



# DISTRICT 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



## Group Reports & Birthdays

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

**Blaine International Group:** Our business meetings are the on the 1st Friday of every month at 6:30pm Our PICIPC position is open. The monthly potluck/speaker meetings are on the 2nd Friday of the month with the potluck at 6:30pm and the meeting beginning at 7:30pm. Our Birthday meetings are last Friday of every month at 7:30pm

**Birthdays for September:** 12 years: Patty M., 22 years: Paul C., 24 years: Tara W. 30 years: Terra S., 32 years Barney H.

**Bring Your Own Belief (BYOB):** This new meeting started in in March! Here are the details: One hour long meeting on Sundays at 5:30 pm at 1113 11th Ave, Bellingham, WA (within Southside's Hall, but we are not a part of their group) Meeting contact info: [byobeliefs@gmail.com](mailto:byobeliefs@gmail.com)

### Dry Dock Group:

**Birthdays for September:** 37 yrs.: John G.; 32 yrs.: Lauren D.; 29 yrs.: Bill W.; 28 yrs.: Leigh W., Sandra M.; 27 yrs.: Terry A.D.; 11 yrs.: Jonny C.; 4 yrs.: Amy H., Desirre J.; 3 yrs.: Davy S., Drew, 1 yr.: Tony F.

**Everson Group:** See flyer on back for our Autumn Potluck/Speaker meeting.

**Birthdays for September:** Robert F. 33 years

**Fairhaven Group:** We will be conducting our group inventory in July (details TBD).

**Ferndale Unity Group:** Ferndale is eliminating the Monday and Thursday 7:00 PM meetings starting in June. The Thursday 5:30 meeting will be a literature meeting starting in June.

**Grateful Hearts:** Grateful Hearts will be adding a new meeting on Thursdays at 5:30 at Garden Street Methodist Church beginning on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH. It will be a Topic Meeting using "Daily Reflections". This is a closed women's meeting. Please come join us!

**Birthdays for September:** 1 year: Leigh S; 4 years: Ellen B; 28 years: Marty A; 30 years: Suzanne W

**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:** Please join Into Action on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm for a 12&12 step study on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays, with our birthday meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

**Birthdays for September:**

### Kendall Group:

**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:** Meetings are Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, corner of 4th and Grover in Lynden. Birthday meetings are the last Thursday of every month.

**Maple Falls Group:** Maple Falls still has meetings Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-8pm.

**Nooksack Group:** We are an open meeting and we meet on Wednesday evening 7:00- 8:00 pm at the River-Nooksack Outreach Mission: 6605 Mission Road Everson, WA 98247

**Northwest Group:** Northwest's Tuesday night 7:30 meeting is now a Candle light meeting. Join Northwest Saturday September 15th for our Birthday Celebration Potluck 5:30 Celebration at 6:30

**Birthdays for September:** John G.; 37 years: Loanne S.; 36 years: Lenny; 36 years: Lorrie W.; 35 years: Ila H.; 35 years: Robert F.; 33 years: Sandra M. 28 years: Mike J.; 28 years: Scott F.; 27 years: Bryan R.; 18 years: Ed G.; 14 years: Bob T. 12 years: Viva B. 11 years: Dale S. 11 years: Jonny C. 11 years: Rodney; 10 years: James B.; 10 years: Amanda M.; 9 years: Arron D.; 8 years: Jerry C.; 8 years: Sara B.; 8 years: Cody K.; 8 years: Megan K.; 7 years: T. Ryan V.; 6 years: Tiffany W.; 6 years: Kevin T. W.; 6

## Committee Reports \* Committee Meetings

**District Committee Member (DCM) – Adina F.**

Adina F. - DCM  
District 11  
[dcm@whatcomaa.org](mailto:dcm@whatcomaa.org)

**Alt District Committee Member (DCM) – Don L.**

Gratitude banquet planning committee met the second Tuesday of July the meeting was well attended and almost all of our commitments are filled. Thank you for all the groups that have generously donated raffle baskets. Please keep in mind all are invited to attend next month's meeting August 14th.

Yours in service,  
Don L

**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.

**Accessibility- Ian W.**

Our handbook is finalized and we've elected both a secretary and ASL coordinator. Thanks so much everyone for a such a vibrant committee. Reminder: Alt Chair, Alt Secretary and Alt ASL Coordinator positions are open.

ASL: Our ASL Coordinator will be taking on the task of finalizing arrangements with local ASL interpreters since a few groups have expressed interest in hosting a monthly ASL interpreted meeting. Outreach: We've teamed up with the PI/CPC committee to reach out to long-term care facilities, both to help bring meetings to any members in the facilities, and also to educate staff if desired. More to come later this fall.

Next WWA72 Accessibility Committee Quarterly: SAT 10/20/2018 at Greater Seattle Intergroup  
Upcoming committee meetings: 9/6 and 10/3 at 5:45pm at Northwest Group  
Love & Service,  
Ian W. | 360-224-1420 | [accessibility@whatcomaa.org](mailto:accessibility@whatcomaa.org)

**Corrections & Treatment- Jesse B.**

Our Jail and Juvi 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.**

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- Craig C.**

Greetings from your District 11 Phone Service Committee and volunteers who answer the phones and respond to 12 Step Calls 24/7 to ensure that whenever anyone reaches out for help the hand of AA is always there. Jacqui H. and I are so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your new Chair and Alt-Chair, and we are excited to be hosting our next Hotline Workshop on Sept. 10th from 7-8 pm at Dry Dock, with pizza at 6:30. Come and learn about how you can be of service from home! And all are welcome at our regular meetings at 6:15 pm the third Thursday of the month at Dry Dock.

**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](mailto:schedule@whatcomaa.org) AND [webservant@whatcomaa.org](mailto:webservant@whatcomaa.org)

**Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) – Nicole D.**

Hello district 11!! Your PICPC committee has been busy keeping our community stocked with schedules and information about AA. If your committee can be of service informing the public about AA or cooperating with any professionals who may come into contact with the still suffering alcoholic please let us know! Happy holidays to all!!! Thanks for letting me be of service! Nicole [pi-cpc@whatcomaa.org](mailto:pi-cpc@whatcomaa.org)  
Nicole Dwyer  
Phone: (360)746-1273

**Third Legacy Committee- Rachael A.**

Home-groups are encouraged to send a representative to our monthly Third Legacy Committee Meeting on the 4th Monday of every month at Dry Dock at 6:30 pm. Currently we are developing a Third Legacy Committee Handbook. Our monthly meetings are a great place to dive deeper into the General Service Structure, Twelve Traditions, Concepts, Guidelines, and Pamphlets.

As always, the Third Legacy Committee is available to facilitate group

## Group Business Meetings

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

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

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

**Everson Group-1st** Thursday of the month at 1:00pm

**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 6:15pm

**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- Last** Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

**Northwest Group-2nd** Thursday of the month at 6:00pm

**Our Primary Purpose-1st** Saturday of the month at 10:15am

**Rule 62- 1st** Thursday of the month at 8:45

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

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

**Sudden Valley- Second** Saturday of January, April, July and December at 10:00 am

**Sumas-3rd** Tuesday of the month (odd months) at 8:00pm

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

**WITS- 1st** Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm

**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

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

**Everson Group-4th** 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- 4th** Tuesday of the month 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

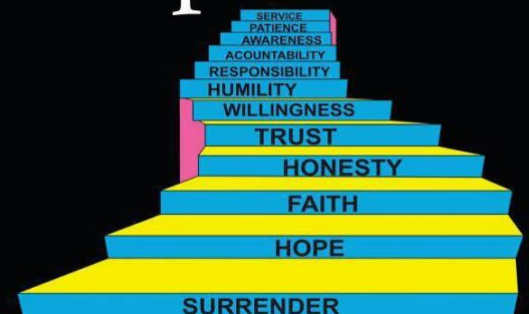
## Ongoing Volunteers Needed for:

The AA HOTLINE – 360-734-1688

[phoneservice@whatcomaa.org](mailto: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)*

## 12 Steps



years: Ted M.; 5 years: Todd E.; 5 years: Aaron B.; 3 years: Ralph C.; 3 years: Desirre; 3 years: Heather W.; 3 years: Rick W.; 3 years: Aaron E.; 3 years: Chris B.; 2 years: Adrian H.; 2 years: Wiley M.; 2 years: Rayanna T.; 2 years: Micah M.; 2 years: Meagan L.; 2 years: Lloyd R. 2 years: Krystal N.; 2 years: Kodi B. 2 years: Dianna H.; 2 years: Dirk W.; 2 years: Damick A.; 2 years: Amanda W. 2 years

**Our Primary Purpose Group:** We are hosting a "History of the 12 Traditions" for at least 12 weeks. Sunday @ noon. Friday 5:30 is designated as a Young People's meeting (all ages welcome) each week with additional social activities once a month

**Birthdays for September:** Larry C., 36; Karen D., 36; Bruce B., 6; Deborah M., 5; Desirre J., 4

**Rule 62 Group:** Our Thursday and Saturday meetings are hopping and our new Cake Coordinator is doing great! Have you ever heard of the 12 Concepts for World Service? If not, come to our Big Book study on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month to learn more. And don't forget your Big Book! And if you are up for a surprise, come to our Saturday speaker meeting. We never tell anyone ahead of time who our speaker is, not even ourselves! Because we're Rule 62!

**SOS Men's Group:**

**Southside:** SS picnic: 8/12, 11-4, Marine Park, Fairhaven, bring a friend and a side dish!

**Sudden Valley Group:** We have moved our meetings to the Library which is adjacent to the parking lot at the Barns. Meeting times remain the same: Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. for a Big Book Study and Saturday mornings at 9:00 A.M. for a 12 x 12 Study.

**Sumas Group:** The Sumas Group is very excited to be supporting the 2018 Bryce Creek Campout, hosted by the Kendall Group of Alcoholics Anonymous this year. We are hopeful that this event will be well attended, as we all meet for a full weekend of food, fun, meetings, and camping! See you in August.....

**Third Legacy Group:** Third Legacy had been in the process of looking for a new location however we are happy to say that we will be staying at our current location. Please come show your support Monday's at 7:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church 2750 McLeod, Bellingham, WA 98225

**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:** WITS meets at 6:00pm every Tuesday. We are a weekly women's meeting that meets every Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church on Cornwall. We have free childcare and snack potluck! We have service opportunities available and all are welcome to participate in our group conscience. Our format each month: 1st Tuesday first step, 2nd Tuesday daily reflections, 3rd Tuesday step study, 4th Tuesday speaker.

**Birthdays for September:** Deborah M. 5 yrs., Dianna H. 2 yrs., Jacqui H. 2 yrs., Karla G., 8 yrs., Krystal N. 2 yrs., Leigh W. 28 yrs.,

inventories, assist with workshops, and speak at your group about anything service related. Your District Third Legacy Chair, Rachael W. and Deborah W. [3legacycom@whatcomaa.org](mailto:3legacycom@whatcomaa.org)



The Mount Baker Roundup is cancelled for 2018 due to the abrupt loss of our venue. We shall relaunch in 2019. All paid registrations are in the process of being returned. Hotel reservations can be cancelled without penalty. Thank you for your patience.

Everson Group Presents:  
An Autumn Evening Potluck/Speaker Meeting

**Date:** Friday, Sept 14

**Time:** 6:30pm Dinner - 7:30pm Speaker: Susan L

**Place:** Nooksack Advent Christian Church  
201 Jackson St, Nooksack

Main course is Chicken Cordon Bleu!

Please bring a side dish, dessert or drinks.

SOS MEN'S GROUP

**FAMILY  
CAMPOUT**

September 7 - 9, 2018  
Camp Vandenburg  
6414 N Fruitdale Rd  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

What to bring?

- 1) Food
- 2) Camping Gear
- 3) Games
- 4) Friends & Family

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

**A.A. at a glance**

**What is A.A.?**

Alcoholics Anonymous is a voluntary, worldwide fellowship of men and women from all walks of life who meet together to attain and maintain sobriety. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership.

**Current Membership**

It is estimated that there are over 118,000 groups and over 2,000,000 members in approximately 180 countries.

**Relations With Outside Agencies**

The Fellowship has adopted a policy of "cooperation but not affiliation" with other organizations concerned with the problem of alcoholism. We have no opinion on issues outside A.A. and neither endorse nor oppose any causes.

**How A.A. Is Supported**

Over the years, Alcoholics Anonymous has affirmed and strengthened a tradition of being fully self-supporting and of neither seeking nor accepting contributions from nonmembers. Within the Fellowship, the amount that may be contributed by any individual member is limited to \$3,000 a year.

**How A.A. Members Maintain Sobriety**

A.A. is a program of total abstinence. Members simply stay away from one drink, one day at a time. Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism.

**Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is "Anonymous"**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of A.A. It disciplines the Fellowship to govern itself by principles rather than personalities. We are a society of peers. We strive to make known our program of recovery, not individuals who participate in the program. Anonymity in the public media is assurance to all A.A.s, especially to newcomers, that their A.A. membership will not be disclosed.

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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Detox, 7pm
2	3 St. Joes, 4pm	4 Detox, 7pm	5 Visions, 7pm	6 Detox, 7pm Accessibility Mtg. @ NW, 5:45	7 St. Joes 7pm	8 Detox, 7pm
9 PCN, 7pm	10 St. Joes, 4pm	11 Detox, 7pm Gratitude Banquet Mtg. @ Dry Dock, 7pm	12 Visions, 7pm *Deadline for Newsletter* Mt. Baker Roundup Mtg. @ St. James, 5:30pm	13 Detox, 7pm	14 St. Joes 7pm	15 Detox, 7pm Literature Mtg. @ FUG 10:30am
16	17 St. Joes, 4pm	18 Detox, 7pm	19 Visions, 7pm GSR District Mtg. @ Dry Dock, 6:30pm	20 Detox, 7pm Phone Service Mtg. @ Dry Dock, 6:15pm	21 St. Joes 7pm	22 Detox, 7pm
23	24 St. Joes, 4pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Legacy Committee Mtg. @ Dry Dock, 6:30pm	25 Detox, 7pm	26 Visions, 7pm	27 Detox, 7pm PI/CPC Mtg. @ Dry Dock, 6:30pm C&T Mtg. @ NW, 5:30pm	28 St. Joes 7pm	29 Detox, 7pm
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\*For information please visit [whatcomaa.org](http://whatcomaa.org).

\*For information about quarterly committee meetings and area events go to [www.area72aa.org](http://www.area72aa.org)