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EVENTS

AA AREA 72 PI & CPC QUARTERLY MEETING

This August, District 21 is hosting the Quarterly for PI & CPC!

The PI & CPC groups are responsible for **working with professionals and the public**. This is important work, as it is often a doctor, counselor, mental health professional, teacher, law enforcement or judicial entity who might be in a position to recommend the still-suffering alcoholic to AA

When: Saturday, August 8th 2015 9 AM to 3 PM

Where: St. Andrews Episcopal Church
400 E 1st Street Aberdeen, WA

For more information contact Joel P., our PI & CPC chair! 360-520-0582

THE EYEOPENER'S 10TH ANNUAL GROUP PICNIC!

Burgers, hot dogs and eating utensils supplied. Potluck sides and desserts. Open to friends and family!

When: Saturday, August 22nd noon to 5 PM

Where: Friends Landing
Weyco 1 300 Katon Rd Montesano WA

Camping available: call 360-259-5117

HELP WANTED: Treatment Chair Needed

We are honored to be asked to facilitate AA meetings up at HarborCrest Behavioral Health. These meetings are important to share our experience, strength and hope. They are also the best places to demonstrate meeting etiquette to newcomers, and help educate alcoholics, support staff, family, and other interested parties about *what AA is, and what AA isn't*.

We need a dependable person to head this position and make sure AA is doing all it can to be reliable. You can learn more about the Treatment Chair work from our previous chair Kelly H. (360)500-3287, by attending our District meeting (the third Sunday of every month, at the Aberdeen Alano Club 923 W. Heron in Aberdeen) - or by contacting our DCM Kathee: dcm21@area72aa.org

from Bill W.

The next thing we knew [AA member] No.3 said to his wife "Fetch my clothes dear, we're going to get up and get out of here." So A.A. No.3 rose from his bed and walked out of that place never to drink again. Well, at that time there was no realization on the part of us what had begun to happen. Of course, that was the beginning of A.A. as we understand it today. The essential process was the same and the grace of God just as everlasting.

Interview, Chicago, Il., February 1951

thank yous:

Thank you to Nikki C, who attended her first Quarterly as Literature Chair for our District. Do you have questions about the Grapevine, or any of the AA pamphlets you see in treatment centers or in recovery clubs? Nikki is the one to ask!

*Thank you to all who came out and supported **Founders' Day**, held June 7th in Ocean Shores. We celebrated a total of **627 years and nine months** of sobriety!*

sobriety birthdays

Happy Hour: Nikki C, 1 yr

Montesano Group: Kerry, 6 mos, Babe 21 yrs

New Noon: Gary S, 1 yr; Big Bob, 8 yr, Vi, 19 yrs

Valley Group: Cory, 1 yr; Roy, 33 yrs

from our Web Chair

Saturday, July 25th the Area 72 Web Committee Quarterly meets in Seattle, an event hosted by District 18. What is different about this meeting? Well for one, they are hosting a web meeting option: you can log in from a private computer wherever you are, instead of traveling several hours to go to the meeting.

As I contemplate another day on the road in hot summer traffic, I am thinking on this option and the spiritual principles it supports - as well as those it supplants. A web meeting is convenient, encourages familiarity with current technologies, is environmentally-friendly, and supports the AA member who may have trouble taking the day (or finding a reliable car). On the other hand, meeting via a computer screen is a little less intimate than meeting face-to-face - and of course, we won't be sharing food or coffee together in a tangible way.

While AA leadership seeks to learn about and embrace new social and technological advances, it is important also to never let convenience trump all other factors in doing our avocational work. To quote a passage from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, sometimes "the good is the enemy of the best"! Any changes to how we do business should be considered carefully - with lively and respectful discussion in the AA groups.

I am sure to have something to ask my service sponsor about when we next talk. After all, as I think on these issues, I know that my mind isn't the only one working it all out. Other AAs find the topics important, too!

- Kelly H., Hoquiam