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Accepting Acceptance

Dear Martha: Thank you for your work on the newsletter, including the articles you write and your cartoons. We are indeed very lucky to have you!

I'm writing in response to "Wisdom to Know the Difference" (April 2005), because the idea of acceptance has sometimes been difficult for me to understand and apply in my life.

At a discussion meeting early in my AA sobriety, acceptance was the topic. A woman whom I hadn't seen before and haven't since, said: "You can change yourself. You can't change anything else. If you know the difference between a glass of water and a glass of whiskey, you have all the wisdom you need."

I was talking recently with an AA friend who pointed out that the Serenity Prayer is not one of the steps, nor is acceptance mentioned in any of them. True. But then there is: "...we have stopped fighting anybody or anything..." Also, page 449 (3rd ed.) is often quoted, and almost everyone I've met in AA says that story is one of their favorites, and that it has helped them with their sober serenity. So acceptance seems to be a useful tool.

It hasn't always been easy to accept my own past behaviors and make amends. And doing so certainly doesn't mean I condone or support or justify myself or past bad acts. I did wrong, period, and I can't change my past nor deny it. I can't make it go away, so I accept it. Acceptance does seem to defuse some of the power my past has had over my present decisions and actions.

Have I learned anything else from choosing acceptance as a spiritual guide? Yes, I believe I have. I think acceptance has helped me replace some of my 'justifiable' resentments with understanding.

I have people in my life with whom I am in fundamental disagreement. I accept that these people exist. I accept that there is nothing I can do to change them. They are as they are. So, is there something I can do about myself?

Maybe.

I notice when I look closely and remove convenient identifying names or labels, I see fear or greed . . . or sloth, maybe, or envy, anger, pride, resentment, self-seeking, self-righteousness . . . in the faces and eyes of these people. I can see what motivates them. I, too, have acted when I shouldn't (or not acted when I should) from some of these same motives.



May 2005

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AA Meetings:

New:

Changed:

Cancelled

Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. This will save people frustration or worse when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book"

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Many of these people seem more powerful than I will ever be - in some cases powerful enough to affect the course of world events. I think I see that they are accomplishing this feat almost every day.

Are the consequences, so clear to me, really hidden from them? Are their decisions and actions deliberate? Or are they paralyzed with fear? Why do they keep doing the same destructive things over and over? Are they expecting different results?

Starting from acceptance as a spiritual practice, I have begun to understand these people. Maybe this is a small first step toward what a great spiritual teacher once said I should do — which is to love my enemies.

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Years and years ago, I read *The Dancing Wu-Li Masters* by Gary Zukav. Much of the book was over my head, but one thing stuck - the observer affects the observed. This had been demonstrated by a cyclotron and sub-atomic particles. The simple fact of observation had a measurable effect on the particles. Numerous experiments with plants have also documented what any plant lover knows first hand - how they are treated makes a difference to the plants. The recent film *What the Bleep Do We Know?* mentioned Mr. Imoto of Japan, who has recorded differences in water quality resulting from the differently intentioned energies (such as blessing or cursing) of an observer.

For most children, none of this would be news. Children know when they're being watched, and they know when they are loved and delighted in, and when they are being judged harshly.

To what conclusion or purpose is all this? I can answer that only for myself. But who knows what might happen if we all woke up one day and actually, from the heart, began to love our enemies?

Elisabeth R.
Springfield

In English-speaking countries we have many occupational surnames, such as Smith and Taylor, but "Bum" and "Homeless" aren't in the telephone directory. It's different in Russia. The Russian surnames "Rasputin" (from rasputitsa - to go astray) and Bezdomny mean just that. Neizvestny (unknown) is not uncommon. These names have an interesting history. In Tsarist times, criminals exiled to Siberia found escape from labor camps to be easy. When picked up, they refused to divulge their names. There was no means of identifying them - so they were registered under their new identities as homeless bums. In the Soviet era such names were actually prestigious; one could always claim that one's ancestor was exiled for some political crime, though in many cases the wrongdoing was less romantic.

Echoes in the Valley

Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard at area meetings. While not always original, they represent local shares by your fellow recovering alcoholics. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission - otherwise they are anonymous. Please submit contributions to this department. **People say clever things all over town - not just in meetings your newsletter editor attends.**

There's nothing more boring than being very, very humble and having nobody around to appreciate it.
Hank, Sober Awakening

The slogans I find the most annoying are the ones I have the most work to do on.
Karen P.S., Sober Awakening

In early sobriety, the place I got the most sleep was in meetings. It was the only place I didn't feel like an 800 pound gorilla was chasing me.
David, Sober Awakening

The slogan I like best it "let's put the fun back in funerals."
J.P., resident cynic, Sober Awakening.

I could either be really, really happy about it or really upset - both good excuses to drink, right?
Barabra, Sober Awakening

My idea of a spiritual awakening was to get completely loaded and climb up on a hill and wait to be delivered ... It didn't work.
Peter, Sober Awakening

When I was new, somebody suggested I pay attention to the first page in the Big Book - it'd tell me everything I already knew. What a joke. The first page of the Big Book is blank.
Anon, LCC Noon

A couple of travelling salesmen found themselves in Atlanta one Christmas Eve. Feeling sorry for themselves, they bought a couple of bottles and started drinking in their hotel room. Soon they were harmonizing. Deciding their vocal talents were being wasted, they left the hotel and wandered down the street until they heard some singing. The voices were those of a Black Baptist congregation.

The salesmen entered the church, sat in as rear pew, and joined in lustily - and fragrantly.

When the collection was taken, each man dropped an expense-account \$10 bill* into the basket. As the usher presented the collection basket to the minister, that good man's eyes bugged at the bills.

"Who put them in the basket?" he whispered.

"I don't know who they are," replied the usher, "but they sing like Baptists, give like Roman Catholics, and smell like Episcopalians."
Grapevine, December 1958*

Rule 62:

There was a fellow who for a number of years attended both services and AA meetings at the same church, a circumstance known to the preacher. Gradually, however, he stopped going to church. When the preacher asked him why, he said he'd gotten tired of all the hypocrisy in the congregation. "But surely you've got your hypocrites in AA, too," said the preacher. "Yes," replied the alcoholic, "But we can smell our hypocrites."

The following cartoon is dedicated to the ladies who are always knitting at AA meetings. Of possible significance - Madame Defarge and her husband owned a wine shop.



People: **

OFFICE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
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Odessa Q. (896-3574)

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Pathways: Doug R. (461-3872)

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Carlton House: Robert S. (684-9439)

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W.F.T.-Book Study: Mindy S. (954-2048)

Serenity Lane:

Speaker: Phillip S. (342-2180)

B.T.G.: Gus P. (463-1691)

Sat. Cindy D. (988-0183), Jason (912-8217)

Saturday Night Live Hank A. (484-6259)

Johnson Unit: Jill (302-1311)

E.V.I. STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Bob T. (342-1588)

Co-Chair:

Secretary: Cress B. (913-1791)

Treasurer: Bob E. (747-2246)

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At-Large: Deb B. (302-4839)

At-Large: Ken L. (747-8270)

At-Large: Lori P. (343-2515)

At-Large: Frank K. 345-7131

BOOKKEEPER: Elizabeth R.

**Last updated 1/30/05 - some positions have since rotated.

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Personally, I doubt thinking had much to do with becoming an alcoholic or with deciding to try AA. It did, on the other hand, have a good deal to do with my sticking with AA long enough to achieve some solid emotional sobriety.

I could see for myself that the program worked for a lot of people, and I wanted to know why. Since no "expert" stepped forward waving a textbook on substance abuse psychology, I had to find the answer in my own experience and observations, and that meant I had to keep coming back. I still don't have THE answer, probably because there isn't one. A lot of it is about social interaction, and re-learning how to be part of a highly interconnected community, something human beings need as much as they need food and air.

St. Paul characterized the early Christian Community as being analogous to a body, each of whose members has a different function, all of them critical to survival of the whole. Would you want a body without a brain, or with only a minimally functioning one? By no means. Neither would you want a body in which the brain became so dominant that it robbed other vital organs of function and sustenance. Possibly that is what certain individuals had in mind when they told me that I was too smart to get sober. Perhaps they had experienced intellectual bullies who used their brains to create social imbalance. At the level of an individual meeting, bullying is possible, and quite destructive. Fortunately, AA as a whole is more robust. The person who misuses power – of brain, brawn, wealth, or celebrity – destabilizes his community. People drift away, some to other meetings, some to a dangerous world. The power broker finds himself isolated, and unless he is able to identify and curb the defect that led to his isolation, he will probably relapse.

Envy and reverse snobbery on the part of members of an established community do not lead so obviously to destruction, but tend to result in a long process of stagnation and attrition. I sometimes hear people comment privately that so-and-so is too comfortable financially to really admit powerlessness over alcohol, or too secure in a seemingly textbook American family to understand total demoralization, or too wedded to the religious sect of his childhood to have a grasp of true spirituality. We should certainly make every effort to include the low bottom drunk with many strikes against him, and avoid boosting our own egos by invidious comparisons, but shouldn't we be equally cautious about boosting our egos by subtly undermining the sobriety of people who are more talented and successful than we are?

By good fortune the AA group I stumbled into, which has been my home group ever since, is one where people aren't required to check their brains at the door. We have a number of professional people with advanced degrees included in a good cross section of the population. The meeting works, because the attorneys and college professors don't say "I'm smarter and better educated, and that entitles me to tell you how to run your life," and the garbage haulers and waitresses don't say "People who use words like the one you just used are nothing but a bunch of stuck-up assholes." The variety of points of view and personal experiences shared is a great plus in my book. I've attended women-only meetings, which many women find more comfortable, but I stopped going partly because I often get valuable insights from those people and stories most dissimilar to mine. I've avoided meetings specifically targeting professionals. If I have any residual contempt for people with little education and not much sophistication in their thought processes, listening attentively to their narratives effectively cures it.

I guess you'd say I've learned some humility in the brain department. I didn't learn it by hiding my light under a bushel basket. I learned it by putting what I had to offer on the table, honestly, and recognizing that the contributions of others who did likewise were equally valuable. At long last, my brain is learning to participate in community.

Martha S.

Eugene, Oregon

EVI Business Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2005

6:30 Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Bob T. chairing. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS: Vacant Positions:

CPC Chair: Doug was elected unanimously.; **CPC Co-Chair:** Jim B. was elected unanimously; PI Chair: No nominations, election postponed.

EVI Co-Chair: Bob E. nominated last month. Angel nominated and seconded; gave service resume. Voted by paper ballot, 15:11 in favor of Angel.

Open Committee Chair Positions We still need a **PI Chair**. We discussed duties and encouraged EVI reps to publicize this in groups The **Assistant Office coordinator** position is also open. Please go back to your groups to discuss this. The person should have 1 year of sobriety and be able to commit about 6-10 hours per week.

Larry rotated out of the **H&I Chair** position in March. He nominated Cayce, currently the Cooperation with Treatment Facility Chair. The H&I committee endorses Cayce. Sylvia reported that Vicki (Speaker Meeting) turned in a letter resigning in September 2004.

Announcements

Gus announced that the Portland Intergroup is raffling off a set of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th edition Big Books as a fund raiser to establish a new Portland Intergroup Archive and moved that EVI office sell tickets. After some discussion the motion carried with one "no" vote.

Summerfest: Conen gave an announcement about Summerfest which will be held at the Hilton on July 1, 2, 3. Pre-registration is important to cover up-front costs. Summerfest committee meetings are held at Alan Brothers coffee at 11 am on Sunday.

South Valley AA Groups Steve from Cottage Grove said recent workshop on Groups was a success. Steve thanked District 20 and EVI for their support.

Al-Anon Carolyn (521-8581), the Al-Anon/EVI Liaison announced a Speaker Breakfast on May 7th. Cathy S. is the Al-Anon speaker; AA speaker open. There is also an Al-Ateen roundup in Portland on May 7th

Regina announced the upcoming Western Area Young People's Conference. Those who would like to help should come to the committee meetings at 5:30 pm on the last Saturday of the month.

Sunlight of the Spirit group has moved to 1250 W. 18th.

7:10 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee

The Hilyard Dance is coming up. The committee will start planning a 4th of July picnic and the meeting to plan this is on the second Sunday at 5:00 pm at EVI.

Archivists: Johanna mentioned that she got some donations of old meeting books.

Diverter: Joe – 337-6565. Need backup person on Wednesday night.

Communications

Website: Karla. Meeting directory information is updated on the website.

Meeting Directory: Roger reported that new meeting directories are on the way.

Newsletter: Martha distributed April newsletters, and repeated request for contributions.

H&I Larry is still the "figurehead" H&I chair. The H&I committee meets 6:00 pm H&I meeting notes and other information are also on the EVI website.

Literature: Tim announced that he has an order in and more books are on their way.

Office Coordinator Roger assumed the duties of Office Coordinator. Volunteers are still needed. Two new phones have been installed. Roger is looking into getting rebuilt printer cartridges.

Outreach: Lee reported that Angela is the new co-chair and the committee will be doing outreach next week in Springfield.

Speaker Meeting Flyers are out on the website and Sylvia mentioned that she and Donna will be rotating out of the Speaker Meeting Co-Chair and Chair respectively. The Speaker Meeting committee wants EVI to vote on the Speaker Meeting treasurer

Treasurer's Report Bob E. reported that March came out all right. We are over the Prudent Reserve by about \$500, group contributions are about average, and our costs are down from previous months, We haven't taken any action on the one group that is still using the EVI ID number on their account.

7:50 Meeting closed with the serenity prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Cress B. – EVI Secretary (abridged by newsletter chair)

Intergroup:

EVI Office

1259 Willamette
Eugene, OR 97401-3509
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Drop by for a visit!

EVI Web Site

www.efn.org/~eviaa

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found to the left of the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

EVI News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

EVI News is a monthly newsletter of the Emerald Valley Intergroup. It is about, by, and for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship. Opinions expressed herein are not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, nor does publication of any article or event or notice imply endorsement by either Alcoholics Anonymous or EVI. (Exceptions: Quotations from A.A. books or pamphlets which are reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.) EVI News is produced to support communication within the fellowship; please respect the anonymity of any A.A. member mentioned herein. EVI News reserves the right to edit any submissions for clarity, length, language, and editorial policy. Contributions gratefully accepted for consideration for publication.

Submissions due by last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. **Please include a contact phone #.** Submissions can also be e-mailed to: eviaa@efn.org or mshew@darkwing.uoregon.edu. Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6 pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office.

Contributions:

April, 2005

Group Contributions (month/ytd)

As Bill Sees It 00
 Attitude Adjustment 312.60/636.60
 Blue River Sunday 00
 Brown Bag Group 75.00/75.00
 Buckley Pass it On 00
 Cottage Grove Al-Anon 50.00/50.00
 Cottage Grove Gratitude .00
 Cottage Grove Noon 50.00/50.00
 Creswell Al-Anon 00
 Daily Reflections 00
 Dexter Women's Group 00
 Downtown AM Group 120.18/768.18
 Drop the Rock 184.39/184.39
 Early Firehouse Group .75.00/75.00
 Freedom of Choice 98.00/98.00
 Friday Night BB Study .00
 Friday Night Men's 100.00/200.00
 Friday Nite Young People 00
 From The Heart 00
 Gratitude Group 67.20/67.20
 Host of Friends 75.00/75.00
 How It Works 10.00/62.00
 Lanugage of the Heart 00
 Last Chance Study Group 50.00/50.00
 McKenzie River Group 00
 Mohawk Brown Bag 00
 Monday Mens Stag 00
 Pass it On 30.00/30.00
 Physical Awakening 140.00/140.00
 Recovery By The Steps 00
 Recover by Big Book 30.00/30.00
 Rush Hour Group 00
 Saturday Morning Steps 100.78/259.53
 Search For Serenity 91.00/205.00
 Serenity at Noon 00
 Serenity Seekers 00
 Sober Awakenings 637.63/637.63
 Sunday Sunshine -
 Thurs. Men's Book Study 100.00/100.00
 Tues Night Young People . 114.56/186.76
 Tuesday How it Works 96.00/96.00
 Try God Group 302.90/995.37
 Tuesday Sponsorship Group 50.00/50.00
 Veneta Gratitude 47.57/47.57
 Wednesday Beginners.00
 Wed How it Works 00
 Wednesday Men's Noon 70.00/70.00
 Wed. Night Men's Stag 180.00/180.00
 Women's Bedrock 50.00/50.00
 Women's How it Works 5.00/5.00
Total Contributions Group
 month/ytd 1844.62/5948.23
Individual Contributions
 Faithful Fiver 105.00/405.00
 Anonymous 8.15/271.35
Total Contributions Individual
 113.15/676.35

Too Smart to be Sober?

Somewhere on my bookshelf is a small paperback with the title *Too Smart to be Rich*. It's an amusing account of the lifestyles of "Yuffies" – Young Urban Failures – describing how people with the capacity to be rocket scientists usually end up living a sort of perpetual student lifestyle. The title alone induced me to shell out the full new purchase price, which is something Muffies (middle-aged failures) like me rarely do. The contents shortly had me rolling on the avocado carpet. Humor is always funnier when we recognize ourselves in a ludicrous situation.

As far as I know, there is no analogous volume: *Too Smart to be Sober*. If there were, and if it were written by some of the people I have encountered in AA meetings, it wouldn't be funny at all. The Yuffie's low level of material success is, after all, a choice, often preferred for reasons that make a certain amount of sense. Failure to achieve sobriety once active alcoholism has become established, on the other hand, confers no physical, social, emotional or spiritual advantages. Not fully employing the tools available for getting and staying sober cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered a rational decision, and any habit of mind or pattern of behavior that makes getting sober impossible must surely be viewed as a grave character defect.

In view of this, telling a person who is exploring AA: "You're X, and X's can't get sober," amounts to condemnation of the most profound sort. If X is a pattern of behavior, deeply ingrained, perhaps, but still learned, then the statement implies that the person can't get sober until he's overcome his other problem. At the same time, others are probably telling him that he can't begin to overcome the other problem until he's gotten sober. The alcoholic is caught in a feedback loop, with no obvious exit. Fortunately, our AA traditions teach us to tackle getting sober first, promising that once a person has succeeded in abstaining from alcohol, working the 12 steps conscientiously while relying on a Higher Power will soon produce improvement in other key areas of life.

Suppose, however, that "X" is an innate characteristic. The Big Book mentions only one such barrier, that of being 'constitutionally incapable of being honest,' and explicitly excludes grave mental disorders. Nowhere (correct me if I am wrong) does it mention high intelligence, advanced education, or an intellectual turn of mind as an insuperable barrier to achieving sobriety. It does refer to the 'intellectually self-sufficient person' in the Chapter "To the Agnostic," but this is in specific reference to belief in a Higher Power. There is a widely-held societal belief - reinforced, admittedly, by agnostic intellectuals - that there is a negative correlation between intelligence and spirituality. If such a correlation exists at all, there are so many exceptions that it forms a poor guideline for judging individuals. In my experience, intelligent agnostics and naïve adherents of religious sects are far more vocal and dogmatic than uneducated agnostics and intelligent, thoughtful religious people. An intelligent atheist will proudly proclaim that his *lack* of belief is a result of his intelligence, while a deeply spiritual intellectual is unlikely to ascribe his spirituality to intellectual process, or to consider that it is some privilege he enjoys because of his education and diligent pursuit of the truth.

When I was new in sobriety, several individuals accused me of arrogance, and of showing off when I inserted book learning and scholarly vocabulary into a share. Apparently, in some people's books, "f**king assholes of cops" is program, but "egregious violation of common standards of human intercourse" is not. I was told to leave my brain at the door by a fellow (by no means stupid himself) who delighted in showing off his exceedingly fit body and boasting of feats of physical prowess. I figured I'd leave my brain at the door when he started showing up in baggy sweats.

People say, "my best thinking got me here" implying that intellect somehow fuels alcoholism. That's probably true for some people. I suspect, however, that denial processes are universally well-crafted enough to fool the alcoholic himself, and that the denial mechanisms of intelligent people differ only in being able to fool others longer.

May Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee, 6:30 PM
 Tue District 20, 6:30 PM, 418 A St. Myron M. 345-5827
 Tue District 33, 7-8 PM, Alan U. 741-2617
 Wed District 19, 5:30 PM, Sandy V. 485-4827
 Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00 PM, Vicki 688-5042
 Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00 PM
 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Wed District 6, 6:30 PM, Tim A. 726-8558
 Sat Answering/Diverter, 10:00 AM, Joe (232-1267)
 Sat EVI Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM, 2801 W. 18th
 Sun Activities, 5:00 PM, Sylvia, 485-3482
 3rd Tues Public Information, 6:00 PM
 Sat Meeting and DANCE, Hilyard Community Ctr., 7:00 pm
 Last Wed H&I Committee, 6 PM
 Thur Outreach, 6:30 PM, EVI Office
 Sat W.A.C.Y.P.A.A.. 5:30 pm. EVI office

Fellowship Events

There will be an EVI Dance, with AA meeting at 7:00 pm and dance at 8:30, on May 21 at the Hilyard Community Center, 250 Hilyard Street. Sponsored by the EVI Activities Committee. Dances will henceforth be scheduled every third Saturday of the month.

The EVI monthly speaker meeting takes place on the second Saturday of the month, 7:30 pm, at Living Hope Church, 2801 W. 18th, Eugene. It features both local and regional AA and Al-Anon speakers.

Summerfest '05 is scheduled for July 1-3 at the Eugene Hilton. Check out the website, www.aa-summerfest.org or call the chair, Ryan A. (541-513-6498) for more information.

Pathfinders (formerly Recovery Riders) organizes outdoor events for AA members and their families. Check their website, www.geocities.com/dailypath

The Rogue Roundup is May 6-8 at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. For information contact Rick or Jeri at 541-474-5521 or website, www.rougeroundup.com

The Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly takes place May 20-22 in Clatskanie. This event features workshops as well as a business meeting and is open to all AA members. For information contact your DCM.

Monroe Stark Raving Sober Campout, June 17-19, at Alsea Falls, is open to everyone. See grammar optional flier in EVI office.

The EVI office has flyers and information about all of the above events, as well as others which are out of state or otherwise of limited interest.

Gratitude:

Currently Available Service Positions

H&I has an ongoing, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work.

Public Information needs people with transportation to deliver literature. There is no minimum sobriety requirement for most PI service positions.

The Diverter seeks volunteers to take calls to the local AA number after hours. Contact Joe (232-1267)) for details, or obtain information and application forms from the EVI office.

The EVI Office can always use people who are able to answer phones and perform office functions for one Roger (935-7260), or stop by the office for information.

The Activities Committee urgently needs more volunteers to help plan and staff events. Please, if you want to continue having fun events, get involved. There is no minimum sobriety requirement; time commitment is flexible. Call Sylvia, 485-3482.

Addresses for Group Contributions

Emerald Valley Intergroup
 1259 Willamette Street
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 Contributions for Districts 6, 19, 20, and 33 may also be sent to the above address. Indicate the district on the envelope, include the group number (found in the Oregon Area Directory), and make check out to the District.

Oregon Area 58 Treasury
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