



DISTRICT 11 APRIL NEWSLETTER



Group Reports & Birthdays

Bellingham Group: We hope to see you all at 1113 1/2 Railroad.

Blaine International Group:

Birthdays for April:

Custer by the Books Group: Here at Custer, we like to think we run a Hokey Pokey Clinic. It's a great place to "turn yourself around".

Sometimes, we all want to ask God why he allows poverty, famine, and injustice in the world when he has the power to do something about it. The problem is that he might just ask us the same question.

Birthdays for April:

Dry Dock Group: Join us for meetings every day and night.

Birthdays for April: 47 years: Chuck A.; 33 years: Christa S.; 24 yrs: Steve D.; 6 yrs: Julie H.; 3 yrs: Lance I., Kim D.; 2 yrs: Philip R., John H.; 1 yr: James, Senna

Everson Group: Come see us every Friday! Birthdays 3rd Friday at 7:30pm. We could really use your support.

Fairhaven Group:

Birthdays for April: 1 yr: Molly M.

Ferndale Unity Group:

Our business mtg is the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 PM
Our Bday mtg is the last Saturday of each month at 8 pm
Our Spanish mtgs are both at 7 PM Tuesday and Friday.

Birthdays for April: 1 yr: Amy V, Melyssa M, Dylan W, Ky L, Steve C, Christina B, Karen H. 2 yrs: Kat S, Laura T. 3 yrs: Kim B, Grant F. 4 yrs: Ed I. 6 yrs: Kyle H, 11 yrs: Lucinda. 12 yrs: Eric O. 14 yrs: John K, Shannon P. 37 yrs: Jeanne H

Grateful Hearts: We will be having a speaker meeting February 29, August 29, and October 31, come join us.

Birthdays for April: 1 year: Cindy S

Gentle Spirits: We moved to the Louisa House at 2240 Main Street in Ferndale. Our meetings will continue to be held on Tuesdays at Noon and all meetings are open.

Into Action Group: Into Action is discontinuing the Saturday night speaker meeting. It has been a great meeting but lacks home group support. The Tuesday night meeting will continue as scheduled.

Birthdays for April:

Kendall Group: Break out of town and see them on Monday nights. Birthday celebration last Monday of the month.

Lawrence Group: Lawrence Group holds "warm and friendly" fireside meetings Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Birthdays celebrated the 2nd Tuesday of the month with "Rosie's Cake". Potluck dinners start at 6:30pm the 3rd Tuesday every other month. Join us with an open mind and heart, sincerely willing to give. Surely you will receive!

Lynden Group: Our Big Book study happens on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Northwest Group: Northwest group celebrates celebrates milestones in sobriety everyday at our hall but have potluck and annual celebrations on the third Saturday of every month starting at 5:30 bring a dish or just come eat with us!!!! We do the dirty work on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 come be part of our recovery.

Birthdays for April: Caity S. 1 year, Roger 2 years Ross C. 2 years Ann A. 2 years Pat 2 years Justin 3 years Perry D. 4 years James H. 4 years Lindy 4 years Rob S. 4 years Dan G. 5 years Stephanie R. 6 years Shelia J. 6 years Walter P. 6 years Paul D. 7 years Michelle B. 7 years Darrell G. 7 years John H. 10 years Hank W. 28 years Jerry B. 25 years Chuck A. 47 years.

Our Primary Purpose Group: We have 3 meetings per day, 7 days a week as well as an in-depth Big Book study Sunday mornings @ 10:30am. We also have a speakers meeting every Friday evening at 5:30pm...

Birthdays for April:

1 yr: Kelsey M, Rebecca. 2 yrs: Richard M, Erika B. 4 yrs: David E. 9 yrs: Jim M. 18 yrs: Stan R. 21 yrs: Jerry F. 47 yrs: Chuck A.

Committee Reports * Committee Meetings

District Committee Member (DCM) – Dale S.

No much to talk about this month just been a slow winter so far. The district will have done its inventory by the time you read this but not soon enough to report on it this month. look for a summary in the next newsletter. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Dale S. - DCM
District 11
dcm@whatcomaa.org

Alt District Committee Member – Open Position

Thank you Paige for your service. The Alt DCM position is currently open. All who are interested should attend the district business meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at Dry Dock at 6:30 pm.

Archives- Brett H.

Hi district 11! Bret H. your archives rep. Please email district 11 archives with your experiences with past Archivists. Do you have direct experience being archivist? When did you serve in this position? What was your favorite part of being archivist? Thanks for the opportunity to serve.
Bret H.

Accessibility- Bryan B.

Accessibility is in a new rotation. Over the last month we have been doing introductions and developing a focus on what we hope to do in the next year. If you have any questions or suggestions on what you would like to see happen in your home group or in District 11, seek out your accessibility representative or come see us on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Northwest meeting hall.

Corrections & Treatment- Calvin R.

Our Jail and Juvy meetings are in need of support! Especially from women as we have some volunteers rotating out soon. If you are at least year sober and a year off of active probation and willing to help us keep our commitment to alcoholics in jail, please come to our business meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at Northwest hall to sign up.

Grapevine & Literature– Bruce B./Rob H.

All is well in the land of Grapevine and Literature. We hope to see as many groups as possible represented at the monthly meeting. Keep in mind that we have a few new additions to the literature available, including Daily Quotes, Sober and Out, and the pamphlet Many Paths to Spirituality. Ask your group rep to pick these up for you at the next GV&L meeting if interested.

Phone Service Committee- Adam G.

The phone service committee needs your help! We currently have 3 openings available for hotline shifts. This is an excellent way to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at: phoneservice@whatcomaa.org.

Our monthly committee meeting happens on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:15, Dry Dock Hall. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you!

Schedules – Kenny P.

Group schedule changes are due by the 2nd Friday of each month. Any changes made must be emailed to **BOTH:** schedule@whatcomaa.org AND webservant@whatcomaa.org

The email address for the schedules chair was incorrect in past newsletters, please make note that the correct email is schedule@whatcomaa.org

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) – Krista O. / Alt. Jeannie H.

Lots of fun things happening in our committee! We are updating our location tracker. Our committee is also going to be doing some projects in the community this year, as we would like to do more cooperation with the professional community. Keep your eyes open for a workshop! If you're interested in helping out come to our next meeting. They're always the 4th Thursday of the month, 6:30 at Dry Dock. Service is a big part of the program in keeping what we have been given. I encourage everyone to take a service position at their home group. Each and every service position is important to A.A. as a whole and our community.

In Love and Service,
Krista O.
pi-cpc@whatcomaa.org

Third Legacy- Adina and Rachael

We are very excited for our next Workshop. We will be discussing the first four of the 12 Traditions. Food and Fellowship will be at 6:30. Workshop is at 7. We will be gathering at Dry Dock on March 29th. Please join us for a fun night of celebrating why AA works. As always, Rachael and I are available to facilitate group inventories and group level workshops on anything service related: chairing meetings, sponsorship, Traditions, Concepts, etc. If you are interested please contact us at 3legacycom@whatcomaa.org.

Yours in Love & Service.
Adina and Rachael

Group Business Meetings

Bellingham Group-1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Blaine International-1st Friday of the month at 6:30pm

Custer Group-1st Saturday of the month at 7:45pm

Dry Dock-3rd Monday of the month 6:15pm

Everson Group-2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm

Fairhaven Group-1st Sunday of the month at 6:15pm

Ferndale Group- 1st Saturday of the Month at 6:30pm

Gentle Spirits Group-1st Tues. of the month at 1:00pm

Grateful Hearts-1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Into Action-1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Kendal-Last Monday of the month

Lawrence Group: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:45pm

Lynden Group-3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Nooksack Group-1st Thursday of the month at 8pm

Northwest Group-2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

Our Primary Purpose-1st Wed. of the month at 7pm

S.O.S.-1st Wednesday of the month at 8:45pm

Southside Group-2nd Saturday of the month at 8:15am

Sudden Valley- 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

Sumas-3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00pm

Third Legacy-1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm

WITS- 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:45pm

York Meeting- 1st Friday of the month at 5:30pm

Group Birthday Celebration

Bellingham Group-Last Thurs. of the month at 7:00pm

Blaine International-Last Friday of the month at 7:30pm

Custer Group-Last Saturday of the month at 6:00pm

Dry Dock-Last Sunday of the month 3:30pm

Everson Group-3rd Friday of the month at 7:30pm

Fairhaven Group-3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

Ferndale Group-Last Saturday of the month at 8:00pm

Gentle Spirits Group-4th Tue. of the month at 12:00pm

Grateful Hearts-4th Monday of the month at 5:30pm

Into Action-4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm

Lawrence Group-2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm

Lynden Group-Last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

Kendal-Last Monday of the month at 7:00pm

Nooksack Group-Last Wednesday of the month at 8pm

Northwest-3rd Sat. of the month 6:30pm; potluck 5:30pm

Our Primary Purpose- Every day of the month

S.O.S.-Every Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

Southside Group-Everyday at 7:00am

Sudden Valley- Last Thursday at 7pm

Sumas-Last Tuesday at 7:00pm

Third Legacy-Every Monday of the month at 7:00pm

WITS- Every Tues. of the month at 6:30pm

York Meeting- Every Friday of the month at 6:30pm

From the Editor:

If you have interesting AA news or see something that needs to be corrected, please pass the information onto your GSR. We will make any changes necessary and try to fit other information into the newsletter as space allows. You can also email newsletter@whatcomaa.org. Please encourage your group's GSR to submit a report each month with group news and birthdays.

Thank you all for allowing us to be of service to District 11.

Justin S. & Noah N-G.

SOS Men's Group: SOS (Steel On Steel) is an open men's group that meets each Monday and Wednesday at the St. James church in Fairhaven. Meetings begin at 7pm. Monday is a Big Book Study. Wednesday begins with a 20 min topic speaker followed by a break. Cookies and coffee provided. The monthly business meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month after the regular mtg. Time is celebrated each week. SOS has a commitment to take a meeting to PCN in Skagit County on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Birthdays for April:

Southside Group: The 7pm meetings are on Monday and Friday only.

Birthdays for April: 30 yrs: Sonja, 24 yrs: Kevin K, 10 yrs: Charles W, 9 yrs: Tom O, 2 yrs: Tamia, 1 yr: Rick O.

Sudden Valley Group: Every Thursday 7 pm (Grapevine and BB) and Saturday 9 am (12&12). We meet in the Lower Level of the Dance Barn at Gate 2 in Sudden Valley. We are in the in the Sunshine Classroom next to the Health Club.

Birthdays for April:

Sumas Group: The Sumas Group remains small, but is doing well. We are beginning the plans for the 2016 Bryce Creek Campout, which will be held Aug. 19-21 this year. All are invited, and we are planning some great meetings and fun for everyone!

Birthdays for April:

Third Legacy Group:

The Third Legacy Meeting has found a new home: Faith Lutheran Church ELCA
2750 McLeod Rd
Bellingham, WA 98225

We will still be meeting Mondays 7PM and provide paid childcare. Business meetings held at 5:30 the first Monday of the month.

York Meeting: 1-hour Speaker meeting last Friday of the month. Childcare provided. We celebrate birthdays and have cookies each week!

Women in the Solution:

Women in the Solution has a new meeting time! Beginning in March WITS will be meeting at 6:00 rather than 6:30 every Tuesday. We are a weekly womens' meeting that meets every Tuesday at St. Johns church on Cornwall. We have paid childcare and snacks! Our business meeting will be held on March 1st at 7:15 pm (after the regular meeting). We have service opportunities available and all are welcome to participate in our group conscience. Our format for the month of March is 1st Tuesday problem-solution night, 2nd Tuesday daily reflections, 3rd Tuesday step study, 4th Tuesday speaker meeting, and 5th Tuesday Chairperson's choice.

Birthdays for April: 11yrs: Christina K., Jessica P. 10 yrs: Denine, 2 yrs: Desiree L., Jordan T.

**B'ham OldTown OldTimers
Open SPEAKERS MEETING
POTLUCK 5 PM...Please NO DESSERTS**

3rd Saturday Each Month 6-8 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
2117 Walnut Street ~Bellingham

<u>APR 16</u>	<u>MAY 21</u>	<u>June 18</u>
Bridget S. 11.14.86 29 yrs. Ferndale	Stan R. 04.21.98 18 yrs. Bellingham	Debbie A. 02.12.89 27 yrs. Puyallup
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Fred C. 02.20.81 35 yrs. Everett	Ruta P. 03.13.87 29 yrs. Laurel Hill, FL (Brother & Sister)	Steve C. 05.28.79 37 yrs. Renton

The 12 Traditions!

Where: Dry Dock
When: March 29, 2016
6:30 Food and Fellowship
7:00 Workshop

Come Join us as we walk through the first four of our Traditions!

"Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living," co-founder Bill W. said. "And they are to group survival what A.A.'s Twelve Steps are to each member's sobriety and peace of mind.... Most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group. The group must survive or the individual will not."...



The Second Tradition

The First Tradition
Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority... a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern.

The Third Tradition
The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking

The Fourth Tradition
Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

TREASURER REPORT:

January

Previous Balance: \$1089.19
Income Groups: \$259.17
Total Income: \$259.17
Expenses – Comm.: \$488.48
Area, GSO: \$0.00
Total Expend.: \$488.48
Ending Balance: \$903.80

Ongoing Volunteers Needed for:

The AA HOTLINE - 734-1688
phoneservice@whatcomaa.org

Ongoing volunteers are needed to take meetings to corrections and treatment facilities, AA Hotline and to speak at non-AA informational meetings. Please attend the monthly Corrections and Treatment meeting to find out the requirements for volunteering (always the 4th Thursday each month at 5:30 pm at Northwest Group)

District 11 Alcoholics Anonymous Updates

- **Into Action** closed their Saturday night 7:30 Speaker meeting
- **Women in the Solution** has a new meeting time! Beginning in March WITS will be meeting at 6:00 rather than 6:30 every Tuesday.
- **NEW GROUP ~ "Rule" 62** ~ Meets every Thursday 7:00 PM Open meeting ~ Drop In Center ~1013 W. Holly
- **The Third Legacy Meeting** has found a new home: Faith Lutheran Church ELCA
2750 McLeod Rd
Bellingham, WA 98225
- **Barkley Village** has moved and has now changed their name to the **Cordata Saturday Morning** ~ They are now at the Cordata Food Co-Op ~ 315 Westerly Road, 2nd floor ~ Accessible Parking, Entry, Bathroom and Elevator
- **Custer by The Books** has canceled the Mens meeting on Thursday
- **Maple Valley Group** was not closed down! ~ It is still alive and open

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29 Detox, 7pm Chair:	30 Visions, 7pm, Chair:	31 Detox, 7pm, Chair:	1 St. Joes 7pm, Chair:	2 Detox, 7pm Chair:
3	4 St. Joes, 4pm	5 Detox, 7pm	6 Visions, 7pm	7 Detox, 7pm Chair: Accessibility Mtg, Northwest @ 5:30pm	8 St. Joes 7pm	9 Detox, 7pm Literature Mtg, FUG @ 10:30am
10	11 St. Joes, 4pm	12 Detox, 7pm	13 Visions, 7pm Newsletter Report Deadline	14 Detox, 7pm Phone Service Mtg, Dry Dock, 6:15pm	15 St. Joes 7pm	16 Detox, 7pm
17	18 St. Joes, 4pm	19 Detox, 7pm	20 Visions, 7pm GSR District Mtg, Dry Dock, 6:30pm	21 Detox, 7pm	22 St. Joes 7pm	23 Detox, 7pm
24	25 St. Joes, 4pm	26 Detox, 7pm	27 Visions, 7pm	28 Detox, 7pm PI/CPC Mtg, Dry Dock, 6:30pm C&T Mtg, NW, 5:30pm	29 St. Joes 7pm	30 Detox, 7pm

*For information please visit whatcomaa.org.

*For information about quarterly committee meetings and area events go to www.area72aa.org