

Faithful Fiver Pledge:

Emerald Valley Intergroup
1259 Willamette
Eugene, Oregon 97401

I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community

I'm feeling grateful, I can send _____ per month

I will mail or drop off my contribution:
Monthly

Four times a year (\$15 each)

Once a year (\$60)

Name: _____

Address: _____

when you acknowledge my contribution, please list me as (first name, Initial, or nickname): _____

"Faithful Fivers" are individuals who donate \$5 or more per month to help support Intergroup. We will post your nick name on a board in the office, with a little red dot placed for each months contribution, so you can track of your contribution. (We don't remind you, or otherwise keep track of it for you, and we will send you a newsletter whether or not you have remembered to send in your pledge.) You can contribute monthly, quarterly or yearly, and if you check the receipt box, and are on the News mailing list, we will send you a receipt at the end of the year. (If you want a receipt, but would like to save EVI postage by picking up the News at the Office, or the EVI Business Meeting, fill out your nickname and address, but write "no news" next to your address.) Our "Faithful Fivers" Program is new this last year, and was a great help. The idea came from an article in the G.S.O. Newsletter "Box 4-5-9 on similar programs at other Intergroups.

GET THE NEWS!



Learning to Love Youth Enjoying Sobriety

I'm an alcoholic, and my name is Keven. I live in a suburb of Chicago, and I'm twenty-four years old. By the grace of God, I've been sober since May 1990. Sometimes that feels like forever, and other times it was just yesterday. I still have a lot to learn.

Nobody in my immediate family is an alcoholic, so I really have nobody to blame for my disease. Although I was born with a very mild form of cerebral palsy, it doesn't affect my lifestyle at all. Most people don't even recognize the problem until I tell them, yet as a child I used this disability as an excuse for why I was never good enough. Today I do not use this condition as an excuse for my alcoholism either. As I grew up, I had no self-esteem or any problem-solving ability. I started to feel more and more like an outsider. Why should anyone else care for me when I didn't even like myself? So when alcohol came into my life, I took to it very fast. I never really crossed the line into alcoholism - I started out past that line. At that time, I saw my life as being really bad: now, looking back, I know I was fortunate that I had a relatively high bottom. It doesn't mean I can forget that pain. Whenever there is a shooting at a school being covered by the media, my reaction is just like everyone else. I'm shocked at today's youth. Then I have to remember that it could have been me. I remember being in grade school and carrying around weapons, or having parties in the eighth grade where people would be firing off handguns in the backyard. When I was ten years old, I broke a classmate's neck. I was on a first-name basis with the youth cop in my town because my friends and I had had so many encounters with him. All in all, my life was anything but normal and I've earned my seat at the tables of AA. I wish I could tell a very elaborate bottoming-out story, but the truth is much more simple. I got caught drinking at the age of fourteen. A forty-five minute evaluation turned into a thirty-six day alcohol/drug rehabilitation stay. It was there that I decided I wanted to stay sober for the rest of my life. It seemed easy enough at the time!

Then I went to my first meeting. I looked around and didn't see anybody who looked like me. There were men and women there who were older than my parents. They started talking about DWIs and losing things like spouses, houses, and jobs. These were things I'd never even had, let alone lost. I knew two things: I didn't want to live the way I was living and these people had what I wanted. Nonetheless, here I felt I was an outsider again. As usual, I did everything in the world to try and fit in. I'd exaggerate my drinking history to a point that nobody in his right mind would believe it. Since puberty was still kicking in, my voice was higher than most of the men's voices, so during the Lord's Prayer I'd try and make my voice sound lower than it really was. These deceptions were quite ridiculous, but my fellow AAs tolerated them because they truly cared about me.

When it came time to find a sponsor, I decided to show everyone my "independence" and chose the most outrageous man I could find, someone I was sure my parents wouldn't approve of. Doug was an unemployed street musician and he didn't stay sober much past my first anniversary. One of the things Doug did do was to get me started on the Steps right away. I will never forget Doug for giving me the gift of the Twelve Steps.

During my first few years, everything was new to me. School became awkward for several reasons: first, because I was attending it on a regular basis. Second, because I was changing my playgrounds and playmates. Right about this time I met a few people outside meetings. They weren't alcoholics, but rather members of Alateen. Even though I never attended one of their meetings or even had the required membership, these kids still took me under their wing. I can't explain how grateful I am to those young kids for being my safety net at such places as school.

During the same weekend as my one-year anniversary one of these kids killed himself. This tragedy took hold of me very intensely. I was feeling scared, confused, sad, angry, and a dozen other emotions, all at the same time. I had no idea how to handle it, so I went to an AA meeting that night and explained what I

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W.F.T.- Book Study: Wendy W. (431-6920)

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

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BOOKKEEPER

Bev L.

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was going through. A man sitting next to me didn't have anything wise to tell me - he didn't say anything at all. He just put his hand on my shoulder, and it was as if a burden was lifted from me. I knew then that I didn't have to go through this alone. This man's small gesture meant the world to me.

I learned two very important things that day: I will never have to go through anything alone in AA. Also I realized I'd had my first spiritual experience. I understood then that not only did people care about me, but I cared for other people. The fact that I mourned for this friend proved that I cared. Before I came into AA, I didn't love myself and I didn't love anybody else. I know that this kind of growth, this learning to love, could never have been accomplished on my own. This growth had to be a gift from God. These two realizations led me to everything I know about God. The "God as I understand him" really doesn't exist, because I don't understand him any better than I did when I first came into the Fellowship. There are, however, two things that I have learned: one, God is always with me; I never have to be alone again. Two, God has a plan for me. I may not know what that plan is, but he has a plan.

After a few years of sobriety, some of the teenage members of AA were asking me to be their sponsor. This meant only one thing to me: I'm the boss. My ego soared. Then these kids started coming to me with their problems. A lot of these problems were way too much for me to comprehend. There were so many of them. These sponsees would ask me for rides to meetings, ask me about what to do about an abusive parent, ask me about sex issues, and ask me about a hundred different other things that I had no idea how to handle. I would think to myself, I've been sober this long, I should have more answers. One by one, each of the kids that I was working with would "go back out there." I felt crushed and inadequate. I thought that if I was a better sponsor, they wouldn't have taken a drink. I didn't look at the statistics: only a few of us make it as teenagers. I wanted to save everyone, and I took it very hard when I couldn't.

As a result I got burned out on Twelfth Step work. While it is true that I can't keep it if I don't give it away, I also learned I can't give it away if I don't have it. Today I approach working with new people in AA very differently. Instead of raising my ego, the experience makes me more humble. I allow myself to admit that I don't have all of the answers and I explain this to my sponsees. Being a sponsor also forces me to reconsider things that I just take for granted. A matter such as "faith" (a concept that I have very little trouble with today) becomes expanded when I try to explain it to someone for the first time. Just today, I had to look something up in the Big Book that I wanted a sponsee to learn about. I am not afraid to say the traumatic "I don't know" and try to direct them to someone who might.

There have been times when I start to feel sorry for myself. Not so much because I am not able to drink, but for always having to be responsible for my actions. I think to myself that teenagers and young people are supposed to do stupid things, and because I have a program, I can't! At times I've wished that I wasn't a member of AA. Happily, these thoughts don't last as long as they used to.

In AA I have experienced a lot. I have had many firsts. I got my driver's license. I graduated from high school. I got my first car, and I totaled my first car. I got my first job, and I got fired for the first time. I fell in love for the first time, and I got my heart broken for the first time. Each time I went through something new, I had people in AA to go through it with me. I became a firefighter, a black belt in judo, a scuba diver, and most of all, a man. I've made many friends in the Fellowship and shared many experiences. I've gone on vacations, weddings, bachelor parties, and even gone sky diving. I am experiencing life to the fullest. I know that would not have been possible without the AA program to guide my life by.

Keven P., Elk Grove Village, Illinois, from the June 2000 issue of the *AA Grapevine*

"Ours are the only hands God has." Peter M., Birmingham, England:
August 1990 *Grapevine*

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Secretary believes this motion passed, and Meeting Book Committee would handle dissemination of single page directory, respecting EVI's primary purpose: TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC TO STILL SUFFERS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE JUST ONE DIME INSTEAD OF TWO QUARTERS.

Motion to adjourn made repeatedly at this point.

New Business:

1) No new business discussed. Budget requests were not presented for approval at this time. Question raised by Lori B. (member at large) to Treasurer, if we do not act on and approve budgets at this meeting would there be any repercussions. Mel M. indicated approving operating budgets of EVI Committees could be new business at the February EVI Business Meeting. (secretarial comment hopefully before committee reports)

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom L.

Gratitude for a warm Welcome

It has been said that November is "gratitude month". However, as I write this, deep into the month of January, I find myself with a very thankful heart. I am extremely grateful for the friendliness and the hospitality expressed by the people of Eugene in general, and those in, around, and at the meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous especially.

First, some facts: I have been sober by the Grace of God, the power of our fellowship, and my limited ability to eventually follow a few simple directions since April 7, 1985. I have held every service position at the group level (at least once), have started groups, been an outside sponsor to an institution meeting, been primary mover in starting an inter-group office and been in the AA service structure below the group level. I have sponsored many and been sponsored by a few. I have had home groups. I have spoken to large groups, participated in Toastmasters, and worked in a treatment center. I am neither shy nor bashful. However, what I am today is a guy with double-digit sobriety who has worked the steps more than once; but I am new to town; just have two weeks and two days.

I want to commend the AA community here, for immediately making me feel a part of the scene. I visited here last summer for a week, and the conviviality (and some other things) drew me back. It's truly awesome to have people remember your name - the sweetest sound in the language. It is great to have people stick their hand out; to receive that extra smile so many of you seem willing to give. It is nice to be remembered, to have people check in with me before (or after) the meeting, to see how the adjustment is going. I savor it because it brings me into the circle, lets me find common ground to relate to you, lets me not feel different. So often, in place that I lived long time, I am the one welcoming others - it is so gratifying to have the tables turned - so that I do not feel different, strange, unique, or outside the circle.

And isn't that what 12th step work is all about? I believe it's certainly a bond of trust, to start with, a foundation on which to build a relationship. Did you ever think of how you were welcomed initially? Most likely it started with someone going out of their way - to greet you at the door, to offer you a cup of coffee, to call on you during a meeting, to introduce themselves afterwards, to ensure you had a meeting schedule and a Big Book. This is a simple program that starts with bite-sized chunks; that tear down the walls of apartness/separateness/alooness/aloneness so that we can all live in a joyous community and serenity (except for occasional business meetings).

To all who are "doing the deal" and have welcomed me with open arms, thank you! Eugene has really good AA - you guys and gals are really fortunate. It is one less barrier to moving in - to be welcomed by my family of choice.

Tom A., Eugene, Oregon

Intergroup:

EVI Office

1259 Willamette
Eugene, OR 97401
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00am- 8:00pm
Saturday 9:00 am - noon
Drop by for a visit!

EVI Web Site

www.efn.org/~eviaa

Meeting schedules, late breaking news, business meeting minutes, and much more.

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

E.V.I. 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 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. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: eviaa@efn.org

Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at 2495 Columbia St. Eugene. OR 97401 (call and check 343-2566)

Contributions:

(January/year to date)
 Anonymous/Unknown 100.00/100.00
 As Bill Sees It 0/0
 Attitude Adjustment 0/0
 Autumn Group 75.00/75.00
 Backwoods Bunch 0/0
 Brown Bag Group 100.00/100.00
 Creswell Steps & Traditions 0/0
 Downtown AM group 168.49/168.49
 Drop The Rock 0/0
 Fireside group 0/0
 First Monroe Group 0/0
 First Things First 0/0
 Four Corners 0/0
 Freedom Of Choice 0/0
 Friday Night Stag 150.00/150.00
 Friday Physical Awakening 0/0
 From the Heart 0/0
 Get Well Group 10.00/10.00
 Gratitude Group 0/0
 Last Chance Study Group 0/0
 Language of the Heart 0/0
 Lowell Lakeside 0/0
 McKenzie Bridge 0/0
 McKenzie River Group 0/0
 Monday Mens Stag 100.00/100.00
 Monday Night Cont. Study 0/0
 Monday Night New Group 0/0
 New Freedom 0/0
 New Freedom II 0/0
 Plug in the Jug 0/0
 Recovery by Big Book 0/0
 Saturday Night Womens 0/0
 Saturday Step 0/0
 Search For Serenity 184.00/184.00
 Sober Awakenings 0/0
 Sobriety for life 0/0
 Springfield Monday Night 0/0
 Springfield Study Group 0/0
 Stairway to Sobriety 50.00/50.00
 Sunday Morning Big book 0/0
 Sunlight of the Spirit 50.00/50.00
 Sunday Night 12x12 0/0
 Men's Sponsorship 0/0
 Sunday Women's Step Stdy 0/0
 Tuesday Beginners 11.50/11.50
 Thursday Voyagers Group 0/0
 Thurs PM Rush Hour 0/0
 T.G.G. Speakers Mtg 0/0
 Tuesday Night Book Study 0/0
 We Need Each Other 100.00/100.00
 Wednesday Mens Noon 75.50/75.50
 Wednesday Men's Stag 0/0
 Who am I Group 20.00/20.00
 Womans Road to Recovery 0/0
 Women's Bedrock 0/0
 Total Contributions (month/year to date)
 Group month/ytid 1194.49/1194.49
Fundraising:
 EVI Speakers Meeting 0/0
 Faithful Fivers, individual 226.00/226.00
 Anonymous/Unknown 7.15/7.15

Chair Bill N. indicates that Ted will step forward to this position. Ted will attend next month's Business Meeting for approval.
 Position for Secretary opened to nominations: Tom L rotating out as acting secretary. Al H. nominated: Verbal resume given. Al H. has been an EVI secretary in the past and will roll right in. Al H elected as Secretary with no dissent. Al's phone; 741-8288, Thanks Al.
 Position for Vice Treasurer opened to nominations: Mel M. is rotating out as acting treasurer, and will remain as member of business advisory committee. Ryan A. will rotate in as Treasurer for a year, and needs a vice-treasurer to assist him, and train to rotate in a year from now. Tom L. Nominated: Verbal resume given and Tom will administrate and execute all responsibilities of Vice/Co Treasurer as per the by-laws, and EVI voting group/body approved direction.
 Tom L. elected as vice-treasurer with no dissent. Tom's Phone # 683-7706 Thanks Tom
 Other Business: Some time back, (EVI notes for 1998 and 1999 were not readily available), the EVI Business Meeting voting quorum approved the creation of a single, fold-over page format of the meeting directory book currently distributed by the Central Office. The approval of this conceptual one page flyer/handout came after many heated discussion periods at EVI Business Meetings, and ultimately having the question sent back to the groups for approval or disapproval at the home group conscience level. Again, this motion was approved by the area home group conscience, and single page meeting directories were to be produced.
 No action was taken by the Meeting Book/Communications Committee thereafter, and consequently, no single page meeting directory has yet to be created or printed by the responsible EVI Committees.
 At this Business meeting Paula and David presented a one page folded flyer they have created, maintained, and are distributing to the community and to those in need, through working with the Buckley House, and other non-profit agencies. Copies are distributed at direct costs (approx \$.08 per sheet). Paula and David wanted to make this one page directory available to EVI for distribution at the EVI office to the community who might not have \$0.50 to purchase the EVI meeting book. On their own volition, they have created and are updating through the EVI Website, and distributing this single page flyer. Copies are run with the appropriate group name distributing these handouts.
 A motion was made by Tom L. to have EVI approve distribution of and pay for 200 copies for a no cost distribution at the EVI/Central Office location. Motion was immediately amended by Frank to provide a total of 1000 copies and amendment was immediately seconded. (200 copies were perhaps an inadequate supply for possible interest and disbursement). Much discussion followed. Mostly views from individuals involved in the earlier discussions as to the need for this service, and the supposed need for a single page directory, instead of the EVI booklet already provided. These issues were heatedly discussed:
 Costs for some groups for the \$0.50 for the existing booklet directory is too high for carrying the message. EVI revenues for the sales of the existing booklet directories would be negatively impacted by this new distribution. Emotional and personal attachment to the booklet format important to some.
 Now it got complicated, and lot's of people left. Question was called to vote on the motion. First, because the motion was amended, the amendment to the motion had to be voted on. After some discussion as to why we do this to ourselves, the amendment to the original motion to make 1000 copies was defeated.
 Question was called for the original motion of producing 200 copies. This also was defeated.
 Gus made a motion to place the responsibility, and possible printing and distribution of the one page directory to the Meeting Book Committee and office coordinator for any action. Motion seconded, discussion followed.
 Call for quorum by member, 20 voting members present.
 At this point, the secretary is unsure of the outcome of the vote on the motion.

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January Calendar:

E.V.I. and District Committee Meetings:

All meetings at EVI office unless otherwise noted.

1st	Mon	Steering Committee 7:00	Tuesday
	Tue	District 20, 418 A St., Karla B. 744-0509	
	Tue	District 33, 6:30 Pam G. 895-5478	
	Wed	District 19, 6:30 Tracy R. 338-4320	
	Thur	Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00	
	Sat	Cooperation w/Prof. Community, Noon	
2nd	Mon	EVI Business Meeting 6:30	
	Wed	District 6, 6:30 Gus P. 463-1691	
	Sat	Answering/Diverter 9AM EVI Speakers Meeting, 7:30 Country Club Rd Sun	
3rd	Mon	Communication Committee 7:30, 2495 Columbia	
	Mon	Public Information 6:30	
	Tue	Office Volunteer 5:30	
	Wed	Activities 6:30	
Last	Wed	H& I Committee 6:00	
Last	Day	Literature Committee 6:30	

Fellowship Events:

Valentine's Dance, February 23 at Emerald Park. 7 pm speaker meeting with Angel, the dance starts whenever he stops which might be a long, long time. River Rd to Horn, left on Horn, right on Lake. 342-4113.

Men's March Retreat March 1-3, At St. Benedicts Lodge with retreat master Lee Y. from Orlando, Fla. Registration is \$100 and is limited to the first 100 men. Call 541-688-3352 for more info.

Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly, February 22-24, 2002 Red Lion Inn, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Woman to Woman 2002, March 14-17. A weekend conference for alcoholic women at the Shilo Inn, Newport, Oregon. Discussion and workshop meetings, a sobriety panel and speaker meetings. For registration info contact Sandy at (541) 563-6894.

"AA Speaker Meeting" 1st Sunday of each month, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Doors open at 1:00 PM. March speaker will be Darlene D., Eugene. Real-time captioning/ Assistive Listening Devices, Signage Braille Open meeting Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene.

Gratitude:

Currently Available Service Positions:

Hospitals: bring meetings and info into local hospitals, Lane Psychiatric, and the Johnson unit. You don't have to be crazy to do this.

Outreach vice chair: Get out to new meetings, meet new folks, and let them know about Intergroup.

Website: is in special need of women to respond to communication from women.

Other volunteer opportunities:
H&I has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. The opportunity for this type of service has really expanded, and H&I has been doing a great job, but they need the AA community to step up and volunteer. This is real service work.

EVI Office Volunteers work a four hour shift, once a week, or every two weeks. Not very demanding, bring a good book; but you do get to answer the phone, talk to folks who stop by, etc. If you have a little time available, whether you are a year sober, or twenty, this can be pleasant service work, and worth doing.

Public information - takes speakers into schools, and in general lets the public know that AA didn't die out in the '40's, and is, in fact, alive and well. We could particularly use someone with some enthusiasm for getting some public service spots on local TV and radio.

AA Meetings:

New:

Thursday 7-8:30pm.

Thursday Men's Book Study

Westside Christian Church

1866 Chambers St. Eugene

(C)(M)(BB)(12&12)

Changed:

Tuesday 12-1pm.

Serenity Seeker's West

(No Childcare)

Tuesday 7-8pm.

Springfield Book Study Group

First Christian Church

418 N. "A" St. Springfield(BB)(12&12)

Tuesday 7:30-9pm.

Freedom of Choice Group

(O)(Handicap Access)

Tuesday 8:30-10pm.

Young People Candlelight (BB)

Thursday 8-9:30pm.

Thursday Night Group (SS)

Closed:

Sunday 6:30-8pm.

Helping Hands

1170 Taft St. Eugene

Emerald Valley Intergroup

Business Meeting Minutes-January 14, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

New EVI Representatives: Jana P., from Sobriety for Life. Welcome Jana

A headcount quorum of 19 EVI Reps was present to conduct business. (15 required per amendment to by-laws)

Chairperson Jim P. started the meeting requesting Committee reports.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: Mel M. (Outgoing Treasurer) Year end Profit & Loss statements were distributed to those present. Mel reported roughly <\$885> Net income for the month and distributed December profit and loss accounting printouts. Group contributions were up for the month of December, sales of conference approved literature were down, transfer and new account costs associated with setting up prudent reserve accounts, and lower contributions from Faith-full Fivers contributed to overall decreased income. Total current liquid assets \$14,451. The total current inventory is at \$5,172.00. Any questions or detailed information requested will be answered or addressed after the meeting, by Ryan A., our new treasurer. Question raised from the floor as to possibility EWEB billing and Telephone/US West billing transposed in profit/loss statement. Mel checked and indicated profit and loss statement correct, we are just getting a great deal from our landlord and EWEB. Thanks Mel, for all your hard work and contributions to this endeavor. (Now that you are retired from the Treasurer position, don't stay away too long.)

Volunteer Coordinator: Judy B. (Chair) Although no report given, various involved members indicate things are going well. Thanks Judy.

Literature Chair: Dave S. Literature is going well. New edition Big Books are selling fast and are available, please contact Dave (or co-chair Adrian) prior to arranging large Big Book or 12&12 sales so that inventory can be maintained. Thanks Dave.

Website: Darin. Website up and running and doing well. Thanks Darin.

Meeting Books: Amanda W. (Chair). New directories will be available soon. Amanda apologized for being a little bit late in updating and incorporated changed data for this printing (her first go round as committee chair, we are all still learning new stuff here). 2,500 copies should be available soon. Amanda would appreciate a vice-chair any time soon (see elections below) Thanks Amanda

Newsletter: Kurt (chair). Newsletters were available and distributed to EVI Reps present. Can always use new viewpoints and articles. Please submit. Michael W. apologized for inaccuracies in group contributions published. Stayed tuned for next month's printing, where corrections will be printed. Committee meets 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2495 Columbia, Eugene. Thanks Kurt.

Answering Service (Diverter Coordinator): Linda L. Open statement to EVI body looking for groups who need new diverter packets. Named groups covered, and requested other groups to respond in a timely fashion. New twelve step list updated with 4 pages of names and numbers (congratulations to men volunteers by Linda), and 2 pages for women. Please inform Linda if any changes or additions required. Hopefully she will be able to update 12 step list and diverter volunteer listings on an every two (2) month basis. Linda wanted to and encouraged the members present to give kudos to Myron for help with this committee. Thanks Myron. Tuesday Night diverter schedule still in need of sustained commitment from somewhere. Hopefully, a group will step forward to deliver this service. Linda expressed her concerns and frustration with covering this segment of diverter coverage. Thanks and praise bestowed to Carola for vice chair help with this committee. Thanks Linda.

Public Information: Tom S. for Brad M. Tom read prepared minutes by Brad at meeting. PI committee is very busy coordinating and delivering speakers at various schools in the area. Reported running AA advertisement placed in the Eugene Weekly publication, and setting up ads elsewhere (no written report submitted to secretary for records, so these minutes are abbreviated and probably not complete to all that's

going on). Thanks Tom and Brad.

CPC: NO REPORT

Question presented from Todd P. (steering committee) as to how long we haven't had an acting CPC Committee. Response from secretary after accessing past meeting minutes: 8 months, Todd's opinion "Perhaps we should do something about this."

Activities: Letha M. Letha apologized for not putting together a New Years Eve Dance/activity. There was difficulty in procuring a facility for the New Year activity. The outgoing/gone past chair-person (Sandi D.) chose to not negotiate ongoing use of EWEB facilities for AA activities, complicating and increasing coordination of Activity Committee events, which now need to be held at various other facilities. Letha announced a scheduled Valentine's Day dance for Saturday, February 9th, 2002, at a City of Eugene facility. Fliers will be forthcoming as to the exact location and details. Angel (EVI Speakers Meeting Chairperson) challenged activity's planners to consider that the tentative scheduled Activities Dance is in conflict with the regular scheduled EVI speakers meeting, and asked if, "there is anything you can do about it, and in the future, coordinate with EVI Speakers Meeting planners to avoid such a conflict." Post dated Entry 1/18/02: Letha responded, prior to finalizing dance, and publishing flyers, has re-scheduled Activity Committee Valentine's Dance for February 24th, 2002. Thanks Letha.

Speaker Meeting: Angel. Last months meeting went well. Could still use help for takedown and cleanup. Many stayed later than anticipated to help out and close the doors. Thanks to all of you who are helping. Thanks Angel.

Outreach: Bill N. Committee continuing to attend group "business" meetings to encourage participation at EVI. Steering Committee Members still dedicated to assisting and participating. List of groups contacted and notes from contacts presented to Secretary for inclusion in minutes (Scanned Document attached). Bill is recruiting additional committee members from fellowship, and will have a vice-chair candidate at next months meeting for approval. Thanks Bill.

Archivist: Linda L. After presenting a repeated request at the steering committee meeting 1/7/02, for help in facilitating the purchase of and delivery of blank tapes for use to copy the archivist collection of recorded speakers/reflections/history tapes currently in possession of the archivist, Linda reported that blank tapes have been received. Communication and scheduling difficulties seem to exist between Archivist and EVI Speaker Meeting Chair and assistants in loaning rapid copy equipment from the Speaker Meeting Committee to the Archivist for use in duplicating these tapes. It was indicated by Speaker Committee Chair tonight that equipment was available at the office for a week, dropped off, but never picked up for use. Committee chairs will please coordinate use of this equipment. Several "old" editions of the *Grapevine* have been received and cataloged. Archivist thanks the AA fellowship for continuing to provide materials for the archives. Thanks Linda

H&I: NO REPORT: Verbal report from Harold B. (steering committee vice chair, for Karl H&I Chair) No written H&I Committee Minutes were distributed. Some internal H&I issues are being resolved. Harold indicated that over one hundred (100) volunteer positions exist for anyone who wishes to step up and carry the message. Thanks Harold.

Steering Committee: Jim P. Jim gave overview of Steering Committee session. Basically, 100 blank tapes were purchased for Archivists, use, Deposit box security for EVI accounts being setup, discussion as to how steering committee could help in facilitating updates to meeting directories.

Old Business:

Elections

Position for Vice Chair Activities opened to nominations: Mindy H. stepped forward. Verbal resume given, Mindy elected as Vice-chair Activities with no dissent. Mindy's phone 687-9369, Thanks Mindy.

Position for Vice Chair Newsletter opened to nominations: Teffany H. stepped forward. Verbal resume given. Teffany elected as Vice-chair Newsletter with no dissent. Teffany's phone: 746-1438, Thanks Teffany.

Position for Vice-Chair of Outreach opened to nominations: No Nominations: New

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Rule 62:

One of our sober buddies went onto a saloon to get directions to his next sales call. But, when he asked where the such-and such company was, he was bombarded with conflicting suggestions and directions. Finally, one old duffer told them all to shut up, walked up to our friend, planted an elbow on the bar, and said, "Okay, Let's get this started right. Where are you now?"

Two cowboy's who drove while drunk were hospitalized after an auto wreck. The first to regain consciousness told the police, "We were hitting sixty-five M.P.H. down the highway when my buddy hollered, 'Here comes the bridge! You better swing over and let it go by!' And I did." *From BM of Kansas.*

Two old drinkin' buddies from a rural area drank together, hard and often, at a village tavern. One night, one of them didn't show up, and the bartender told the other, "I've got bad news. Last night, your pal got so drunk that when he blew out the candle at bedtime, his breath caught fire and he exploded."

The other gent was so shocked that he took an immediate pledge-never to blow out another candle. *From D.N of California*

Sign over the inside of a certain Saloon door read; "This was single door when you came in here. If it's now a double door, aim for the middle."

We'll close up shop for this month with a piece of advice: Watch out for people who kneel at your feet. They may be reaching for the edge of the rug.