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Publishing & Grapevine Our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and other books will now be produced jacketless, with jacket images printed on the covers. This change is in response to supply chain disruptions and will help alleviate out-of-stock issues and help keep costs down. Grapevine will be adding a $2.49 increase to all books. The top 10 selling books' prices will increase on January 1, 2023, and other books' prices will increase as they go to reprint. Other ancillary items prices will increase on January 1, 2023, as well.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Western Washington Area 72 Quarterly Business Meetings			
January 2 & 3	January Area 72 Quarterly	Seven Cedars Casino Sequim WA	
Area Standing Committee Quarterlies			
Saturday Dec 13 10am-2pm	Grapevine Lit Quarterly Meeting	Archives Repository 3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499	Zoom ID 873 2199 0075 Passcode: 620280
Saturday Dec 13 10am-2pm	Corrections Quarterly	NW Veterens Center 216 Francis St Port Angeles 98362	Zoom ID 835 5063 3777 Passcode: 053851
Saturday Jan 10 10-1	Treatment Quarterly	Greater Seattle Intergroup 5507 6th Ave S Seattle, WA 98108	Zoom ID 812 5591 9512 No Passcode:
2026 Conferences			
February 27- March 1	PRAASA 2026	Honolulu Hawaii	
Workshops			
Sunday Dec 27 3pm-4pm	PI Workbook Study	Virtual	Zoom ID 872 1003 9770 Passcode: 02416
Saturday Dec 21st Noon-2PM	Area Archives work Party	Archives Repository 3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499	
Saturday, Jan 11 4:00-5:30	Registrar Workshop	Virtual	ZOOM ID 633 540 5154 Passcode: registrar
Study Groups			
4th Sunday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Cooperation with Professional Community	Virtual	Zoom ID: 872 1003 9770 Passcode: 024176
4th Saturday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Corrections 8/23/2025	Virtual	Zoom ID: 828 6821 9335 Passcode: 343910
4th Sunday Noon-1:30pm	Treatment Roundtable July 27, August 31st, Oct 26th,	Virtual	Zoom ID 8125591 9512
4th Sunday 3PM-4PM	PI Workbook Study	Virtual	Zoom ID872 1003 9770 Passcode: 02416
Up Coming Newsletter Topics			
January transition to Digital Only	The Newsletter Transition to Digital Format	Due Dec 26	Email will oprovide a link to submision portal

Articles of the Month

AA members are invited to contribute their monthly District report and an AA related article on the 'Topic' of the month for publication in the newsletter. Address your report in an individual email with your District number and position to the newsletter editor in a word document. Flyers are to be sent in a PDF format.

Thank you for your service.

Elected Servants

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When I think about the topic of Group Inventory, the first thing that comes to my mind is Tradition One: *"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."* And Tradition Four: *""Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."*

These traditions remind me that, just as I take my own personal inventory to stay spiritually grounded, my home group also benefits from pausing to look at how we're doing as a collective. For me, a group inventory feels like an opportunity to strengthen unity, improve how we carry the message, and make sure our meeting remains a safe, welcoming space for the still-suffering alcoholic.

My home group does a group inventory every one to two years as part of a regular housekeeping. What's very important is to also create a list of items to continue discussing and addressing. It's about applying what we surface to ensure we are fulfilling our primary purpose. Each time, I'm struck by how connected the group feels afterward. Members share more openly, small issues get addressed before they grow, and we are reminded of our purpose. AA's resources support this activity. The *A.A. Service Manual* encourages groups to periodically look at how well they're fulfilling our primary purpose, and the pamphlet *"A Group Inventory"* offers thoughtful questions that keep the discussion grounded in principles rather than personalities.

I've also come to appreciate having someone from outside the group facilitate the inventory. Whether it's a local district committee member, someone from our area appointed/electeds, or an experienced member. I find an impartial facilitator allows everyone, including me, to participate fully while keeping the conversation balanced and aligned with the Traditions.

In the end, a group inventory is simply about keeping our group spiritually healthy and focused on carrying the message. I want the hand of AA to always be there for the still suffering alcoholic who hasn't found our doors yet.

I am so grateful to serve Area 72, the best Area in the Conference!

Courtney

Area 72 Delegate panel 75

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Greetings Area 72!

Before I get into my thoughts on this newsletter's topic, I want to encourage members, groups and districts interested in hosting GSR schools to coordinate with me. I have two on the calendar for early 2026: on in the Vancouver area, and the other in Port Orchard. If you would like to attend a GAR school that is closer to you, geographically, reach out to myself or your DCM!

Now to the suggested topic: The Group Inventory. I love the topic of the Group Inventory. I know that I frequently speak about group inventories but I'm not sure if this wonderful tool is commonly spoken about in more public settings.

When folks come to me with large group concerns, one of my most frequent responses is to suggest a group inventory. Or ask about their last inventory. Similar to my personal inventory, the honesty, consistency and follow through of a group inventory can really be impactful!

I find personal introspection during each group inventory I participate in. Having also had the tremendous honor to facilitate many group inventories, I've seen the beauty of the autonomy that Alcoholics Anonymous affords us. Many groups can function in specific and unique ways that would be difficult or less than ideal for other groups. There's something wonderful about that.

The dogma that has found its way into A.A. groups and A.A. members doesn't have to drive us. There is no proper way to run a meeting or ideal way for group to structure itself. Yes, our movement has had some growing pains and as a result, some experiences and suggestions, but I reject the notion that some groups do it right, wrong or better than others. I might have personal opinions, but keeping the doors open for as many future alcoholics to find recovery surely should take priority over my judgment of groups. How a group serves their purpose (as often discussed in the first question found on page 29 of "The A.A. Group" pamphlet) is entirely their affair.

I was at a funeral last weekend and I heard numerous examples of how this man loved and served people; he saw the opportunity to help others and he just did. This man knew his job was to serve people and *not* the institution he committed his life to. Through my personal inventory and many group inventories I have experienced peace and confidence that comes when I don't compare myself or my group to others. I am not threatened, and I can make room for others at the table. If my purpose, today, is to help others who might be interested in this way of life, can I allow myself to do anything less than to be open and available to any and all members and groups?

Finally, I want to thank Erin for all the hard work she has put into producing the Area Newsletter over the last year. It is a thankless job with lots of nuance, especially this past year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, Erin. Thank you!

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Greetings Area 72,

November has been a busy month. In addition to my Area Chair duties of planning for the January Quarterly, including our upcoming Area Inventory on Friday of the Quarterly (more on that below), I had the privilege of sharing my experience, strength and hope at two of our district's gratitude banquets and attend still others. A big thank you to District 55 in Sequim and their incredible gratitude banquet with over three hundred in attendance and years and years of sobriety. Thank you, Bill W., for being such a gracious host. And, to District 29 and their event out in Puyallup at the Tacoma Sportsman's Club, also well attended with over two hundred in attendance and also years and years of sobriety including 59 years! Thank you, Grace and the District 29 Action Log team, their District's newsletter, for the invitation. Both events felt like homecomings.

Area Inventory in January
Now on to January and the upcoming Area Inventory on Friday night. Our most recent past Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi Fowler, will be flying up to facilitate the inventory and we have assembled a committee to determine format and questions. This year, our inventory will model the General Service Conference's most recent inventory where we break into groups of ten and work through a list of questions manageable for each group and then the spokesperson from each group will report on their group's conscience as we work through the questions. Our committee will be using the conference questions as adapted for the Area Committee. I am super excited to see how it goes. At the same time, our former Trusted Servant, Heather C., now Delegate elect for Idaho, Area 18, and is working with their incoming chairperson on a similar approach for their Area Inventory next year. Exciting stuff and I am excited to learn how our Area Committee can improve in years to come as we assess the action items that come out of the inventory process.

National Corrections Conference Bid
And last, our National Corrections Conference (NCC) 2027 Bid Committee, comprised of Area 72 and 92 Corrections servants flew to Nashville in early November to attend the 2025 NCC and bid on 2027. We made a great presentation and I felt very proud and grateful for our showing. Unfortunately, Florida Area 15 flew up to Nashville in mass and also put on a great bid. They loaded their committee with their Area's Chairperson, Bronwyn F., and Billy N., past General Service Trustee and popular and persuasive member in the Southeast Region who closed their presentation and fielded questions. The voting stayed at about 65% Florida to 35% Washington through four rounds of third legacy procedure and Florida won out of the hat. We had some interesting reflections about this "national" event as it has remained mostly in the eastern half of the U.S. since inception although it will be in Salt Lake City next year. Florida didn't have a correctional facility to highlight, instead focusing on weather, ease of travel to Orlando, and a boat ride to see alligators versus our presentation which highlighted Washington State Penitentiary Walla Walla and A.A. corrections history, with Walla Walla having the second oldest prison meeting in A.A. history (September 1942) next only to San Quentin earlier that same year. Also, travel into the Tri-Cities area from anywhere not on the west coast requires 1 and 2 stop flights. So we are going to regroup and see about maybe having a regional conference here in the Pacific. There is a need and the national conference seems to have lost some focus on corrections. Still, I was very grateful for the opportunity to be on the bid committee with truly dedicated servants.

In Closing and As Always…

And last and as always, please feel free to reach out as I am available to any Intergroup, District or Home Group to share on service and/or personal recovery, to facilitate group or district inventories, or assist in group resolution or just answer random fellowship and/or service-related questions. Just email me as I am always happy to be of service.

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Growing Pains and Bidding Gains: A Friendly Reminder on Archives and Hosting Quarterlies

Hi all!

As I've reflected on the quarterlies of 2025, we've uncovered a small but important lesson: sometimes our district archives might not have that handy EIN verification letter that online payment systems like Stripe need. But don't worry—this is not a dealbreaker for hosting your quarterly events!

You might remember back in the July 2025 quarterly, we simply opted to go old-school with cash and check payments when we couldn't get the credit card processor set up in time. Sure, it was a bit of a headache for some folks and we heard a few grumbles, but it worked out. The reason? That district didn't have the original EIN verification letter on hand, and Stripe (like other processors) needed it to verify our business identity.

Now, this is really just a friendly reminder: check in with your archivist and make sure your district's treasury documentation is complete. It's not the end of the world if it's missing—you can always host a quarterly without credit card payments if you need to, or open a new EIN and bank account if that makes things easier. But a little preparation can go a long way.

Speaking of preparation, I'd also like to put out a warm invitation: we're looking for districts to team up and put together co-hosted bids to host a 2027 quarterly. We'll be hearing those bids in April, and I'm more than happy to personally help any district through the process. It's really straightforward: just reach out to me, take a peek at the area handbook for the details, and I'll help you brainstorm and gather info from your venue. I promise to make it as smooth and comfortable as possible!

In short, there's nothing to be afraid of when it comes to putting together a bid. I'm here to support you and make sure you feel confident and ready to present your ideas. Let's make 2027's quarterly planning just as seamless and welcoming as possible.

Feel free to reach out with any questions, and let's keep making our events as inclusive and easy as we can. Thanks for all you do!

With love and in service,

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Hello, Area 72 Family,
November has always felt special to me. It's the gentle exhale after the intensity of the October Assembly — a true month of gratitude, reflection, and appreciation for the souls who walk this path beside us.
This month, I had the privilege of supporting a District Alternate DCM as she prepared to organize her first Gratitude Banquet — my wife, Mary. I did my best to practice being a worker among workers, setting aside any urge to direct or "fix," and instead choosing to simply support, encourage, and carry what needed carrying. After all, she didn't need an expert — she needed a loving partner who believed in her. Mary continues to teach me what kindness and service look like in action, and I remain deeply grateful for her steady heart.
District 45 hosted their banquet with a beautiful Day of the Dead theme that honored both memory and gratitude. Past Delegate Gail served as guest speaker and shared her story with honesty and grace — a reminder of the power that comes from lived experience and spiritual growth.
A couple of weeks ago, I made the journey from Tacoma to Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island to attend the District 46 monthly business meeting. It was a long day — two hours north and three hours home via ferry, Port Townsend, and the Narrows Bridge — yet every mile felt worthwhile. The service structure in District 46 is vibrant, grounded, and deeply connected. What stood out most was the genuine care they show for one another. It was joyful to witness and inspiring to be part of, even for a single meeting.
Last weekend, I attended the District 9 Gratitude Banquet as a grateful member of my home district. I remain profoundly thankful for the spiritual home that shaped me. The Wizard of Oz skit was thoughtful, funny, and layered with meaning — a creative reminder of the journey we all share. Our own Alternate Chair, Lisa S., delivered a powerful message, staying true to her topic while speaking from a place of honesty and experience. The room was quiet, attentive, and emotionally present — a beautiful reflection of shared connection. For me, it was one of the most moving Gratitude Banquets I have experienced.
In all of this, I continue to see how love, service, and connection quietly weave through our fellowship. I remain grateful for each of you and the role you play in keeping our spiritual community accessible, compassionate, and alive.
With love and gratitude, your service sib,
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In Alcoholics Anonymous, inventories, whether they are personal or group inventories, serve as important tools for growth and understanding. Early in my sobriety, I often found the idea of an inventory intimidating. Looking honestly at resentments, fears, and past behaviors felt uncomfortable, and admitting these realities out loud felt even more so. Over time, however, as I practiced taking inventories and became more willing to prioritize sobriety over the desire to appear strong or untroubled, the process became not only manageable but deeply beneficial.

Today, a personal inventory simply means checking in with myself. It is an opportunity to identify what is working well, what may need attention, and where I might be experiencing discomfort. Just as importantly, it is a chance to recognize the positive qualities and actions that I want to continue developing. This ongoing practice strengthens my relationships and supports my spiritual growth.

I have come to understand group inventories in a similar way. For some of us, the word "inventory" can carry the implication that something is wrong, but I have learned that this is not the case. A group inventory does not indicate a crisis; rather, it provides a structured, respectful space for a home group to reflect on how it is functioning.

One experience stands out from a group inventory I once helped facilitate. A trusted servant who faithfully fulfilled a cleanup commitment each week shared that they had been doing the work alone for quite some time and were feeling unappreciated and unseen. No one in the group had realized this. The inventory process allowed them to express their experience honestly, and the group responded with understanding and willingness to help. The result was not blame or defensiveness, but a healthier distribution of service responsibilities and greater connection within the group.

In another inventory, a member shared that they had felt micromanaged while coordinating an event, despite being a professional event planner. Although this individual had been elected as a trusted servant, they felt their judgment was not trusted. The inventory gave them a safe environment to express their feelings and to be heard respectfully.

Experiences such as these illustrate that inventories are not always about fault-finding. They are about cultivating awareness, strengthening unity, and supporting continued growth. Just as I take personal inventories to assess my actions, identify areas for improvement, and acknowledge progress, group inventories allow our home groups to reflect on their functioning, address concerns openly, and affirm what they are doing well.

Ultimately, inventory is a pathway toward healthier communication and deeper

connection, whether in our personal lives, our service roles, or within the AA fellowship. When approached with honesty and willingness, inventories become valuable opportunities to realign with our principles and strengthen our ties with one another.

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"Group Inventory: Not Just for 'Other' Groups"

December seems to be the month when we suddenly remember a certain section of the A.A. Group pamphlet and the Group Handbook—the part with all those group inventory questions we say we're going to use "someday."

Questions like:

- What is the basic purpose of our group?
- Are we doing all we can to carry the message?
- Do we do our fair share toward supporting our local services?

Most of us read those questions the way we used to read warning labels on alcohol: we glance, we nod, and we think, "Yes, someone really ought to look at that."

But the longer I've been in A.A., the more I see that Group Inventory isn't about blame or fault-finding. It's exactly what the literature says it is: a chance for the group to ask, together, "Are we still doing what we were formed to do?"

Some groups use the list from the A.A. Group pamphlet / Group Handbook and answer a few questions at a time. Some set aside a meeting and focus on unity, service, and carrying the message. Others rotate inventory topics over several months. The format can differ, but the spirit is the same:

- We pause.
- We listen to each other.
- We let our Higher Power into the group's conscience.

And here's the part that always gets me: a group inventory isn't about how we look on paper, it's about how we're living the Traditions together. Are we inclusive? Are we welcoming newcomers? Are we supporting the services that help us stay sober? Are we still putting A.A.'s primary purpose first, or have we drifted?

This month's theme—Group Inventory—is an invitation for all of us to:

- Dust off that inventory section of the Group pamphlet,
- Pick a few questions,
- And let the group conscience speak.

It doesn't have to be complicated or perfect. It just has to be honest, kind, and grounded in A.A. principles. That's where the growth is.

B. Repository Archives Report (20th–20th)

1. Recent Accomplishments (Archives Repository)

- Oral Histories
  - Completed 1/2 of an oral history with a member from District 43.
  - Completed an oral history with a past Delegate (Panel 23).
- Audio Digitization
  - Successfully digitized a cassette (BACKWARDS!) using our Repository equipment that has not been operable since 2020, by:
    - Installing a new sound card, and
    - Using new software that works with Windows 10.
- National Archives History Project
  - Currently working with the founder of the National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) to construct the first written history of this 30-year-old workshop.
- Regional Archives Workshop
  - Hosted a regional Archives workshop at the Repository.
  - Area 58 led the hands-on preservation tasks.
  - Attendance:
    - 20 people in person at the Repository
    - 13 people online
  - Every in-person attendee left with a clamshell box they built themselves.
- Standing Committee Webpage
  - Jen and I have been working on the Archives Standing Committee webpage.
  - The webpage went live this past month.
- Delegate Outreach Draft
  - I am constructing an email for our Delegate to send to the other 92 Delegates, asking them to:
    - Forward it to their Area Archivists, so that
    - We can share the flyer for the workshop with currently serving Archives people across the country.
- Budget Work
  - Turned in the budget for next year.
  - We are pending some budget rearrangements.

2. Help Needed from the Archives Standing Committee

- Outreach & Contact List
  - Tracking responses from other Areas/Archivists once the Delegate email goes out.
  - Assistance maintaining an up-to-date list of Archivists and Archives committees who want information about the workshop and Repository activities.
- Oral History Support
  - Members willing to:
    - Assist with scheduling,
    - Sit in on oral histories as a second set of ears, or
    - Help with light editing / formatting of completed transcripts.
- Technical & Security Support
  - Our laptops and PCs are no longer receiving security updates / protection.
  - We need help:
    - Reviewing options to protect our machines, and
    - Identifying a practical, affordable security solution for the Repository's computers.

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3. Pending / Upcoming Obligations

- La Viña Artwork Judging
  - The Repository is scheduled to do the judging of the artwork for La Viña next July here in Area 72.
- Grapevine Literature Quarterly
  - The Grapevine literature quarterly will be held at the Repository in December.
- NAAAW History Project
  - Ongoing work with the founder of the National A.A. Archives Workshop to document its 30-year history.
- Workshop Promotion
  - Once the Delegate email and flyer are finalized and sent, we will:
    - Track who responds,
    - Share workshop information with currently serving Archivists, and
    - Integrate that into our broader Archives planning.
- Repository Technology & Security
  - Follow through on:
    - Computer security solution for the Repository, and
    - Ensuring our equipment remains usable and protected going forward.

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Taking Stock Together: The Gift of The Inventory

Depending on when you're reading this, we may have already completed our Area Inventory, or it may still be ahead of us. Either way, my hope is the same: that the experience

brings us closer together in humility, honesty, and service.

Over the last few years, I've had the opportunity, really, the privilege, to facilitate group inventories in District 19 and to participate in group, district, and area inventories. But before I ever sat in one of those circles, everything began with a much more personal kind of stocktaking: my own.

When I first worked Steps Four through Seven, I didn't have the dramatic "burning bush" moment I half expected. I didn't have buried secrets eating me alive; I've always been something of an open book. My challenge was far more ordinary: I simply couldn't see myself clearly. I lacked the objectivity to translate my patterns into honest insight. I was too close to the subject.

Listening to Joe and Charlie each night helped me simplify what I had unknowingly made complicated. They broke things down in a way that allowed humility to sneak in and do its quiet work. One idea from the Big Book still grounds me: an "unsellable inventory"—those defects, resentments, and selfish attitudes that will always weigh the business down. If we don't clear those shelves, we risk collapse.

I often picture a tiny minimart: some shelves filled with things I'm proud to offer the world, and others crowded with items I'm surprised I still have out for sale. That's the stuff I need to face. I only have so much shelf space. If I want room for things that truly align with my core instincts, something else has to go.

A personal inventory asks us to get honest about our defects, our negative patterns, and the ways our actions clash with what we value most. This kind of stock-taking reveals the destructive patterns of alcoholism and gives us the foundation for spiritual recovery, just as described in our book. And every time I revisit this process, I'm reminded that I'm still learning. Hopefully, that will always be true.

But there's another truth I've learned, slowly, and sometimes grudgingly: I can't see everything on my own. I need other perspectives. And that is exactly what group, district, and area inventories offer. Maybe what worked before doesn't work anymore. Maybe someone shows up with a vantage point I never considered. Maybe a voice that once shaped our direction is no longer in the room. The body changes, and so does the wisdom within it.

So, whether the Area Inventory is still ahead of us or you're reading this after the fact, my hope is the same: that we engage, or *engaged*, with curiosity and humility. That we speak honestly about what isn't working and just as honestly about what could work. That we don't get stuck repeating the problem but instead open ourselves to new possibilities.

And here's the part I think we sometimes miss, myself included: an inventory without action is just paperwork. Once we've identified the items on Aisle B that don't sell, are we actually removing them? Are we intentional about what replaces them?

If you're reading this beforehand, I'm looking forward to a productive, positive, and teachable moment for all of us as we move into 2026. And if you're reading this after we've completed it, I hope that was our shared experience. That we took the time to listen, to learn, and to grow together.

Because if there's one thing I've learned from all these inventories, personal and collective, it's that the process works best when we stay teachable. An honest inventory is a gift. Taking action on it, together, is where the miracle really happens.

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A Group Inventory can be done in a handful of ways, and I recommend it be facilitated by someone outside your group, so there is less bias or agenda. Many groups use what are called "the thirteen questions," from the AAWS pamphlet, The A.A. Group …where it all begins (P-18, pg. 29-30). Reading these over, and reflecting on their use in the several group inventories I have facilitated, made me wonder, "What if there were "thirteen questions" for the Grapevine? The following are just a draft of what I thought [bias alert!] might be useful questions.

1. What is the basic purpose of the Grapevine?
2. What more can the group do to support the Grapevine?
3. Does the Grapevine attract alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeking through the use of the Grapevine a good cross-section of our community, including those with special needs?
4. Do new members have access to the Grapevine, in print or digitally? To the podcast? If no, why not? What can we as a group do?
5. Do we emphasize how sponsorship and the Grapevine can be used together? How effectively? How can we do better?
6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other A.A.s after they've been published in the Grapevine? Do we also leave the confidences they share in the Grapevine behind?
7. Do we take the time to explain to all members the value to the Grapevine print, app and podcast as part-and-parcel of our Twelfth-step efforts?
8. Are all members informed on how to submit Grapevine stories, what the upcoming topics and deadlines are, and where to find them? How to attend a writing workshop? How to request one be set up?
9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, do we have a group Grapevine Representative? At the district level? Do we know who the Area Grapevine Chair is? Do our group or district rep know how to register with A.A. Grapevine? Do they know the benefits of registering?
10. Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive display for the Grapevine? Does the group provide information on the downloaded app, the podcasts, and the Carry the Message Project?
11. Does the group incorporate the Grapevine when participating in the purpose of A.A.—as it relates to our three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service?
12. What has the group done lately to bring the Grapevine to the attention of professionals in the community—the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
13. How is the group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition, emphasizing the self-sufficiency of the Grapevine? Through subscriptions, or as one of the tiers of contribution?

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The Transformative Power of Group Inventories

Reflections on Participation, Growth, and Lasting Change

Participating in group inventories has consistently proven to be a powerful tool for fostering unity, clarity, and growth within the fellowship. These inventories offer a structured opportunity for groups to reflect on their core values, identify their strengths, and candidly address areas needing improvement. In my experience, the inventory process often acts as a catalyst for groups to articulate their mission—sometimes for the first time—and to develop a shared sense of purpose.

For instance, I once belonged to a small step study group that, through the inventory process, discovered how much they valued welcoming travelers and being accessible to those staying downtown. This realization directly influenced our decision to find a new meeting space that remained within walking distance of local hotels, ensuring we maintained our commitment to inclusivity and convenience for visitors. In another case, a group I participated in recognized the importance of preserving the meeting's character. As a result, we instituted a practice where the secretary and chairperson would call on homegroup members first, intentionally setting the tone and reinforcing the group's unique spirit.

My experience as a District Committee Member (DCM) further underscored the value of group inventories. During one district inventory, I learned that General Service Representatives (GSRs) felt their opportunities to share about their groups were too limited. By listening to this feedback, I revised the meeting agenda to place GSR sharing at the beginning, rather than at the end where it was often rushed or omitted. This simple adjustment not only honored the voices of our GSRs but also enriched the overall district dialogue.

What stands out most about the group inventory process is the actionable insight it provides. The inventory itself is invaluable, but it's the steps taken afterward—implementing changes, following through on commitments—that truly transform a group. Whether participating as a member, a leader, or a facilitator, I have found the inventory process to be a uniquely spiritual experience. It invites honesty, fosters deeper connection, and ultimately helps groups better align their actions with their values. The gratitude I feel for these opportunities is immense, as each inventory has left lasting positive impacts on

the groups I've served and on my own journey in service.

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Newsletter Steering Committee Update

Transitioning to Our New Digital Format

We are excited to share an update regarding the Newsletter Steering Committee and our transition from a printed newsletter to an innovative online digital format. The recent search for members to join the committee was a resounding success, yielding a diverse group of highly qualified candidates eager to contribute their time and talent.

After thoughtful consideration, we are pleased to announce the selection of our committee members. We are currently focusing on comprehensive training and developing a workflow that ensures tasks are distributed equitably. This approach is designed to optimize inclusivity and encourage active participation among all committee members.

My vision for the committee has always been to represent every region within our area. To achieve this, we have appointed regional editors, an events coordinator, and an editor who will serve as a liaison with our elected and appointed officials. This structure will enhance our coverage, strengthen community connections, and ensure that every voice is heard as we embrace the digital era.

As we implement this new format, you can expect increased accessibility and timely updates, as well as opportunities for greater engagement from our readers. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this transition!

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In my early sobriety I never attended business meetings and did not understand that my home-group was taking inventory on how the group, it's members and trusted servants were taking care of the group and its members. How we were serving the group members, homegroup members, our meeting place, our literature, our coffee, as well as cooperating with groups in the same District and Area and the AA GSO.
When arriving in Seattle and taking a homegroup I was drawn to the middle of AA's life raft and was not only curious about our organizations structure but how the traditions protect our groups and aid us each in personal and professional growth.
My homegroup, Practice These Principles, a group that very much cared whether we were/are serving our members, their needs, our groups agreed upon format, our literature focus, welcoming newcomers, sponsoring those in need and reaching out to our community and other AA groups in cooperation and fellowship. I have also always been asked by my sponsors to participate in service to my home group, and I now suggest the same to my sponsees.
It has been my experience that not only has PTP but many other groups I attend and attend their group business meetings as well as inventories that the inventory template that most groups use is a set of 12/13 questions asked at each group yearly or bi-yearly inventory. These are important questions but not always pertinent to the individual group and their current challenges and issues. In the past 5 years, Practice These Principles and PTP – 4th dimension (online meeting) has begun to use facilitators that are willing to include or substitute questions in the inventory that have been much more key to our groups current state. For example: during the Covid Pandemic it was necessary to look at the challenges that came from becoming an online meeting, Supporting members who were not comfortable using ZOOM, How to collect the 7th tradition, creating service positions for zoom instructions, phone lists and other challenges. At the return to in-person meetings we struggled with members who wanted nothing to do with an ongoing online meeting and others who NEEDED to continue to protect their health and/or could no longer attend in-person meetings. Also, we found that many past members who lived in other places from the past came back to PTP during this time and wanted the online meeting to continue. These standard inventory questions were not specific to our changing needs. We were very lucky to find a facilitator who worked with our Inventory Committee to create new and important questions for our new needs and challenges of changing times in AA.
This allowed us to eventually continue PTP in-person at the same church with the same Literature Based – 6 day per week structure and create a new group, PTP 4th Dimension online group. Serving the needs of different members as well as being cross populated by many of the same members.
Honestly, it has been through creative and willing groups servants as well as facilitators who have shown us new ways combined with standard inventory questions and our groups clear need to grow and change and really use the AA Group Inventory to drive those changes that has made both groups able to have a clear way forward and to respect all member's needs.
I know that my home group, PTP 4th Dimension, has truly allowed our Group Inventory to drive the discussions and actions of our monthly business meetings. Members have the opportunity for input and a fellowship that acts on the decisions that it makes through our agendas and group conscience process. It has taught me so much about growth, change, acceptance, willingness and cooperation. Once again seeing that AA is the upside-down triangle making each member a board member, being heard and having a place to be of service to our fellow members and groups.
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The A.A. Group Inventory

A group inventory is a spiritual tool that helps an A.A. group take stock of how well it is fulfilling its primary purpose: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Much like a Fourth Step for a group, the inventory gives members the chance to look honestly, lovingly, and constructively at how the group functions.

During a group inventory, members reflect on questions related to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions—unity, leadership, participation, inclusiveness, finances, and how well the group welcomes and supports newcomers. The focus is not on fault-finding but on learning, improving, and strengthening the group conscience.

Based on my experience facilitating district and group inventories—and participating in many others – groups consistently find the process revealing, enlightening, and spiritually renewing. When I facilitate, I use the 13-question guide found in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group, where it all begins", which provides a simple, practical framework for discussion. These questions help members explore how well the group is applying the Traditions and where adjustments might strengthen unity and effectiveness.

A healthy group inventory helps:

Keep the group aligned with A.A.'s principles

Improve communication and trust among members

Identify ways to better welcome and support newcomers

Renew enthusiasm for service and participation

Ensure the group remains a safe, inclusive place for all alcoholics

Many groups benefit from doing a group inventory annually or whenever the group feels stuck, divided, or ready to grow. Taking time to pause, reflect, and realign with the Traditions helps the group stay spiritually grounded and better equipped to carry the A.A. message.

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Group Inventory

During my 24 sober years in Utah, we used to have an annual Steering Committee meeting at someone's home. We would go through our agenda, all group activities, the service standing chair positions and have a pot luck. Since coming to Washington, I have participated in the Group and District Inventories. It took me a while, but I figured out they are the same thing without the food.

We were very committed to sticking to the Steering Committee changes and they certainly helped the group run much smoother, without as much politics. We kept the inventory with our meeting agenda and the chair would refer to them frequently. The District 39 Inventory last year did very well and we came away feeling very happy with the discussion and the changes. However, it seemed like we fell back to our old ways quickly.

I think the most important thing about doing a group inventory, district inventory or area inventory is the follow through. As they say, Talk is Cheap! Keeping a flyer or written sheet handy to keep the changes top of mind, is the key. That is why so many people know the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, we hang them up everywhere. It might be a good idea to read the highlights of the inventory at the area

Quarterly Check In's or the group business meetings. Doing the inventory once a year and then not addressing it again tends to make us forgetful and fall back into our old habits. The older I get the more my old habits feel comfortable, but I believe repetition can teach an old service junkie new tricks.

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Looking Back: My Experience with Our AA Group Inventory

In the past, my home group has, through group conscience, held a group inventory. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect. I'd heard about the process, but participating in one was new to me. Looking back, I'm grateful we took the time to do the inventory.

We gathered in our usual meeting space, but the atmosphere felt different—more intentional, more focused. As we began, we asked ourselves some tough questions: Were we truly welcoming to newcomers? Did we stick to AA principles in our meetings? Were we supporting each other as best we could?

I remember feeling nervous as I shared my thoughts (I always get nervous). It's not easy to admit where we might be falling short, but I was encouraged by the honesty and kindness in the room. Some members pointed out areas for improvement, like making sure everyone gets a chance to speak and being more proactive in reaching out to those who miss meetings. Others expressed gratitude for the support they'd received.

What struck me most was the unity that emerged. Even when we discussed difficult topics, there was no blame—just a shared desire to grow and help each other. We celebrated our strengths and made plans to address our weaknesses. For example, we agreed to rotate service positions more often, have a quarterly potluck, and to have visitor coins to hand out with our group name on them.

Participating in the group inventory reminded me that recovery is not just about individual progress—it's about building a strong, supportive community. By holding ourselves accountable as a group, we reinforced the foundation that supports each member's sobriety. I left that meeting feeling inspired and hopeful.

If your group hasn't done an inventory yet, I encourage you to try it. It's a powerful way to deepen trust, improve how you serve others, and recommit to the principles that make AA so meaningful.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

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Greetings from D 8 ! Happy Service – ing! So far, I have been a part of my home group's inventory, my District's group inventory and helping facilitate an inventory for a group in my district. All 3 experiences have been amazing, insightful and helpful. Doing the inventory was the first step – looking at it later with the group is where we made decisions about changing some of the ways we did things. I believe that our changes made us improve on honoring our primary purpose of reaching the still suffering alcoholic. Happy thorough honest inventor – ing! Love in Service
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It's been relatively slow, so I've taken some time out to spend out of town helping my Aunt and Cousins the last 2 months. We did 2 Bridging the Gaps. I continue to publish our new online Newsletter Articles each month and got training to publish flyers to our new flyer wall. I submitted a Service Resume to Erin, our Newsletter Editor and got selected to be on the Newsletter Steering Committee. More will be revealed about my role on this committee as we roll out the newsletter in January. Though I heard I'm going to be training others on publishing articles and flyers. I attended the Web steering Committee meeting and look forward to Discussion at Business Quarterly about our Geofencing and Firewall Motion that came up at the assembly. Tom our Pi/Cpc Chair has stepped down. I'm looking forward to my last year as DCM. What a wild ride it's been. Foremost on my mind I've been discussing actionable items from our District inventory we can implement. I will be attending Our Snohomish County Central Office Business meeting which is the first Tuesday in December. Our corrections committee is still working on Marysville Jail and Denny Youth Center. People are chairing meetings at North Sound Behavioral. Also our Corrections Chair was going to visit the newly opened Evergreen Detox. I had an awesome time at our Grattitude banquet and want to thank everyone who attended and helped out Kris, and Katie and Ryan and Dave and all the people in the Kitchen too.
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I've participated in a few group inventories. They have all followed pretty much the same format: homegroup members discussed the list of questions from the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group". One of my homegroups did one every year. Other groups do them more ad hoc. For me, they have been a good way to refocus on our group's primary purpose. It's easy to get wrapped up in the day-to-day details and lose perspective of *why* we have these meetings in the first place.

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Dear Trusted Servants,

Hey there! Hi There! Ho,Ho, Ho There!

District 25, being online only, is working to dispel the idea that online only AA is sterile and does not foster "fellowship". Toward that end we are hosting our first (and hopefully annual) holiday party to which we would like to invite all of you! Without the support of the Area we wouldn't even exist. Likewise, many of you have been integral in moving us forward and assisting in all kinds of ways throughout this past year. We are truly grateful and so feel it only right that we invite you one and all to our zoom gathering where we will be participating in games and small talk to learn more about one another as people and not just AA Trusted Servants and members that will no doubt provide laughs and camaraderie and relationship building. Wear a funny hat, an ugly sweater, or holiday pjs, bring with you a snack and special drink in which to imbibe and be prepared to join in the foolishness. Our flyer is attached with time and date and zoom info.

Hope to see you there!

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Heading out the door now to the Rochester Group's, my home group's, annual Gratitude Banquet. Our way
of thanking all of AA members throughout the district and elsewhere of being part of the recovery miracle. I'm thankful for having survived and thrived, to some degree, the first half of Panel 75 as dcm28. A role I have jokingly referred to as being the designated punching bag bridging District and Area business. This 'job', if I got it right is to pass back and forth ideas, concerns, demands, etc. from District 28 groups which sit atop the upside down triangle to the Area group located at a lower level descending down the triangle. We dcm members and other trusted servants make business decisions based on feedback from the groups. These decisions can determine what motions are put on docket for October Assembly ultimately passed or rejected by all Area group GSR representatives. All decisions give our Delegate, located even lower on this triangle, consensual authority to make decisions at annual April NYC gathering. Hopefully with motions decided by unanimity.

Since I'm thinking out loud here, I'm just going to keep it simple. October Assembly tabled 3 floor motions until January 2026 business meeting. I have been reminded by my service sponsor that we are servants to our fellow alcoholics, not leaders who set policy. Therefore, if we prioritize these motions based on the upside down triangle, then the order of importance is clearly 1. District 25 firewall discrepancies, 2. Creation of Area 3rd Legacy Chair position, and 3. Change in future Assembly dates. How often have we heard from others or discussed with others about the 'Spiritual Tool Kit'? What tools are therein? How to use them? While thinking about these 3 motions and the impact they will and are having on our Area, I'm led to that tool kit looking for what would help. What I found felt like a wrench wrapped in obscurity.
CAUTION: Handle with Care, this may be a monkey wrench!

Allow me to start with the least important, from my perspective, of the three. Moving the Assembly date. Though something to be dealt with, the reason it is a topic at all is because the Trustees, the place of the lowest point on the triangle, changed the submission date motions must be submitted to be considered for discussion at the big April pow wow. We know their reasons and justifications. However, it is not us that must appease them, but vice versa! If you think I'm being confrontational and don't like being told what to do, so be it. I'm not offended.

Secondly, the motion of creating a 3rd Legacy Chair in an Area where only 16 of the 44 Districts even have that Chair position seems like jumping the gun a bit. Although the district I represent is one of the 16, and I do in the long run support the idea, the prudent route would be to show the other 28 districts without that chair what the benefits of having one would do for their district body. When the majority feel the need for one, then act to create one. The 16 should not direct policy for the 44. That would be similar to Trustees influencing the changing of Assembly dates.

Thirdly, and by far the most important is the firewall issue, which frankly, I'm still confused about, brought to our attention by District 25. This should have precedence since, apparently, they are not getting the same Area service as the other 43 districts are receiving. All Districts, like home groups are autonomous. I think it is safe to assume most of the groups in D25 agree that this is an issue that needs to be discussed and resolved at the Area business quarterlies. If the decision is unfavorable to them, then a working compromise must be implemented to assure Area togetherness.
All 3 motions are important for various reasons. Resolutions surely can be achieved. I believe Panel 75 can meet the challenge in round two.

So after spending year one being poked and jabbed, my year two approach will be to emulate Muhammad Ali. "I float like a butterfly, and sting like a bee". (M. Ali) Merry Christmas everyone or whatever you choose to celebrate. See you in Sequim.
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District 29 has had a busy fall. We had great attendance and participation at the Area 72 Assembly. We recently had our Gratitude Banquet in mid November, with more than 250 attendees. It was at a new venue, the Tacoma Sportsman's Club. The facility is nice but we had some challenges with foodservice, but overcame that with some prayers and hard work on the part of the volunteers. Most of the groups contributed baskets to the raffle. Derek, our area chair was the featured AA speaker and gave a great talk. I look forward to attending the January quarterly. I hope to get some cycling in on the side.
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As I started to write this article, it occurred to me, I have nothing better to add to words of our cofounder, Bill W. Here are some of Bill W.'s words of wisdom on the topic through the years.
"Let us never fear needed change. Once a need becomes clearly apparent in an individual, a group, or in AA as a whole, it has long since been found that we cannot stand still and look the other way." ***Source:*** **Grapevine, July 1965 ("Responsibility Is Our Theme")**
"We have to grow or else deteriorate. For us, the "status quo" can only be for today, never for tomorrow. Change we must; we cannot stand still." ***Source:*** **Grapevine, February 1961 ("The Shape of Things to Come")**
"Let us always remember that any society of men and women that cannot freely correct its own faults must surely fall into decay if not collapse. Such is the universal penalty for the failure to go on growing. Just as each AA must continue to take his moral inventory and act upon it, so must our whole Society do if we are to survive and if we are to serve usefully and well." ***Source:*** **A.A. Comes of Age, 1957, p 231.**
"The process [trial and error] still goes on and we hope it never stops. Should we ever harden too much, the letter might crush the spirit. We could victimize ourselves by petty rules and prohibitions; we could imagine that we had said the last word. We might even be asking alcoholics to accept our rigid ideas or stay away. May we never stifle progress like that!" ***Source:*****Grapevine, April 1946, ("Our A.A. Experience Has Taught Us That:")**
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Does the group do enough? Do we encourage sponsorship? Do the Homegroup members know what all needs to be done in cleaning and closing up the meeting space? Does the group provide a safe, attractive, and accessible meeting place? Is there a cross-section of the community we are in present in the meeting? Do newcomers stick around? What more can we do to carry the message? These are just some of the questions suggested for a Group Inventory, "The A.A. Group … where it all begins" P-16. Doing a Group Inventory can be daunting, similar to how some of our own personal inventories were as we worked through the 12 Steps.
There is lots of pre and post work needed to help the Group Inventory go as smooth as possible as well as have a lasting outcome. Asking someone unbiased to help guide or moderate the inventory. Making sure we plan accordingly for enough time and find a neutral meeting space. It can be helpful if you coordinate between everyone attending to have snacks and drinks. Once the Inventory is done, and your group has back the notes from each question you all then need to decide how to take back and work on what was learned.
If you are anything like me this seems like an insurmountable body of work. Thankfully it's a team effort. Having every member's voice heard, or at least as many as possible, is essential for a healthy Group Inventory. We all have a duty to share just as honestly at a Group Inventory as we do at a Meeting or our own Inventory. From this honesty we can gather an accurate appraisal of what the group can do better. The other great aspect is we don't need to rush any step of the process, quite the opposite.
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District 56 has had a wonderful, celebratory quarter. One of our biggest accomplishments this quarter was completion of Phase 1 of our Answering Service Cost Reduction Initiative. A BIG THANK YOU to all the team members from Districts 56 and 22 who worked to make it happen. So…what's next? Districts 56 and 22 have combined their answering services into one account and will split monthly invoicing, effective December 1, which produces a cost savings of more than $57/month. Going forward the districts will conduct quarterly business reviews with the service provider to track metrics, resolve issues, and anticipate future changes. Additionally, District 56 updated their answering services volunteer list so we are ready to help the next suffering alcoholic!! The answering service script was also updated and simplified. Phase 2 of this initiative, scheduled to commence in early 2026, will actively examine the migrations of the current phone services to a low-cost provider.

We also had 2 well-attended and successful events this quarter. Halloween Bingo and our annual Gratitude Banquet. Lisa S was our speaker for this year's Gratitude Banquet and the house was packed, food was delicious and fellowship was had by all.

We rounded out the quarter with a holiday potluck in November to celebrate our accomplishments and have fellowship.

It has been a blessed year and I am truly grateful to our fellowship and am amazed and energized by the fantastic people in District 56.

Our biggest goal for Q1 will be co-hosting a successful quarterly at 7 Cedars Casino and Resort in January. Our friends from Districts 55 and 22 are absolute joys to work with and Lisa S has been guiding us with precision and grace. WE LOVE YOU LISA!!

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We Need The Group Inventory

By Marilyn R.

I have been to several group inventories. They offer an excellent way to evaluate if the group is following the principles of the program. As the group discusses each suggestion, it becomes obvious where necessary action is needed. In one session, the lack of a greeter was a concern. The group wanted everyone to feel welcome. Another time the need for some signs to the front door was needed, as it was not easily available unless you had been coming to the meeting prior. The signs were painted and before each meeting, they are positioned for a new comer to find their way to the meeting.

Not continuing to use the suggested opening or other typical practice traditionally used can be identified, when others add or change it to their opinion. If items are added or ignored, we would not be carrying the messenger to the newcomer. The inventory is a great reminder to the group to stay focused on the program during the meetings. Not following the program is not optional as all our wellbeing and sobriety is at stake. In addition, continuing to take a group conscious stops one person from taking over the focus of the group's needs. These and other issues need to be continually reviewed to keep the program on track.

Meetings at home or traveling bring a sense of belonging. When I am attending meetings in Hawaii, Australia, Oregon, or California I know I am in the right place by the consistency of the opening and procedures that were similar to my home group; I feel like I am home. It feels right.

The group inventory is similar to the personal inventory in that when something needs being identified to improve the meeting or our lives, we need to have a way to identify it and be open to the situation, to resolve the condition that has been brought to our attention.

If we do not have periodic group inventories, our program is in jeopardy. For that reason, taking the time to keep on target is essential to our wellbeing and recovery. If we go off the recommended path, we lose our unity and sobriety. When our minds are aligned in the program as our Creator and the Big Book provides for us, we have the support and ability to keep our sobriety.

By Marilyn R.

Ray H. ESIG

Flyers, Events, and Forms

District 25 (Area 72)
cordially invites you to the First Annual

Online
Holiday Party

December 13, 2025
3:00pm - 5:00pm Pacific Time
Zoom ID: 944 8514 8041 • Passcode: 198741

FESTIVE FUN
Games • Music
Wear your favorite holiday hat, ugly sweater, twinkly lights, or winter pajamas!
Bring a sweet treat or special drink for holiday cheer!

BURIEN LITTLE ASSEMBLY PLANNING GROUP

WHEN
3rd SUNDAYS 10:30am-11:30am
August 17th, 2025
September 21st, 2025
October 19th, 2025
November 16th, 2025
December 21st, 2025
January 18th, 2026
February 15th, 2026

53RD ANNUAL BURIEN LITTLE ASSEMBLY
Humility in Action
Saturday, March 14, 2026

WWW.BURIENLITTLEASSEMBLY.ORG

JOIN US!

BLA IS SUPPORTED BY OUR 7TH TRADITION
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE
TO: BURIEN LITTL ASSEMBLY
(c/o Greater Seatt Intergroup)
5507 6th Ave S,
Seattle, WA 98108

WHERE
ZOOM MEETING
ZOOM ID 810 1629 87
PASSCODE 817009

GSR SCHOOL
Hosted by District 43
In collaboration with
Peninsula Districts
10, 22, 43, 55, and 56

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Christian Life Center
1780 Lincoln Ave
Port Orchard, WA
98366

Finger Food Potluck
Please bring a dish to share!

Contact: DCM 43 – Jim B.
360-473-6250

Area 72 Grapevine, La Viña, and Literature Quarterly

December 13, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm Hosted by District 9 and other

This Meeting will be held in-person and hybrid
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Archives Repository of Western WA 72
3905 Steilacoom Boulevard SW Lakewood, WA 98499

or, Join us virtually, Meeting ID: 873 2199 0075 Passcode: 620280

https:area72aa-org.zoom.us/j/87321990075?pwd=SUxzVG42QWRDQytjU0lyR0dmbm96dz09

Come join us in person for fellowship starting at 9:30 am

Light potluck encouraged

The business meeting will start as close to 10:00 am as possible
and end at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Special guest, Area 72 Delegate, Courtney S.

Interpretation will be available, Spanish to English and English to Spanish

We look forward to seeing you
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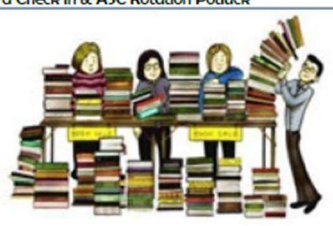
Repository Work Party Schedule Sep25-Dec26

Year	Mon	Date	Day	Work Party	Future events may influence archive activities.
2025	Aug	8/17/2025	Sun	12-3	Prep D/31 8/24 Zoom, 9/6 Rep 2-5, D31 Archives & Sponsorship Workshop 9/20/25
2025	Sep	9/21/2025	Sun	12-3	Area Check in 9/21 & Assembly 10/3-5/25
2025	Oct	10/19/2025	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Regional Archives Workshop 10/25/25 & Arch Qtly 11/1 Edmonds
2025	Nov	11/1/2025	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in
2025	Dec	12/21/2025	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtrly 1/2-3/26
2026	Jan	1/18/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 2/7
2026	Feb	2/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & BOT2026 Tacoma & PRAASA Hawaii - 2/27-3/2 (2/25-3/2-Mary)
2026	Mar	3/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtrly 4/10-12/26 & 85th WA AA & IAAMC SeaTac 4/10-12/26
2026	Apr	4/19/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 5/2
2026	May	5/17/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in, 6/21 & CapJam Lacey & Founders Day Akron, 6/10-14/26
2026	Jun	6/21/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtrly 7/10-11/26 & PNC 6/26-28/26 Vancouver
2026	Jul	7/19/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Step Ashore 8/6-9/26 & La Vina 30th 7/24-26/26
2026	Aug	8/16/2026	Sun	12-3	Arch Qtly 8/1/26 & NAAAW 2026 9/10-13/26 Tacoma
2026	Sep	9/20/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & Assembly 10/2-4/26
2026	Oct	10/18/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 11/7
2026	Nov	11/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in
2026	Dec	12/20/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & ASC Rotation Potluck

Area 72 Archives



8/21/2025 Work Party 1

DISTRICT 32

Business Meeting

1st Monday of the Month 7:00PM

MONTHLY GSR & COMMITTEE MEETING

GSRs, Committee Chairs & guests meet to discuss & support service activities, share information & resources, encourage participation, and make decisions to support AA in our area (Auburn, Federal Way, Algona, Pacific)

BROOKLAKE CHURCH COFFEE SHOP
629 S 356TH ST , FEDERAL WAY, WA

S.O.T.S.

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT SPEAKER MEETING

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

7PM December 28, 2025

Gina V.

(45 Years)

GROUP: Serenity Sisters

New and Living Way Church
Laurie Hall entrance
208 Church St, Kelso, WA
Handicap Accessible

6:30PM Coffee & Cupcake Social

AREA 72 Treatment

JANUARY QUARTERLY

SATURDAY | JAN 10 2026 | 10:00 - 1:00PM

Greater Seattle Intergroup
5507 6TH AVE S
Seattle, WA 98108

Hybrid
ID: **812 5591 9512 No Password**
Info:www.treatment@area72aa.org

We will observe he 7th Tradition
POT LUCK EVENT

A PRESENTATION ON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & ALCOHOLISM

Helping Professionals Help Their Patients

- Developed for professionals with patients who drink too much
- Learn strategies to foster sobriety
- Understand the AA program of recovery from the professional's perspective

WEDNESDAY
14 JANUARY 2026

7 pm Eastern
6 pm Central
4 pm Pacific

FREE ONLINE EVENT

Scan to Join

Zoom Login ID:
810 9099 6343
Password: 411

- Open to professionals, students, first responders, and anyone interested in learning more about AA and Alcoholism
- With Al-Anon participation. Al-Anon is a Twelve-Step support program for the friends and loved ones of alcoholics.

For more information or
https://www.aabayarea.org/nursing-event/

Sponsored by AA Nurses Group and the AA Bay Area PPG Group

Millennium & D38 YP Presents

ROCKETED INTO 2026

Ring in the New Year with dancing, fellowship, and fun!

Immediately following Millennium's NYE Speaker Meeting 730p-830p

BIRTHDAY NIGHT! CAKE AND COINS!

Need 2 Know:

- Suggested $10 at the door
- Theme: **Out of This World**
- Bring your dancin' shoes!
- Concessions Available

DEC. 31 2025
START AT 9 PM UNTIL 12:30 AM
*Kirkland Congregational Church in the **BASS**ment*
106 5TH AVE KIRKLAND, WA 98033

To volunteer or ask questions text/email D38 Young Persons Chair:
206-288-3840 or dist38yp@area72aa.org

NOV 13, 27, DEC 11 JAN 1, 15, 29

ROAD SHOW COMMITTEE

EVERY OTHER THUR 6:30P-7:30 ROAD SHOW

MEETING ID: 846 8849 9800
PASSCODE: CPC

Western Washington Area 72
January 2026 Business Quarterly

January 2nd & 3rd 2026
7 Cedars Casino & Resort
270756 Highway 101
Sequim, WA 98382

Host Hotel Info
7 Cedars Casino & Resort
Room Rate: $149.00/night + tax
To book a room, visit: https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/7cedars/rlp/WesternWashingtonArea72 or
Call: 360-683-7777 and press 1. Let the Front Desk know you are with the Area 72 Group.
Hotel rooms must be booked by December 14, 2025 to get the group rate

Friday Evening @ 7 Cedars
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Dinner on your own
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Area Inventory
9:00 pm – Ice Cream Social

Saturday @ 7 Cedars
7:30 – 8:30am – Doors Open for Fellowship
8:30am – Noon – Business Meeting
Noon – 1:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Business Resumes

Area 72 January 2026 Business Meeting Registration Form
Please complete and postmark by 12/5/2025 (if mailing)

Quarterly Business Meetings are meant to be self-supporting. Excess funds are forwarded to Western Washington Area 72.
Please check all items you want to include and make your check payable to: District 22 AA

- ☐ Registration Cost (In-Person) $23.00*
- ☐ Registration Cost (Virtual) $17.00*
- ☐ Registration Cost (Both) $23.00*

Meal cutoff for mail in registrations is 12/14/2025 (please select)

- ☐ Friday Night Ice Cream $21.00
- ☐ Saturday Lunch (Boxed Lunch) $24.00
  - o Deli Meat
  - o Vegetarian
  - O Gluten-Free

Total amount enclosed:
$_____

Please circle your position:
GSR Alt GSR DCM Alt DCM
Past Delegate
Volunteer Member

To register, visit the area website or complete and postmark this registration form by 12/5/2025 to:
District 22 AA, ATTN: Johnny L
150 Parkway Heights Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362

First Name:	Last Name:
Phone:	Email:
Home Group:	District:

Special Accessibility Requirements? Please contact altchair@area72aa.org
Interpreter request deadline: December 1, 2025 at languagechair@area72aa.org
Any questions email shimkobecky99@gmail.com

*Registration fee helps compensate for rent and expenses per Motion 90.2 and is a voluntary contribution

Área 72 del oeste de Washington
Informe trimestral de negocios de enero de 2026

Enero 2º y 3º 2026
7 Cedars Casino & Resort
270756 Highway 101
Sequim, WA 98382

Información del hotel anfitrión
7 Cedars Casino & Resort
Tarifa de la habitación: $149.00/noche + impuestos
Para reservar una habitación, visite: https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/7cedars/rlp/WesternWashingtonArea72 o
Llama al: 360-683-7777 y presiona 1. Informa a la recepción que perteneces al Grupo del Área 72.
Las habitaciones de hotel deben reservarse antes del 14 de diciembre de 2025 para obtener la tarifa de grupo.

Viernes por la noche @7 cedros
17:00 – 19:00 –Cena por tu cuenta
19:00 – 21:00 –Inventario de área
21:00 –Helado Social

Sábado @ 7 cedros
7:30 – 8:30.– Puertas abiertas para la confraternidad
8:30 – 12:00 – Reunión de negocios
12:00 – 13:00 – Almuerzo
13:00.– Currículums empresariales

Formulario de inscripción para la reunión de negocios del Área 72 de enero de 2026.
Por favor, complete el formulario y envíelo con matasellos antes del 5/12/2025

Las Reuniones Trimestrales de Negocios se autofinancian. Los fondos excedentes se transfieren al Área 72 del Oeste de Washington.
Marque todos los elementos que desee incluir y haga su cheque a nombre de: Distrito 22 AA

- ☐ Costo de inscripción (presencial) $23.00*
- ☐ Costo de Inscripción (Virtual) $17.00*
- ☐ Costo de Inscripción (Ambos) $23.00*

La fecha límite para las inscripciones por correo para las comidas es el 14/12/2025

- ☐ Helado del viernes por la noche $21.00
- ☐ Almuerzo del sábado (Almuerzo para llevar) $24.00
  - o Carnes frías
  - O Vegetariano
  - O Sin gluten

Importe total adjunto:
$_____

Please circle your position:
RSG RSG Alterno
MCD MCD Alterno
Delegado Pasado
Voluntario Miembro

Para registrarse, visite el sitio web del área o complete y envíe este formulario de registro antes del 5 de diciembre de 2025 a:
District 22 AA, ATTN: Johnny L
150 Parkway Heights Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Nombre de pila:	Apellido:
Teléfono:	daryo:
Grupo de inicio:	Distrito:

¿Tiene requisitos especiales de accesibilidad? Por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros altchair@area72aa.org
Fecha límite de solicitud de intérprete: 1 de diciembre, 2025 a laslanguagechair@area72aa.org
Cualquier pregunta envíe un correo electrónico shimkobecky99@gmail.com

*La tarifa de inscripción ayuda a compensar el alquiler y los gastos según la Moción 90.2 y es una contribución voluntaria.