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Emerald Valley Intergroup
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- I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community
- I'm feeling grateful, I can send _____ per month
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Monthly
- Four times a year (\$15 each)
- Once a year (\$60)

Name: _____

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"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 month's 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.

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An interview with Dr. Paul, "Alcoholic, Addict"

This is the first in a three part series which was first published in the Grapevine in July, 1995. Dr. Paul's story "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" was published in the Third Edition of the Big Book; his remarks on acceptance, which appear on pages 449 and 450, have been helpful to many AA members over the years. This interview was conducted by telephone to Dr. Paul's home in California.

Grapevine: How did you come to write the story that's in the Big Book?
 Dr. Paul: The editor of the Grapevine - a woman named Paula C. - was also the chairperson of the committee to review the stories. She wrote to tell me that the magazine was going to use an article I'd written on why doctors shouldn't prescribe pills for alcoholics. So she knew my writing a little bit and she asked me if I had a dual problem and would I be willing to write an article about it for consideration in the Big Book. My reaction to that was the same as my reaction when it was suggested I come to AA - I thought it was one of the dumbest ideas I'd ever heard and I ignored her letter. Later on she called and asked for the article, and I lied and said I hadn't had time to write it. She extended the deadline and called me a second time. I had a gal working in the office with me who was in the program, and she thought it would be nice to have typed a story that might end up in the Big Book, so she said to me, "You write it, I'll type it, and we'll send it in." So that's what we did. But by that time they had done another printing of the Second Edition, and I thought, Fine, that means they won't use it. But Paula said she liked it and the Grapevine published it with the title "Bronzed Moccasins" and an illustration of a pair of bronze moccasins. Eventually it was put in the Big Book, but the title was changed, and my guess is that they wanted to show that an alcoholic could be a professional and be an addict, but that wouldn't make him not an alcoholic. It worked well but maybe it overshot the mark, and now one of the most uncomfortable things for me is when people run up to me at a meeting and tell me how glad they are the story is in the book. They say they've been fighting with their home group because their home group won't let them talk about drugs. So they show their group the story and they say, "By God, now you'll have to let me talk about drugs." And I really hate to see the story as a divisive thing. I don't think we came to AA to fight each other.

Grapevine: Is there anything you regret having written in your story?
 Dr. Paul: Well, I must say I'm really surprised at the number of people who come up to me and ask me confidentially if what they've heard on the very best authority - usually from their sponsor - is true: that there are things in my story I want to change, or that I regret having written it, or that I want to take it out because it says so much about drugs, or that I've completely changed my mind that AA is the answer, or even that acceptance is the answer. I've also heard - on the best authority! - that I've died or gotten drunk or taken pills. The latest one was that my wife Max died and that I got so depressed I got drunk. So, is there anything I'd like to change? No. I believe what I said more now than when I wrote it.

Grapevine: Do you think that your story might help those who are dually addicted?
 Dr. Paul: I think the story makes clear the truth that an alcoholic can also be an addict, and indeed that an alcoholic has a constitutional right to have as many problems as he wants! But I also think that if you're not an alcoholic, being an addict doesn't make you one. The way I see it, an alcoholic is a person who can't drink and who can't use drugs, and an addict is a person who can't use drugs and can't drink. But that doesn't mean that every AA meeting has to be open to a discussion of drugs if it doesn't want to. Every meeting has the right to say it doesn't want drugs discussed. People who want to discuss drugs have other places where they can go to talk about that. And AA is very open to giving the Steps and Traditions to other groups who want to use them. I know this from my own experience, because I wrote to the General Service Office and got permission to start Pills Anonymous and Chemical Dependency Anonymous. I did that when I was working in the field of chemical dependency. We started groups but I



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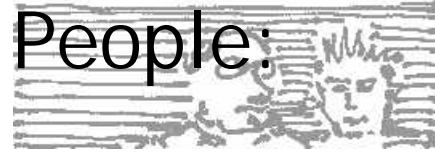
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didn't go to them because I get everything I need from AA. I don't have any trouble staying away from talking about drugs, and I never introduce myself as an alcoholic/addict.

I'm annoyed - or maybe irritated is a better word - by the people who keep insisting that AA should broaden to include drugs and addictions other than alcohol. In fact I hear it said that AA should change its name to Addicts Anonymous. I find that a very narrow-minded view based on people's personal opinions and not on good sense. History tells us that the Washingtonians spread themselves so thin they evaporated. Jim B. says the greatest thing that ever happened in AA was the publication of the Big Book, because it put in writing what the program was and made it available all over the world. So wherever you go it's the same program. I don't see how you could change the program unless you change the book and I can't see that happening.

Grapevine: It's a question of singleness of purpose?

Dr. Paul: That singleness of purpose thing is so significant. It seems to be working; why would we change it? I can't think of any change that would be an improvement.

Grapevine: Nowadays drunks often come to meetings already dried out, but that wasn't always the case.

Dr. Paul: No, it wasn't. You don't get Twelfth Step calls as dramatic as they used to be. Now I find that if you're called upon to make a Twelfth Step call, it'll be on somebody who is in the hospital. You find out when they're available and not in some other kind of meeting, and make an appointment. But this might change as the number of treatment programs begins to fade out.

I used to make "cold turkey" calls, where the alcoholic hadn't asked for help. One time I went to see this guy who was described to me as a big husky fellow. He was holed up in a motel. I found out from the manager of the motel that he was on the second floor, and as I was walking up the outside stairs to get to his place, I thought to myself, if this guy comes charging out the door, he could easily throw me over the stair railing and I'd end up on the concrete. So I thought, well, the good news is I'd probably be one of AA's first martyrs. Then I thought, yeah, but I'd be an anonymous martyr. I made the call anyhow, and he got sober for a while.

Grapevine: In your Big Book story, you say that acceptance is the key to everything. I wonder if you've ever had a problem accepting what life hands you.

Dr. Paul: I think today that my job really is to enjoy life whether I like it or not. I don't like everything I have to accept. In fact, if everything was to my specifications and desires there would be no problem with acceptance. It's accepting things I don't like that is difficult. It's accepting when I'm not getting my own way. Yes, I find it very difficult at times.

Grapevine: Anything specific?

Dr. Paul: Nothing major, though it sometimes seems major that I have to accept living with my wife Max and her ways of doing things! She is an entirely different person than I am. She likes clutter, I like things orderly. She thinks randomly and I like structured thinking. We're very, very different. We never should have gotten married! Last December we were married fifty-five years.

Grapevine: I guess she knows your thoughts on this matter.

Dr. Paul: Ad nauseum.

Continued in next month's EVI News.....

Without your wounds where would your power be? The very angels themselves cannot persuade the wretched and blundering children in earth as can one human being broken in the wheels of living. In love's service, only the wounded soldiers can serve. Thornton Wilder

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people pleasant all right but a bit too religious for me.

Nine more years of chasing that elusive and increasingly harder to find feeling led me once again to the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. At that point I had no desire to live anymore, suicide seemed a very real solution. If I couldn't recapture that feeling, I might as well be dead. I finally admitted I was an alcoholic and jumped right into the A.A. program. I went to meetings, got a sponsor, did service work, read the book, started working the steps and started working with others. I worked the program and stayed sober 3 1/2 years.

There was one major problem though, I could not conceive of, accept or admit to a higher power. As is mentioned in the Big Book, I thought I had neatly evaded the whole issue. What I didn't realize at the time, is that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual program that relies on a power greater than ourselves to relieve us of our obsession to drink. I shared in many a meeting my inability to connect with a higher power. The old-timers just smiled and encouraged to keep coming back and continue to work the program. Instead, my dark and rebellious nature decided it would be best to give up my service positions, stop attending meetings, not call my sponsor or friends in A.A. and quit working the steps (I was still mired in the amends of the 9th step).

At the first available opportunity (the death of my father), I drank again (incidentally, ending up in the emergency room that first night out, after mixing the wrong combination of alcohol and pills). I crawled back to Alcoholics Anonymous once again and proceeded to do the deal for another year and a-half. My fatal flaw manifested itself once again and I found myself at the wall with no higher power to help me over it. I drank again and this time was gone for over a year. In the end it was the same old story. I found myself laying on the floor deathly ill from a combination of alcohol and pills wishing for the end.

That was almost 3 years ago. Today, I am free of the obsession for alcohol and drugs, I have found real peace of mind (far better than that feeling I had quested after) and I have a higher power in my life. What changed is that I took the advice of my sponsor and finally decided to actually try GOD. Not think about it, conceptualize it, intellectualize it, rationalize it etc., but to make a decision and take action on it. It started very simply with prayer. A prayer in the morning asking to keep me sober that day and a simple thank you that night for another day of sobriety. My great scientific rationale could not argue with results; I continued to say sober.

As Bill W. aptly stated, what is needed then is "action and more action". I decided to take that leap of faith and fully turn my life and will over to the care of a higher power (that I was coming to believe in, slowly). This permitted me to continue on with the steps. I was now willing and began making my amends wherever possible. Most importantly, I began in earnest, working the 10th and 11th steps. Through prayer and meditation I began to find that Power, greater than myself. It was more amazing than anything I could have ever imagined. As a result of these steps, I had a spiritual awakening, which I now try to carry to other alcoholics.

The key for me has been a sense of a higher power that is evolving. Much as my spiritual condition is continually growing, my "understanding" of a higher power has continually evolved. Sometimes I get it as the sun beats warmly down on my face, other times when someone gives me a much needed hug. Sometimes I understand it when I wonder with awe at the wonder of creation and sometimes I get it when I realize it's just a simple twist of fate.

If you find yourself stuck at that wall, or you are unable or unwilling to accept a higher power or you find that the obsession to drink just will not go away.....let go, take a leap of faith, and try GOD. Rich F., 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, 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

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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:**
- (Oct/year to date)
- As Bill Sees It **25.00/125.00**
 - Attitude Adjustment **42.97/888.64**
 - Autumn Group **0/25.00**
 - Backwoods Bunch **0/107.00**
 - Brown Bag Group **0/481.00**
 - Cottage Grove Gratitude **0/0**
 - Cottage Grove Noon **0/0**
 - Creswell Steps & Traditions **0/30.00**
 - Downtown AM group **120.67/1,598.46**
 - Drop The Rock **240.00/240.00**
 - Eugene Mens Book Study **60.00/60.00**
 - First Monroe Group **0/0**
 - First Things First **0/60.00**
 - Four Corners **0/0**
 - Freedom Of Choice **0/96.50**
 - Friday Big Book Study(M) **0/0**
 - Friday Physical Awakening **0/90.00**
 - Fri night young people **0/0**
 - From the Heart **0/0**
 - Good Grief **0/50.00**
 - Gratitude Group **0/60.00**
 - Last Chance Study Group **0/50.00**
 - Language of the Heart **0/80.00**
 - McKenzie Bridge **0/2.00**
 - McKenzie River Group **0/10.00**
 - Monday Mens Stag **0/150.00**
 - Monday Night Cont. Study **0/15.00**
 - Monday Night New Group **0/20.00**
 - New Freedom **0/730.00**
 - New Freedom 2 **0/1360.00**
 - Physical, Mental, Spiritual **0/0**
 - Recovery by Big Book **0/98.75**
 - Search for Serenity **9.00/9.00**
 - Serenity Seekers West **0/50.00**
 - Saturday Step **90.00/499.20**
 - Sober Awakenings **0/1200.00**
 - Sobriety for life **0/190.00**
 - Springfield Monday Night **15.00/55.00**
 - Springfield Study Group **0/40.00**
 - Stairway to Sobriety **25.00/250.00**
 - Sunday Morning Big book **0/320.00**
 - Sunlight of the Spirit **38.00/68.60**
 - Men's Sponsorship **0/140.00**
 - Sunday Women's Step Stdy **0/90.00**
 - Thursday Voyagers Group **0/0**
 - Thurs PM Rush Hour **0/20.00**
 - T.G.G. Speakers Mtg **48.00/558.00**
 - Tuesday Night Book Study **0/10.00**
 - We Need Each Other **0/0**
 - Wednesday Mens Noon **0/230.00**
 - Wednesday Men's Stag **0/252.00**
 - Who am I Group **12/182.25**
 - Womans Road to Recovery **60.00/180.00**
 - Women's How It Works **0/0**
 - Women's Bedrock **0/60.00**
 - Ya Po Ah **0/40.00**
 - Group - other **152.00/152.00**
 - Total Contributions (month/year to date)
Group month/ytd **937.64/12,866.36**
 - Fundraising:**
 - EVI Speakers Meeting **0/804.43**
 - Faithful Fivers, individual **235.00/1,636.80**

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Election postponed until November business meeting.
 Position for Vice Chair Speakers Meeting opened to nominations, both chair and vice-chair positions were opened for nominations. Speakers already lined up through end of year. Interest was expressed by one of the groups. Hopefully they will attend next months meeting. Elections postponed until November business meeting.
 The motion made last month to possibly provide the Chairperson with \$300 expenses to attend National Inter-group conference in Missouri was not required, as the conference had already occurred. Chair thanked the group for their support, but not required.
 New Business:
 Chair Jim P. expressed concern with lack of committee chairs and vice chairs. Requested EVI reps to go back to their groups and encourage participation.
 Harold B. also enthusiastically encouraged recruitment activity by the group reps at their meetings. To paraphrase, "first we try enthusiasm, then quilt, and then the threat of physical damage."
 A motion was made for group representatives to take the Prudent Reserve Proposal, as presented, back to their groups, discuss, and obtain a group conscience for a vote of approval or disapproval at the November Business Meeting. No Discussion, motion Carried.
 Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM.
 Closed with Serenity Prayer
 Respectfully submitted, Tom L.

Why Not Try God?

I pray that the story I am about to share will help prevent at least one other alcoholic from making the same mistake I did. It was very nearly a fatal mistake which would have meant you would be reading a different article written by a different author right now. As I write and you read this, I hope you realize what an incredible gift it is that we have been given; to be alive and sober, participating in this great adventure called life.
 I was your uniquely average alcoholic. I started sneaking drinks from my father's liquor cabinet around the age of eleven. I believe that I began this as much for the fact that it was forbidden as it was any effect it had on me. At the age of twelve though, I had my first spiritual experience with booze. You know the one. That feeling comes over you and you just know what's been missing all your life. You feel right for the first time in your life. That was the beginning of my quest for the next 25 years, to recapture that feeling.
 That quest was to take me to the far corners and reaches of ecstasy and depravity. As my effort to reclaim that feeling got harder and at times impossible, I was forced to try different and varying combinations of alcohol and other chemicals. Always looking for that magical one that could take me there. Unfortunately these combinations were very unpredictable and I found that my actions were becoming more and more out of control and dangerously antisocial. Not only did I find myself deathly ill at the porcelain throne, praying to the sewer-gods; but I started to find myself in black-and-white cars heading towards places with bars on the door and no way out.
 I first came to A.A. in 1983 after a series of arrests led me to believe I might have a drinking problem. After a thorough research of books at the local library I felt well-informed enough to tackle the matter on my own. Unfortunately my knowledge lasted only until the next DWI when I consented to try some counseling and also attended a couple of A.A. meetings. I found the

August Calendar:

E.V.I. and District Committee Meetings:

All meetings at EVI office unless otherwise noted.

1st	Mon	Steering Committee 7:00
	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

3 Fellowship Events:

Join fellow alkies for thanksgiving dinner put on by the New Freedom Group. Dinner starts at 1pm and the meeting starts at 3. All food and beverages will be provided by New Freedom but feel free to bring desert. Diner is open to all, so bring the whole family if you'd like. Gather at the Lutheran Church at 2200 Coburg Road, which is just south of Beltline.

Service Events:

Oregon Area General Service Assembly
 November 16,17, 18 2001. Hosted by District 13,
 Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon.
 Carl M. 541-679-7349 or email: carlmansdorf@realtor.com or pick up flier at EVI office.

Also check the EVI web site for events.

www.efn.org/~eviaa



Gratitude: Currently Available Service Positions:

Activities: this is all about fun. Plan and coordinate events like picnics and dances for the AA community. Co-chair needed.

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

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

Meeting Books: are updated and reprinted quarterly.

Newsletter: if you have a nose for news or computer graphic skills, consider this opportunity.

Speaker Meeting: the popular EVI speaker meeting, held the second Saturday of the month, is rotating hands and could use help.

Website: if you have computer or web building skills you can put them into service via electronic communication with the AA community.

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.

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.

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.

AA Meetings:

New:

The Great Fact Group

Tues, Thurs, Saturday 7:00-8:00 AM
Bethel Assembly of God
2065 Centennial Blvd, Springfield
(first Sat Step Study, thrd Sat. Trad. Study)

Moved:

Keep it Simple

7-8 PM Thursday has moved to
19th and Patterson, Emerald Baptist Church

Springfield Study Group, 7-8pm Tuesday
moved from Mt Vernon Church to First
Christian Church, 418 N. A St.

Changes:

Creswell 12 & 12-7 to 8:30pm. instead of
8pm.

Search for Serenity-LCC Downtown
Center, room changed from 309 to 320.

El Deseo de Vivir-New times and locations:
Saturday, 7:30-9pm, 2112 Main St.,
Springfield.
Sunday, 9:30 -11am, 2112 Main St.,
Springfield.

Saturday Night Bell Ringers now meets
from 6-7:15pm, First Evangelical Church,
840 Monroe, Eugene.

Cancelled

Women's Book Study-Saturday, 6:30-7:30

River Road Book Study Wed 5:30-6:30
3280 River Road The Messiah Luthren
Church

Cottage Grove 12 x 12- Sunday, 7:30-9pm

Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting - it's a lot easier to remember when you are starting a meeting, but if you stop meeting, remembering to remove it from meeting lists may save someone frustration and more when they really need a meeting.

Emerald Valley Intergroup

Business Meeting Minutes-October 8, 2001.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and was opened with the Serenity Prayer. Those present introduced themselves.

New EVI Representatives:

No one identified them selves as new.

An agenda for the meeting was presented and distributed.

Motion to approve agenda with corrections made and carried.

No quorum of EVI Reps was present to conduct business. (15 required per amendment to by-laws, only 14 in attendance at beginning of meeting)

Chairperson Jim P. started the meeting with H&I Committee report to accommodate Karl B. (H&I Chair's) schedule, and in hopes that a quorum would be achieved later during the meeting. No Dissent.

Chair also requested that discussion of prudent reserve issue be time limited to facilitate other reports and business. Motion made to limit prudent reserve discussion following presentation to 15 minutes. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

H&I: Karl B. requested first report as outside activity scheduling was in conflict. A four page H&I Committee Minutes was distributed. Karl reported that H&I is active, and most meetings are going well. Specifically reported that ITU meeting has been canceled, the Lane County Jail meeting is huge, and that no new volunteers can be processed and approved for the Lane County Jail meeting until January 1st 2002 as new Volunteer Training manual is out. Willamette Family Treatment Women's Big Book Study and WFT Meeting are still in need of women volunteers. New blood is always appreciated at all committees. Thanks Karl.

The Chair requested a group conscience to allow presentation of Prudent Reserve Proposal prior to continuing with committee reports. Action approved.

Question was raised to verify quorum. Only 14 group EVI reps were present.

New Business:

Prudent Reserve Summary

Scott C. presented a summary of the Business Advisory's recommendation to modify the by-laws and create a Prudent Reserve for EVI, and distributed written proposal for Group Reps to refer to and take back to their groups.

Basic concept of plan would be that a prudent reserve (savings) account be established consisting of 6 months budgeted expenses, secured in money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts, based on Yearly Operating Budget, and that the EVI checking account be limited to one months operating expenses plus \$ 1,000. An Equipment Replacement and Repair fund as a separate account would also be established with a minimum \$ 1,000 balance, to be increased with scheduled deposits to a not to exceed balance of \$ 2,500. Dipping into the 6-month reserve fund would require approval of a regular or specially called meeting of the EVI Group representatives.

Question and answer period followed, with most questions regarding equipment fund's accessibility in the event of drastic problems. Motion made to take issue back to Groups for review and Group Conscience for next months Business Meeting.

Question was raised to verify Quorum, only 14 Group EVI Reps were present. Chairperson Jim P. continued the meeting with committee reports in hopes that a quorum would be achieved later during the meeting. No Dissent.

Treasurer: Ryan A (Vice Treasurer) No Profit & Loss statements were available. Ryan reported roughly \$236 net income for the month, thanks Ryan.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jim K. (Co-Chair) things going well could use volunteers for office. We are still in need of help on Thursday evenings. Judy B. (Chair) added that volunteers for all days and times are still requested as a pool to draw upon. A minimum of Three (3) months sobriety is suggested. Thanks Jim and Judy

Literature Chair: Dave S.

Literature is going well, new edition Big Books should be out this month. Please contact Dave (or acting committee chair) prior to arranging large Big Book, 12 & 12 sales so that inventory can be maintained. Thanks Dave.

Website: Michael W. Website doing well. Meeting directory information has been updated. Can always use and would appreciate input from area fellowship. Thanks Michael.

Meeting Books: Amanda W. (Vice-Chair) New directories will be available soon. Continued updates are necessary to avoid misinformation. This committee still needs a Chair. Thanks Amanda.

Newsletter: No Report. Newsletters were available and distributed to EVI Reps present. Committee meets 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2495 Columbia, Eugene. Thanks Kurt.

Answering Service (Diverter Coordinator): Linda L. Presented list of groups participating as coordinators. A dramatic presentation (skit) was presented to demonstrate need for volunteer help. Having trouble filling Tuesday and Thursday night slots for Diverter. Carola K. (spelled correctly this time) is new vice-chair. Also reported that new volunteer training packets will be distributed soon. Thanks Linda

Public Information: Brad M. Things are going well, and committee busy maintaining and creating new contacts with community groups. Participated at U of O "Party House" event, and at Boy Scout Troop 120 special meeting. Thanked Tom S. and his wife for all their work and help at both events. PI has placed an add in the Springfield paper, and is placing an add in the Register Guard. Will need some help in the near future putting literature packets together for distribution in the community. Thanks Brad.

CPC: NO REPORT

Activities: Letha M. A dance is scheduled for November 3rd. Fliers to be distributed soon. Thanks Letha.

Speaker Meeting: Al D. Meetings are going well. We are still in need of new Chair and Vice-chair for committee. Working committee will continue meetings. Speakers booked through end of year. During the report, a group expressed interest in assuming leadership role. Hopefully they will attend next months business meeting. Thanks Al.

Outreach: NO REPORT

Archivist: Linda L. Tapes being copied with help from speaker's meeting equipment and volunteers. Thanks. Linda is completing inventory. Thanks Linda.

Steering Committee. Jim P. Steering Committee met and discussed Prudent Reserve issue and need for Steering Committee involvement in recruiting volunteers. Notes from meeting are attached.

Question was raised to verify quorum prior to continuing with Old and New Business.

Only 14 Group EVI Reps were present.

1. A motion was made to conduct business without the quorum required, with all business decisions pending approval at the next months meeting. No discussion, motion carried.

The Following Business to be ratified at November business meeting if quorum present.

Old Business: Elections.

Position for Vice Chair Activities opened to nominations: No Nominations, election postponed until November business meeting.

Position for Vice Chair Newsletter opened to nominations, no nominations, election postponed until November business meeting.

Position for Vice Chair Website opened to nominations, no nominations, more silence from group, election postponed until November business meeting.

Position for Chair and Vice Chair Outreach opened to nominations, no nominations, or interest from group. More silence prevailed, election postponed until November business meeting.

Position for Vice Chair Hospitals opened to nominations:

Harold B for Karl B. (Chairperson) announced recruitment occurring in house.

Rule 62:

WHAT KIND OF AN AA MEMBER ARE YOU? Arnold U., of the Anchor group in Marshfield, Massachusetts, offered these possibilities:

A lot of albies are like wheelbarrows—no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers—have to be pulled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs—you can't tell which way they'll bounce.

And some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works!

WE HEARD ABOUT an eccentric millionaire who filled his swimming pool with booze. He claimed you couldn't drown, because the deeper you sank, the higher you got....

One day, the same chap wheeled his Mercedes-Benz up to the curb where a gorgeous young woman was standing waiting for a bus. "Hi, babe," he propositioned. "I'm headed for Florida."

"How wonderful!" she replied frostily. "Bring me back an orange."...

UNSHAVEN AND OBVIOUSLY THE WORSE FOR WEAR, a regular stopped by his favorite bar one morning and ordered an eye-opener, writes Pete G. from Asheville, N.C.

Throwing back his first shot of the day, the man confided to the bartender, "My wife just threw me out. Told me to get professional help."

Following two more quick shots, he looked the bartender up and down with a critical eye. "You *are* a professional, aren't you?"