

Service
Work



District 22 Newsletter

2022
APRIL



HYBRID
MEETING
REVIEW

CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS

THE CORNERSTONE

What I didn't know then was that when I put alcohol in my body, I'm powerless over how much and with whom I drink—all good intentions drowned in denial.

Why do I like Service Work

Why do I like Service Work? Because I value my sobriety over all else!

Why should I do Service Work when I could just reap the benefits from what other people do? Hate to repeat myself but I really do value my sobriety.

It's not just doing something like working on a committee, or serving coffee, or setting up a meeting; we don't do dishes, but we clean up after a meeting, open up a meeting. We can be a GSR. The list could go on and on. It's being a part of, not apart from.

There are other benefits too. You get to meet the newcomer and if you and the newcomer stay long enough, you get to see the expression on their face and the gleam in their eyes when they've stayed long enough to "see the miracle". You get to be present when the old timer turns 30 or 40 or even 50 years of continued sobriety. And then catch your breath when you realize that someday, sooner or later, you'll be celebrating those years!! It sends chills down my back thinking of it all.

And you know the best part of all of it, you don't need to know how to do any of it. Just say "Ya, I'll do that" and somebody whose done it before will give ya a tip on what's to be done. Or maybe you're the first person to raise their hand for a new project... then you get to make the decision of how it gets done.

And what if it's wrong... YOU TRIED!! And that's what counts.

So, get out there and volunteer your time. The Talent No Talent show is coming soon. They need lots of help, set up, clean up, acts, greeters, etc. And then there's the Picnic, more fun and more help is needed. Say yes, get involved. You'll look back and think "why didn't I do Service Work sooner?".

It's a hoot!!

Hybrid Meetings Review

This Anonymous article is comprised from chats with a few of the District 22 groups' members on the subject of Online or Hybrid meetings and our ongoing support of tradition 5. ***"Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."***

Q: How were remote meetings chosen in your group or other groups?

A: It came about because we needed to remain connected. While it feels to some members that there is a better spiritual connection in a live meeting than over Zoom, they were able to maintain connections with the AA fellowship and recognizing faces helps. In the beginning people were trying all kinds of different platforms. Organically and unexpectedly when we were shut down due to covid. ***"How do we remain connected and be there for the suffering alcoholic?"*** From the technical side Zoom happened for a member of one group because they had just recently gotten training on Zoom so when people started asking how to support online meetings, they had the technical savvy to make it happen with this platform. It was as simple as that. Other groups were making their own decisions and that was okay. It wasn't an overarching decision.

Q: How does it feel? What about the hybrid meetings worked and what didn't?

A: One member mentioned in regards to how Zoom displays images of attendees online that they feel more of a connection when there is a picture of who is talking vs a black box with only a name in text. That is partly because they can see some of the body language.

Q: Are there group members who continue to meet only or most often via Hybrid options [Online, Phone or both]?

A: Our district is very large geographically and there are people who do live way out and since the primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers these remote options make sense and are working.

Q: What words of wisdom can you share? [It can and should be easy]

A: One group member mentioned that it should be easy. Just think about the new people joining a meeting while trying to get sober.

Q: Does the Hybrid meeting option help AA serve the Fellowship and reach the alcoholics who are still suffering?

A: Yes - Keep it simple.

**COMING
ATTRACTIONS**

**Talent
Show**
NO TALENT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022
MASONIC TEMPLE ON
LINCOLN ST IN
PORT ANGELES * \$10 each**
activities@nopaa.org



**A.A. DISTRICT 22
ANNUAL PICNIC
SATURDAY, July 23
Salt Creek Campground**

PROVIDED:
TBD

BRING Your favorite potluck dish!

FUN ACTIVITIES:
GAMES, HIKE, CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES, HORSE SHOES,
BASEBALL, RELAX,
VISIT WITH FRIENDS, TAKE
A NAP, THEN DO IT ALL
AGAIN!!!

**WATCH FOR FLYER FOR
TIME AND MORE INFO!**

Contact Missy. at:
activities@nopaa.org

God

Grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot
change, the Courage to
change the things I can, and
the Wisdom to know the
difference.

KEEP THESE HANDY

District meeting:

3rd Wednesday of the month,

7 PM, Unity Church on Myrtle St

District 22 Website: NOPAA.com;

District 22 AA Hotline: (360) 452-4212

AA General Service Office: aa.org

Western Washington Area 72 website:

area72aa.org

HOMEBOUND?

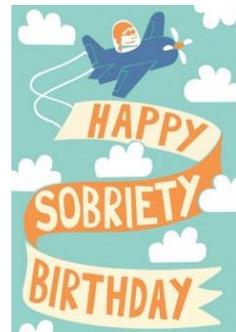
Are you or some you know stuck at home and unable to get to meetings? We can provide transportation to and from meetings **OR** bring a meeting into your/their home. For more information, contact the District 22 Accessibility volunteer at 650-339-0438 or email to access@nopaa.org

April Calendar

23rd District 22 Talent No Talent Show

May Calendar

18 District 22 meeting, Unity Church, 7 PM



To share your AA birthday is not bragging. It's telling the newcomer that there is hope for them.

Please submit birthdays and other input for the newsletter

**HAPPY EASTER... all
month!!**