



# DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

## March 2013

*Serving Lynnwood, Edmonds & Mountlake Terrace vicinity of Area 72 AA*

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Check out District 24 on the web at: [www.district24.org](http://www.district24.org)

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### **DECLARATION OF UNITY**

*This we owe to A.A.'s future; to  
place our common welfare first; to  
keep our Fellowship united. For  
on A.A. unity depend our lives, and  
the lives of those to come.*

### **RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

*When anyone, anywhere, reaches  
out for help, I want the hand of  
A.A. always to be there. And for  
that: I am responsible.*

### **District 24 Business Meetings**

1st Wednesday of each  
month at 7:00 p.m.

*Edmond's Professional Center  
7315 212th Street SW #101  
Edmonds, WA*

### **SNO-KING INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETINGS**

3rd Wednesday of each  
month at 7:00 p.m.

*Sno-King Intergroup is located on the 2nd  
floor of the Stone Court building on 76th  
Ave W. in Edmonds, very near the  
intersection with Hwy 99, south of 224th  
St. SW. Call 425-672-0987 for further info  
or service work.*

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### **INTERNET MEETINGS FOR HOUSE-BOUND PEOPLE:**

**Here are two links:**

[www.southernalspeakers.org](http://www.southernalspeakers.org)  
<http://xa-speakers.org>

**Or Contact for assistance**  
[dist.24.accessibilitychair@gmail.com](mailto:dist.24.accessibilitychair@gmail.com)

### **DISTRICT 24 ADDRESS FOR GROUP DONATIONS:**

District 24  
P.O. Box 439  
Lynnwood, WA 98046

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2013****In Attendance:**

Meredy	Bob H.	Eric E.	Jamie K.	Jared C.	Cathy Jo.	Claire C.	Anne E.
Robert S.	Dick R.	Carol V.	Claire W.	Tari B.	Barbara S.	Donn N.	Doug V.
Jeff H.	Peg S.	Gabriel	Julia K.	John M.	Claire G.	Arnie P.	Tom L.
Jim W.	Dusty K.	Stephanie S.	Ian S.	Geri S.	Judy R.	Jim S.	
John B.	Shawna L.	VW John	Erik J.	Debbie H.	Sandi	Sarah	

Open with the Serenity Prayer @ 7 p.m  
 Responsibility Declaration  
 Reading of short form of Concept 2: KIM H.  
 Introductions  
 Birthdays: Jim (2); Terri (7)

**REPORTS**

**Secretary – Julia K** – \*motion to approve meeting minutes

**Registrar – Claire C.** – If you're a new GSR or your group has changed, please come & talk with Claire. Our district has old/missing info on record at the Area level so Claire is thinking about ways to address that. Also, if you aren't getting the Area newsletter let Claire know.

**Treasurer – Carol V.** – \*motion to approve Treasurer's report – due to illness Stephanie has prepared the treasurer's report instead of Carol. Carol & Meredy will be on the account by next month.

**Alt. Treasurer – Meredy** – no report

**Coffee Maker – Kim H.** – all is good

**Public Information – Bob B.** – no report

**CPC – Ed** – traveling, no report

**Treatment and Bridging the Gap – Jeff H.** – Has a list of treatment centers to re-contact about us coming. A couple people are going to Options tomorrow!

**Newsletter – Cathy Jo** – Report in newsletter.

**Web – Eric E.** – Report in newsletter. He will be setting up a backup for the site & will look into why our link on the Area website doesn't work.

**Archives – Claire G.** – Excited to have an alternate! Has Our Stories Disclosed for sale, \$10

**Alt Archives – Ron A** – Report in newsletter

**Grapevine/Literature – Ann N.** – No report

**Schedules – Sandi** – Schedules on the table.

**Sno-King Intergroup – Donn** – Nothing has changed. The treasurer's report should be on the website.

**GSIG Zone Rep – OPEN POSITION (John)** – The new schedules will be out in March, please get meeting changes ASAP. Rumors were spreading that they were going to close their doors – they are looking into a reorganization which may include moving & other ways to bring in revenue. Board meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Burien Little Assembly is coming up.

**Corrections – Stephanie S.** – No report. Wondering if we have a bridge coordinator for corections....nope, Stephanie will fill that position until it becomes too much.

**Accessibility – Annie F.** – Attended the quarterly, report in newsletter.

**Alternate DCM – Tom** – District Gratitude Potluck is in March. Has flyers. Needs a check for the deposit. Groups provide the meat & the district provides potatoes, beverages. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Tom. Sign-up sheet went around the room. March 23<sup>rd</sup> doors at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, speaker at 7:30pm.

**DCM – Peg S.** – Went to the first quarterly. The topic was reimbursements for the trusted servants. An intense study was done by an ad-hoc committee and a report has been put together. The report is available from Peg. The issue was tabled and they will continue to work on it and get a more stable number. GSR school was a great success! 61 people showed up. Four GSR schools coming up if you missed this one.

**District Finance Committee** – Due to illness they did not meet.

**Gratitude Banquet Committee** – Tom L, Ann N, Claire G – See Tom's report (Alt DCM)

**Picnic Committee** – Doug & Claire W. - July 24<sup>th</sup> (11am-5pm)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- GSIG position is still open

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pre-conference is on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Calvary Chapel Church in Lake Stevens. It's important for GSRs to go so information can be brought back to the groups. If you have questions, please see a member who has been before.

Closed with the Unity Declaration:

***"This we owe to A.A.'s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come."***

Please help clean up by picking up your garbage. Please check with Kim H. if you can help put the room back in order.

**AREA 72**  
**PRE CONFERENCE TOPICS**  
**CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 8**

Please join us March 9<sup>th</sup> @  
 Calvary Chapel Church  
 9428 4<sup>th</sup> St SE, Lake Stevens

***BRUNCH POTLUCK***  
***bring what you would like to share***

**UPCOMING**  
**DISTRICT 24 MEETINGS**

***March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 7 P.M.***  
***April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 @ 7 P.M.***  
***May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 7 P.M.***

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS FROM MARCH 2013****DCM REPORT – PEG S.**

Hello to District 24!

March is a really busy month for me...so much going on! As I write this, I am packing to go to PRAASA in Boise, which is March 1,2 and 3.

Our Pre-Conference is March 9, in Lake Stevens at the Calvary Chapel. I hope all of you plan on attending. Julia has sent out the topics / questions that will be highlighted at this event. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

District 24's Gratitude Banquet / Potluck will be March 23 at St Pius in Mountlake Terrace. Each home group is asked to supply either a cooked and sliced turkey or ham, as well as a raffle prize. Please see Tom L. or Annie N. for more details and / or if you would like to help set up or clean up, be in the kitchen, sell raffle tickets...etc. There are a lot of service opportunities that day. Hope to see you there!

So Grateful.....Peg DCM 24

**TREASURER REPORT– CAROL V.**

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 FOR FULL REPORT**

**WEBCHAIR REPORT – ERIC E.**

Completed monthly backup, added new events to events page, notified Area 72 web chair about malfunctioning link to Dist. 24 meetings & suggested a remedy.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT – CATHY JO.**

If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, please email me at [dist.24.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dist.24.newsletter@gmail.com) and I will try to fit it in. All submissions accepted, everything from announcements regarding meeting changes or upcoming events, to personal stories or writings. If appropriate & related to alcoholism, I will find the room!

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – JULIA K.**

Hello District 24ers!

February has been a busy month for me and included a couple trips up to Canada, as a result I have been slow to get the minutes out to you all and figure out the pre-conference topics. Attached are three documents:

1. The meeting minutes from this month, which I need you to look over before our meeting this Wednesday *\*see page 2*

2. Pre-Conference background & summary information, which will help you be more informed about the pre-conf. topics. *\*see page 8*

3. The agenda for the 2013 General Service Conference, which will give you an idea of what they'll be talking about in New York *\*can be found online @ [area72aa.org/area-72-pre-conferences.html](http://area72aa.org/area-72-pre-conferences.html)*

For those of you who are new to being a GSR (or have been around awhile & never asked), the General Service Conference is something that happens every year in NY. All of the Delegates from all across the country meet & talk about various topics that effect AA. Our delegate, Astri, has picked a sampling of the topics that she would like our feedback on so that she can go back to NY with an idea of how our groups feel about them. I cannot stress enough how important this process is for our program. The more knowledgeable you are about the Conference topics, the more you can pass on to your groups & receive their ideas on the topics. If our delegate doesn't receive feedback from us then she goes to NY w/out an informed conscience. This is one of the ways we maintain our service structure of having the groups at the top of the pyramid. I highly encourage all of you to attend the upcoming Pre-Conference where you can learn more about the topics so that you can go back to your groups informed. Our Pre-Conference is on March 9th at 10am at Calvary Chapel Church in Lake Stevens.

If you have any questions, please, please, please feel free to ask and I'll find you the answer!

**UPCOMING QUARTERLY INFORMATION****Corrections Winter Quarterly**

Bethany Pentecostal Church  
508 S. Francis St  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
9 AM – 3 PM

*Lunch provided - bring dessert*

**Accessibility Spring Quarterly**

Greater Seattle Intergroup  
5507 6th Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98108  
9 AM – 3 PM

*Pizza/Salad/Refreshments provided –  
bring a side dish to share*

**Web Committee Spring Quarterly**

Dakota Creek Shipyard (cafeteria)  
301 Q Street  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
9 AM – 3 PM

*Lunch provided - bring dessert*

**GV & Literature Spring Quarterly**

Greater Seattle Intergroup  
5507 6th Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98108  
9 AM – 3 PM

*Main dish provided – bring side dish*



District 24		Checking Account		January		Statement 1-18-2013 to 2-19-2013	
Date	Transaction Type/Number	Pay To / Received From	Explanation	Paymt. Amt. (-)	Deposit Amt. (+)	Balance Check book	
Account			Beginning Balance			1834.84	
Deposit		Group Donation					
24-Jan	money order	Mill Creek Discussion Grp	group donation		27.00		
24-Jan	money order	Friday Night Big Book	group donation		27.00		
24-Jan	1097	The Abbey Grp	group donation		40.00		
24-Jan	1263	Celebrate Life	group donation		30.00		
24-Jan	1017	Freedom Grp	group donation		30.00		
7-Feb	1006	Our Primary Purpose N	group donation		93.12		
7-Feb	2475	The Unity Grp	group donation		35.38		
7-Feb	6946	Midway Grp	group donation		35.00		
7-Feb	money order	Way of Life	group donation		30.00		
5-Feb	cash	GSR school	7th Tradition		55.00		
7-Feb	1022	Freedom Grp	group donation		30.00		
Checks							
22-Jan	2788	GSR school	Printing	54.42			
23-Jan	2787	District 35	April Qtrly registration	50.00			
28-Jan	2782	District participation	GSR School	50.00			
29-Jan	2783	National Color	Newsletter printing	21.90			
1-Feb	2785	Edmonds Family Medicine	2 months rent	60.00			
8-Feb	2801	Edmonds Parks Dept	Picnic Rental Deposit	256.00			
8-Feb	2802	Cathie	Newsletter printing	40.00			
8-Feb		Wells Fargo	bank fee	3.00			
Bank Statement		Ending Balance		535.32	432.50	1732.02	
After the Statement Date							
Outstanding Checks							
5-Feb	2803	Julia K	Secretary copies	4.92			
6-Feb	2789	Edmonds Family Medicine	Rent	30.00			
7-Feb	2804	St PiusX	Gratitude Gym Rental	888.00			
Deposits							
1-Mar	702	AMAA	group donation		148.13		
1-Mar	1013	Our Primary Purpose N	group donation		26.04		
1-Mar	1047	We Are Not Saints	group donation		8.36		
Total				922.92	182.53		
Cash on Hand						991.63	
Reserve	2013 Gratitude Dinner expenses			600.00			
Reserve	2013 Picnic expense						
Reserve	2013 50% schedules expense			250.00			
End of February			Working balance			141.63	

## NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

A FULL LIST OF MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTP://DISTRICT24.ORG/SCHED/D-24%20SCHEDULE.HTML](http://DISTRICT24.ORG/SCHED/D-24%20SCHEDULE.HTML)

<p><b>MEETING CHANGE</b></p> <p><b><u>LANGUAGE OF THE ♥ HEART</u></b></p> <p>TUESDAY NIGHTS NEW TIME - 5:30 PM</p> <p>Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church 5425 Harbour Pointe Blvd Mukilteo 98275</p>	<p><b><u>THE EDMONDS GROUP</u></b></p> <p>Currently has an interpreter for the hearing impaired &amp; deaf on the <b>LAST Tuesday</b> of each month.</p> <p><i>Starting on May the 10th we will have an interpreter for the 2nd Tuesday of the month for a 6 month trial period. So, the 2nd Tuesday (through October) and the last Tuesday we will be offering an interpreter.</i></p>	<p><b>NEW LOCATION</b></p> <p><b><u>LYNNWOOD STUDY GROUP</u></b></p> <p>ROCK of HOPE CHURCH 8713 220th SW, Edmonds</p> <p>Mondays, 7:30 pm (C)</p> <p><i>Open meeting on last Monday of the month</i></p>
<p><b>Women in Recovery</b></p> <p>Saturday 10 A.M. ASL at Each Meeting</p> <p>North Creek Presbyterian Church 621 164th ST SE, Mill Creek</p>	<p><b><i>Tolerance</i></b></p> <p>HAS MOVED TO:</p> <p>Edmonds United Methodist, 828 Caspers Street</p> <p><b>Friday 9:00 AM meeting</b></p>	<p><b>MEETING MOVED</b></p> <p>Ed Lynn Fellowship Sunday thru Saturday: 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM</p> <p>Friday and Saturday Also @ Midnight</p> <p>5800 198th SW, Ste 1 Lynnwood, WA 98036</p>
<p><b><u>W.O.T.S.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Women on Thursday Study</u></b></p> <p><i>12x12 Steps and Traditions</i></p> <p><b>NEW TIME - NOW @ 7 P.M.</b></p> <p>St. Timothy's Lutheran Church 5124 164<sup>th</sup> St SW Edmonds</p> <p><i>Closed Women's Meeting – No pets or children</i></p>	<p>MEETING MOVED</p> <p><b><u>CELEBRATE LIFE</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesdays @ 10am</b></p> <p><b>Women's Meeting</b></p> <p>Edmonds United Methodist Church 828 Casper Street Asbury Hall, Room 123 Edmonds 98020</p>	<p><b>MEETING UPDATE</b></p> <p><b><u>Patience Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Has discontinued childcare But we still have PIZZA! ☺</p> <p>Thursday 7 PM-830 PM</p> <p>Terrace View Presbyterian Church 4700 228<sup>th</sup> ST SW Mountlake Terrace, 98043</p>



# All Events Can be Found at [www.district24.org](http://www.district24.org)

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Northern Districts ~ Area 72 ~ Pre-Conference**  
 Everyone, is Welcomed to attend!

Please join us!  
**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 10:00am**

Brunch potluck, bring what you would like to share.  
 Coffee and water provided by District 19.  
 We will honor the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

**Calvary Chapel Church**  
**9428 4<sup>th</sup> St Se, Lake Stevens**  
 (on the corner of Hwy. 9 and 4<sup>th</sup> St.)

**No Reservations**  
**SPEAKERS MEETING**  
**1st Saturday of the month- 7:00pm - Open Meeting**

MONTH	DATE	AA SPEAKER	Al-Anon SPEAKER
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>2/2/13</b>	<b>ALLISON M-C</b> Los Angeles, CA..	<b>PAUL C</b> Uk Forest Plk, WA
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>3/2/13</b>	<b>RICK W.</b> Oxnard, CA.	<b>PAM L</b> Sedro-Woolley, WA
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>4/6/13</b>	<b>JIM R.</b> Bremerton, WA.	<b>* ELLEN C</b> Addison, TX.

*\*Special Al-Anon feature night - See separate flyer*

SWINOMISH GYMNASIUM - 17311 RESERVATION ROAD - LA CONNER, WA.  
 AL-ANON WILL BE SPONSORING AN ALATEEN MEETING THAT  
 WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE AL-ANON SPEAKER AT "NO RESERVATIONS" MEETING

[www.NoReservationsSpeakerMeeting.com](http://www.NoReservationsSpeakerMeeting.com) - or - [NoReservationsSpeakerMeeting@Gmail.com](mailto:NoReservationsSpeakerMeeting@Gmail.com)

**SISTERS IN RECOVERY**  
**WOMEN'S GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**Good Shepherd Church**  
 6915 196<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
 Lynnwood, WA

Saturday's at 10:00am  
 Childcare Available

Birthdays Celebrated the last  
 Saturday of the month

Speakers last Saturday of odd months

**2013 Sisters in Recovery Speakers Meetings**

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
 March 30<sup>th</sup>  
 May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 July 27<sup>th</sup>  
 September 28<sup>th</sup>  
 November 30<sup>th</sup>

**ALDERWOOD GROUP**

**ANNUAL POTLUCK AND SPEAKERS MEETING**

**THURSDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**(LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)**

**POTLUCK AT 6PM**  
**SPEAKERS BEGIN AT 7PM**

**NORTH CREEK COUNTRY CHURCH - BASEMENT**  
**18415 BOTHELL-EVERETT HWY**  
**MILL CREEK, WA**

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## Deaf Access Committee



From "You Have to Be Deaf to Understand"  
— Willard Austin, 1971

### Our goals:

- Establish funded ASL interpreting services.
- Maintain a schedule of interpreted meetings.
- Integrate a vibrant Deaf sober AA community.
- Carry the message to the Deaf alcoholic who still suffers, inside and outside the rooms.

One united A.A. ... Deaf and hearing alcoholics together ... because our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Monthly Meeting      Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Second Thursday      Fireside Room  
7:00 - 8:30pm      101 East 38th St.  
ASL Interpreted      Tacoma, WA 98404

**Next Meeting on March 14**

### DIRECTIONS

- From I-5 North or South:
- ❖ Take exit 133 for I-705 N/WA-7 S toward City Center
  - ❖ Follow signs for Washington 7 S/Pacific Avenue
  - ❖ Follow signs for State Route 7 S/38th St W/Mt Rainier
  - ❖ Merge onto WA-7 S/38th St/State Route 7 S
  - ❖ Destination will be on the right

[deafaccesscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:deafaccesscommittee@gmail.com)  
[dacchairWA@gmail.com](mailto:dacchairWA@gmail.com)

## EVERETT CONFERENCE 2013

### SPAGHETTI FEED "FUN"RAISER

**\*\*New Location\*\***

GREAT  
RAFFLE  
PRIZES  
50/50  
MUCH  
MORE...

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church**

**Saturday May 18th**  
**Dinner starts at 5pm**



- Alanon Speaker: at 6:30  
Nancy W., Bothell, WA
- Raffle at 7:15
- AA Speaker: at 7:45  
Karen R., Seattle, WA

### KID'S CORNER!

Craft table  
Face painting  
Balloon animals  
Hot dogs

Register at

[www.everettconference.com](http://www.everettconference.com)

Or get tickets at the door

**\$9 for Adults**

**\$16 for Couples**

**\$4 for children 5 to 12**

**Kids under 5 FREE!**

### Our Saviors Lutheran Church

215 Mukilteo Blvd, Everett 98203  
• From I-5, take exit #192 and follow the signs to go west on 41st St. After winding past Forest Park, 41st St. becomes Mukilteo Blvd. At the stop light, turn right onto Olympic Blvd., and then take an immediate right into our driveway.

## \*District 24 Annual\*

### GRATITUDE POTLUCK DINNER

### AA and Alanon Speaker Meeting

## March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013



St. Pius X in the  
gymnasium  
22301 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. W  
Mount Lake Terrace  
98043

Doors open at 5pm

Dinner at 6pm

Speakers at 7:30pm

**Raffle, 50/50 raffle**

**Donation at the door \$5**

## SNO-KING INTERGROUP

22617 76TH AVE. SUITE 203

Edmonds, WA 98026

# 425-672-0987

Be of service to **Alcoholics Anonymous**. Volunteers needed to answer the phone and service customers at the Sno-King Intergroup Office. Two-hour shifts.

Have you or someone you know or love ever made the big step to reach out for help and no one was there? Please don't let that happen. We need volunteers to be at the end of the line when someone finally makes that call.

### To Volunteer or for information contact:

Roger H—Volunteer Coordinator

425-760-0169 email: [rogerhlongtime@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerhlongtime@hotmail.com)

Glen H—Alternate Coordinator

206-658-3672 email: [glenh865@yahoo.com](mailto:glenh865@yahoo.com)



Also, Sno-King Intergroup Office now has an abundant supply of books and literature for groups and individuals.

Stop by and visit us.



## 2013 PRE-CONFERENCE BACKGROUND SUMMARIES & QUESTIONS

*The Pre-Conferences are used to distribute the information on General Service Conference agenda topics to the groups in Western Washington. Pre-Conferences are scheduled in the month of March in order to allow enough time for the groups to review the information & provide their input to the Delegate prior to the Conference.*

**GRAPEVINE AUDIO STRATEGY.....BACKGROUND:** The 2012 conference recommended that the AA Grapevine move forward with an audio strategy to have members call in & record their story on 3<sup>rd</sup> part recording technology. GV began collecting audio story submissions Jan 2013. At present there are 2 ways to submit; calling a voicemail service that AAGV subscribes to, or creating a WAV file on a smart phone or digital recorder & emailing that file to the GV. The creation of the webpage was done in-house, there is a monthly charge from the VM service of \$11.99/mo. To date that is all that was spent on this project. Next step is to ascertain that the plan & submitted stores are compatible. The committee requested that a status & financial report be submitted to the 2013 Conference Committee. **QUESTION #1:** If you haven't already, try submitting a story to the GV via the new audio process (check [aagrapevine.org/audio-portal](http://aagrapevine.org/audio-portal) for more info & direction. What was your experience? How did it work? Have you thought of any suggestions for improvement? **QUESTION #2:** How are we going to engage the current & future electronic device users to become GV users? What changes/improvements would be needed?

**LA VINA.....BACKGROUND:** The 2010 Conference recommended that La Vina achieve spiritual parity with the AAGV, beginning in the following manner: Publishing La Vina as a monthly, perfect-bound, black & white, 68 pg issue at an additional estimated cost of \$21,400 per yr. for 1 yr. beginning in 2011 followed by a yr of review & assessment in 2012. The results of this review & assessment will be brought to their 2013 Conference Committee on the AAGV. Freelance staff for the magazine was increased; circulation increased by 8.56%. A regular La Vina Forum workshop was added, the editor traveled to Spanish language Areas; annual submissions increased from 204 to 548. The additional expense for La Vina in 2012, attributable to the Conference Action, was \$22,400. \$21,400 for additional editorial support, \$2000 for additional printing & art costs. La Vina expenses rose in 2012 due to salary & employee benefit increases. **QUESTION #3:** 2012 Advisory Action recommended "La Vina achieve 'spiritual parity' with the AAGV". What does "spiritual parity" mean? Considering the 2012 assessment of La Vina, should we continue to require the current format? Do you have alternative suggestions?

**FUTURE BOOK TOPICS.....**The AA Grapevine is considering production of three books in the year 2014 or later. **QUESTION #4:** Consider the following book topics – 1) *Making Amends* (working title) where members share experience about making 9<sup>th</sup> step amends from stores previously published in GV magazine or AAGrapevine.org; 2) *How I Found My Higher Power* (working title) A collection of stories by AA members regarding their personal journeys with Step Two. 3) *Steps Four & Five* (working title) Stories by members who did their 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> steps & how it changed their lives.

**CPC.....BACKGROUND:** Sometimes a service committee has "light" Conference Committee agenda. When that happens, staff reviews communications from the Fellowship & the Trustee's Committees considers possible discussion topics to be placed on the Conference Committee agenda. Therefore, there may not be background material provided. This year the Trustees' Committee on CPC/Treatment Special Needs-Accessibilities agreed that it would be useful to discuss how local CPC Committees are utilizing new technologies to provide info about AA to professionals. **QUESTION #5:** Discuss how your local CPC Committees are utilizing new technologies to provide info about AA professionals.

**TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS-ACCESSIBILITIES.....BACKGROUND:** AA is dedicated to making its message of recovery from alcoholism available to as many as possible, including those with special needs. Special needs generally implies blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, chronically ill, housebound, wheelchair bound and/or have problems accessing AA meetings. Committees have been formed who research ways meetings are having trouble accommodating those with special needs and working with the groups to find solutions. "AA Guidelines; Serving Alcoholics With Special Needs" and "Carrying the AA Message to the Deaf Alcoholic" are available through GSO as are ASL DVDs and Closed Captioned Videos and other AA material for special needs. **QUESTION #6:** Discuss how Special Needs-Accessibilities can communicate making meeting places accessible to ALL alcoholics.

**LITERATURE.....BACKGROUND:** After its Fall Assembly, area 71-Virginia submitted a proposal to add an index to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The index could include key phrases, prayers, where to find the steps etc. to make the study of & reference to our basic text more user-friendly. Prior attempt (in the 1970's) to create an index resulted in the production of a separate document which was reviewed by the Board of Trustees who, at that time, felt the document was of more value to scholars & not to the "average recovering drunk". The Board "is reluctant to publish any document which might tend to lend authorization force or rigidity to the AA program." **QUESTION #7:** Consider/discuss a request to add an index to the Big Book.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.....**This year starts a 3 yr. process of the Conference taking its inventory. A group will consider 4 inventory questions this year. We are asking for your input on one of those questions: **How well do Conference Members communicate to the fellowship about why we have a conference & how the committee system works? How can we improve this communication**