Invite local professionals to a breakfast or luncheon with a presentation explaining how A.A. can be a resource and explaining what A.A. is and is not.
- Contact local court professionals and offer A.A. presentations.
- Contact a military base or VA facility in your area.
- Contact local physicians, hospitals and clinics and arrange for A.A. literature to be available in their waiting rooms, and develop a plan for how to keep the literature stocked.
- Let groups know the committee is available as a resource if questions or problems arise with the local courts.
- Invite professionals and professional students to attend an open meeting.
- Contact the C.P.C. desk at G.S.O. to request a PowerPoint presentation that can be adapted for local needs.
- Contact local professional organizations and offer A.A. presentations and/or investigate opportunities to have an A.A. table/exhibit at their meetings or conferences.
- Send sharing on local C.P.C. efforts to G.S.O.
- Share your enthusiasm! Find a co-chair and interested members in order to help.

### Who we work with...

- alcoholism & substance abuse counselors
- armed forces: officers, commanders & chaplains
- athletic coaches
- corrections officers
- court officials
- educators
- employers & employee assistance professionals
- health care professionals  
(doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, etc.)
- clergypersons
- judges
- juvenile services professionals
- law enforcement officers
- lawyers (prosecutor, defense attorney)
- probation or parole professionals
- professional students
- public health officials
- senior services professionals
- social workers
- union officials

# Volunteer Opportunities

# HELP WANTED

## Public Information

### What we do...

- Be sure every public library has at least one Conference- approved book, e.g. the Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions or Living Sober.
- Place Grapevines or other A.A. literature in Little Free Lending Libraries
- Let the Fellowship know how to reach out to the hearing impaired.
- Place a literature rack in every highschool, college, police station, library and hospital in the district and keep the rack stocked with appropriate literature and meeting schedules.
- Send a letter to high schools, offering A.A. literature and A.A. Videos for Young People and/or a presentation on A.A. — what we do and what we do not do.
- Send a letter to convalescent homes, rest homes and senior centers in the district offering A.A. literature and/or a presentation on A.A.
- List open A.A. meetings in the newspapers in the district.
- Place a small (paid if necessary) announcement in every district newspaper around the holidays.
- Work with the newspapers— anonymity, Traditions— generating interest in our Fellowship.
- Respond to speaking requests at non-A.A. meetings in the district.
- Place Public Service Announcements with radio and television stations.
- Put meeting schedules behind the front desks at every hotel, motel, and bed and breakfast.
- Participate in district and state A.A. seminars and conventions.
- Fight apathy within the Fellowship, find a co-chair and interested people in order to achieve all the above,
- Keep your sanity and stay away from the first drink.



CPC-PI WEB PAGE AT EVI



EMAIL CPC-PI Committee

December 15, 2025

## **EVI Business Meeting Minutes**

**December 15, 2025; Hybrid EVI Office and Zoom**

**Opened 6:30 with the Serenity Prayer**

**present: In person: EVI Chair, Dist.19 rep, Web/Tech Ch, 7 group reps.**

**On Zoom; EVI Secretary, EVI Treas & Vice Treas, Dist. 6 rep, CPC/PI Ch, Grapevine Ch, Lit Ch, Meeting Guide**

**Ch,10 group reps. (17 reps, quorum of 15 met) Minutes Approved.**

**Agenda: Approved**

**Treasurer's Report [Dennis]: Nothing out of ordinary. Donations were a little above expenses, amount over**

**prudent reserve steadily decreasing, we will need more money. Downtown AM rep said their group did not**

**donate to EVI if there was any money over the prudent reserve. Treasurer's report approved.**

# **EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports**

December 15, 2025

**Treasurer apologized for not forming FAB and getting the budget done earlier. The budget is now completed.**

**Secretary apologized for not sending it out with minutes.**

**EVI 2026 Budget: EVI expenses are of 2 kinds. Running the office is fixed expenses, \$36,000 in 2025. With**

**expected increases, 2026 office running expense figure is**

**\$36,675. The 2026 budget allocated \$2800 for**

**committee expenses, including \$800 for Activities, \$500 for Grapevine, \$500 for CPC/PI, and \$1000 for H&I.**

**Chaz pointed out the EVI bylaws have specific and detailed directions regarding timing of budget process,**

**requiring us to pass the budget at the December meeting. His motion to suspend the bylaws and table**

**voting on budget until January was amended to allow EVI to continue to operate in its current mode for**

**two months, and approved.**

**We said that EVI Budgeting practice has been to estimate what our Committees need to do their jobs, then**

**fund it, rather than trimming committee budgets to fit**

**projected contributions. He said it was possible we would not pass this budget as presently written.**

**ELECTIONS: No one stepped up**

**Open positions: EVI Vice Chair, 2 Members at Large, CPC/PI Vice Chair, Grapevine Vice-Chair, Outreach**

**Vice Chair, Web/Tech Vice Chair. WE NEED PEOPLE. Flyer describing open positions will be circulated to the**

**list and put on eviaa.org website for as wide circulation as possible.**

# **EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports**

December 15, 2025

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Steering Committee:** We have budget concerns, and EVI participation concerns. Please put the word out.

**Bookkeeper/OVC:** [made by JT] Running well, need volunteers.

**Activities:** no report.

**Archives:** no report.

**CPC/PI:** Committee meeting 1st Mondays; people are stepping up. Lending library projects going well; have bundles of Grapevines to distribute on shelf in back room, Brochures in hotels, retirement homes, City & County Courthouse. We appeared at a panel for healthcare providers. Compiling a contact database for distribution of info to specific people, including school counselors & health teachers, some at U of O and LCC. Table at EVI

**Seeker Meeting.** We need a Vice Chair; Wes rotates out as Chair in March.

**Diverter:** no report.

**EVI Speaker Meeting:** 128 at Potluck, went well, raised more than expenses, will have quarterly check for EVI>

Bring donations for raffle to the meeting, or contact Dennis.

**Grapevine:** Grapevine subscription price may rise. Groups should elect Grapevine reps. It's more than the magazine: podcast, apps, books, greeting cards.

**H&I:** Going great.

# **EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports**

December 15, 2025

**Literature:** Well stocked with books for holidays. We sell literature at cost, but we get a break on shipping with large orders, EVI gets the difference. So buying lit at the EVI office costs the groups the same, helps EVI a bit.

**Meetings Guide:** Doing well.

**Newsletter:** Hopes to get next edition out before Xmas.

**Wants more on events.**

**Outreach:** no report.

**Web/Tech Chair:** no report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Proposal to form ad hoc Committee to organize an EVI Group**

**Inventor:** EVI Chair apologized for tabling this

**proposal last meeting without a second. Chaz said EVI**

**Bylaws state Chair has power to form ad hoc**

**committees. Chair asked who had been through EVI Group**

**inventory before; Chaz and Wes had done so. Kit**

**volunteered to serve. Chair said he would recruit members of committee on his own before next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** [none]

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** EVI Speaker Meeting thanks the

**Activities Committee for helping with the holiday potluck.**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Deb and Jules will have birthdays in January;

**Chaz celebrated 22 years in December.**

**Closed with the responsibility statement 7:24 p.m.**

# EVI CONTACT GUIDE

EVI OFFICE	EVI CHAIRPERSON
<p><b>Newcomers, Meetings, Events, Information, Volunteers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email the Office: <a href="mailto:evi_office@eviaa.org">evi_office@eviaa.org</a></li> <li>• Call 541-342-4113 (24 Hour AA Hotline)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chairs Steering Committee Meetings and Business Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email EVI Chair: <a href="mailto:evi_chair@eviaa.org">evi_chair@eviaa.org</a></li> </ul>
EVI WEBSITE	CPC/PI
<p><b>Coordinates Web Updates, Event Calendar, Event Postings, etc.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email the Website: <a href="mailto:web_chair@eviaa.org">web_chair@eviaa.org</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email CPC/PI: <a href="mailto:cpcpi_chair@eviaa.org">cpcpi_chair@eviaa.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CPC/PI Web Page</a></li> </ul>
MEETING GUIDE UPDATES	H&I – HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS
<p><b>To submit a new meeting or to change a current meeting's information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email EVI Meeting Guides: <a href="mailto:meeting_guides_chair@eviaa.org">meeting_guides_chair@eviaa.org</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Delivers AA programs to hospitals, addiction treatment facilities, jails, mental health institutions &amp; recovery homes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email H&amp;I: <a href="mailto:hospitals_chair@eviaa.org">hospitals_chair@eviaa.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">H &amp; I Web Page</a></li> </ul>
EVI NEWSLETTER	NOTE
<p><b>If you have stories or ideas to contribute, contact the Newsletter chairperson:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:news_chair@eviaa.org">news_chair@eviaa.org</a>.</li> <li>• View Current Newsletter: <a href="#">Newsletter Page</a></li> </ul>	<p>The EVI Webpage, Newsletter, and Meeting Guide each have their own team. For specific website, newsletter, or guide needs, please email the team responsible for that need. If your need addresses the website, meeting guide, and newsletter, please email all teams in order to address your need in each location.</p>



# WANT TO ADD A FLYER TO THE NEWSLETTER?



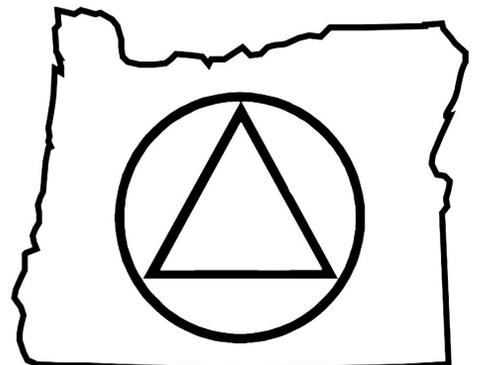
CHECK OUT THE ADD-A-FLYER TIPS AND TRICKS BELOW

## ADD-A-FLYER to the EVI Newsletter Tips and Tricks:

- 1) Decide as a meeting that you would like to add a flyer to the newsletter
- 2) Nominate someone from your meeting to create the flyer
- 3) Email your created flyer to the newsletter as a jpeg or png file. The newsletter email is: [news\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:news_chair@eviaa.org)

\*helpful hint-Canva is a great website to get creative or choose from a wide variety of templates to get your ideas flowing\*

**Important Note:** The EVI newsletter team of volunteers only curates information provided by the local EVI body at large. Because we are a volunteer team, *we do not create flyers or write articles for the newsletter. We also do not manipulate files that come in.* Instead, we rely on the body at large to submit the information they would like to see in the newsletter. The flyers, events, and articles found in the newsletter have been created by individual groups and submitted to the newsletter.



# Extras from the Newsletter Team

## Quotes from AAs

Dear Friends, This morning, rain fell in the desert where I now live, and it carried me back to Oregon—those countless mornings when you showed up, did what needed to be done, and accepted that you were probably going to get wet. It made me think about recovery, and about life. Katherine Hepburn once said, “Life marches on. I suggest you get on with it.” At first glance, it can sound abrupt. But to me, it feels honest. Life doesn’t pause while we sort things out. It keeps moving—sometimes gently, sometimes not—and invites us to move with it. In my own life, and in many meetings, I’ve watched how easy it is to talk in circles. To debate, explain, defend, and still walk away without peace. I know I’ve done it myself—getting lost in the weeds, convinced that my understanding is the one that matters most. Over the years, a dear friend, Glen, reminded me—sometimes bluntly—listen. He was usually right, and I am blessed to carry his words with me still. Whether we are early in recovery, long sober, struggling, steady, or somewhere in between, life keeps offering chances to show up. We will get wet. We will be uncomfortable. We will not always feel ready. Still, the work remains. What needs to be done. Because if we do not do it—who will? With gratitude for this path and all who walk it beside me.

~Fellow AA

## 12 & 12 Tidbits

### Step 1, page 22

**“The tyrant alcohol wielded a double-edged sword over us: first we were smitten by an insane urge that condemned us to go on drinking, and then by an allergy of the body that insured we would ultimately destroy ourselves in the process.”**

*We hear great tools, tips, and tricks to stay sober and to thrive in our recovery, did you hear something life-changing at a meeting that you want to share with the rest of us? Send your ANONYMOUS quotes to [news\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:news_chair@eviaa.org) to help share the wealth and love!*

## *Extras from the EVI Office*

**Note: The EVI bylaws are available on the EVI website at [eviaa.org](http://eviaa.org). You will find them by clicking on “EVI info” at the very top of the first page on the right. A list will appear including the item “EVI Bylaws.” Click on that. The description of the EVI Financial Advisory Board and the budget process is on page 9. A brief description of the functions of the various EVI committees is also available on the website. You will find it by clicking on “EVI info” at the very top of the first page on the right. A list will appear whose first item is “EVI Committees.” Click on that. For most committees, the sobriety requirement for Chair is 1 year and Vice Chair is 6 months. H&I Chair, and Treasurer positions require 2 years; the H&I Vice-Chairs and the Vice Treasurer 1 year.**

~Stay in the know by checking out AA events and activities in the near future~

# CHILDCARE NOW OFFERED!



Women's Step Study Meeting  
Every Sunday, 5-6pm  
Unity of the Valley  
3912 Dillard Rd, Eugene

# Can Healthcare Professionals Still Hear A.A.'s Message?



Since COVID, and with greater HIPAA regulations, your Hospital and CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) committees have struggled to re-establish working relationships with local hospitals and healthcare providers.

## **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A.A. & WORK IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY? WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Your Hospitals and CPC committees would like to form an advisory task force to help us get A.A. back into this critical area of our community. If you are willing to help, please contact the EVI office (541-342-4113) and ask to be added to the 'Medical Task Force' list. Please leave your name, phone number and/or e-mail. We will contact you to arrange a first meeting.

THANK YOU! - Demian D. and Wes H.

# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Discover AA Grapevine Magazine!

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Help spread the word!

For over eight decades AA Grapevine and La Viña, AA's magazines written by us, for us, have shared experience, strength, and hope from members across the world. Grapevine has grown beyond the magazines and today carries the AA message in new forms such as podcasts and apps.

We need men and women to become Grapevine representatives for their groups. As a Grapevine representative you will be the link between AA Grapevine and your home group, which means educating your fellow AAs about the magazine and encouraging support. You might announce the latest issue at your meeting, tell a joke, or talk about the magazine's content - the stories make great discussion topics!

### How do I Get Started?

- Offer to be of service - let your home group know that you are interested.
- Ask your Home Group to purchase a Grapevine subscription (\$68 for 1-year print subscription).
- Register online with Grapevine here: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved/become-grapevine-rep>
- Let EVI know by contacting Melanie W, EVI Grapevine Chair, [grapevine\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:grapevine_chair@eviaa.org).

**Already a Grapevine representative?** Let us know: [grapevine\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:grapevine_chair@eviaa.org)

- <https://www.aalavina.org/US-suscripciones>

### Have Questions?

- Contact Melanie W, EVI Grapevine Chair, [grapevine\\_chair@eviaa.org](mailto:grapevine_chair@eviaa.org)

**Grapevine and La Viña magazines and books make great gifts! Check them out at the EVI office or at [aagrapevine.org](https://www.aagrapevine.org).**



## Listen to Grapevine's New Weekly **PODCAST!**

### **AA Grapevine's half-hour variety podcast features...**

- powerful interviews with AA members on getting sober, meetings, service, Steps, sponsorship and more!
- current information about AA and AA Grapevine
- jokes, fun AA banter and surprise guests!

Each week, longtime AA members Don and Sam will interview sober alcoholics, writers of current Grapevine stories, general service reps and more about their experience, strength and hope in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. **A new episode will be available in English each Monday at 9:00 a.m. EST.**

To listen to new or past episodes, visit:  
**[aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://aagrapevine.org/podcast)** (or wherever you get your podcasts)

[versión francesa](#) & [versión en español](#)

Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous [deafaa.org](http://deafaa.org)

Find an accessible Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) or  
ASL Interpreted Meeting **“TODAY”**



### Find tools for recovery from alcoholism

- Accessible [Deaf A.A. & ASL](#) interpreted meetings **everyday** of the week. Find fellowship, a sponsor and service opportunities.
- [Grapevine stories by Deaf alcoholics in ASL](#)
- A.A. literature in [American Sign Language](#)
  - [Plain language Big Book TOOL](#) (English)
- [LSQ](#) Langue des signes du Québec / Quebec Sign Language interpreted meetings.
- A.A. literature available in [LSQ](#)
  - A.A. literature in [French](#)
- [LSM Resources](#) Lengua de Señas Mexicana / Mexican Sign Language.
- Grapevine stories in Spanish [La Vina Magazine](#) & [YouTube](#)
- A.A. literature in [Spanish](#)

**[Save the Date January 17, 2026](#)**

**Special Forum for Deaf A.A. Members**

**Digital Flyer QR Code**



Cooperation with Professional Community and Public Information

**First Monday of Each Month  
at 6:30 P.M. in person or online\***

Join us for the next CPC-PI Committee Meeting

**January 5th, 6:30 P.M.**

\*EVI CPC-PI Online... join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/787958949>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212,

Access Code: 787-958-949

One-touch: tel:+18722403212,,787958949#

Get the app @ :<https://meet.goto.com/install>



EVI CPC-PI Meeting  
Quick Entry QR-code

Code updated 10/20/2025

**Somebody, somewhere told YOU about A.A.; YOU can return the favor!**

Emerald Valley Intergroup - 2160 West 11th Ave Suite I - Eugene, OR 97402 - Call EVI 24 Hours: (541) 342-4113

Office Hours: M-F 9 to 5, Sat. & Sun 9 to 4



FMI  
New Year's Eve

# **BINGO PARTY AND DESSERT POTLUCK**

25 ¢ each card per game, bring quarters if you can, change available. Bring your best dessert to share! Ring in the New Year @ 9pm, New York time! \$5 donation suggested

Wednesday Dec. 31, 2025  
Campbell Community Center  
155 High St. Eugene  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

