

EVI Newsletter

Emerald Valley Intergroup, Eugene, OR
March 2026



Step 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

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

Next EVI Business Meeting:

March 16 @ 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

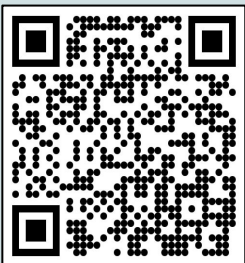
EVI Intergroup www.eviaa.org

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/>

3/1/2025-Committee Meeting for EVI Speaker Meeting 12pm

3/1/2025-Activities Committee Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm

3/2/2025-CPC/PI Committee Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

3/7/2025-1st Saturday Speaker Meeting-Potluck at 5pm, meeting at 6pm

3/9/2025-EVI Steering Committee Meeting 6:30pm

3/14/2025-EVI Speaker Meeting 7pm

3/16/2025-EVI Business Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

3/25/2025-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)

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)

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

February 16, 2026

EVI Business Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026; Hybrid EVI Office and Zoom

Opened 6:30 with the Serenity Prayer

present online and face to face: EVI Chair, Office Volunteer Coordinator/Bookkeeper, OVC/B Trainee, EVI Treasurer, Archives Chr, CPC/PI Chr, EVI Speaker Meeting rep, Grapevine Chr., Literature Chr, Meeting Guides co-Chr, Outreach Chr, Web/Tech Chr. Dist.19 rep, 24 group reps. (quorum of 15 met)

Minutes Approved. Agenda: Approved with addition of CPC/PI VC and Grapevine VC to elections

Treasurer's Report [Dennis]: Group donations \$6089, the 2nd highest in recent history; office expenses running about normal. We are now above our prudent reserve, but continuing donation is needed to support committee work, particularly H&I and CPC/PI, at a more normal and effective level. Treasurer's report approved.

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

Diverter Chair and CPC/PI Chair rotate in March.

Reps please tell your groups that we need people to step up for service in EVI committees.

Description of the various positions and the duties involved are available on the EVI Website, eviaa.org.

EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports

February 16, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steering Committee: We discussed the Treasurer's report and the ad hoc EVI Group Inventory committee.

Bookkeeper/OVC: Carol is leaving; beginning March 1, Kay is our Bookkeeper/Office Volunteer Coordinator.

Carol thanked EVI for the experience, and said she will write something for the newsletter about how EVI affected her personally. She hopes other stories about EVI might appear in the newsletter as time goes on.

Activities: no report

Archives: Getting some stuff framed and under glass; cooperating with EVI OVC for display at EVI.

CPC/PI: The AI-Anon CPC/PI Committee Chair attended our meeting. We'll work together, sharing tables at various events. This year, we will continue to do what we did last, and add podcasts that will be available on the EVI website. We'll cooperate with Outreach to get more people involved with EVI, do more work with Districts, and table at the AI-Anon Speaker Breakfast. With AI-Anon, we're starting a data base of local contacts.

Diverter: no report

EVI Speaker Meeting: 86 at last meeting; raised \$106 for EVI. Interested in helping? Contact Dennis or come to committee meeting noon 1st Sundays at EVI.

Grapevine: Completed lit inventory, putting quiz in EVI newsletter, starting work on writing workshop.

EVI Business Meeting Minutes & Committee Reports

February 16, 2026

H&I: Going really well. We may restart the meetings in the Springfield Women's Jail in March; they had been paused due to staffing problems at the jail.

Literature: Well stocked, anticipating Feb. GSO price increase. EVI lit prices will go up June 1, by about \$3 per book [Big Book will be \$15] and 5-25 cents for pamphlets.

Meetings Guide: All is well.

Newsletter: No report

Outreach: Things are going well; coordinating with CPC/PI.

Web/Tech Chair: 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: The ad hoc committee for the EVI Group Inventory [JT, Chaz, Wes, Kit, & Karla] met. They agreed that the questions used in the 2014 Inventory were pertinent and that more can be added. The next meeting is Wed March 11, 5:30, at EVI. Interested persons are welcome participate [but won't have a vote].

NEW BUSINESS: 1200 new Meeting In A Pocket booklets have been ordered; price will go up to \$1, our cost.

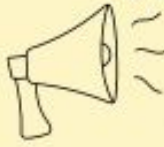
ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a party for Carol at the EVI office at 1:00 March 6. Y'all come!

BIRTHDAYS: none announced

Closed with the responsibility statement 7:20 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?



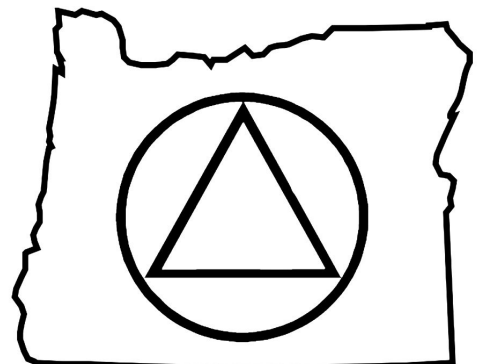
CHECK OUT THE ADD-A-FLYER TIPS AND TRICKS BELOW

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

THANK YOU CAROL!

Carol B., sober date 4/13/2019, then age 63.

I attended Downtown AM from my 1st day, 5 years before my sobriety date. In August of 2019 I was fired, not from drinking but from being an alcoholic on a pink cloud. It was a God shot. I hadn't really considered retirement or what that looked like. Covid came. I applied for one job at veterinarian's office. How to put "reason for leaving" in one line from an employer of 40-plus years that I couldn't get a reference from. Another God shot. Fear mounted as I depended on online meetings. I heard EVI was moving from Springfield to West Eugene, close to where I live, and I thought I would volunteer when that happened. I applied learned there was an open (paid) position for the Office Volunteer Coordinator. The current OVC suggested I apply. What the hell, why not. Another God shot. I started to volunteer in the meantime. The position closed and one week later I hadn't heard anything. Oh well. The current OVC suggested I check, and I learned my application had never been received. I re-submitted and was elected to a maximum 5-year term. One week later, the current OVC was gone. I was less than 2 years sober. I needed and received so much help and support. After a relapse and Serenity Lane for the second time, my angel, Dave C. spoke the day before I was to leave. I knew I would return to AA (continued monitoring required to retain my job). I knew nothing about EVI or H&I. I just knew the angel part. Another God shot. EVI was the first position I had outside of my home group. I learned a lot, real fast. No one in charge? What the hell! Fielding complaints? The answer was, find another meeting. What?! Meetings, people, personalities, volunteers, schedules, committees. I just wanted to stay sober. What a fellowship. I am so grateful. Every day. I go to my home group meeting, every day. (Unless something comes up, which is rare at 7am). I call my sponsor every week and see her most days (so fortunate she's in my home group). More God shots. I allowed EVI to fill my time and my life. I was so used to working. My husband's retirement and diagnosis of dementia almost simultaneously changed a lot, real fast. God shot. I've been slowly pulling back from EVI, and can more clearly see what it offers. Committees, activities; so much work and planning goes into all of them. Archive, precious history. CPC/PI, so important, So short of people. Diverter, magic. I'll never forget my first night. EVI Chair herding cats. Secretary, stays on top[of it all. Treasurer, nose to the grindstone. Speaker meeting, pulls it together, somehow. Grapevine, so valuable, so informative, so hard to attract. H&I, saved my life, unbeknownst to me, mobile angels. Literature, priceless. Newsletter, underrated. Outreach, needs to be more than a line item for us alcoholics to hear the need. Web Tech, thankless but OH SO NECESSARY. It's true that there is something for everyone. Shy? Outgoing? Newcomer? Longtimer? Young? Seasoned? Lots of time on your hands? Hardly any time at all? Service without reward out of gratitude for those who came before. Rotation is a great thing, yet it requires constant input. We talk about gratitude all the time. If your action of gratitude of transactional in the beginning, so be it. When you say, "I could never pay AA back for what it has done for me," act on that. Gratitude is a verb, not a noun. It requires action. We have something the founders didn't. Proof (evidence) that it works. There are a myriad of ways to be of service in AA. Find one. Did that work? If not, find another. Did that work, too? Find another.

Have you or your home groups benefited from EVI? Perhaps you could write a note for inclusion in our newsletter so others may become aware of what an incredible resource our Intergroup has been or can be. I know I was surprised what an impact it had in my life.

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.

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

CHILDCARE NOW OFFERED!



FREE

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.

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

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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](#)

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Special Forum for Deaf A.A. Members

Digital Flyer QR Code






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

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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

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!

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