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FROM THE EDITOR

My sponsor is picking up her 18 year chip this month. I was reflecting on what a special person she is not only to me and others she sponsors, but to our whole home group. When she shares, you see people perk up and pay attention. She shares with such passion about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous that it inspires people. She carries the message of AA every time she speaks and she puts it to practical application in every day life. Her life is an open book that we all learn from. I so admire her courage to be vulnerable, to walk through her fears, and to then impart the lessons she has learned. She has been there for me every time I have needed her and many times when I thought I did not. She came in as Jane Wayne, but what I see is a loving, compassionate, loyal woman and I feel privileged to call her my sponsor and friend.  
Crystal S., Editor

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Call Central Services office 474-8897

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CSO SCHEDULE—May '09

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Central Service Office	4	5 Treatment	6 Accessibility	7 Public Information	8	9
10	11 Twelve Step Service Commt.	12	13 Cooperation with Professional	14 Corrections	15 <i>Pierce's Progress Deadline</i>	16
17	18	19 District 9	20 District 44	21 District 45	22	23 <i>Pierce's Progress Mailing</i>

Committees meet at Tacoma's CSO @ 6:30p: **CSO**: Central Service Office Comm., 1st Sun; **TREAT**: Treatment Comm, 1st Tues; **ACCESS**: Accessibility Comm, 1st Wed; **PI**: Public Information, 1st Thu; **TSSC**: 12th Step Service Comm, 2nd Mon; **CPC**: Cooperation with the Professional Community, 2nd Wed; **CORR**: Corrections, 2nd Thu; **PP**: Pierce's Progress: Deadline, Fri after the 2nd Thu; Distribution, 1st GSR mtg/mo <6:30p; **D#**: District # GSR Mtg: D9, 3rd Tue; D44, 3rd Wed; D45, 3rd Thu.

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*"Why don't you choose your own conception of God?"*  
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Friday following the  
2nd Thursday  
5:00 pm.

EDITOR'S PHONE

News from Central Services Office

The Central Services Office gratefully acknowledges the following Groups, Meetings, and Committees for their financial support in the month of March.

Another Lakewood Spiritual Breakfast

As Bill Sees It, Back to Basics, Conerstone Crew, Courage to Change, Daily Reflections, Destiny/Unity, Farwest Luncheon, Gig Harbor Legacy, Gig Harbor Men's Meeting, Madigan Group, Madigan Professional, Miracle Tuesday, Narrows, North Star, Northend Newcomers, Puyallup Group, Saturday Speakers, Serenity Hall, Shop, Spanaway Sunday Super Bowlers, Women in Emotional Sobriety, Access Committee, CPC Committee, PI Committee, Districts 9, 29 & 44

**February March CSO  
\$\$\$ Report**

Beg Balance: \$20,790.54  
Contributions (Income): \$7,593  
Expenses: \$8,344  
Ending Operating Balance: \$20,031.47  
  
Prudent Reserve : \$32,119..53

# Help Wanted

CSO Office is looking for a part-time office personnel

Qualifications: Quickbooks, Word, Excel, Access Bookkeeping, Sales, phones, inventory, general office skills

Please email resumes to: [www.piercecountyaa.org](http://www.piercecountyaa.org) attention position


## GOT SOME TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

Want to do some service work?

The Central Services Office needs someone to do some weekly cleaning. INTERESTED?

Call Sally 253-474-8897 Mon—Thur 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
(This is not a paid position)



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★  March 2009  
★ Call Log  
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A- Information	383
B- For Help	14
C- Help for Others	6
D- Other Area Visitors	6
E- Non AA Members	6
F- Help for Non-Alcoholics	3
G Volunteer & Office Communications	36
Total Calls	533
Minutes Charged	207
At a Cost of	\$155.20.

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**Come visit your C.S.O. Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm the first Sunday of the month at the C.S.O.**

## 12 Step Committee Report

### CSO/TSCC NEEDS YOU

Six months sobriety and a little training is all it takes to get one of the BEST service positions available.

The following time slots are available and you or your group can fill 2 or 4 hour openings.


Monday 8-10 am, Wednesday 2-4 pm, Friday 2-4 pm,  
Sunday 8-10 am and 2-6 pm are all open  
Call Linda



### Next Deadline to get Information into Pierce's Progress

Always the Friday  
Following the 2nd Thurs.  
5:00pm Firm Deadline!

**May 15, 2009**



**Dropout** IT WAS SUMMERTIME, and I was stretched out in a lounge chair in my backyard. Not more than a schoolyard away, members of my home group were animatedly entering their AA meeting hall.

A twinge of guilt grabbed me, as I tried to avoid, for the umpteenth time, witnessing this happy scene of which I should have been a part. A momentary longing to join my fellow AA members asserted itself but was quickly dismissed.

Fifteen years before, I was privileged to be a charter member of that group, the greatest of all groups. (Isn't everyone's home group the greatest?) Now, here I was playing Russian roulette with my sobriety. I had not been an active member of my group for more than three years and had almost completely stopped going to meetings.

I became ungrateful, complacent, and irresponsible. How quickly it can happen! "Do I have to continue going to all those meetings, after so many years of sobriety?" I asked myself. Smug over my longevity, I thought I had reached a saturation point in learning how to stay sober. From two meetings to one to zero can happen so swiftly when our thinking becomes distorted by ingratitude.

I became an AA dropout, optimistically pointing to those who stay sober on their own. But, as we know only too well, the do-it-yourselfers have never entered the wonderful world of AA, so consequently would not have the withdrawal blahs, as I did.

Much of my time now was being devoted to other activities. These were valuable in themselves, but they were divorcing me from my AA activities, which simmered down to conferences, breakfasts, and retreats, but no regular meetings. Soon, there was a resurgence of ego, a feeling that I no longer needed AA. I'd ever be grateful--oh yeah--but I'd go it alone.

Defects of character began to reappear. Some of my actions became excruciatingly embarrassing. When you punch a hole in a wall and you're sober, how do you explain it? Guilty conscience,

maybe? And when you cover the damage with a Serenity Prayer from a Grapevine cover, you need to go all the way back to Step Two.

Needless to say, I was treading on thin ice. Aware of this, I accelerated my attendance at special AA events (though I still lack part in no regular meeting activity). I was fearful of stretching my umbilical cord of AA security too far. Special events in AA definitely have their place. They're the answer for the alcoholic who has just sobered up and asks, "What am I going to do with all that time on my hands?" But the meeting is where it really is at, and your home group is the hub of all your AA action.

In fifteen years of sobriety, you find a lot of AA friends and acquaintances, and I renewed these friendships sporadically while attending the special events. The warmth of the longtime friendships had cooled a little. Fellow AA members, the finest and most dedicated associates I've ever known, were polite and congenial. Yet I thought I detected an estrangement, not intentional, I'm sure, but discernible. It had crept into our relationship while I wallowed in my absenteeism from regular meetings.

Surely, my abbreviated AA program was headed for a crisis. Then one day I ran into a friend who tendered me an invitation designed to get me going to meetings again. I was intimidated, in a sense; he was a former pro football player, a six-foot-four-inch, 255-pound end. I thanked him for the invitation, made excuses to break up the confrontation, and promised him I'd think it over (big deal).

After considerable deliberation that night, I finally headed for the meeting. Making that decision was like breaking through a brick wall. It seems that alcoholics are always breaking through walls of some kind.

Arriving at the meeting hall, I hesitated outside. My emotions were similar to those I experienced the night of my introduction to AA. It was quite a while before I could feel a part of that meeting, and several weeks passed before I was brave enough to crash through the barrier and attend my home group

again.

My mental blocks were unwarranted. The members of the group where my sponsor-via-invitation was serving as secretary, as well as my home-group members, were most gracious in welcoming me back. So I was embarked upon another quest for continuous sobriety (how grateful I am that it was not interrupted), with a firm resolve that I would never again take an AA leave of absence.

It has been more than three years since my return to AA activity, and I've never been happier in Alcoholics Anonymous. I firmly believe that our happiness in this program is commensurate with our activity or lack of it. I go to at least three meetings every week. It was my privilege to sponsor a man shortly after my return to activity. I'm certain I would have had to turn him over to someone else had I not resumed working the program as it should be worked. Together, my Higher Power and I have aided Clay to an active career of unbroken sobriety. He's done a great job, not only with his own program, but in helping others, and that's the name of the game.

A lot of wonderful things have happened to me since my AA rejuvenation. I've been privileged to be secretary to a new group, a group chairman often, cosponsor a few times. Sponsorship, I think, is our biggest dividend. Seeing a family rehabilitated, the kids smiling again, makes the effort all worthwhile.

I still continue my extra AA activity, the special events, but I recognize them now for what they are--the gravy, not the meat.

If there was one major symptom that led to my inactivity and near tragedy, it was a loss of gratitude. I forgot to be grateful for the wonderful gift of sobriety, forgetting also that one of the best ways to express that gratitude is to pass on the program. Making the AA scene regularly assures us of an opportunity to carry out our mandate to assist suffering alcoholics.

E. B.  
Newbury, Ohio  
Grapevine 1977



## District 45

District 45: March 19, 2009

Secretary: passed out new working contact sheet and last month's minutes, a motion was passed and accepted for the minutes.

### Liaisons Reports:

Accessibility- Vicki H, there is still no date on the Access Workshop, but the quarterly is for April 18<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, Washington. Still trying to get the treasures report together, and District 54 has a new liaison.

CPC- Mark M, on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 47 people attended the luncheon; they didn't have enough money for the luncheon so they did the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. They do need funds and are accepting donations. The chairperson for the CPC went to the quarterly and came back with some ideas; they want to form letters to groups in general, give pamphlets out to chamber of commerce, and audience to school counselors, teachers or unions.

CSO- Mary, will make copies of the CSO Committee Meeting for March, gave a copy to the secretary, \$ 400.00 will be moved to Prudent Reserve, and talked about rotating money up.

P.I. - The rack person is looking for Sarah from Parkland for a list of groups who take care of rack of pamphlets.

TCCS- Ken L. They are looking for a night watch coordinator. Sat 4-6pm, and Sunday 8-10 am. And 2-4 pm needs to be filled.

Grapevine Lit. Liaison- Robert S. went to the first quarterly in Feb. Acquired some display material and has more to gather. The next quarterly will be in June at Bellevue. Create newcomer packet with pamphlets inside, dropped off old subscriptions to doctors offices. Won daily reflections in brail at the raffle and will keep for the display.

Alt. DCM- Kevin read out of the Grapevine: How Have I Changed. The 2009 Assembly application was passed out, as well as fliers for District 45 picnic and GSR school. Sign up sheet for next month gratitude banquet which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April and May. Looking for location and caterer, we may caterer it ourselves.

DCM- Roxanna M. thanked Ken, Matt, and Dan for the pre-conference. Also Parkland, Ladies Nite Out, Miracle, and Spanaway helped out at the pre-conference by bringing pop/water. WWA72 newsletter is going to need some help so talk to Roxanna if interested in doing that. There is an open position for treatment contact Kevin. She discussed what to do with the grapevines that we won, and may keep them for the display case. Roxanna went over some of the outcomes of the pre conference and the pros and the cons given.

GSR's will need to get Group Conscience from home groups and send to delegate before he goes to New York, when email give group name and district.

### Group Reports:

**As Bill Sees It:** Attendance is down, and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is next month.

**Fern Hill:** good, nothing to report.

**Friday Nite Group:** nothing new to report

**Jolley:** nothing to report

**Ladies Nite Out:** planning anniversary April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. hot meal provided, Di will be the speaker.

**Miracle Of 56<sup>th</sup> Street:** nothing new to report

**New Arrivals:** Starting 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary planning.

**North Pacific Group:** Have a travel night on the third Saturday of each month, where you will attend an AA meeting in a different town. On the second Wednesday of each month they put on a meal at 7:15 pm to feed all that attend.

**Parkland:** Sat. and Sun. 9 am meetings need support.

**Sat. Men's Stag:** Doing well.

**Spanaway:** Might start a Sunday breakfast meeting so be on the look out.

**Summit View Higher Power:** Annual potluck is being planned for 10/09.

**Tues. Nite men's Stag:** Thursday 7:30 pm is an open big book study going over the first 164 pg. Travel night is the 3<sup>rd</sup> wed of the month and they meet at Shucks, 6:00 pm 56<sup>th</sup> and pacific ave. it's open to anyone.

New Business- Darren CPC Area Chair gave a report, brought handouts and gave a brief history of CPC. Next quarterly will be May 9<sup>th</sup> in District 18. Darren also showed us what a CPC kit looks like, and said that the best resource for standing committees is the AA website. Road show, Jimmy is the coordinator gave a presentation and fliers.

Recovery Rocks, Trisha M.

Corrections Schedule - Updated October 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PCDCC Main Women 7pm	WCCW Purdy 6:10p arrive	Puyallup Jail 6:30p	Mc Neil Forging Ahead 5p Ferry	PCDCC Men 7p	McNeil Retrievers 7a
	CFS Western State 6:15p arrive	PCDCC Main Men 7p	McNeil Retrievers 6p		WCCW Purdy 8:40 arrive
	FLRCF Second Chance 7p	PCDCC Women 7p	WCCW Purdy 6:10p arrive		
		PDCC Jail Trustee Men 7p	Enumclaw 7p Women's 8p		
		Progress House 7:30p	Remann Hall 7p		

CORRECTIONS REPORT

“A P.C. Corrections Committee Member’s Eye View!”

“Inside Job” – By Michel S., A.A. Corrections Volunteer

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Purdy Women’s Correctional Facility hosted its First Annual (hopefully this is the first of many) Alcoholics Anonymous Conference named appropriately: *“It’s an Inside Job.”*

The gals that conceived, planned, and executed this exciting event were Co-Chairs Kathy G. and Gail. They put together wonderful panels that touched upon all of the A.A. basics such as: *“What it was like, what happened, and of course; what it is like now.”* Sixty-one women signed up for the conference and approximately forty attended. *Wow!*

The audience was filled with the ladies that live at Purdy and among them it was peppered with the A.A. volunteers that come regularly to the facility.

I have lots of gratitude for getting to be a part of this first annual conference at Purdy; so much so that I have signed up as a regular volunteer to carry the message to the sisters behind the walls at this facility. The conference was great and they named it correctly because—*recovery is an inside job!*

Why don’t you take a look at joining us as a Corrections Volunteer? We have just the place for you. Come to our next Corrections Committee meeting at the A.A. Central Service Office on Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. *We have a blast—come join the fun!*

District 29

Hi all. I am so grateful that spring is finally here. I was beginning to wonder if the Sun still existed. We have so much going on in District 29 I do not know where to begin. Lets start with money. Our treasurer, Donna, completed an audit of the district’s finances. She found money we did not know we had. Don’t you love it when that happens? In addition to the find, our groups have really stepped up their donations. We are now in the black and have encouraged our trusted servants not to hold back buying what they need to carry the message.

Speaking of trusted servants, we finally have filled the registrar position. Our former accessibilities chair, Kevin, has stepped up to be our new registrar. The GSRs cannot wait to finally be registered with GSO so they can get their packets. The participation in our district is amazing with 14 trusted servants and 18 GSRs attending March’s meeting. Our Action Log Editor, Larry, has given our publication a much-needed makeover. He has changed the look our front page and the format of our calendar.

Our DCM, Teresa, reminded us about the GSR school coming up on April 26. She also facilitated a great discussion regarding our district policies. The discussion began with the findings of an adhoc committee that was appointed last month. The GSRs made a few changes to the wording of the policies and actually removed one of them. I am continually amazed at the focus of this group of GSRs. They understand our primary purpose, carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, and work hard to put principles before personalities.

In closing, I just want to say thank you to God for my sobriety. District 29 has had the reality of our disease hit us hard with the suicide of one of our most treasured members.

My sense is that it has put a new urgency within the district to work with others. That includes the newcomer and the old timer. We must remember that we only have a daily reprieve based on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. It does not matter if we have 20 years or 20 days. Respectfully Submitted by, Carol N., District 29 Secretary



# TREATMENT CALENDAR

## May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 28</b> Tacoma Detox @7 Prosperity Wellness @ 7 (men only)	<b>April 29</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>April 30</b> Sea-Mar @6 New Life VA@7:30	<b>1</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>2</b> P.C.E.D @7	<b>1</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>2</b> Sea-Mar@7
<b>3</b> Tacoma Detox @7  Prosperity Wellness @ 7 (men only)	<b>4</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>5</b> Sea-Mar @6  Phoebe House @ 6 New Life VA@7:30	<b>6</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>7</b> AVAMERE @ 6:30  PCED @7	<b>8</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>9</b> Sea-Mar@7
<b>10</b> Tacoma Detox @7  Prosperity Wellness @ 7 (men only)	<b>11</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>12</b> Sea-Mar @6  New Life VA@7:30	<b>13</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>14</b> PCED @7	<b>15</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>16</b> Sea-Mar@7
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<b>24</b> Tacoma Detox @7  Prosperity Wellness @ 7 (men only)	<b>25</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>26</b> Sea-Mar @6  New Life VA@7:30	<b>27</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>28</b> P.C.E.D. @7	<b>29</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>30</b> Sea-Mar@7
<b>31</b> Tacoma Detox @7 Prosperity Wellness @ 7 (men only)	<b>June 1</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>June 2</b> Sea-Mar @6  New Life VA@7:30	<b>June 3</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>June 4</b> P.C.E.D. @7	<b>June 5</b> Serenity- WSH@6:30	<b>June 6</b> Sea-Mar@7

### HOSPITAL & TREATMENT LISTINGS

<b>Tacoma Detox:</b>	721 So. Fawcett, # 100, Tacoma	Sun & Wed @7p	10 outside members only, incl Chair
<b>Sea-Mar:</b>	1415 Center St., Tacoma	Tue @6p, Sat @7p	
<b>New Life - VA:</b>	9500 Veterans Dr. SW, Lakewood	Tue @7:30p	
<b>Serenity - WSH:</b>	TBA, contact Justine (see below)	Mon, Wed & Fri @6:30p	
<b>Puyallup TTC:</b>	2209 E 32nd St, Tacoma	Thu @7p	

For Further Information, Contact your Treatment Rep. for details of your group commitments. Or visit the Treatment meeting, first Tuesday every month 6:30pm at CSO.



### Upcoming Events

**Ladies Nite Out 16th Anniversary!**  
**Potluck/Speaker Meeting**  
 Diana A. from Palm Springs  
 Sat. April 25 5:30 p.m.  
 United Methodist Church  
 6900 Steilacoom Blvd. SW  
 Lakewood

**Fellowship Group Spring Time Dance!**  
 April 25, 2009  
**Birthday Potluck @ 6**  
**Dance @ 9-12**  
**Tickets \$5 in advance or \$6 at door**

**North Star's 34th Anniversary**  
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 3615 N. Grove, Tacoma  
 Monday, April 27, 2009  
**Dinner @ 6**  
 A-M bring side dish, N-Z bring dessert  
 Birthdays 6:45, Speaker @ 7

**Narrows Group 44th Anniversary!**  
**Potluck**  
**Tuesday, April 28**  
**Fellowship start @6**  
**Dinner @ 6:30**  
**Speaker Meeting @ 7**  
 1201 S. Jackson Ave.  
 St. Andrew's Episcopal

**Monday Night Women's Big Book Study Group**  
**17th Annual Potluck Celebration**  
 Monday, May 18 6:30 p.m.  
 All Women Welcome  
 Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
 901 North J. Street Tacoma  
**Speaker is Beth S. From Puyallup**

**Friends of Bill & Lois W. Spiritual Retreat**  
 June 26-28  
 Contact Thomas M.  
 253-370-9694  
 Space is limited  
 Located in Elbe WA

**FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY**  
**28th Annual**  
**July 24-26**  
 LA Qunita Inn Tacoma WA  
**Check with CSO or your group for registration**

If you have an important date coming up, or if your group has something special to announce, please put a note in my box at the CSO - out front box is in the 2nd column, 2nd row. Or you can email: newsletter@piercecounyyaa.org or call I want to fill this page, even expand it to two pages because the information you provide me. So please, give me your updates!

### Group Updates, Information, and Speaker Meetings

**NOTICE!**  
 Due to lack of support and 7th Tradition, Program of Action Women's Big Book Study Meeting will be holding our last meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church

**Tacoma Rescue Mission Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**  
 At: Tyler Square 3202 S. Tyler St.  
 Wednesdays promptly Noon to 1:00pm

**NOTICE !**  
 Common Ground Group Changes Nights! (Film at Eleven)  
**Same Meeting Place:**  
 Faith Community Church 1014 152nd Street East, Tacoma  
**New Meeting Time:**  
 Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Every Friday Night at CSO!**  
**Come learn about the Concepts!**

**Spanaway Hall Schedule Change**  
 Effective February 1st Spanaway will be combining the 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily meetings into one meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 p.m. All other meetings remain unchanged!

**North Pacific Group**  
 East 54th & East B Street in Tacoma  
 Every Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Coming speakers  
 A main speaker and a call up meeting

Groupo Fellowship en Espanol de AA  
 Miercoles & Viernes 7pm a 8pm  
 1005 S. 11th St., Tacoma, WA

**"Back to the 40's"**  
 Introduction to "AA" How it Work's  
 A series of five one hour classes.  
 Class starts first Saturday of every month—bring your Big Book!  
 When: Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m.  
 Where: First Congregational Church  
 918 Division Ave Tacoma  
 For information call (253) 474-8897

**Fresh Start AA Meetings**  
 At: Lakeside Milam in Puyallup  
 405 West Stewart  
 Friday Morning 10:30am-12:00pm  
 Friday Evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm



Service Information, Events, and Other

**General Service Workshop**

Sunday, April 26, 2009  
Fellowship begins 9:00 a.m.  
Workshop start 10:00 a.m.  
Ends approximately 2:00 p.m.  
(Lunch will be available by 7th Tradition)

Located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
1207 S. 43rd St. Tacoma WA 98418

**WELCOME**

New GSR's, New Alt. GSR's, Old GSR's, Old  
Alt. GSR's, All Future GSR's and Alt. GSR's  
And any member interested in Service to  
Fellowship  
Hosted by Districts 9, 44, 45, 29 & 54

**District 45 Gratitude  
Banquet Committee  
Meetings**

Second Sunday of every month  
at 4:00 p.m. at CSO.  
(April & May 3rd Sunday  
Due to Holidays)

If you want to get involved in  
helping to plan our yearly Grati-  
tude Banquet, please come and  
have some fun in service!

**Roadshow  
Training Day!**

April 18, 2009  
10:00 a.m.

Central Service Office  
Hosted by Pierce County  
Public Information  
Contact Person: Jimmie C.

**The Fabulous ROAD SHOW!**

Invite them to your home group.

*The Road Show is a way to tell you about  
the service positions available within AA.*

*Call now, don't wait! Jimmie C.  
Be Informed. Be a part of AA.*

**JUST A REMINDER**

Info received before the Fri  
following the second Thurs will be put in  
the upcoming issue, and will remain until  
the event.

**Contact Information:**

Address: Pierce's Progress C/O CSO, 3640  
S. Cedar, Suite S.  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
email: [newsleter@piercecountyaa.org](mailto:newsleter@piercecountyaa.org)

**District 9 Archives  
Available for Display**

**Once upon a time,  
Tacoma was one big district**  
There is a rich history of all of Tacoma  
in the District 9 Archives

Contact Archivist Sandy G.

**MAILING ADDRESSES FOR  
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS - UPDATED!**

**To Area 72: WWA 72 Treasurer, 702 Kentucky  
St. #535, Bellingham, WA 98225**

**To New York: GSO PO Box 459; Grand Central  
Station; New  
York, NY 10163**

**ATTENTION—Updated!**

**Do Not Send Group or  
District Changes to GSO!**

Mail to: Western WA Area 72 Registrar  
7701 Hardeson Rd. #19, Everett WA 98203  
[registrar@area72aa.org](mailto:registrar@area72aa.org)

**SANELY SOBER**

Every seat was taken in the Treatment & Recovery Center (TRC) where we meet weekly at Western State Hospital. We had a good turn out from people in the community. Thanks to Jack, one of the old timers who comes in from the outside, we had a woman speaker for our end of the month business/birthday meeting. She spoke at length about her experience, strength, and hope and made the point that, "This is truly life or death. I live for today." Thanks, Deborah, for taking the time to speak at our meeting and to open your busy schedule to sponsor the women at Sanely Sober.

Three members had birthdays in March: Linda M. 11 years, Bill W. 3 years, Tim R. 30 days. We meet every Tuesday from 6:15-7:15 pm, except on the last Tuesday when we meet from 5:45-7:15 pm and hold our business meeting during the first 30 minutes. If you experience a dual diagnosis, that is, if you live with mental illness as well as alcoholism/addiction, you might find some kindred spirits working out their issues here at Sanely Sober. If you would like to attend a Sanely Sober meeting, you must complete a brief screening. Please call Judy at (253)582-8900 ext. 3291 for details.



### CSO's 'Dollar of the Month Club'

Would you like to help CSO keep its doors open? If so, donate financially by contributing a one-time, monthly, or annual donation, personal pledge in your AA b-day month for each year of your sobriety, or by honoring someone's memory. Donations are welcome at anytime and can be anonymous. Just fill out the form below and drop it off at: CSO, 3640 S. Cedar St., Suite S, Tacoma, WA, 98409. NOTE: CSO depends solely upon donations from individuals, groups and committees to keep its doors open. Thanks!

Today's Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ AMOUNT:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

One Time: \_\_\_ Monthly: \_\_\_ Annual: \_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial: \_\_\_ Anonymous Donation: \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 12th Step Service Committee's Sign-Up Card

**Besides the Big Book, The 12th Step Service Committee (TSSC) is AA's best kept secret!!** The 12 Step Service Committee is continually accepting volunteers for the 12th-step list, home answering service and for CSO phone volunteers, group or individual - as well as Alternates. To volunteer, call: Linda Day, Joe T Evening, Chuck Night or CSO: 474-8897, then complete this form and deliver to CSO: 3640 S Cedar, Ste S, Tacoma, WA 98409.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: F M (Sobriety Date: / / )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

12th Step Calls:

*Anytime - Day - Evening - Late night*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Answering Service (10p-8a): M T W Th F S Su

### Clip and Carry Events List!

April 18	Roadshow Training Day	Held at Central Services office	10:00 a.m.
April 25	Ladies Nite Out 16th Anniversary	Potluck/Speakers Meeting United Methodist Church of Lakewood 6900 Steilacoom Blvd. SW Lakewood	5:30 p.m. Main dish provided A-L salad, M-Z dessert
April 25	Fellowship Spring Dance		Birthday potluck 6:00 p.m. Dance 9-12 \$5 in advance \$6 @ door
April 26	General Service Workshop	1207 S. 43rd St. Tacoma	9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workshop
April 27	North Star 34 Anniversary	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 3615 N. Grove Tacoma	Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. Speaker @ 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Narrows Group 44 Anniversary	1201 S. Jackson Ave	Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. Speaker @ 7:00 p.m.
May 18	Monday Night Women's Big Book Study Group 17th Annual Potluck Celebration	Immanuel Presbyterian Church 901 North J. Street Tacoma	6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish
May 23	Spaghetti Feed	Christ Church 310 N. K Street. Bring the whole family	Tickets \$7.00 or whole family \$10.00
July 24- 26	28th Annual Freedom in Sobriety	LA Qunita Inn Tacoma WA	Look for registrations in your group's box at CSO



April-May CSO Daytime Phone-Volunteers

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
8 am 10 am	OPEN	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	OPEN
10 am Noon	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
Noon 2 pm	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
2 pm 4 pm	FULL	FULL	OPEN	FULL	OPEN	FULL	OPEN
4 pm 6 pm	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	OPEN

Night-Time Phone-Volunteers, 6p-10p - May, 2009

The following schedule outlines the evening phone volunteers at CSO. Everyone from your home group is welcome - come watch TV, order food, bring food, play games, fellowship, and answer the phones and sell literature of course!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
April 26 <i>Sound Group</i>	April 27 <i>Follow up</i>	April 28 <i>Cornerstone Crew</i>	April 29 <i>Parkland</i>	April 30 <i>Sat. Men's Stag??</i>	1 <i>AMAA</i>	2 <i>Tues Nt Mens Stag</i>
3 <i>Jolly</i>	4 <i>Narrows</i>	5 <i>Fellowship</i>	6 <i>Morning Meeting</i>	7 <i>OPEN</i>	8 <i>Narrows BB Study</i>	9 <i>New Arrivals</i>
10 <i>Spanaway</i>	11 <i>Fircrest Study</i>	12 <i>Miracle of 56th</i>	13 <i>E. End Newcomers</i>	14 <i>Back to Basics</i>	15 <i>Saturday Speakers</i>	16 <i>Puyallup AIR</i>
17 <i>David S.</i>	18 <i>Tiopsaye</i>	19 <i>District 9 Groups</i>	20 <i>12X12</i>	21 <i>Firgrove</i>	22 <i>N. E. Newcomers</i>	23 <i>No. Pacific Group</i>
24 <i>Sound Group</i> 31 <i>As Bill Sees It</i>	25 <i>Follow up</i>	26 <i>Cornerstone Crew</i>	27 <i>Sunrise</i>	28 <i>Serenity Hall</i>	29 <i>Ladies Night out</i>	30 <i>Ruston Study Group</i>

**DO YOU MAN THE OFFICE AT CSO?**

Well if you do, or if you know a person or group that does, can you pass this on...

Please remember to TRANSFER the phones to the Answering Service at the end of your shift. Also, there is a new Purchaser Logbook, to be filled out by the person who is Buying Literature or making a contribution to CSO. There is a sign on the front desk with instructions. Thank you, and please pass this on!

If you have questions, call Sally @ CSO M-F 10-2: 253-474-8897