



District Meeting Tidbits

LOVE In AA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## THE CORNERSTONE

*"Coincidences are God's way of maintaining anonymity."*

### Dis and Dat at District

How many hours do you think volunteers spent going out to Clallam Bay Corrections Center and Olympic Correction Center? No, think again. There's 2,080 work hours in year. How about volunteers put in **1,000 hours** in 2018!! Little less than half a year's worth of volunteer time taking AA to the West End. That doesn't include the volunteers taking AA in to the jail or the juvenile facility.

If you have a little extra time on your hands, talk to Scott K, the new Corrections Chair. They need volunteers.

Scott reported Dist. 22 contributed \$1050 in Pink Can donations in '18. Outstanding! Money received from donations help to reimburse those taking meetings out to the prisons. Those serving time don't get AA meetings unless we are there!!

Steve B continues to work the Hotline while being hospitalized. Talk about service work!

Danny W, Treatment Chair, already has two applications for attending the Treatment center meetings!

Terry P may have a new Archives Chair. He's thinking it over now.

With the Talent-No Talent Show (April 6), the summer Picnic (July 20) and the Halloween Masquerade party (Oct 19) safely in the bag, Linda is feeling grateful for an awesome team.

Tommy C, Alt Chair for Accessibilities, is prepared to take meetings in to those incapacitate.

Lorrie A and Becky S, DCM and Alt DCM, welcomed all to the first meeting of this rotation. And invited them back!

### About February...

Probably the most popular holiday this month occurs on February 14<sup>th</sup>—Valentine's Day. While this celebration is now heavily commercialized, underlying it is the quality of love—one of the most basic tenants of our Program. I remember attending a meeting in early sobriety at which one of the "old-timers" emphatically stated that, "I don't like some of you."

Then he paused and said, "...but I love you all." Well, I was at first a bit shocked at an AA member saying he didn't like everyone. Then I was confused about how anyone could love someone he didn't even like! After-all, I had been told that, "We will love you until you love yourself." It took some time for me to understand that we in the fellowship sometimes may not particularly appreciate another individual and there may even be a personality clash—but that does not mean that we still don't wish them recovery and that we do love them in a very special way.

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### "Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Step Two is a terribly important step in the process of recovery. It is often a stumbling block for those who are agnostic or atheist. For those of us who have been disillusioned by our experience with organized religion it was an especially difficult step to take in any real way. Burdened by the weight of preconceived notions and our own hard-headed desire not to submit to the will of some unknown power we resisted any real look at what this power could be or how it might work in our lives. There had to be a totally unavoidable Catastrophe in our lives before we would be willing to do any real search.

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### Step 2

In my case I had to be "beaten sweetly reasonable by King Alcohol" in order to become desperate enough to begin this search. There were several things that helped me in my search for belief. The first thing was to recognize that there were two parts to this step. First was that I would need to believe in a higher power and second that I would believe that he could indeed restore me to sanity.

To make this more acceptable to me I started with the second half of the step and the implication that I was insane. All this took was an honest look at what my behavior had been like while drinking. It quickly became obvious that there was plenty of evidence there!

The other half was more problematic. The chapter We Agnostics in the Big Book was incredibly helpful. Being a scientifically educated man I especially latched on to one quote that says "could we still say the whole thing was nothing but a mass of electrons, created out of nothing, meaning nothing, whirling on to a destiny of nothingness? Of course not. The electrons themselves seemed more intelligent than that."

Another thing that helped me make this step was watching new people come into the program after me and seeing their lives turn around and the light come on in their eyes while I was still struggling with this God thing. Here was evidence of a higher power at work and each one of them was giving the credit to a higher power, not claiming success from their own power.

Today I have come to believe in a Higher Power and to depend on it for finding my way in the world as a sober alcoholic.

### I Came, I Came To, I Came To Believe!

"As I understand it" by John

### Volunteer Orientation for Olympic Corrections Center Clallam Bay Corrections Center

March 9<sup>th</sup>, Port Angeles at 10 AM at the First United Methodist Church, 110 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Contact Scott, your Corrections Chair, if you are interested.

### February

One way to describe that love is to recall the words, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (Corinthians 13:4 – 7, NIV) It seems that description of love describes what we are really aspiring to in our AA way of life. I wish you love during this month of February.

"Thoughts to Ponder", by Barbara

### OLYMPIC ROUND UP

### "Recovery through Action" MAY 17, 18 AND 19<sup>TH</sup>

Vern Burton Convention Center  
At 4<sup>th</sup> and Peabody

### Weekend registration \$20

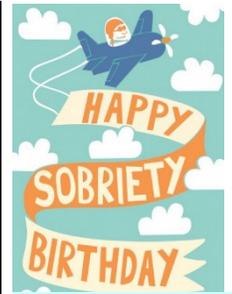
Registration starts:

Friday at Noon – 8 PM

Saturday 8 AM – 6 PM

The weekend kicks off Friday at 2:30 with an AA Early Birds meeting. At 3:45 the first speaker is Linda R., from Port Townsend. On your own for dinner. Alanon panel at 6:30 PM. AA speaker Steve L from Nashville highlights the evening. The Ice Cream Social closes the first night.

**More info can be found at:**  
<https://www.olympicroundup.org>



Molly M  
2/2/2012  
Tom C  
2/4/2012



Fill a lonely night with food & friends. Attend EMR Potluck & Spkr mtg. Last Saturday of the month.

Attend a West End meeting! They'd love to see you!

UPDATE CALENDAR BY CONTACTING: [Newsletter@nopaa.org](mailto:Newsletter@nopaa.org)

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### FEBRUARY

- 09 GSR School, 10 AM – 3 PM, Zion Lutheran Church – Lower Level, Everett, WA
- 09 WINTER PI/CPC QUARTERLY MEETING, 10 AM to 3:30 PM Everett
- 16 Web Steering Comm, Noon to 4pm, Greater Seattle Intergroup
- 20 District Meeting, 7 PM, Unity Church
- 23 Treasurer Comm mtg, 10 AM to Noon, Kirkland Congregational Church Fellowship Hall (basement)
- 23 EMR Speaker Meeting and Potluck, Veterans Center, Port Angeles. Calvin W is the speaker

### MARCH

- 20 District Meeting, 7 PM, Unity Church
- 24 Last day to register for the Talent Show
- 29 Sequim "Duck In" Speaker Meeting and Potluck, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6 PM
- 30 EMR Speaker Meeting and Potluck, Veterans Center, Port Angeles

### APRIL

- 5-6 Area Quarterly, Tacoma Sportsmen's Club 15409 Canyon Rd E Puyallup,
- 06 TALENT-NO TALENT SHOW, Masonic Temple, \$5 Good fun, good time for everyone!

**Volunteers** are a very important part of AA. There are 2 major events happening within District 22. Talent/No Talent Show and the Round Up. It's an opportunity to help, to do service work, to meet new friends and have fun! We can't do this alone, your help is needed and will be appreciated!!