

EVI Newsletter

Emerald Valley Intergroup, Eugene, OR
April 2026



Step 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

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- Web/Tech Vice Chair
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- 2 Members at Large
- CPC/PI Chair & Vice Chair
- Outreach Vice Chair
- Diverter Chair & Vice Chair
- Meeting Guides Vice Chair

Next EVI Business Meeting:

April 20th @ 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

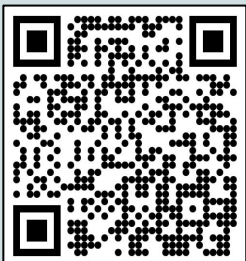
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2160 West 11th, Suite I

Eugene, OR 97402

Call Us 24/7: 541-342-4113

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Meeting Guide: www.eviaa.org/meetings/

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

Online AA Meetings: [Click Here](#)

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



EVI Calendar

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

4/4/2026-1st Saturday Speaker Meeting-Potluck at 5pm, meeting at 6pm

4/5/2026-Committee Meeting for EVI Speaker Meeting 12pm

4/5/2026-Activities Committee Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm

4/6/2026-CPC/PI Committee Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

4/11/2026-EVI Speaker Meeting 7pm

4/13/2026-EVI Steering Committee Meeting 6:30pm

4/20/2026-EVI Business Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

4/29/2026-H&I Committee Meeting 6pm-7pm



Hospitals & Institutions

Service positions with Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

~1 year minimum sobriety required~

- 62 Scheduled Meetings - Facilitated by 100-120 different AA volunteers
- 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 office 2160 W 11th Suite 1.

Contact hospitals_chair@eviaa.org or hospitals_vice@eviaa.org for more information on how to grow your recovery by serving your AA community.

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.)
- 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

EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports

March 16, 2026

EVI Business Meeting Minutes March 16, 2026; Hybrid EVI Office and Zoom Opened 6:34 with the Serenity Prayer

Present: In office: EVI Chr, Office Volunteer Coordinator/Bookkeeper, EVI Treasurer, Activities Chr, Diverter

Chr and VC, Grapevine Chr, Dist.19 rep, 9 group reps.

Online: Archives Chr and VC, CPC/PI Chr, Grapevine Chr, Meeting Guides VC, Outreach Chr, Literature Chr, District 10 rep, 12 group reps. (quorum of 15 met)

Minutes Approved. Agenda: Added Vice Treasurer and subtracted Meeting Guides VC to elections. Approved

Treasurer's Report [Dennis]: Group donations \$1300, individual \$377. Office expense up a bit; we paid both

Office Coordinator's salary and trainee salary.

Committee expenses increased a bit; H&I bought a bunch of

literature. We are still in good shape, \$1053 above our prudent reserve. Continuing donation is needed to support expansion of committee work, particularly H&I and CPC/PI. Treasurer's report approved.

EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports

March 16, 2026

ELECTIONS:

EVI VC; Leah B. was elected

Member at Large: Wes was elected to one position, no one stepped up yet for the other

CPC/PI Chr & VC: no one stepped up yet

Diverter Chr: Lynn P. was elected, stepping up from Vice-Chr

Diverter Vice-Chr: Ben M. was elected

Grapevine Vice-Chr: Carol D. was elected

Outreach VC: no one stepped up yet

Web/Tech VC: no one stepped up yet

Open positions: Vice Treasurer, 3 Members at Large, CPC/PI Chair & VC,

Outreach VC, Web/Tech VC

Reps please tell your groups that we need people to serve. We particularly need help with Web/Tech, Public

Information [CPC/PI], but Activities, the EVI Speaker Meeting, and the H&I Committee always need a hand.

Descriptions of what's involved are available on the EVI Website, eviaa.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steering Committee: Ad hoc EVI Group Inventory committee met; next mtg April 8 5:30 EVI office. Media for putting out inventory to be discussed; Newsletter Chair & Web/Tech Chair please come. All welcome.

Bookkeeper/OVC: Kay reported everything is going well. She's comfortable with running the office, and getting up to speed with the money stuff. Carol is still available to help.

Activities: Java Jive at Santa Clara Grange April 25th, 6-9 p.m. Half the slots already filled. Flyer out.

Archives: no report

EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports

March 16, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued:

CPC/PI: Cooperation with Al-Anon CPC/PI continuing, they may help with Peace Health. Social Workers at Riverbend now have our business cards. 10 packs of the Grapevine & Forum Available for distribution. Waiting for approval from GSO for podcast pamphlets to be on EVI website. Wes is going to Roseburg to address VA.

Diverter: Grateful to groups that are taking on the various days.

EVI Speaker Meeting: 85 at last meeting; raised \$173 for EVI. Will donate \$471 for the quarter.

Grapevine: Thrill with new VC. Coming up: a quiz with Grapevine subscriptions for winners.

H&I: [Chaz] Going well.

Literature: Books going quickly; another order soon. GSO already raised prices. EVI prices now planned to go up May 1 [not June]. Prices will rise about \$3 per book [Big Book will be \$15] and 5-25 cents for pamphlets.

Meetings Guide: All is well here.

Newsletter: No report

Outreach: Things are going well; some new connections & interest.

Web/Tech Chr: Issue with event calendar: we're allowed 200 hits per month on present plan, we use 90% by mid month. We can get 5,000 per month for \$5 per month more. Motion to authorize increase passed.

OLD BUSINESS: ad hoc Inventory Committee update covered in SC report

NEW BUSINESS: [none]

ANNOUNCEMENTS: [Dist 19 rep] Dist 20, 6, & 19, hosting Area 58 Assembly in May in Eugene. Need help.

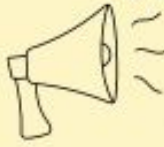
Flyer in EVI office with QR code to contact.

BIRTHDAYS: Leah B, 42 years March 3rd.

Closed with the responsibility statement 7:30 p.m.

EVI CONTACT GUIDE

EVI OFFICE	EVI CHAIRPERSON
<p>Newcomers, Meetings, Events, Information, Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email the Office: evi_office@eviaa.org • Call 541-342-4113 (24 Hour AA Hotline) 	<p>Chairs Steering Committee Meetings and Business Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email EVI Chair: evi_chair@eviaa.org
EVI WEBSITE	CPC/PI
<p>Coordinates Web Updates, Event Calendar, Event Postings, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email the Website: web_chair@eviaa.org 	<p>Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email CPC/PI: cpcpi_chair@eviaa.org • CPC/PI Web Page
MEETING GUIDE UPDATES	H&I – HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS
<p>To submit a new meeting or to change a current meeting's information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email EVI Meeting Guides: meeting_guides_chair@eviaa.org 	<p>Delivers AA programs to hospitals, addiction treatment facilities, jails, mental health institutions & recovery homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email H&I: hospitals_chair@eviaa.org • H & I Web Page
EVI NEWSLETTER	NOTE
<p>If you have stories or ideas to contribute, contact the Newsletter chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: news_chair@eviaa.org. • View Current Newsletter: Newsletter Page 	<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?



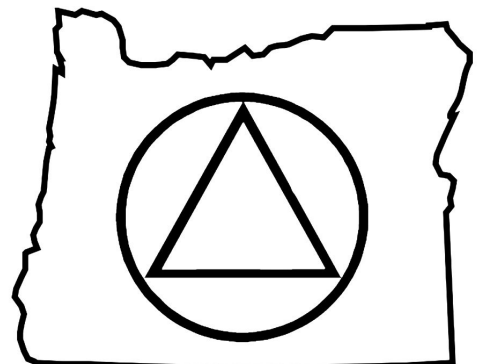
CHECK OUT THE ADD-A-FLYER TIPS AND TRICKS BELOW

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

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

“Sobriety goes better without drinking.”-AA

12 & 12 Tidbits

Step 4, page 42

“Nearly every serious emotional problem can be seen as a case of misdirected instinct. When that happens, our great natural assets, the instincts, have turned into physical and mental liabilities. Step Four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, when, and where our natural desires have warped us.”

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 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. 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.

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.

Already a Grapevine representative? Let us know: grapevine_chair@eviaa.org

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

Have Questions?

- Contact Melanie W, EVI Grapevine Chair, 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 (or wherever you get your podcasts)

Test your Grapevine Knowledge

Take Our Quiz!!

Test your knowledge of AA Grapevine! Answers can be found on the AAGrapevine.org website. Answer at least 10 questions correctly and you will be entered into a drawing for a 1-year digital subscription to Grapevine magazine.

You can take the quiz by completing and submitting responses online at <https://forms.gle/NuF53fmQKms9KiYa9> or by emailing your answers to the Grapevine Chairperson at grapevine_chair@eviaa.org.

Good luck!!

- When was the first issue of Grapevine magazine printed?
 - 1939
 - 1944
 - 1952
 - 1959
 - Grapevine is supported by AA group contributions.
 - True
 - False
 - The magazine printed by AA Grapevine is the only way to read Grapevine articles.
 - True
 - False
 - Grapevine Magazine and La Viña are both AA Conference approved.
 - True
 - False
 - Who can submit an article to Grapevine or La Viña for publication?
 - Sober alcoholics
 - Professional writers
 - Anyone
 - Alcoholics living in the United States
 - Bill W. acted as the first senior advisor for AA Grapevine.
 - True
 - False
 - La Viña, the Spanish-language version of the AA Grapevine magazine, is translated from the English version of the magazine.
 - True
 - False
 - The Grapevine magazine is published monthly (English) and bi-monthly (Spanish).
 - True
 - False
 - The role of Grapevine representatives includes:
 - Announcing the latest issue at meetings
 - Talking about the magazine's content
 - Encouraging groups to participate by sending in stories, artwork, or jokes
 - Spreading the word about Grapevine's new services and products
 - All of the above
 - Who was the most prolific article writer?
 - Bill W.
 - Dr. Bob
 - Ebby
 - Dr. Silkworth
- BONUS: Bill W. introduced the Traditions to the Fellowship in a 1946 Grapevine article called "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition."
 - True
 - False

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

Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous 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



CHILDCARE NOW OFFERED!



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




Join us for coffee
and fellowship at:

Serenity Seekers West

A.A. Meeting
Tuesdays and Thursdays
at Noon

Eugene Friends Church
3495 West 18th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97402

This is an open meeting
of Alcoholics Anonymous
and all are welcome.



"the
sweetest
little meeting
in Eugene"

*Starlight
Meditation
Group*

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
(Upstairs)

1300 Pearl St. Eugene OR

Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

April 6th, 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

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**EVI ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
PRESENTS**

JAVA JIVE 2026



Join this
fellowship of AA
talents!

Contact Jim at
541-870-3684 with
questions.

SAT APR 25

6:00PM-8:30PM

Santa Clara Grange

295 Azalea Dr
Eugene, Oregon
97404

Poets Wanted for Original AA Recovery Poems

Winning Poems will be displayed for
3 months at EVI office

Submit Written Poems at EVI Office
by June 1st 2026

Include:

Name, Sobriety Date & Phone number



EVI Archives Committee

Ask Me About

HAPPY DESTINY
WORLD-WIDE SOBER TRAVEL

Contact
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Africa



Rainbow Country Safari

Visit some of the most beautiful areas of South Africa and see everything through the eyes of local people. View wildlife up close and personal. This trip happens at a time when many of the animals have young. See them in their natural environment. Enjoy meetings in very unique surroundings. Learn about the arts and culture including music and dance. Expect to be changed when you get home.

Costa Rica



Tropical Tranquility

Spend 10 nights in the lap of luxury enjoying this barely discovered paradise. We'll have a secluded villa on the beach where we can keep our meetings private. And enjoy a breathtaking beach where Macaws live in the trees and nobody interrupts your reverie. This 150 acre property grows much of its own food and has golf, horseback riding, pickleball and many other activities to enjoy.

South Pacific Cruise



Serenity on the South Pacific

Leave all the stress behind while you are waited on hand and foot. Visit some of the most spectacular islands of the South Pacific. The delectable food is never-ending. You will want for nothing while you lounge on board the Norwegian Spirit for a 13-night cruise. And of course we will have meetings. Expect to be pampered from start to finish on this specially selected ocean voyage.