

Faithful Fiver Pledge:

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

I will mail or drop off my contribution: Monthly

Four times a year (\$15 each)

Once a year (\$60)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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 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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"I am a Miracle"

by Pat H

With the beginning of a new millennium, my thoughts become reflective about the quality of my sober life. For me, this time of year evokes a nostalgic and grateful look at my sobriety in this program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I owe my life, my family, my friends, my career and all my gifts to this God-given Fellowship. Only in this program can deficits become assets. I am indeed a miracle. To me, this saying has become one of those paradoxes we find in AA. While bringing back feelings of gladness, there was a time when that saying brought sadness to my life. I have been told we never want to close the door on the past because we need to be reminded so we can learn from it. So here is a portion of my story that I hope will benefit you.

Originally, I made that hopeless and desperate phone call seeking help from another alcoholic on December 31, 1983. I thought I'd had enough of being sick and tired and finally had reached my bottom. I celebrated New Year's Eve nursing a hangover with Karo syrup and orange juice. That suggestion came from an incredible woman, Jessica O, who could not take me to a meeting that night because she and her husband were getting ready for the New Year's Eve dance. She asked if I could stay sober until they could pick me up the next day and take me to a meeting. I said, "Yes!"

When I arrived at that meeting, I honestly believed I had "come home" and I had found my place with my kindred spirits. I began to work the program of AA. On the outside, I looked and sounded like the perfect AA. I would practice my comments so they would be eloquent and you would be in awe of me. You see my problem was my intelligence and I thought I knew more than "you people." I was not really working a program because I was too busy taking your inventory and worrying about what you should be doing to improve yourself. I was putting on a "good show" while I was dying inside and didn't know how to make it better. What I really failed to do was to check my ego at the doors of AA. I brought all my character defects (untreated) with me during those first 2 1/2 years of dryness. Just to give you a small example of my self-will run riot in this Fellowship, I had the audacity to grade your leads. I called it the "teacher instinct" as opposed to listening and trying to relate to your message of hope. I was too busy seeing if you were using correct grammar or correct subject-verb agreement. Not healthy, you say. Well I do have to agree.

Needless to say, I began a pattern of isolating myself from my sponsor, my AA friends, my meetings and finally God. I started playing "mind games" with myself. Maybe I am not really an alcoholic or maybe I can just drink sociably if given a chance. Deadly thoughts for an alcoholic! Well, I know you know the rest of the story. I drank again, pure and simple. I don't ever want to forget October 16, 1986. I made a conscious decision to drink. I stood and looked in my bathroom mirror and saw the sticker "I AM A MIRACLE" and said "Screw You." I picked up that drink and turned away from God. Also, I don't ever want to forget the pain, disappointment and fear in my childrens' faces as I walked out that door to get more alcohol that my body was now craving. That picture will be etched in my mind forever.

After approximately 24 hours of being out there, I had decided I was destined to be an alcoholic and there was no hope for me. You see, I was too smart for this program. My ego and pride were in full bloom and I had no intentions of coming back to the rooms of AA. I had my case of beer and fifth of scotch ready in the closet for another day of surviving life. However, God in His infinite wisdom, sent me an angel disguised as an AA friend. She called out of the clear blue sky and said, "We are coming to pick you up and take you to a meeting." To this day, I do not know how she knew I had gone back out. I said, "NO", but she would not take no for an answer. She said that she was going to come and pick me up and take me to a



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meeting. I poured out that booze and waited for them to bring me "back home." That again, was God doing for me what I couldn't do for myself.

I really believe that the relapse was necessary so as to bring me to my knees and knock that ego out of me. I finally surrendered to God and the Program of AA on October 17, 1986. It was a different Pat that walked through these doors this time. I was ready to seek help from my fellow alcoholics and begin to show some honesty, open minded-ness and willingness; words that were not in my vocabulary before. I was so afraid when I walked into that meeting. I felt like everyone's eyes were on me. I did what was suggested and stood up and said, "I went back out." You were so supportive and loving. You did not shy away from me or tell me I had failed. That is what unconditional love is all about. This was the beginning of my spiritual journey in AA. I had the first of many humbling experiences. My eyes and ears were finally opened and my heart was receptive to what you had to share with me. I really began to listen and to relate to your stories. I began to ask for help and to admit that I didn't know everything. It is okay not to know. That is how we learn.

Before, I had this huge fear of the Fourth and Fifth Step and what would be revealed. What I found out was that once that was completed, I was free and a sense of serenity and peace entered my life. Once I had discovered what my character deformities were, I could begin to move toward a more contented, peaceful sobriety. I began to forgive others and especially myself. Once I could begin to get out of myself and help others, my spiritual journey prospered. Humility today means to understand that God is the doer, not Pat. "Thy will be done, not mine." I pray each day that God will allow me to be his instrument to carry with me unselfish and compassionate actions to the still suffering alcoholic. I also have a new found friend called Service. Not only at my Home Group, but I have expanded my horizons to the Intergroup and General Service levels. That has really been an eye-opener and has only accented my spiritual growth in this Fellowship.

I do not want to paint a picture that it is okay to relapse in AA. This is serious business we are talking about. It is a matter of life and death. Many people die when they go back out or they never find their way back to these rooms. I am indeed a miracle because God granted mercy on me and saw that I was given a second chance at recovery, which most people do not get. I do not take my sobriety lightly. I have paid a price, as we all have, and alcohol robbed me of almost everything and everyone. The Program of Alcoholics Anonymous restores us to a life that God always intended for us to lead. God continues to bestow many blessings on me. On page 25 of Alcoholics Anonymous, it states, "The central focus of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do for ourselves." I now believe, trust and depend on God. He leads me to a better life. I can never be alone because I have my Higher Power, which I choose to call God. As a result of my faith in God, I believe in miracles because I know I am one.

It was only by repeated humiliations that we were forced to learn something about humility. It was only at the end of a long road, marked by successive defeats and humiliations, and the final crushing of our self sufficiency, that we began to feel humility as something more than a condition of groveling despair.

Twelve and Twelve, page 72.

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magnitude.

A bit scathed, but undaunted in my quest, I called the AA General Service Office in New York and asked to speak to someone who could give me an explanation of a passage in the Big Book. I was transferred to a very patient woman who, initially, gave me the same explanations I had heard before. I countered with all my standard rebuttals. Although I found the debate very enjoyable, it seemed that my intellectual pursuits had encountered another stone wall. Then, in a moment of insight, this woman said to me, "Read the sentence that comes just before the one you are quoting." Aha!! I couldn't believe it. There it was. My answer. In front of my eyes all the time. How could I have missed it? The statement reads, "We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body."

So, *that's* what Bill was talking about.

The confusion and apparent contradiction were resolved. In this foreword, Bill had not written about recovery from the disease of alcoholism but recovery from a "seemingly hopeless state of mind and body." The extent of this hopelessness and despair was described in detail in his story in the Big Book and in other writings. At one point during Bill's hospitalization, a doctor had prepared Lois for the worst. Soon Bill would die or be committed to an asylum. Yet, as we all know, Bill did, indeed, *recover* from this hopeless condition. He regained his physical health. His "sanity was restored." He was, in fact, an alcoholic who had *recovered*.

A more careful reading of the Big Book reveals that this same idea is found not only in the foreword, but is repeated many times elsewhere in the book. Although the answer I sought was perfectly obvious and should have been apparent to me, it just hadn't registered in my mind. Maybe, I was looking for an answer that wasn't there. Or, maybe yet, I was looking for an elaborate answer to a very fundamental question. As usual, Bill W. knew how to "keep it simple." I was the one complicating the issue. I thank my "teacher" at GSO for this insight.

I am also grateful to her for another valuable lesson concerning the use of "labels" when referring to ourselves or introducing ourselves at meetings. She emphasized a noteworthy point. These "labels" are a *personal* choice. After all, is this not a disease that requires self-diagnosis? The word "recovered" is certainly only a "label." If we focus on Bill's use of the word, it seems evident that not only are Bill and my old-timer friend recovered alcoholics, but so am I! But, my personal preference is to consider myself a "*recovering* alcoholic" because the term implies to me that there is still work to be done. I'm on the right road, but the journey is far from over. On the other hand, others, for their own reasons, would rather call themselves "*recovered* alcoholics." For some newcomers, anything beyond "problem drinker" may be difficult. But the issue here is that, at any meeting, each person is free to refer to himself/herself by any designation he/she prefers at any particular time. No one has the right to question this designation or say it is not appropriate. And this is as it should be.

In conclusion, my quest was not in vain. I have learned three important lessons: First, I found an answer to a question which, though seemingly inconsequential to others, was troubling me. Second, I realize that the answer I sought was actually there all the time. I must learn to open my mind as well as my eyes to what is written in the Big Book, or any other literature, for that matter. But third, and possibly most valuable, now I also understand, accept, and respect the right of each person in this Fellowship to use any personal "label" he/she chooses—whether or not I understand, or agree with it.

"My name is Frank, and I am a recovering alcoholic."

Frank M., Lincoln, R.I.

If you or your group have an event or announcement that needs to be publicized, put it in the EVI News. Also, if your looking for a way to do some service work, consider a volunteer position on the staff of the EVI News. It's published monthly right here in Eugene, Oregon. Call Michael at 343-2566 or send us an email to: eviaa@efn.org.

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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:

(Sept/year to date)
 As Bill Sees It 0/100.00
 Attitude Adjustment 42.97/845.67
 Autumn Group 0/25.00
 Backwoods Bunch 107.00/107.00
 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 234.24/1,477.79
 Drop The Rock 0/0
 Fireside group 0/60.00
 First Monroe Group 0/0
 First Things First 60.00/60.00
 Four Corners 0/0
 Freedom Of Choice 0/96.50
 Friday Big Book Study(M) 0/0
 Friday Physical Awakening 90.00/90.00
 Fri night young people 0/0
 From the Heart 0/0
 Good Grief 50.00/50.00
 Gratitude Group 0/60.00
 Harrisburg Group 0/0
 Jasper Group 0/0
 Last Chance Study Group 50.00/50.00
 Language of the Heart 70.00/80.00
 Lowell Lakeside 0/0
 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 200.00/730.00
 New Freedom 2 500.00/1360.00
 Physical, Mental, Spiritual 0/0
 Recovery by Big Book 30.00/98.75
 Serenity Seekers West 50.00/50.00
 Saturday Night Beginners 0/0
 Saturday Step 0/409.20
 Sober Awakenings 480.00/1200.00
 Sobriety for life 0/190.00
 Springfield Monday Night 0/40.00
 Springfield Study Group 0/40.00
 Stairway to Sobriety 25.00/225.00
 Sunday Morning Big book 20.00/320.00
 Sunlight of the Spirit 0/30.60
 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 0/510.00
 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 0/170.25
 Womans Road to Recovery 0/120.00
 Women's How It Works 0/0
 Women's Bedrock 0/60.00
 Ya Po Ah 0/40.00
 Total Contributions (month/year to date)
 Group month/ytd 2,009.21/10,330.76
Fundraising:
 EVI Speakers Meeting 804.43/804.43
 Faithful Fivers, individual 70.00/1,401.80

A Seemingly Hopeless State of Mind and Body

In the foreword to the first edition of the Big Book, Bill W. states that the main purpose of the book is to "show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered." Here, and in many other passages in the Big Book and in countless other writings and speeches, it is clear that he and the early members of our Fellowship considered themselves to be "recovered alcoholics." However, his use of the word "recovered" when used as an adjective to describe "alcoholic" always seemed to me to be very inappropriate. Bill W. had an excellent command of the English language. He chose words very carefully and used them specifically and deliberately. I could not understand how he could use such a term when it was known, even then, that alcoholics can never recover from alcoholism as a person would recover from the cold or the flu. We will never "get over" alcoholism in the sense that we will become social drinkers. We will always be alcoholics.

On page 85 of the Big Book it says, "We are not cured of alcoholism." Could anything be more straightforward than that! How, then, could Bill W, or anyone else for that matter, ever become a *recovered* alcoholic? I just couldn't understand this apparent contradiction. And, yet, I believe that Bill had chosen and used the word deliberately. That simply added to my confusion and frustration.

I have been attending a Big Book discussion meeting in a nearby city for a while. Recently we started over again at the beginning of the book. It seemed an appropriate time to bring up my concern, as insignificant as it may have appeared to others. Was I making a big deal out of nothing? Maybe so. But, it was important to me because I perceived this as a contradiction in terms. How can we be recovered, but not cured? What does recovery from alcoholism mean? I was really trying to understand what Bill was talking about because the concept of recovery is such a crucial focal point, not only for the Big Book, but for the entire program.

At that meeting, however, I could not get an explanation that was satisfactory to me. In fact, an old-timer who, like Bill W., considers himself to be "recovered," gave me the impression that I was treading on sacred ground. I was committing a sacrilege of great



The logo for the Area Assembly to be held in Eugene in Sept. 2002 has been selected by the Assembly committee and it appears below. There were 5 entries.

The drawing for the microwave oven donated as a fundraiser will be held November 1st so if you don't have any raffle tickets, they are available at the EVI office. Stop by and say hi to the volunteers there.



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October 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
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



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Service Events:

For more information on any of the events listed, stop by the EVI Office.

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

Fellowship Events:

Annual Oyster Feed Potluck, Speaker Meeting and Raffle, sponsored by Hermiston AA.
 Saturday, November 10.
 Community Center, Hermiston, Or.
 Call Andy S., 541-567-2066

Grants Pass Fellowship Harvest Festival,
 Sat. Oct 27. Speaker Meeting and Dance. Riverside Conference Center.
 Fred J. (541) 956-1693

Yakima Valley Roundup
 January 11, 12, 13, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima Washington
 Lynn N. (509) 249-0522 or Bryan B. (509) 453-7203



Gratitude:

Currently Available Service Positions:

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

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.

Literature: makes sure all AA approved literature is available to all those who seek.

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. This can be pleasant service work, and worth doing.

AA Meetings:

New:

Tues, Thurs, Saturday
7:00-8:00 AM **The Great Fact Group**
Springfield, Bethel Assembly of God
2065 Centennial Blvd
(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

(the following just moved rooms in the building)

7:30 - 8:45 PM New Monday Night Group
Eugene (upstairs)
1414 Kincaid, Koinonia Center

7:00-8:00 PM From The Heart Group
Eugene (Gay/Straight) (basement)
1414 Kincaid, Koinonia Center

8:00-9:00 PM Thur. Night Candlelight
Eugene (basement)
1414 Kincaid, Koinonia Center

8:00-9:30 PM We Need Each Other
Eugene (Gay/Straight) (downstairs)**1414**
Kincaid St., Koinonia Center

No longer meeting

Eugene Men's Book Study
Tuesday 7:00-8:30 PM
Eugene, (M)(C)(BB,12x12)
Emerald Baptist (downstairs)
19th & Patterson,

Cottage Grove 12x12
7:30-9:00 Sunday

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.

September EVI Business Meeting Minutes

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

New EVI Representatives: No one identified themselves 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 were present to conduct business. (15 required per amendment to by-laws, Only 12 in attendance at beginning of meeting)

Chairperson Jim P. started the meeting with committee reports in hopes that a quorum would be achieved later during the meeting. No Dissent.

Committee reports:

H&I: Karl B. requested first report as outside activity scheduling was in conflict.

A three page H&I Committee Minutes was distributed. Karl reported that H&I is active, and all meetings are going well. New blood is always appreciated. Thanks Karl

A request was submitted to the chair to jump to new business/elections prior to continuing with committee reports. Question was raised to verify quorum.

15 Group EVI Reps were now present.

New Business: Elections

Position of **Vice Chair** opened to nominations: Harold B. nominated.

No other nominations. Harold B gave verbal service resume. Harold B. elected to Vice Chair position. Harold's phone number is 541-342-1557 Thanks Harold.

Position for open **Member at Large** opened to nominations: Sandi D. nominated.

No other nominations. Sandi D. gave verbal service resume. Sandi D. elected to vacant 4

Member-at-Large position. Sandi's phone number is 541-463-0586. Thanks Sandi.

Position for **Vice Chair Activities** opened to nominations:

Letha (rotating in Chairperson) requested postponement of election until next month as active committee member interested in position, but not able to attend this meeting. No dissent, election postponed until October business meeting.

Position for **Vice Chair Newsletter** opened to nominations: No nominations, or interest from group. Nominations will open again next month.

Position for **Vice Chair Meeting Books** opened to nominations:

Chair has rotated out, and vice chair has resigned position. Both chair and vice-chair positions were opened for nominations. Amanda W. stepped forward with an interest in the vice-chair position. No dissent from group. Amanda W. elected as vice-chair of meeting books. Amanda's phone number is 541-988-9656. Nominations will open again next month for chair position. Thanks Amanda

Position for **Vice Chair Website** opened to nominations:

No nominations, Nominations will open again next month.

Position for **Chair** and **Vice Chair Outreach** opened to nominations:

No nominations, will open again next month.

Position for **Vice Chair Hospitals** opened to nominations:

Harold B for Karl B. (Chairperson) requested postponement of election until next month as active committee member interested in position, but not able to attend this meeting. No dissent

Election postponed until October Business Meeting.

Position for **Vice Chair Speakers Meeting** opened to nominations:

Chair (AI D.) has rotated out, and vice chair (Gaylene) has resigned position.

Both chair and vice-chair positions were opened for nominations. No nominations or interested members. Nominations will open again next month for chair and vice-chair positions. Speakers already lined up through end of year. We need help here folks.

Committee reports (continued):

Treasurer: Mel M., Profit & Loss statements are available in the office and distributed to all present. Net income for the month was \$1239.13. Book sales income down and no book order made for the month. Group contributions were up from last month (Thanks Groups). Inventory remained relatively constant.

Thanks Mel

Volunteer Coordinator: Jim K., things going well could use volunteers for office. Still in need of help on Thursday evenings if we are going to re-open Thursday Nights. Office is currently closed Thursday evenings. Thanks Jim

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 inventory can be maintained. Thanks Dave.

Website: Michael S. Website doing well. Can always use and would appreciate input from area fellowship. Thanks Michael.

Meeting Book committee: Michael W., new directories will be available soon. Continued updates necessary to avoid misinformation. Thanks Michael

Newsletter: Kurt., newsletters were available and distributed to EVI Reps present. Committee is always looking for area member's articles and additions. Committee is going well with new coordinator. Committee meets 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2495 Columbia, Eugene. Thanks Kurt.

Answering Service (Diverter Coordinator): Jim P. for Linda L. still in need of Co-Chair *Please*. Trying to update 12 step list, and is having trouble filling Tuesday night slots for Diverter. Thanks Linda.

Public Information: Brad M., things are going well, and committee busy maintaining and creating new contacts with community groups. Requested budget for expenses during report (see new business). Thanks Brad.

CPC: No Report

Activities: No Report

Speaker Meeting: AI D. Meetings are going well. We are in need of new Chair and Vice-chair for committee. Working committee will continue meetings. Speakers booked through end of year. Thanks AI.

Outreach: NO REPORT

Archivist: NO REPORT

Steering Committee: Jim P. reported Steering Committee met and discussed various issues. Volunteer training at the office is continuing. Business Advisory committee has not met to create guidelines for the prudent reserve.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. A motion was made to provide the PI Committee with \$1,500 working budget through December 31st, 2001. No discussion. No budget established in January 2001. Motion Carried.

2. A motion was made to possibly provide the Chairperson with \$300 expenses to attend National Inter-group conference in Missouri if possible this year. No Discussion. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom L.

Rule 62:

At an open meeting not long ago, we heard the chairman conclude the AA Preamble as follows: ". . . Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve variety." The verbal slip got a laugh, but if you ponder the monotony of active alcoholism, you may agree with us that sobriety does indeed provide what the man said.

THE following, reports K. I. T., of Phoenix, Ariz., are excerpts from answers by sixth-graders who were involved in a study of Community Health:

"Alcoholics Amonymous (sic) is an organization of alcoholics who aren't any more." "Alcoholics can be treated at bars and cocktail lounges." "Alcoholics are people who cannot stay away from alcoholics." To that last one K. I. T. says Amen.

ANOTHER report puzzles us somewhat. The Italian National Research Council plied 20 young men with wine and martinis to test their brain and muscle functions and arrived at some conclusions, to wit: Drinking wine relaxes the muscles and brings on a sense of well-being, while martinis quiet anxiety and dull reactions to stress. As former wine-martini-anything drinker, what ewe want to know is: What's the difference between (A) dulled anxiety and a sense of well-being, and (b) relaxed muscles and freedom from stress?