

# PIERCE'S PROGRESS

**MARCH 2010**

**Serving Districts  
9, 29, 44, 45 & 54**

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FROM THE EDITOR

I had the privilege to be one of twelve women from my home group to take a meeting into a treatment facility for women. I am grateful that we are able to go into those meetings and hopefully plant a seed for when they get out of treatment. What I absolutely love about those commitments though is listening to the newer women from our home group share about what sobriety has done for their life. I get to hear them talk about their journey of entering AA and how they were welcomed, how they got a sponsor, how they are working the steps and now giving back. It fills my heart with so much joy to see how it really comes full circle. One of the women said, "You know, statistically only one of those women might stay sober. I hope we planted the seed." But to me the point was we stayed sober and shared an experience, those eleven women and I.

Crystal S., Editor

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CSO SCHEDULE—April '10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Public Information Committee	2	3
4	5	6 Treatment	7 Accessibility Committee	8	9 Pierce's Progress Deadline	10
11 Central Service Office	12 Twelve Step Service Committee	13	14 Cooperation with Professional	15 Corrections Committee	16	17 Pierce's Progress Mailing
18	19	20 District 9	21 District 44	22 District 45	23	24

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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DEADLINE

Friday following the  
2nd Thursday  
5:00 pm.

News from Central Services Office

**CSO Chairperson**

I'll start this by introducing myself. My name is Keith P. Many of you already know me, but many more of you don't. My Home Group is the Puyallup Group in District 29. My sobriety date is December 19, 1986. I've been associated with the operation of the Central Office since some time in 1993, mostly as an Office Volunteer, and with the Twelfth Step Service Committee. You can almost always find me there on Thursdays, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Last fall the Alternate Chairperson resigned from the CSO Committee. I was asked to make myself available for the position and agreed to do so. I was elected to serve the remainder of that term, then was elected to be Chairperson for 2010.

The Committee worked very hard last year to complete a lot of old business. The only thing left over was the installation of new cabinets for some of the Standing Committees. They were ordered, but did not arrive until February. They are now in place. It's amazing how much better the back room looks without junk piled everywhere. These cabinets are the very last part of the office renovation project.

Most of you will know this by the time this newsletter comes out, but for those who don't, the new schedules are in. They are \$.40 ea.

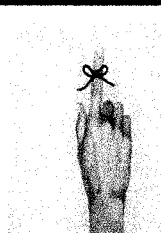
Ray B., the webmaster served in that position for 2 ½ years. We have been looking for a replacement for a few months, and finally found one. Howard F. from the Puyallup Group made himself available and has been elected to take over. Thanks, Ray for your service, and congratulations Howard.

Remember, CSO Committee members are available to visit your Groups and/or Districts to provide information on Office operations. We also are part of the PI Road Show.

Yours in Service, Keith P.

**CSO/TSCC NEEDS YOU**

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



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

Always the Friday  
Following the 2nd Thurs.

Central Services Office February 2010  
Operating Results

**Profit/Loss Statement**

	<u>Actual</u>
<b><u>Sources of Funds:</u></b>	
Group Contributions	2,397.28
Meeting Contributions	212.00
Service Committees	1,695.73
Miscellaneous Income	226.99
Literature Sales	4,023.57
Schedule Sales	-
Newsletter Subscription	0.35
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b><u>8,555.92</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure of Funds:</u></b>	
New Wages	668.26
Social Security Tax	-
Medicare Tax	-
State Payroll Taxes	10.22
Answering Svc Expense	179.40
Cable TV	33.64
Electricity	121.12
Donations	-
Insurance	-
Rent	1,675.00
Supplies	26.85
Telephone	117.60
Miscellaneous	-
Copier	-
Repairs	-
Maintenance	-
Literature Expenditures	2,370.60
Newsletter Publications	196.17
Office Furniture	-
Schedule Publication	-
Postage	-
Website	-
Sales Taxes Paid	-
Business Licence	-
12 Step Committee	-
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b><u>5,398.86</u></b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b><u>3,157.06</u></b>

**Cash Positions**

	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>10,676.40</b>
Income	8,555.92
Interest Income	0.10
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>19,232.42</u></b>
Less: expenses	5,398.86
Prud Res Adjustment	-
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>13,833.56</u></b>
<b>Cash over(under) \$15,000</b>	<b><u>(1,166.44)</u></b>
Prudent Reverse Goal***	28,836.00
<b>Beginning Reserve Balance</b>	<b>24,591.48</b>
Deposits to working reserve	-
Interest earnings	21.23
<b>Ending Reserve Balance</b>	<b><u>24,612.71</u></b>
<b>Reserve over(under) Goal</b>	<b><u>(4,223.29)</u></b>
***4 months based on budget	

**Distribution Calculation**

Ending Balance Operating Account	13,833.56
Ending Balance Prudent Reserve	24,612.71
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b><u>38,446.27</u></b>
Funds Allocation to Improvements	1,012.00
Less Amounts Spent	
Computer System	-
Office Furniture	-
New Hire	-
Storage	-
<b>Remaining Allocation</b>	<b><u>1,012.00</u></b>
Prudent Reserve Goal	28,836.00
Set Operating Balance	15,000.00
<b>Total Allowable Funds</b>	<b><u>44,848.00</u></b>
<b>Distribution Overage(Shortage)</b>	<b><u>(6,401.73)</u></b>

**Amounts to Distribute per Motion**

General Services Office NY	-
Western WA Area 72	-
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>



**CSO Sales Report - 2010**

	YTD	Jan 10	Feb 10
<b>District and Committee</b>			
Access Comm	20.00	20.00	-
DIST 29	1,515.73	65.00	1,450.73
Dist 44	90.00	30.00	60.00
Dist 45	90.00	90.00	-
Dist 9	60.00	40.00	20.00
PI Comm	40.00	-	40.00
Treat Comm	125.00	-	125.00
Other District and Committee	40.00	40.00	-
<b>TOTAL District and Committee</b>	<b>1,980.73</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>1,695.73</b>
<b>Group</b>			
By the Book	250.00	250.00	-
Common Ground	20.35	20.35	-
Courage to Ch	50.00	50.00	-
Daily Reflec	80.00	80.00	-
Fox Island	90.90	90.90	-
Hang In There	31.85	18.69	13.16
Ka-Sa-Ra	10.00	-	10.00
Keys To Sobriety	150.00	-	150.00
Ladies Nite Out	85.50	-	85.50
McChord	100.00	-	100.00
Miracle on 56th	8.00	4.00	4.00
Men at Work	167.00	167.00	-
Men's Stag	451.25	-	451.25
Morning Meeting	600.00	-	600.00
Narrows	65.65	37.65	28.00
North Star	23.43	23.43	-
Primary Purpose	35.72	-	35.72
Rebels With a Cause	100.00	-	100.00
Sat Spkrs	60.00	40.00	20.00
Serenity Hall	250.00	-	250.00
Sound	100.00	-	100.00
Spanaway	100.00	50.00	50.00
Step Ashore	157.20	-	157.20
Stielacoom Ser	120.00	-	120.00
Summit View HP	159.40	159.40	-
Women In Emo. Sobriety	122.45	-	122.45
<b>TOTAL Group</b>	<b>3,388.70</b>	<b>991.42</b>	<b>2,397.28</b>
<b>Meeting</b>			
An Lkwd Sp Bfst	154.00	88.00	66.00
Brunch Bunch	75.00	-	75.00
Madigan Prof	60.27	60.27	-
Miracle Tues	50.00	-	50.00
Mon Step Study	21.00	-	21.00
Wed. Step Study	122.50	122.50	-
<b>TOTAL Meeting</b>	<b>482.77</b>	<b>270.77</b>	<b>212.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Anonymous	144.12	134.75	9.37
Coffee	270.70	138.83	131.87
Copies	71.70	45.00	26.70
W to W	27.80	13.75	14.05
Other Miscellaneous	45.00	-	45.00
<b>TOTAL Miscellaneous</b>	<b>559.32</b>	<b>332.33</b>	<b>226.99</b>
<b>Sales</b>			
Literature Sold	9,050.49	5,026.92	4,023.57
Newsletter	2.85	2.50	0.35
Schedules	134.50	134.50	-
<b>TOTAL Sales</b>	<b>9,187.84</b>	<b>5,163.92</b>	<b>4,023.92</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 15,599.36</b>	<b>\$ 7,043.44</b>	<b>\$ 8,555.92</b>



## Public Information Committee

Greetings from the PI committee! We are just a couple of months into our new rotation for year-long service positions. We have some new committee members stepping up to the plate, including a new Roadshow Coordinator, Literature Rep, and Special Events & Speakers Coordinator to name a few. Jimmie C., after a successful year as Roadshow Coordinator, has moved into the treasurer's position, replacing Debi C. who served as committee treasurer for the past two years. Thanks to all for your dedication and hard work!

The PI Committee has been invited to take part in a health fair at Bates Technical College in Tacoma on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>, to which we are greatly looking forward!

One of the largest issues currently facing the committee is how to most effectively and efficiently use our budget to further the mission of the PI Committee and carry the message. If you or your homegroup have ideas please pass them on to your PI Rep.

And as always, we are still compiling a master list of the literature racks in the community sponsored by homegroups. We are mulling over several ideas regarding smooth transitions of this list for future rotations.

In Service, Lissa O.

Alt. Chair, PI Committee

## TSCC Committee

Hello everyone! We have finally filled all the positions on our committee. WOO HOO!! Tim O is our co-chairperson and CSO Liaison. Linda Lee is our Daytime coordinator. She needs someone to fill the 10-12 slot on Saturdays. If you are interested, please contact her. Paula is our Evening Coordinator. All our evening positions are filled. If you would like to get on the waiting list, you can contact Paula.

Kyle is our Nightwatch Coordinator. If you would like to be a backup on nights you can contact Kyle.

On March 27 we are having a workshop at the Central Service Office from 11-1. If you are interested in how to answer phones or how to go on a 12 Step call please come and have pizza with us. Tom Dyer will be our speaker.

We need volunteers to be on our 12 Step list. This involves taking a person to a meeting or possibly going on a 12 step call with another member. Please consider being of service and contact Linda M. She is our new 12 Step List Coordinator.

I have been asked to remind people answering phones at the CSO that they are NEVER to give out a member's phone number! Please take down the caller's information, contact the member, then have the member contact the caller. Also, if you are the last person to leave for the night please turn off the computer, switch the phones over, turn off the coffee pot, put coffee/pop money in an envelope and drop it in the slot, and lock the door. This may sound silly but, people forget to do it all the time. Thank you for being of service!

The 12 Step Service Committee meets the second Monday every month at 6:30 at the CSO. We hope to see you there. Pass it on! Carmen Q

## Accessibilities Committee

Pierce's Progress  
Accessibility Committee  
March 2010

If your home group does not have a representative, we need you! Our mission is to provide support and information to individuals, groups, districts, conventions, conferences and the area assembly, making AA accessible to everyone with access needs. As a point of contact, we can begin to help all members with access needs to receive the message of Alcoholics Anonymous including partially sighted/blind, hard of hearing/deaf, physically challenged, homebound, ongoing medical conditions, senior citizens and mental health. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm at the CSO in Tacoma. All are welcomed and your support is needed.

Did you know that the Accessibility Committee has a library with books, tapes, CD's and pamphlets at the CSO? Contact the CSO to check out items to borrow.

The Western Washington Area 72, Accessibility Committee Quarterly Meeting and Workshop I scheduled for April 24, 2010. This will be hosted by Districts 9, 44, and 45 at Mount Tahoma Baptist Church, 5220 74<sup>th</sup> Street W in Tacoma from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Roasted Turkey will be served for lunch. Please bring a potluck side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy this interesting and fun event!

## District 54

### District 54 DCM Report

March 2010

Greeting Everyone – It seems as if Spring should be trying to sneak in these days, but as I write this report it is snowing outside – Just another reminder that you just never know what Higher Power has in store for the day!!! The Pre-Conference is just next weekend, and hopefully all of the GSR's will be in attendance this year. There are some really interesting topics up for discussion this year. Whether or not to use Full Face pictures of Actors in Public Service Announcements, Whether or not to publish a pamphlet for Atheist & Agnostics, Whether or not to Sign certain Agreements with Correctional Facilities, just to name a few. It is, I am sure going to be a very lively day of discussion. Remember that all of these issues will be coming back to your Home Group for your opinions. These topics are not yes or no votes, but for discussion and opinion.

Lisa and I will be attending the next Area Quarterly in April in Port Angeles, WA and we are looking forward to the Plateau Daytimers presenting their motion to the Committee for inclusion in the Fall Assembly Agenda. These Quarterlies are always open for anyone to attend, so if you are ever interested in how the process of a motion makes it to the floor of the Assembly, attending a Quarterly is a great way to see it in action.

I want to remind everyone that the Third Legacy Committee is sponsoring a Traditions and Concepts Study on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 11am at the Alano on the Plateau. This is a really interesting and informative meeting. If you want to brush up on your understanding of the Traditions and Concepts or if you want your Sponsee to, be there. There is always more information to be found in this marvelous program!!

Wishing you all well in the coming month!!

Yours In Love & Service  
Barbie Kaeder DCM District 54

## District 29

Well here it is 10:25 PM on March 2. The Action Log is due at midnight and I am just starting my article. Why do I wait until the last minute you ask? Is it the insanity, the thrill or just plain procrastination? I have a feeling it's a little bit of each. I know one thing; this self imposed crises stuff is getting really old. Anyway here is some of what is going on in District 29.

We had a fabulous seventh Tradition work shop with a much bigger turnout than expected. I for one learned a lot about the how money and spirituality mix. We are still looking for a new facility but Teresa met with our current landlord and they are trying harder to meet our needs. We voted to trust God and stop the freeze on the annual disbursements thereby being able to help the still suffering at all levels of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meeker Fellowship is having a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It will be on March 6 at MacMillan Grange hall beginning at 5:00PM. District Meeting Birthdays were at follows:

Gail	4 years
Kristin	8 months

Happy birthday everyone! Keep coming back.

Now, as is my habit, I would like to close with a couple of quotes. One from the 12x12 and one from the Big Book:

*"They have become persuaded, and rightly so, that many problems besides alcohol will not yield to a headlong assault powered by the individual alone."* Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 40

*"Its main object is to enable you to find a Power greater than yourself which will solve your problem."* Alcoholic Anonymous, Third Edition, page 45

Your Humble Servant,

Carol N.  
District 29 Secretary  
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## District 45

Wow, hard to believe its March already. We had a great turn out in February at our District meeting, Thank you Mike M. Area Treasurer for coming to our meeting and sharing your experience strength and hope with us.

Our archives position is still open; we are hoping someone will step into that soon. Contact Roxanna M, or Kevin K with any questions or just come to our next District meeting third Thursday of the month.

We are encouraging home groups to send in early registrations for there GSR/Alt GSR for the Area 72 Assembly in October so that we can all be seated together. Everyone is welcome to attend so when you register make sure you put District 45 on the form and come be a part of. We are NOT a glum lot!!!

Just a quick thanks to Cynthia our Alt treasure for taking the minutes for Trisha.

March 13th our Pre-Conference has some schedule conflicts with other AA functions so if you cannot be with us then be sure and attend one of the others scheduled.

WOW what a great turn out at the GrpVine Lit. Quarterly! Thank you Dist 9 for co-hosting it with us.

It is my pleasure serving District 45. Roxanna Mitchell, DCM



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		

CFS (Western State) Group Name: Sanely Sober	Details: No warrants, no sex based offenses, and no previous contact with patients. Complete Oath of Confidentiality, Security Clearance for approval by CSF. Sponsees with min of 3 months sobriety can be cleared to attend if an approved sponsor accompanies them. Must be cleared by facility prior to attending. Business meeting 2nd Tues at 5:30. Birthday meeting last Tues
Fort Lewis RCF	Details: Clearance paperwork (NCIS) No recent felony. Four days of training, 6-8 hrs. each day Monday thru Thursday.
McNeil Forging Ahead	Details: Must complete paperwork for DOC clearance.
McNeil Retrievers	Details: Must complete paperwork for DOC clearance.
PCDCC (Pierce Cty. Jail) Men	Details: No past felonies and not currently on Department of Corrections. Must complete paperwork for clearance. 5 years since last misdemeanor, 10 years since last felony.
PCDCC (Pierce Cty. Jail) Women	Details: No past felonies and not currently on Department of Corrections. Must complete paperwork for clearance. 5 years since last misdemeanor, 10 years since last felony.
Puyallup Jail	Details: Easy to get clearance. No warrants, NO Department of Corrections.
Remann Hall	Details: Background check, references required. No felony convictions, No history of Meth or Heroin usage, no other drugs for 2 years — Marijuana 1 year.
WCCW Purdy	Details: No past felonies and not currently on Department of Corrections. Complete paperwork for DOC clearance. Must attend to remain badged.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 27</b> Tacoma Detox @7  Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only)	<b>March 28</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>March 29</b> Sea-Mar @6 New Life VA@7:30 WSH@6:50	<b>March 30</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>OHOP</b> Prosperity @ 7 Summer <b>Fellowship</b>	<b>3</b> Sea-Mar@7 <b>Georgia &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>4</b> Tacoma Detox @7 <b>PAIR</b>  Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only)	<b>5</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30  <b>TNMS</b>	<b>6</b> Sea-Mar @6 <b>NENC</b> <b>New Arrivals</b> New Life VA@7:30 <b>Loft</b> WSH@6:50 <b>WBBS</b>	<b>7</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>Meeker</b> Tacoma Detox@7 <b>Firecrest Lit Study</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>Follow Up</b> Prosperity @ 7 Summer <b>Living Free</b>	<b>10</b> Sea-Mar@7  <b>Eastend Newcomers</b>
<b>11</b> Tacoma Detox @7 <b>Parkland</b>  Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only)	<b>12</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>Hole in the Donut</b>	<b>13</b> Sea-Mar @6 <b>New Arrivals</b> New Life VA@7:30 <b>Firgrove</b> WSH@6:50	<b>14</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>Narrows</b> Tacoma Detox@7 <b>Summit View HP</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>H.I.T</b> Prosperity @ 7 Summer <b>B2B</b>	<b>17</b> Sea-Mar@7 <b>Cornerstone NENC</b>
<b>18</b> Tacoma Detox @7 <b>New Arrivals</b>  Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only)	<b>19</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>McKinley</b>	<b>20</b> Sea-Mar @6 <b>AMAA</b> <b>The Dock</b> New Life VA@7:30 <b>OHOP</b> WSH@6:50 <b>Straight Shooters</b>	<b>21</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>HIT ELHI HILL</b> Tacoma Detox@7 <b>Fern Hill</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 <b>New Arrivals</b> Prosperity @ 7 Summer <b>Serenity Hall</b>	<b>24</b> Sea-Mar@7 <b>Living Free Morning Meeting</b>
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<b>May 2</b> Tacoma Detox @7 Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only)	<b>May 3</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30	<b>May 4</b> Sea-Mar @6 New Life VA@7:30 WSH@6:50	<b>May 5</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30 Tacoma Detox@7	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 7</b> Serenity-WSH@6:30  Prosperity @ 7 Summer	<b>May 8</b> Sea-Mar@7

### Hospital & Treatment List

<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	Mon, Wed & Fri @6:30p	
<b>Avamere</b>		Thur @ 6:30p	

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 or Justine

## Are We Doing Enough?

**An AA looks at the changing face of Twelfth-Step work**

I've heard this comment a lot lately: "I am going through the work again." In fact, I heard it again last night at my home group. I guess the people who say this mean they are taking the Steps again, but the work, as I understand it, is not in the Steps themselves, the mechanics of them, or the taking of them. The work is in the Twelfth Step, where we take the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and we practice the principles in all our affairs. That's about all the work any of us can ever really do, and, at the end of the day, is the only work really worth doing.

And yet, I'm told, and have come to understand, that a good number of our people don't know how to do Twelfth-Step work. I don't know how that could possibly happen unless their group isn't doing any, which I suspect, more often than not, is the case. Taking somebody to a detox or treatment center and dropping them off is not Twelfth-Step work; it is a Twelfth-Step taxi service. While certainly a humanitarian effort, it is not the essence of our Twelfth-Step work as such. When we perform such tasks under the guise of Twelfth-Step work, we have commenced to put the work on a service plane and have violated one of the basic tenets; we have made the prospect unduly reliant on us to provide him or her with services.

I was at a multi-district function recently in a large metropolitan area in the Southwest and heard over thirty general service reps (GSRs) report on their groups. I heard about the group hayride, dance, picnics, a new building or two, elections of officers, the addition and loss of meetings, but I heard not one comment about the number of Twelfth-Step calls cleared or taken during the month, how many newcomers were staying with the group, correctional work, or treatment facility work, and not one report on approaching professionals, or doing public information work.

Similarly, during some general sharing at an assembly in the region a few years ago, I heard someone say, "Since the treatment centers took away all our Twelfth-Step work, we haven't had any around here." I was baffled; to me, there are more opportunities now to engage in active Twelfth-Step work than at any time in our history. The general population is growing, and with that comes the ever-increasing number of people who are in trouble with their drinking. The real problem is that, during the treatment boom, our Fellowship got lazy, depending on the treatment industry to supply the groups with fresh, cleaned-up prospects. We didn't have to do anything but sit around the group waiting for the "booze buggy" to show up with the candidates.

A listing in June 1989 from our local central office contained over 600 names and phone numbers. Today, that same list contains fewer than 300 names--and very few at all in my own community. This math suggests to me that fewer and fewer members are available for Twelfth-Step work--much less Twelfth-Step calls.

I believe there is a difference between taking a "Twelfth-Step call" and doing "Twelfth-Step work." It's the difference between face-to-face Twelfth-Step work and a referral to a nearby meeting. While I admit this speaks to a philosophical point, if we continue the fairly common practice of merely referring folks to the nearest meeting, there is a high degree of likelihood that the work will have to be done in the midst of that meeting or the prospect will be left to deduce for himself or herself just what AA is all about.

This is the case in the face of a large number of addicts and others being sent to our meetings and groups by our "friends of AA"--the professionals, probation officers, judges, defense counsel, and others who deal with drinkers every day. Some of these newcomers are, no doubt, real-deal alcoholics. Many are not. Most new people, after all, are coming to our meetings "un-sponsored", meaning they haven't had the privilege or the opportunity to be "pitched" about what AA is, what it does, and what it doesn't do, prior to attending their first meeting.

A lot of this could be deflected if we as a Fellowship would take the time up front to help these folks sort out where they need to go. I was asking a couple of guys the other day where they thought most of their newer people were coming from. How did they hear about AA? Were most of them coming in as a result of inquiry through an intergroup/central office? How about from a parole officer or counselor? A doctor? They confessed that they didn't rightly know.

In my mind at least, it has become apparent that many groups have all but abdicated their responsibility for the conduct of our basic Twelfth-Step work, in favor of committees or whoever wants to do the work. The net result is that many other people are carrying out message and it is getting garbled.

There are, I believe, a number of things (and this list is by no means all-inclusive) that groups can do to promote the continuance of our vital Twelfth-Step work. First, have greeters (as many as possible) at the door, to ask folks who are not familiar to the group what they are looking for. This is not a screening committee, but people who can offer a welcoming hand and a little talking outside the meeting, at the door. Second, the groups can approach their local judiciary, probation, and other governmental agencies with good, basic AA information, such as the broadsheet "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous," which explains what AA does and what it doesn't do. Third, a group can run notices of its meetings in local, small-circulation papers and on radio/TV stations. (This would be in addition to work done by the public information committee that we find in a good number of our larger metropolitan areas.) Fourth, a group can approach local medical and treatment resources and explain the difference between closed and open meetings, as well as pass out information on the group and their meeting times, rather than de-these local efforts to the appropriate district committee to avoid multiple approaches.

One of the greatest public relations tools AA ever had was the old-time open meeting, where several members of the group share their stories. Unfortunately, many groups have decided to turn open meetings into discussion meetings, and this is too bad, because it is the process of identification that helps people figure out if they are in the right place or not, not the current spin on the problem of the day that you hear in discussion meetings.

All of these things, taken as a whole, will help the group reach out to the alcoholic sufferer and help to foster additional Twelfth-Step opportunity in the community. First will come the inquiries, or Twelfth-Step calls. Then will come the opportunity for good, solid Twelfth-Step work. Time and time again. I see groups that take this approach become vital, growing groups that create opportunities for sobriety all around.

Upcoming Events

<p><b>Narrows Group 45th Anniversary Potluck Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 27 St. Andrew's Episcopal 1201 S. Jackson Ave. Tacoma</b> (Corner of S. 12th &amp; Jackson)</p> <p><b>Fellowship 6:30 pm Potluck Dinner 7pm Speaker Meeting 7:45pm Bring favorite dish!</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday Speaker's Group</b></p> <p>209 South J. Tacoma 7:30 PM</p> <p>March 20 Alanon TBA March 27 B Day Night &amp; Bill B. April 3 Chad &amp; Ulysses R. April 10 William &amp; Mark S.</p>	<p><b>Utah Rainbow Roundup Conference 2010</b> August 27- 29 Salt Lake City Marriott University Park</p> <p>Www.rainbowroundup.org</p>	<p><b>North Star's 35th Anniversary</b></p> <p>St. Lukes Episcopal Church 3615 N. 36th &amp; Grove Monday, April 26 6PM Dinner B Day &amp; Speaker</p>
<p><b>McKinley Hall Sweet 16 D Day Party! April 2 @ 7PM 3411 E. McKinley Ave Will supply Chicken &amp; Cake The rest is potluck!</b></p>	<p><b>75th Anniversary of AA A Vision for You June 13, 2010 Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street Bellevue, WA Registration \$5 10AM to 9PM</b></p>	<p><b>29th Annual Freedom in Sobriety Pass It On! July 23-25 La Quinita Inn, Tac</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday Night AA Speakers 8PM Alacoma Club 6507 Mt. Tahoma Dr, SW Lakewood</b></p> <p>March 21 Ted P March 28 Ron R</p>
<p><b>Thursday Step Study Meeting New Location Fircrest Town Center 1039 Regents Boulevard 10 AM</b></p> <p>Sunrise Group Moving 6:30 AM Daily Epworth Lesourd United Methodist Church 710 S. Anderson St. Tacoma</p>	<p><b>NEW MEETING</b></p> <p>Midland Step Study C-N-H</p> <p>85th &amp; Portland Ave. 6:30-7:30PM Praise Covenant-Harvard Campus</p>	<p><b>The Downtown Crew</b></p> <p><b>Wednesdays 7 PM S. 9th &amp; Market Urban Grace Church Closed, handicapped Accessible</b></p>	<p><b>New Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Heard it Through the Grapevine</i> Thursday 6:45 PM 6507 Mt. Tacoma Lakewood Drive</p>
<p><b>The Dock Group 535 Dock Street Suite 104 (Lakeside Recovery)</b></p> <p>Tue, Thur &amp; Fir @ noon Monday BB Study 6 PM Friday 7:07 PM</p>	<p><b>The Night Cap 10 PM</b></p> <p>Five Nights a Week Sunday through Thursday 1201 S. 43rd St. St. Paul's United Methodist</p>	<p><b>Fellowship of the Spirit Every Tuesday at 7 PM Discussion topics taken from the Big Book 3rd Tuesday is speakers Mtg Last Tuesday is B Day Night St. Mark's Lutheran Church 6730 North 17th Street</b></p>	

Group Updates, Information, and Speaker Meetings



**Service Information, Events, and Other**

**Western Washington Area 72**

**Spring Quarterly**

**April 9-10, 2010  
Port Angeles Red Lion  
Conference Center  
221 N. Lincoln St.  
Rooms 360-452-9215**

**Western Washington Area 72  
Accessibility Committee  
Quarterly & Workshop  
April 24, 2010**

**Mt. Tahoma Baptist Church  
5220 74th Street  
Social hour 9-10AM  
Business Mtg 10-12PM  
Lunch 12-12:45PM  
Speaker 12:45-1:30PM  
Workshop 1:40-4:30PM**

**Hosted by Districts 9, 44 & 45**

**12 Step Committee Workshop**

**March 27, 2010**

**Pierce County Central  
Services Office**

**3640 South Cedar Street, Suite S  
Tacoma**

**11AM to 1PM**

**Guest Speaker**

**Tom Dyer from Sound Group**

**Pizza & Soda Provided!**

**Western Washington Area 72  
Corrections Committee  
Quarterly**

**March 20, 2010**

**Fellowship Christian Church  
860 E. 38th Street Tacoma  
Fellowship 9-10AM  
Business 10AM-3PM**

**Western Washington Area  
72**

**Treatment Quarterly  
April 17, 2010**

**Normandy Park  
Congregational Church  
19247 1st Ave. South  
Normandy Park, WA  
9AM-3PM**

**Western Washington Area 72  
July Quarterly**

**July 9-10, 2010**

**Hampton Inn  
3985 Bennett Drive  
Bellingham, WA  
Rooms (360)676-7700  
Hosted by District 11**

**GROUP TREASURER'S REGULAR CONTRIBUTION PLAN ADDRESSES**

**General Service Office  
PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station**

**Central Services Office  
3640 S. Cedar Ste. S.  
Tacoma WA 98409**

**Your District  
Attention District #  
3640 S. Cedar Ste. S.**

Please make sure all your contributions include your group's name and service number. This information is very important in assuring that your group receives proper credit. Find out from your district the best way to support your standing committees.

**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**



### 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:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

### 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. 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!

Mar 20	Western Washington Area 72 Corrections Committee Quarterly	Fellowship Christian Church 860 E. 38th Street Tacoma	Fellowship 9AM Business 10AM
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