

A Second Chance

I was twenty-five years old the day I entered a halfway house and had my first introduction to the AA program. I had just been released from a psychiatric ward for the tenth time in seven years. I had abused alcohol and nearly every other drug for ten years, but no one had ever told me I was an alcoholic. (I was too *young* to be an alcoholic!) After several suicide attempts, I was trapped in that terrifying twilight zone, unable either to live or to die. Completely defeated physically, mentally, and spiritually, I surrendered. Today, I know that powerlessness was necessary before a greater Power could step in and work a miracle of rebirth.

But the miracle was slow. It is not easy to reconstruct a life shattered by addiction. Guilt and self-hatred made it impossible for me to look at myself in a mirror for several months. Often, I would sit in the same chair for hours, watching people, in an effort to relearn simple conversation. I was unable to take care of myself, but this proved to be fortunate; I was not able to run from the people who were trying to help me.

I mistrusted the love and concern of AA members, but something drew me to them. They possessed a kind of glow, an inner peace, which I did not comprehend but desperately wanted. And they accepted me without reservation or questions. They repeated simple phrases: "It will get better"; "Don't take that first drink, no matter what"; "Bring the body and the mind will follow."

I learned I could go an hour without a drink, and that twenty-four of those hours made one sober day. At first, meetings were an ordeal; I was painfully self-conscious and afraid of everyone. But desperation is an excellent motivator, and the choices were few. Many days, I wanted to live only a fraction more than I wanted to die-but it was enough.

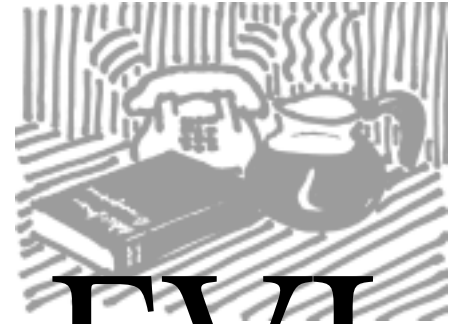
My first sponsor introduced me to the Second Step, telling me it was the "hope" Step. She suggested that I simply try to believe that a Higher Power *would* restore me to sanity. I clung to that Step as a drowning man clings to a life preserver. I had no desire to return to any previous state of mind, because I could not remember a time when I had been really happy and at peace with myself. But the sanity I felt in meetings filled me with hope. If all these people claimed to be miracles, maybe I could be salvaged, too!

Through the love of other AA members, I came to feel the love of a Higher Power. Although my craving for alcohol and drugs remained, I discovered I could still stay sober- this alone proved to me there must be a Higher Power. However, as my mind and body healed, I tried to control my life again, and I wound up drinking.

But once planted, the seeds of this program are indestructible. In that miserable year of "slipping and sliding," I never once returned to the bottom I had known when I first came to the program. And the concept of a Higher Power haunted me. Finally, I was able to see again that sobriety was a life-or-death matter, and I had to make a decision. I chose to return to the program and accept the outstretched hands that I had previously rejected.

A turning point occurred at a young people's conference in San Francisco. I decided to go, simply because I had lived there and loved the city. At the time, I had four days of sobriety and no particular commitment to staying sober. But two things happened: To my amazement and delight, I discovered first that the city looked even more beautiful through sober eyes,

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AA Meetings: Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2002

New:
Friends of B.S.
Saturday, 6:30-7:30 PM
Monroe (Use back fire escape)
648 Orchard St. Methodist Church

Changed:
The Thursday Night Group and the Thursday Big Book Study group names were transposed in the September Meeting Book. They should read:
8:00-9:00 PM Thursday Big Book Study
Eugene
1031 Mill St.
8:00-9:30 PM Thursday Night Group
Eugene (C)(SS) (downstairs)
19th & Patterson, Emerald Baptist Church

Franklin Fellowship (new location)
Monday 7:00-8:00 PM
Franklin Christian Church
92072 Territorial Highway

Canceled:
Tuesday Freedom of Bondage (Springfield)
AA Wednesday Nooner at the Alano Club
First Creswell Group on Wednesdays
Friday Big Book Study at the Alano Club
Friday Put the Plug in the Jug Meeting (Eugene)
Saturday Cottage Grove Candlelight

H&I Changes:
New contacts for:
Monday:
2:30-3:30 PM VA Meeting
Dennis (607-5127)
Tuesday:
6:00-7:00 PM Johnson Unit
Jill S (302-1311) or Ryan A (513-6498)
Thursday:
8:20-9:40 PM Corrections: CCC
Tom R (465-1832)
Friday:
11:00-12:00 noon VA Meeting
Dennis (607-5127)

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.

Called to order at 6:30 by Harold B. with the Serenity Prayer. Twenty-four EVI voting representatives were present for a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Speaker Meeting: Angel. Doing well.

Treasurer: Ryan. Group donations are down.

Vice Treasurer: Tom. Handed out prudent reserve for committees, P/L trends for year to date. No By-Laws addressing disbursement of excess monies over budgeted prudent reserve fund. Steering Committee to track fund until end of year and decide what to do with excess monies over budgeted prudent reserve fund.

Office Coordinator: Bob. Needs Co-Coordinator. Continue recruitment of female volunteers. Electrical work to up-grade EVI office. Install backdoor in office. Continue to clean storage areas in office to give more room for literature and clear clutter in office.

H&I: Harold. (in place of Karl) Committee notes and Code of Conduct will be kept on the following website: www.efn/eviaa/hinotes.htm

Literature: No report.

EVI Communications:

Website: Darren. Web is running.

Meeting Books: Elizabeth. Doing well.

Newsletter: Teffany. Doing good.

Answering Service: Carola. New diverter packages available.

Public Information: Tom. Talking to schools. PI is in need of volunteers to carry the message.

CPC: Frank. Talking to Sacred Heart and other hospitals, UO, and other facilities, about doing in service.

Activities: No report.

Archivist: To be added into office coordinator report.

Steering Committee: Active recruitment for open positions and those due to rotate out. Discussed rotation of chairs and co-chairs.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

At Large: Todd. Office co-chair discussed, duties of and maybe splitting duties with office coordinator

At Large: Lori. AIS in service in January.

Office Coordinator: Bob. Active recruiting of volunteers both men and women, especially needs women.

Treasurer: Ryan. Tracking profit and loss. Asked question "What is the make-up of the Literature budget???"

Vice Treasurer: Tom. Prudent reserve report. Will only give reports to steering committee.

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The White Flag of Surrender

Why should anyone be thankful for a progressive, incurable illness, which society regards as a disgrace, a weakness, a sin, and a crime? Why should I, an ordained priest, be grateful for an addiction to alcohol that eventually rendered me incapable of serving God and my fellow human beings in accordance with my religious vows?

I thank God I am an alcoholic because, through my alcoholism, I was given the power to surrender for the second time in my life. I surrendered first as a young man, on joining the religious order through which I serve the Roman Catholic Church. In addition to poverty and chastity, my vows included a promise to God that I would surrender my will to that of my superiors in the church. Years later, in my early fifties, my compulsive drinking brought about my second surrender-to the reality of my powerlessness over alcohol.

During most of my life as a priest, I eagerly accepted responsibilities. I became principal of a large parochial high school in the Midwest. During World War II, I served as a chaplain in the United States Army, and retired from active duty in 1946. Up to this time, my drinking had produced no problems, and I did not use alcohol to cope with frustrations. As far as I was aware, I *had* no serious frustrations. Gradually, my drinking increased to produce intoxication, after which I suffered from hangovers and intense self-condemnation for my “lack of will-power.”

I was unaware that I had a disease, and my recurrent lapses produced agonizing remorse over what I regarded as wholly a sin-the sin of drunkenness. Despite my best intentions and daily prayers to God for help, I suffered further humiliating, agonizing failures.

In 1951, a stroke left me partly paralyzed, and my speech was impaired. While I gradually recovered the use of my limbs to a degree and regained the ability to speak understandably, I could no longer function as energetically as before.

This abrupt decline from life as an active priest was frustrating, and increased my need to seek relief in alcohol. Periodically, I would go on the wagon, regarding these miserable dry stretches as punishment for my sins of excess. Then, having done penance, I could cast off the chains of reluctant abstinence and relax with a drink, until disgust and exhaustion impelled another climb on the wagon.

During one of these dry periods, I consulted a doctor at a leading government hospital. Naturally, I did not feel it medically relevant to mention my troubles with alcohol. Skillfully diagnosing my heart and circulation condition, he asked if I drank. “No,” I replied virtuously.

“Oh, father, you ought to drink a little,” said the doctor. “I’d suggest working up to three or four drinks a day. Think you could manage that?” I implied I certainly would try to choke down the few drinks.

In the late 1950’s, I promised myself to remain on the wagon for one full year. Like a prisoner confined, I circled the date of my “release” on the calendar. I now look back on that period as the most miserable year of my life. It surpassed in agony any similar period of my worst drinking, for the alcohol at least brought fitful moments of relief or oblivion.

When the dreadful year of dryness ended, I fled the rigorous Chicago winter by flying to Arizona-making sure I’d be on a flight serving cocktails. After reporting to my superiors at the monastery, I went directly to the recreation room, where I knew liquor was kept. When the other monks returned from their prayers and dinner, they found me passed out on the sofa.

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EVI Office

1259 Willamette
Eugene, OR 97401
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 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 periodically. Call and check with Michael at 343-2566 for times.

Contributions: Recovery in the Great Outdoors



(October/year to date)

Anonymous/Unknown 0/122.90
 Attitude Adjustment 95.07/1142.51
 Autumn Group 0/135.00
 Brown Bag Group 0/315.00
 Cottage Grove Noon 0/69.00
 Cottage Grove Speaker Mtg 0/34.73
 Courage to Change 0/201.00
 District 19 0/50.00
 Downtown AM Group 0/1319.69
 Drop The Rock 240.00/240.00
 Fireside group 0/60.00
 Fresh Start at Noon 0/100.00
 Friday Night Stag 0/150.00
 Friday Physical Awakening 0/0
 Get Well Group 0/15.00
 Gratitude Group 30.00/30.00
 How It Works 109.00/189.00
 Language of the Heart 0/0
 McKenzie River Group 0/12.00
 Men's Daily Reflections 0/128.57
 Monday Mens Stag 0/150.00
 Monday Night Cont. Study 0/0
 Monday Night Beginners 0/3.00
 New Freedom 0/599.00
 New Freedom II 320.00/620.00
 Primary Purpose 0/1.00
 Recovery By the Big Book 0/30.00
 Recovery By The Steps 33.00/33.00
 Saturday Morning Steps 286.00/466.00
 Search For Serenity 93.00/680.00
 Serenity Seekers West 0/50.00
 Sober Awakenings 0/540.00
 Springfield Monday Night 3.00/18.00
 Stairway to Sobriety 0/350.00
 Sunday Morning Big Book 0/810.05
 Sunday Sunshine 0/59.76
 Sunlight of the Spirit 55.00/130.00
 Sunday Night 12x12 0/45.00
 SW Sunset 0/34.50
 Thursday Men's Book Study 0/60.00
 Try God Group 417.79/1253.04
 Tuesday Men's Sponsorship 0/50.00
 Tuesday Beginners 0/11.50
 Tuesday Night Book Study 0/105.00
 Veneta Gratitude Group 0/95.39
 We Need Each Other 0/100.00
 Wednesday Mens Noon 0/120.50
 Wednesday Men's Stag 210.00/480.00
 Who am I Group 0/72.00
 Women's How It Works 0/25.00
 Women's Monday Night 20.00/20.00
 Womans Road to Recovery 0/60.00
 Total Contributions (month/year to date)
 Group month/ytd 1911.86/11483.24
Fundraising:
 Anonymous/Unknown 0/141.67
 Faithful Fivers 86.50/1062.50
 Ind. Contributions/Other 3.30/412.89

When I first got sober I thought, "There goes all the fun, now all I got is a lifetime of AA meetings and bad coffee." Well, I was wrong about everything, (except maybe the coffee) and I've been fortunate to meet others who enjoy the active outdoor life as I do. We've had lots of good laughs and festive sharing while biking, hiking or skiing.

Three years ago we felt the need to get organized into a club so that our existence could begin to spread as we learned what activities people were interested in and how best to run an outing. We are not out to set speed records or climb mountain peaks, but to offer an outdoor activity that is doable by all. We are as fast as our slowest rider, hiker, or skier, and we begin and end with the serenity prayer.

Recently some of our participants met to schedule trips and when we had finished we had put activities down on the calendar which covered canoeing, biking, snowshoeing, skiing and hiking. On all our day trips we pack a lunch and stop at a midway point to eat, share tall tales of gallantry from the past, and get to know one another. Come join us! To find out more about our group look for our flyer or call Robert 342-2246 or Jeff 302-2977.



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and then that people could have fun without drinking! I have not had a drink since then (almost four years), and have experienced that same warmth and happiness many times at conferences. I feel an unmistakable Presence in a group of AAs, whether at a small meeting or a large convention. The conferences, especially, have played a large part in the happiness of my sobriety. They are a kind of spiritual shot in the arm for me. Today, I feel that I have truly entered that "fourth dimension" of which the Big Book speaks. I am being endowed with a wholeness that I never knew. I want to live today. I feel freer than ever. I, like so many others, have indeed been given a second chance.

Not only has the insanity of my drinking behavior been removed, but insanity in other areas of my life as well. The depression, tension, and fear are gradually diminishing, and the Second Step promises victory over these things, too. A Higher Power has done for me what I could not do for myself. I am more comfortable with people than ever before; better able to take care of myself, to give and receive love, to find the positive in any situation; and I feel that I have some direction in life at last.

If I tend my garden wisely, using the tools this program has given me, I can uproot the unwanted growth as I recognize it. I can plant healthy seeds of hope, love, and faith. I can even accept the rain as essential to the growth of living things. I know now that everything has its season, and for this, I thank the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

K. H., Houston, Tex. *Reprinted from The Grapevine October 1979*

November Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 7:00
Tue District 20, 6:30 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
Tue District 33, 6:30 Pam G. 895-5478
Wed District 19, 6:30 Tracy R. 338-4320
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00 Angel 431-4924
Sat Cooperation w/Prof. Community, Noon
- 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30
Mon Communication Committee, 7:30
Wed District 6, 6:30 Gus P. 463-1691
Sat Answering/Diverter 9AM
Sat EVI Speakers Meeting, 7:30 Country Club Rd
- 3rd Mon Public Information, 6:30
Wed Activities, 6:30
- Last Wed H&I Committee, 6:00
Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30

Fellowship Events

November 14-17, Honolulu, Hawaii. 41st Annual Hawaii Convention. EVI Office has registration forms and information or go online to www.lava.net/~hconv

November 15-17, Clackamas, Oregon. Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Assembly. Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Ave. Contact Jim A (503) 266-2416 (Jimjer@ptld.uswest.net) or Angie P (503) 913-3868 (angelao@hlyw.com) for more information.

November 25, Springfield, Oregon. Springfield Monday Night 50th Anniversary Potluck. 418 N "A" Street, First Christian Church. 7pm. Speaker - Eileen H. Contact Bonnie R. (541) 988-1661 for more information.

November 28, Cottage Grove, Oregon. Alano Club's Thanksgiving Dinner. 519 E. Main Street. Dinner 2-4pm, AA meeting at 6pm. Come join us for a day of fellowship and food.

December 6-8, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon. Men's Fall Retreat 2002. St. Benedicts Lodge. Contact Karl B. (541) 345-7466



Currently Available Service Positions:

Women Volunteers are especially needed at the EVI office. **EVI Office Volunteers** work a four hour shift, once a week, or every two weeks. Currently we have a very small percentage of women. This is a fun way to get involved and get to know some other AA's in the community. It is recommended that volunteers have 3 months of sobriety. If you are interested, call the EVI office at 342-4113 and leave a message for Bob E.

Other volunteer opportunities: **H&I** has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. There is also a special need for women volunteers for Lane County Jail, CCC, Willamette Valley Treatment, etc. 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.

The following co-chair positions are open: EVI, H&I, Meeting Books and Volunteer Coordinator. These positions take varying time commitments and are great ways to be of service. Contact the committee chairs for more information.

People:

OFFICE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Bob E. (747-2246), Open

ACTIVITIES

Mindy H.(687-9369), Valerie Z.(686-1936)

ANSWERING SERVICE

Carola K.(736-8041), Jana (431-3839)

ARCHIVIST

Linda (345-5827)

COOP PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Frank K.(345-7131), Vicky

E.V.I. COMMUNICATIONS:

Michael W. (343-2566)

Newsletter: Tefany H.(746-1438),

John G.(686-5602)

Website: Darren (485-3474), Open

Meeting Books: Elisabeth R.(747-5814),

Open, (Advisor - Amanda W.(988-9656))

E.V.I. SPEAKER MEETING

Angel (439-4924), Mary Jean (485-7854)

LITERATURE

Michelle H.(232-0101), Letha (687-6623)

OUTREACH

Ted H. (338-8380), Annie B. (461-6610)

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Tom S.(686-8388), Dave C. (912-6203)

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)

Chair: Karl B. (688-1047)

karl@rpginvest.com, Larry W. (513-5626)

HOSPITALS

Steve S. (914-9258)

COOP TREATMENT FACILITIES(CTF)

Laura K.(345-1788), Janis B. (935-8833)

CORRECTIONS

Tom R. (465-1832)

H&I Coordinators

Lane County Jail: Brenda K. (484-6773),

Ted H. (338-8380)

C.C.C. (Women's): Kari M. (344-8147)

C.C.C. (Men's): Tom R. (465-1832)

Alma Work Camp: Bud W. (935-8835)

Pathways: Kenny (461-2937)

Serbu Detention: Jack C. (463-1040)

Carlton House: Joe C. (554-3558)

W.F.T.-Friday Night: Janis. (935-8833)

W.F.T.-Book Study: Leslie (606-5776)

Serenity Lane-Speaker: Cayce (520-5635)

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

Serenity Lane-Sat. Kurt J.(747-8925)

L.C.P.H.: Todd J. (302-6377)

Johnson Unit: Jill S.(302-1311)

V.A. Meeting: Dennis (607-5127)

E.V.I. STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Harold B. (579-8087)

Vice-Chair: Open

Secretary: Roger H. (688-3641)

Treasurer: Ryan A. (513-6498)

Vice Treasurer: Tom L. (683-7706)

At-Large: Todd (607-6349)

At-Large: Sandi (463-0586)

At-Large: Lori B. (684-8670)

At-Large: Open

BOOKKEEPER Kurt

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When the warm but miserable winter was over, I returned to Chicago. One day, after long months of unhappy abstinence, while I was at prayer, I heard a voice say, "You are an alcoholic."

So convincing was this impression or insight that I acted upon it without question and without panic. I consulted a pastor of my order and asked him for the name of a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He knew of one, an attorney of my faith. I picked up the phone, called the man, and asked for help. My going to the phone was an *act* of surrender, but the full effect, the complete blessing, did not come till later.

In a short time, the attorney was in my room, on a Twelfth Step call. What he said made an indelible impression on my mind and heart, and God's grace gave me the ability to understand it: "Give up, and you win." Without God, I can't do it; but with His help I can surrender today, and each day, one day at a time.

The attorney took me to my first AA gathering. It was a stag meeting, and I was dressed in clerical garb. Of the forty men present, I recognized six or seven who had been pupils of the Chicago high school during the years I had served as principal! Strangely, I wasn't embarrassed, and neither were they. They welcomed me, their former principal, a priest of their faith, and shared with me in the bond of a common illness.

That was August 1, 1960, and from that first meeting these men warmed me with their fellowship, their strength and hope, and led me into knowledge of the AA program. How sublimely different was this new form of abstinence that followed complete surrender! My first deep realization of this difference came when I had been sober in AA for only six months. Again, I was undergoing a checkup by an Army doctor, one who had been treating me for many months, and from whom I had concealed my excessive drinking.

Looking at me curiously, he asked, "Father, have you changed your medicine?"

"No, doctor," I replied. "Why would I do that without asking you?"

"I don't understand a few things," he said. "There's a general all-around improvement. Your heart, your blood pressure, your general health are much better- and I can't explain it."

"Six months ago, doctor," I told him, "I joined Alcoholics Anonymous."

His eyes widened. "I had no idea you had a problem with the bottle."

It was then that I began to appreciate how much I owed my physical welfare and peace of mind to the AA program.

During my first year of AA sobriety, I was transferred to California for health reasons. While waiting for construction of the monastery where I now live, I enjoyed a sojourn in Tucson, Ariz., where I was presented with a tiny white flag, symbolizing my surrender. After coming to California and immediately getting active in AA, I obtained a large white flag, which now hangs in my room. It is the first thing I see each morning, and it reminds me that without my daily surrender to the fact of my alcoholism, I will have no health, no sanity, no life, and no God as I understand Him.

Since I am physically unable to drive a car, my Twelfth Step calls are limited to those who are able to come to the monastery. Many are parishioners referred by priests, but increasingly my AA friends send alcoholics of other faiths, or of no religious conviction at all.

Yes, I thank God I am an alcoholic. Through that disease, I acquired the gift of surrender by God's grace. Through AA, God gave me something to live for. All I want is to be able to grow spiritually in the Fellowship.

Father T., California, *Reprinted from The Grapevine December 1976*

Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a new column in our newsletter. If you hear anything profound or interesting or humorous at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

“I woke up in the Colorado River with a crawdad crawling on my chest. The bastard must have thought I was dead!”

Leon C – Wednesday Night Men’s Stag

“If a train runs over you, it isn’t the caboose that kills you.”

Grant – Primary Purpose Group

“You have to have the appropriate respect for the dragon.”

Harold B – Wednesday Night Men’s Stag

“It’s the shortest paragraph in the Big Book ... “It works – it really does.””

Dale D – Stairway to Sobriety

“It’s simple. It isn’t easy, but it’s simple.”

Mac C – Wednesday Night Men’s Stag

“Sometimes you don’t know who’s sponsoring who.”

Ken – Men’s Big Book Study Group

“If you just quit drinking, the only thing that changes is your breath.”

Jack C – Stairway to Sobriety

“While you’re down there looking for your shoes, why don’t you pray?”

Sandy H – Primary Purpose Group

“My Mother wouldn’t bail me out of jail anymore.”

Martin – Men’s Big Book Study Group

“A Life Centered On Helping Others Live In Complete Sobriety.
And Now Our New Young Members Offer Us Serenity.”

Chaz H – Springfield Monday Night

“If you’re going through hell, don’t stop!”

Steve S – Friday Night Stag

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Co-Chair open positions filled:

Out-Reach: Annie B. 461-6610

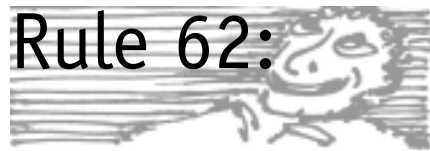
Website : Jessie R. 485-3474

CPC: Vicki K. 688-5042

Co-Chair positions still open:

Office co-chair, Meeting Books co-chair, EVI co-chair,
and H&I co-chair (nominated from H&I committee)

Submitted by Roger H., Secretary



When drunk it is difficult to say:

Indubitably
Innovative
Preliminary
Proliferation
Cinnamon
Specificity

... impossible to say:

Nope, one’s my limit.
No, Bambi, I don’t
want to see your tattoo.
I’ve had a few, I’d
better take a cab.

You’re not really my
type.

Barkeep, this drink is
way too strong.

Just a cup of coffee,
please.

Yes, dear.

That’s disgusting.

I would never fight
anyone in a bar.

Well, officer, I’ve had
more than a few 6 packs.

Hey! Let’s all go to a
meeting!



Faithful Fiver Pledge:

Emerald Valley Intergroup
1259 Willamette
Eugene, Oregon 97401

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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
- I will mail or drop off my contribution:
Monthly
- Four times a year (\$15 each)
- Once a year (\$60)

Name:

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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.



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