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FROM THE EDITOR

The topic tonight at the meeting I attended was control. That word when I really thought about it has had so many meanings in my life. When I first came in the doors of AA I was confronted with the fact that I had no control whatever over my drinking and then then Big Book opened my eyes to the fact that I tried to control every person, place or situation in my life. A crazy old timer was trying to drive home this point to me as he was giving me a ride in his truck. He slammed on the brakes in the middle of the street, told me to open my door and touch the pavement. I was so shocked I did what he told me. He asked me if I was so powerful why don't I move the road to where I want it to go. He really opened my eyes to the fact that I am a small part of a big whole. No better than and no worse than. I find as I grow closer to God and am able to let go of my ego, pride, and fear and know that my true dependence is upon Him, I am able to just be. I love that old timer! Crystal S., Editor

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CSO SCHEDULE—September '10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Accessibility Mtg	2 Public Information Mtg	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Treatment Mtg	8 Cooperation with Professional Community	9 Corrections Mtg	10 <i>Pierce's Progress Deadline</i>	11
12 Central Service Office Mtg	13 Twelve Step Service Mtg	14	15 District 44	16 District 45	17	18 <i>Pierce's Progress Mailing</i>
19	20	21 District 9	22	23	24	25

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.



CSO CHAIR

We held the CSO Inventory on Sunday, August 8. Larry J., Seattle Intergroup's Office Manager facilitated. He came armed with some really tough questions for discussion. I think some very good issues were brought out, and I'm sure the Committee will have discussion topics for some months to come.

One of the things that I heard from the discussion at the inventory and from my travels in AA is that there is still a lot of misunderstanding about the operation of the CSO, especially as regards money matters. I'm not going to even try to answer all the questions in this forum, but I'll try to address a couple.

1) CSO really has only two sources of operating funds. One source is member contributions (group and individual). The other source is a small markup on literature, and even that may be reduced if we can no longer buy in bulk. Currently, the total of our monthly income is usually less than expenses.

2) If contributions don't increase substantially and quickly (and stay up), we will be operating out of our Prudent Reserve soon. Once we do that, it will be very difficult to come back financially. Most of us have found out the hard way that we can only juggle a financial house of cards for so long before it comes tumbling down.

3) The recent motion to change our pricing policy on literature (failed) would have added \$.15 to the price of a Big Book. Why was everyone up in arms over \$.15? When the existing policy was written, sales tax was somewhere around 7.8% or 8%, which meant we had around 2% to cover theft. Over the years sales tax has gone up to 9.3%, which means we now have .7% to cover theft--and it's not enough.

4) One of the mistakes the committee made in crafting the motion was in using the word "handling". We were trying to sound nice. What we really should have called it is what it is--theft. We have had controls in place that have much reduced theft in recent years, but unfortunately we still have a few thieves in AA.

5) Another issue that came up for question was the requirement for a quorum to do committee business. We sometimes have had to postpone business for lack of a quorum. That will be one of our discussion items.

We have cut operating expenses about as much as possible without reducing the level of service the fellowship demands of our office. As I see it, we have four options. They are (1) increase contributions dramatically, (2) increase literature prices dramatically, (3) cut services dramatically, or (4) some combination of 1, 2, and 3.

I am making the assumption that the fellowship wants the office to continue to function. If that assumption is false, then none of the above matters.

Keith P.
CSO Chair



Profit/Loss Statement

**Central Services Office July 2010
Operating Results**

Sources of Funds:

Group Contributions	1,952.67
Meeting Contributions	95.00
Service Committees	175.00
Miscellaneous Income	268.41
Literature Sales	4,089.37
Schedule Sales	515.60
Newsletter Subscription	1.71
Total Sources	<u>7,097.76</u>

Expenditure of Funds:

New Wages	1,917.35
Social Security Tax	118.88
Medicare Tax	27.80
State Payroll Taxes	49.51
Answering Svc Expense	328.55
Bank Charge	-
CSO Chair - Assembly Expenses	138.83
Cable TV	38.20
Electricity	70.62
Donations	-
Insurance	-
Rent	1,675.00
Supplies	107.71
Telephone	118.38
Miscellaneous	51.01
Copier	-
Repairs	-
Maintenance	-
Literature Expenditures	3,473.88
Newsletter Publications	188.00
Office Furniture	-
Schedule Publication	-
Postage	-
Website	43.95
Sales Taxes Paid	1,310.07
Business Licence	-
12 Step Committee	-
Total Expenses	<u>9,657.74</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(2,559.98)</u>

Cash Positions

Beginning Bank Balance	8,319.77
Income	7,097.76
Interest Income	2.48
Subtotal	<u>15,420.01</u>
Less: expenses	9,657.74
Prud Res Adjustment	-
Ending Bank Balance	<u>5,762.27</u>
Cash over(under) \$15,000	<u>(9,237.73)</u>
Prudent Reverse Goal***	<u>28,836.00</u>
Beginning Reserve Balance	24,688.62
Deposits to working reserve	-
Interest earnings	9.47
Ending Reserve Balance	<u>24,698.09</u>
Reserve over(under) Goal	<u>(4,137.91)</u>
***3 months based on budget	

Distribution Calculation

Ending Balance Operating Account	5,762.27
Ending Balance Prudent Reserve	24,698.09
Total Funds Available	<u>30,460.36</u>
Prudent Reserve Goal	28,836.00
Set Operating Balance	15,000.00
Total Allowable Funds	<u>43,836.00</u>
Distribution Overage(Shortage)	<u>(13,375.64)</u>

JULY 2010

Phone Calls

A-Information	327
B-For Help	19
C-Help for Others	13
D-Other Area Visitors	3
E-Non AA Members	3
F-Help for Non-AA	2
G-Volunteer & Office	33

Office Visitors

H-In Office For Help	3
I- Local Member, buying Literature, Leaving flyers	96
J-- Other Area Member	4
Total Calls	402

Minutes Charged by Answering Service

160+189 (over minutes)=349 cost of \$328.55



CSO Sales Report - 2010

	YTD	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 10	Jul 10
District and Committee							
Access Comm	80.00	-	-	-	60.00	-	-
CPC Comm	120.00	-	40.00	-	40.00	-	40.00
DIST 29	1,840.73	1,450.73	-	130.00	-	130.00	65.00
Dist 44	764.57	60.00	-	-	614.57	30.00	30.00
Dist 45	634.28	-	-	524.28	20.00	-	-
Dist 9	120.00	20.00	-	20.00	20.00	-	20.00
PI Comm	140.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Treat Comm	225.00	125.00	-	-	100.00	-	-
Other District and Committee	40.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL District and Committee	3,964.58	1,695.73	60.00	694.28	874.57	180.00	175.00
Group							
9 AM AA	18.00	-	18.00	-	-	-	-
AMAA	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00	-
Anderson Island	100.00	-	-	50.00	50.00	-	-
As Bill Sees It	174.00	-	-	120.00	54.00	-	-
Back 2 Basics	120.00	-	-	-	30.00	-	90.00
Big Book Thumpers	113.26	-	-	-	113.26	-	-
Buckley Group	20.00	-	-	20.00	-	-	-
Brown's Point	174.00	-	-	-	-	-	174.00
By the Book	250.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Ground	107.64	-	37.20	32.80	-	17.29	-
Cornerstone	200.00	-	-	-	-	200.00	-
Courage to Ch	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daily Reflec	405.00	-	-	75.00	-	250.00	-
Destiny	255.00	-	145.00	-	-	-	110.00
Eastend New	30.18	-	-	30.18	-	-	-
Fircrest	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	-	-
Firgrove	138.78	-	-	-	138.78	-	-
Fox Island	291.90	-	-	111.00	-	-	90.00
Friday Nite	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00	-
Gig Har Legacy	135.00	-	-	135.00	-	-	-
Graham	228.37	-	128.20	64.58	35.59	-	-
Hang In There	121.37	13.16	-	47.21	16.60	14.46	11.25
I Saw the Light	25.00	-	-	-	25.00	-	-
Jolley	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	-	-
Ka-Sa-Ra	15.00	10.00	-	-	5.00	-	-
Keys To Sobriety	200.00	150.00	-	-	-	50.00	-
Ladies Nite Out	445.44	85.50	87.50	-	178.00	-	94.44
Living Free	250.00	-	125.00	-	-	-	125.00
Loft	2,000.00	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Madigan Group	150.00	-	-	-	-	150.00	-
McChord	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
Miracle on 56th	28.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Men at Work	410.50	-	-	-	-	-	243.50
Men's Stag	451.25	451.25	-	-	-	-	-
Mon Night Women	278.47	-	-	141.00	-	-	137.47
Morning Meeting	1,370.13	600.00	-	550.00	220.13	-	-
Narrows	246.98	28.00	31.00	41.33	31.00	47.00	31.00
New Freedom	45.00	-	45.00	-	-	-	-
North Pacific	247.94	-	-	-	247.94	-	-
North Star	218.86	-	-	95.42	-	-	100.01
Northend New.	74.00	-	-	-	57.00	17.00	-
Over 50	250.00	-	-	100.00	-	150.00	-
Plateau BB	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
Plateau Daytimers	18.00	-	-	-	18.00	-	-
Primary Purpose	115.72	35.72	-	-	-	-	80.00
Puyallup Serv	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	-	-
Rebels With a Cause	190.00	100.00	-	-	40.00	50.00	-
Ruston Study	42.60	-	-	-	17.60	-	25.00
Safe Haven	83.00	-	-	-	-	83.00	-
Sat Spkrs	512.17	20.00	-	233.17	-	199.00	20.00
Serenity Hall	1,000.00	250.00	550.00	-	-	200.00	-
Sound	675.00	100.00	-	-	575.00	-	-
Spanaway	150.00	50.00	-	50.00	-	-	-
Step Ashore	274.20	157.20	-	-	-	-	117.00
Stielacoom Ser	420.00	120.00	-	180.00	-	120.00	-
Straight Shooters	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
Summit View HP	192.56	-	-	-	33.16	-	-
Sure Would	185.60	-	-	-	185.60	-	-

**CSO Sales Report - 2010**

	YTD	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 10	Jul 10
Women In Emo. Sobriety	122.45	122.45	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Group	14,185.37	2,397.28	1,370.90	2,680.69	2,640.66	2,151.75	1,952.67
Meeting							
An Lkwd Sp Bfst	649.50	66.00	82.00	58.00	108.50	152.00	95.00
Book Review	200.00	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Brunch Bunch	75.00	75.00	-	-	-	-	-
Farwest	289.00	-	88.00	33.00	60.00	108.00	-
Gig Harbor Bfst	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
Madigan Prof	60.27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miracle Tues	104.25	50.00	-	54.25	-	-	-
Mon Step Study	60.10	21.00	-	24.00	-	15.10	-
Out to Lunch	200.00	-	-	200.00	-	-	-
Sober Sunday	27.14	-	-	-	-	27.14	-
Thurs Step	32.50	-	-	12.00	-	20.50	-
Tues Step Study	280.00	-	-	-	280.00	-	-
Wed. Step Study	514.50	-	-	303.00	-	89.00	-
Westside BB Study	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-	-
TOTAL Meeting	2,792.26	212.00	370.00	684.25	648.50	511.74	95.00
Miscellaneous							
Anonymous	806.90	9.37	186.56	50.89	80.00	304.30	41.03
Coffee	1,003.97	131.87	108.65	152.76	146.55	156.58	168.73
Copies	226.65	26.70	2.30	47.99	44.71	1.30	58.65
W to W	84.92	14.05	13.26	11.86	12.00	20.00	-
Other Miscellaneous	16.21	45.00	-	(28.79)	-	-	-
TOTAL Miscellaneous	2,138.65	226.99	310.77	234.71	283.26	482.18	268.41
Sales							
Literature Sold	31,588.78	4,023.57	5,186.53	5,769.33	3,344.21	4,148.85	4,089.37
Newsletter	27.90	0.35	1.75	18.26	0.35	2.98	1.71
Schedules	4,343.50	-	1,580.60	1,092.40	441.20	579.20	515.60
TOTAL Sales	35,960.18	4,023.92	6,768.88	6,879.99	3,785.76	4,731.03	4,606.68
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$59,041.04	\$ 8,555.92	\$ 8,880.55	\$ 11,173.92	\$ 8,232.75	\$ 8,056.70	\$7,097.76

TSSC

Hello everyone! I hope you are all enjoying our wonderful summer weather. We are still updating our 12 Step List and I hope that it will be done by next month. Linda Lee our Daytime Coordinator reported that we need volunteers for Saturday 8 A.M.-10 A.M. and 2 P.M. – 4 P.M. If interested you may contact her . Tom Dyer is our new Evening Coordinator and he is trying to get contact phone #'s for all groups that answer phones. We've had a sign-up sheet on the board for about 3 months with only 3 responses. Please fill in the contact information so that we can contact you when the code changes or to let you know when anything else comes up. You may contact Tom . Kyle, our Nightwatch Coordinator reported that there are only 3 people covering nights from 10 P.M. – 8 A.M. You can answer phones from your home for this commitment. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact Kyle. When volunteering at the office please remember to sign in on the log sheet. Also, when your shift is over please turn off the computer and put the key back where it belongs. This has been a problem lately with people putting the key in the mail slot. And remember NEVER give out a member's phone number when answering phones. All of the volunteer positions require 6 months sobriety. Please consider volunteering your time. It is important that we have an alcoholic answering the phones instead of the answering service. I want to thank our committee for being of service. If you have any question please contact me . Pass it on! Carmen Quesnell



District 9

Happy Summer from District 9!

We had a good turn-out for our July 20th meeting and ran headlong into the first Pre-Assembly of the season on July 31st! Twelve groups were present and participated in the discussion on the 11 motions that we'll be voting on at the Area Assembly. Over 80 people attended in all! A big thank you to Kevin and District 45 for taking care of lunch at the Pre-Assembly and to Bill B from the Follow-up Group for his work trying to keep the coffee flowing! Please see the Western Washington Area Newsletter for a complete set of the motions as well as the minutes of the July Area Quarterly where you can read all the discussion that went on. Next on the agenda is the Concepts Workshop! Mark your calendars - Saturday, September 11th! AT the Fellowship Christian Church on 38th St E in Tacoma (where the East End Newcomers meets.) Coffee hour starts at 9 and the workshop will get underway at 10. We have marvelous presenters coming from all over Western Washington and lunch will be provided. (We'll observe the 7th Tradition to cover costs.)

Until next month! Yours in loving service,
Liz F.

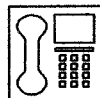
CSO/TSCC NEEDS YOU

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.

Saturday 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Looking for 12 Step Coordinator and Evening Coordinator



Next Deadline to get Information into Pierce's Progress

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

September 10, 2010



District 45

District 45 Minutes for July 15, 2010

Birthdays for the month of July are David D. celebrating 25 years, Dan S. 5years, Richard has 1,000 days, Shane 8 years.

Roll Call:

As Bill Sees It- Wanda P.

Friday Night Group- Ken L.

Ladies' Nite Out- Kathy L.

Miracle of 56th ST- Dan S.

New Arrivals- Billy O.

Parkland- Ken S.

Spanaway- Peggy S.

Steilacoom Serenity Seekers- Woody H.

Summit View Higher Power- Renee P.

Tuesday Night Men's Stag- Shane F.

Treasure Report: Jana C. passed out copies of the treasure report, she mentioned that they dipped into the prudent reserve to pay for Gratitude Banquet, motion to accept her report was made and passed.

Accessibility: Not present, the position is now open.

Archivist: Bob O. was not present but did send an email; he will do a presentation for Fern Hill. Quarterly is August 7th at Western Mini Storage and that will last from 10am- whenever.

CSO: David D. Contributions from groups to CSO are increasing, they are looking for a volunteer to clean up the office and it takes about 2 hours per week. CSO inventory will be the second Sunday in August and it will be a pot-luck; shorten version of the treasure report will be available for Pierce Progress.

Grapevine/ Literature: Robert S. missed the last quarterly, but will be at the Roadshow for As Bill Sees It. Next Quarterly is in September.

Treatment: David D. Bridge the Gap coordinators PC was stolen, so groups need to submit new lists for BTG volunteers. Discrepancy in treasures report and will be audited by a committee of three. Motion to fund the Chairperson to quarterlies at 2/3 the IRS rate passed.

ALT. DCM: Kevin K. District 45 picnic was \$84 short of being self supportive. 250 Banquet tickets are going to be on sale soon, the next committee meeting for the Banquet will be at the CSO at 4 PM.

DCM: Roxanna M. Pre-Assembly is July 31st 9 AM at ST. Andrews; did attend the quarterly last weekend with Kevin K. and Dan S. Quarterly gave history of AA birthday fliers. The Quarterly in October will have Kevin and Roxanna on the panels, and please register early for that Quarterly so everyone can get a seat with each other, and it is an election year for the Area.

Group Reports:

As Bill Sees It: Wanda P. Roadshow is August 6th at 6:30 am and they will have HOT coffee, and they are going to be having their 17th anniversary party.

Friday Night Group: Ken L. lack of members at the business meeting.

Ladies Nite Out: Kathy L. April stepped up for the treatment committee; Dawn Marie had to step down due to her school schedule.

New Arrivals: Billy O. July 17th at Todd Beary Park, they are celebrating 22 years.

Parkland: Rick L. Meetings need support

Spanaway: Peggy S. Spiritual breakfast changed from 10:30 am to 9am, and they have many new trusted servants.

Steilacoom Serenity Seekers: Woody H. Good attendance

Summit View Higher Power: needs support from the women

Tuesday Night Men's Stag: Shane f. will be leaving due to work.

New Business: Roxanna had us take a Grapevine Survey as a whole group

Adjourned at 8:15 PM. 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		

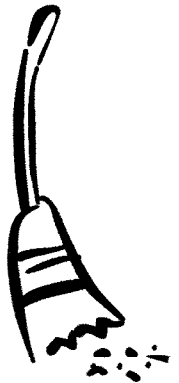
CFS (Western State) Group Name: Sanelly Sober	Details: No warrants, no sex based offenses, and no previous contact with patients. Complete Oath of Confidentiality, Security Clearance for approval by CSF. Sponsees with min of 3 months sobriety can be cleared to attend if an approved sponsor accompanies 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.

CSO NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Central Service Office is looking for a dependable, person or group to come in once a week and do some light cleaning.

If you are able to help out, please call Sally or Annette 474-8897

Do you have two hours a week to do some service?





PC CORRECTIONS "MEMBERS EYE VIEW"

Corrections Committee Article

Hello, my name is Dave Mc. and by the grace of GOD and the fellowship of A.A. I haven't had to take a drink since Oct. 14, 2007.

I am a grateful member of A.A., and I currently serve my home group the "Tuesday Night Men's Stag" as their corrections rep.

My VERY first introduction to A.A. was while I was incarcerated. At the age of eighteen years old during a blackout I had gotten myself into some trouble. While I was incarcerated there were two men who regularly came to that facility to bring in an A.A. meeting. During this time in my life I wanted nothing to do with these two men or A.A., because of course "I didn't have a problem with alcohol".

Fast forward to the age of thirty-one in the year 1999 I became a member of A.A. and at the time sober for about eleven months and attending meetings daily, but due to my not taking care of some financial obligations I was ordered to go to jail and sit out a fine. At that time I thought "How dare that judge" doesn't he know I am sober now—that's just not right! However, I can also vividly remember how grateful I was when I had the opportunity to shake the hand of a fellow member and give him "thanks" for taking the time to bring in an A.A. meeting to that facility. I was there, at that time, for an eleven day stay. I attended all the meetings available and also read the "Big Book" while I was there. Thank GOD there was a book for me to read, and dedicated members that carried A.A. message of recovery.

After five and one-half years of being sober my disease convinced me that I didn't need A.A. anymore—boy was I wrong! I willingly shut out all my defenses against taking that first drink. I stopped praying, calling my sponsor, and no longer went to meetings so I was off and running once again for three and one-half years. Once again, under the lash of King Alcohol, I realized I needed to make changes. Through sheer self inflicted pain and misery I dropped to my knees and out loud spoke these simple words "GOD please help me." That was the start of my new journey. The OBSESSION was lifted at that very moment and I have been sober since.

Being sober again and in no trouble with the law I was drawn to corrections for service. It started as serving my group as the Corrections rep and then eventually getting my clearance to go into the D.O.C. Progress House. There I get the opportunity to meet men and women just like me. That is, there are some that want it, and some that don't, and I have been on both ends of that scale. A.A. is not for the people who NEED it, but for the people who WANT it. Thank GOD I am a "want" person today. Unity, Service and Recovery are the three legs of the stool upon which I sit. Without all three I tip over and am sure to drink again! So I thank God and ALL off A.A. for this opportunity to be of service.

Dave thank you for sharing the truth: A.A. absolutely works but we have to do the work. It has been a pleasure for me to watch A.A. work in Dave's life. Come by and see for yourself what great sobriety looks like. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Service office, and we need your support. Thank you.

Keep comin' & Keep smilin',
Bob H., Corrections Chair



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 29 Tacoma Detox @7 Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women) Prosperity Summit @7 (men)	August 30 Serenity-WSH@6:30	August 31 Sea-Mar @6 North Star New Life VA@7:30 Ladies Night Out WSH@6:50 Parkland	1 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Hole In the Donut Tacoma Detox@7 New Arrivals	2	3 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Fircrest Prosperity Summer @7 (men) Puyallup	4 Sea-Mar@7 Graham
5 Tacoma Detox @7 N. Pacific Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women) Prosperity Summit @7 (men) Fellowship	6 Serenity-WSH@6:30	7 Sea-Mar @6 Fern Hill New Life VA@7:30 WSH@6:50	8 Serenity-WSH@6:30 B2B Tacoma Detox@7 By the Book	9	10 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Summit View HP Prosperity Summer @7 (men) SOS	11 Sea-Mar@7 Living Free
12 Tacoma Detox @7 Firgrove Prosperity Summit @ 7 (women only) By the Book Prosperity Summit @7 (men only)	13 Serenity-WSH@6:30 HIT	14 Sea-Mar @6 Fellowship New Life VA@7:30 WSH@6:50 Parkland	15 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Fresh Start Tacoma Detox@7 OHOP	16	17 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Above the Ground Prosperity Summer @7 (men)	18 Sea-Mar@7 Safe Haven Morning Meeting
19 Tacoma Detox @7 Narrows Prosperity Summit @ 7(women) NENC Prosperity Summit @7 (men only)	20 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Hole in the Donut	21 Sea-Mar @6 Ladies Night Out New Life VA@7:30 WSH@6:50 Fox Island	22 Serenity-WSH@6:30 OHOP Tacoma Detox@7 New Arrivals	23	24 Serenity-WSH@6:30 SSG Prosperity Summer @7 (men) Straight Shooters	25 Sea-Mar@7 Meeker
26 Tacoma Detox @7 PAIR Prosperity Summit @ 7(women) New Arrivals Prosperity Summit @7 (men only)	27 Serenity-WSH@6:30 HIT	28 Sea-Mar @6 Fellowship & NENC New Life VA@7:30 Fresh Start WSH@6:50	29 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Loft Tacoma Detox@7 New Arrivals	30	Oct 1 Serenity-WSH@6:30 Prosperity Summer @7 (men)	2 Sea-Mar@7
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Hospital & Treatment List

Tacoma Detox:	721 So. Fawcett, # 100, Tacoma	Sun & Wed @7p	10 outside members only, incl Chair
Sea-Mar:	1415 Center St., Tacoma	Tue @6p, Sat @7p	
New Life - VA:	9500 Veterans Dr. SW, Lakewood	Tue @7:30p	
Serenity - WSH:	TBA, contact Justine	Mon, Wed & Fri @6:30p	
Avamere		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



Upcoming Events

<p>Western Washington Area 72 Grapevine & Literature Committee Quarterly</p> <p>Saturday, Sept 11 Friday Harbor Presbyterian Church 425 Spring Street Friday Harbor 10:45-3:30pm</p>	<p>Sunday Night AA Speakers</p> <p>8PM Alacoma Club 6507 MT Tacoma Dr. SW Lakewood</p> <p>August 22 Rose S (Ladies Nite Out)</p> <p>August 29 Wanda P. (As Bill Sees It)</p>	<p>Concepts Workshop</p> <p>Saturday, Sept 11 860 East 38th Street Fellowship Christian Church Tacoma 10 AM</p> <hr/> <p>29th Annual Spiritual Retreat North Olympic Celebration Sept 10-12 Camp David Jr. 1452 Camp David Junior Road Port Angeles, WA</p>	<p>Saturday Speaker's Group</p> <p>First Congregational Church 209 South J. Tacoma 6 pm 123 closed meeting Speaker Mtg @ 7PM</p> <p>Sept 4 Tash (By The Book) Bernadette J. (Sisters at even)</p> <p>Sept 11 Kari (Meeker) Alvin (Graceland)</p> <p>Sept 18 Alanon (Kent All Men's) Dick D (By the Book)</p> <p>Sept 25 Chris M (Morning Meeting)</p>
<p>District 45 Banquet Meeting October 10, November 7 All @ 4PM @ CSO</p> <p>Contact Kevin K. 253-324-7153</p>	<p>Women of Action 20th Anniversary Attitude of Gratitude September 17-19 Pilgrim Firs, Port Orchard</p> <p>Contact LaVerne</p>	<p>The Lake Shore Retreat Tacoma Gay and Lesbian Members of AA present: "The Realm of the Spirit" Millersylvania State Park Oct 15-17 Www.lkshoreretreat@aol.com (253) 279-7816</p>	

Group Updates, Information, and Speaker Meetings

<p>Bonney Lake Stag</p> <p>C, N Wed 9:00 a.m. 9205 198th Ave E. Swiss Park Bonney Lake</p>	<p>Fern Hill Is moving to a new Location Asbury United Methodist Church 5601 S. Puget Sound Ave. Tacoma Effective Sept 3</p>	<p>From The Heart Sat 10 AM CWH Big Book Study Harbor Life Church 4417 56th St. NW Gig Harbor</p>	<p>The Table Mate Monday @ 5:30 pm Starting Sept 6 918 Division Ave Tacoma 1st Congressional Church</p>
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<p>Principals before Personalities O, NS Wed 6:30 p.m. 29393 HWY 410 Alano On the Plateau</p>	<p>Rebels With A Cause O, NS, Handicap Access 1343 Cole St. Cole Street Bar & Grill Enumclaw Sunday 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>American Sign Language (ASL) AA meeting McKinley Hall 8211 East 34th Street Friday Nights 5:30 p.m. Take Bus #42 Questions? Call Jennifer Sponsored by Pierce County Accessibility Com</p>
<p>New Meeting 9AM Saturday Eatonville Group Rainier & Carter American Legion Hall</p>		



Service Information, Events, and Other

**2010 Western
Washington Area 72
Assembly
October 1-3**

**Cowlitz Regional
Conference Center
1900 7th Avenue
Longview, WA**

This is How We Do It!
Carrying the AA message to
non-alcoholics
Sat, Sept 18
9am to 2pm
Brought to you by Pierce County
Public Information & Cooperation
with the Professional Community
First Congressional Church
209 South J. St.
Lunch in the afternoon
provided

**Western
Washington
Area 72
Grapevine &
Literature
Committee
Quarterly
Saturday, Sept 11
Friday Harbor
Presbyterian Church
425 Spring Street
Friday Harbor
10:45-3:30pm**

**18th Annual Sponsorship
Conference
"the How and Why of it"
Oct 15-17
La Quinta Inn & Suites
1425 E. Street Tacoma**

www.sponsorshipconference.net

**Traditions Play at Narrows
Group
Sept 28**

Dessert Provided

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, or email:
newsleter@piercecountyaa.org

GROUP TREASURER'S REGULAR CONTRIBUTION PLAN ADDRESSES

**General Service Office
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163**

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

**Your District
Attention District #
3640 S. Cedar Ste. S.
Tacoma, WA 98409**

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:\$ _____

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. 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!

Sept 11	Concepts Workshop	860 East 28th Street Fellowship Christian Church Tacoma	10 AM
Sept 11	Western Washington Area 72 Literature & Grapevine Quarterly	Friday Harbor Presbyterian Church 425 Spring Street Friday Harbor	10:45-3:30
Sept 10-12	North Olympic Celebration	Camp David Jr. Port Angeles	
Sept 17-19	Women of Action 20th Anniversary	Pilgrim Firs, Port Orchard	
Sept 18	PI & CPC Committee Workshop	First Congressional Church 209 South J. St.	9AM to 2PM
Sept 28	Traditions Play at Narrows Group		
Oct 1-3	Washington Area 72 Assembly	Longview, Washington	
Oct 15-17	18th Annual Sponsorship Conference	La Quinta Inn & Suites	Www.sponsorshipconference.net
Oct 15-17	The Lake Shore Retreat	Millersylvania State Park	Www.lkshoreretreat@aol.com



August/September CSO Daytime Phone-Volunteers

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

Night-Time Phone-Volunteers, 6p-10p - September, 2010

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
August 29 <i>As Bill Sees It</i>	30 <i>Fircrest Study</i>	31 <i>Friday Nite Group</i>	1 <i>Fernhill</i>	2 <i>Fellowship of the Spirit</i>	3 <i>AMAA</i>	4 <i>Tues Nt Mens Stag</i>
5 <i>Jolly</i>	6 <i>Narrows</i>	7 <i>Fellowship</i>	8 <i>East End Newcomers</i>	9 <i>Friday Night Group</i>	10 <i>Women's Big Book</i>	11 <i>New Arrivals</i>
12 <i>Spanaway</i>	13 <i>Fircrest Study</i>	14 <i>Miracle Of 56th</i>	15 <i>12X12</i>	16 <i>Firgrove</i>	17 <i>Sat Speakers</i>	18 <i>Puyallup AIR</i>
19 <i>David S.</i>	20 <i>Back to 40s</i>	21 <i>Groups of</i>	22 <i>Sunrise</i>	23 <i>Serenity Hall</i>	24 <i>Northend Newcomers</i>	25 <i>No. Pacific Group</i>
26 OPEN	27 <i>Follow Up</i>	28 <i>cornerstone</i>	29 <i>Parkland</i>	30 <i>Night Cap</i>	Oct 1 <i>AMAA</i>	Oct 2 <i>Tues Nt Mens Stag</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