

# District 55 Newsletter

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**“Pass the Basket!”**

District 55 Treasurer

Margo H.

As the District 55 Treasurer, I would like you to know something about me and this service position for several reasons.

First, District 55 rotates service positions every two years. This allows others to enjoy the challenge and responsibilities of service for AA. I accepted this position in January, 2021. Now is the time to encourage other members to start considering “ what they can do for the man who is still suffering”... But first, a little about me.

Margot R, sobriety date 11/28/2017, my home group is Attitude Adjustment. I am the Covid (1/2021 to 1/2023) GSR for my home group. I gotta say, this job is really easy! Having been asked if I would like to submit an article for the DISTRICT 55 NEWSLETTER, I jumped at it! This gives me the opportunity to chum for both of my replacements: district level and group meeting level positions.

The position of District Treasurer is a plum job. Everyone likes you. The meeting groups

give or send you money and in turn you (the treasurer) give and send money to others.

This may sound simple, but in real life it can be just slightly more complicated.

Fortunately, those who have gone before me have paved the way for others like myself.

The treasurer must be detail oriented. All those pennies add up and need to be in balance each month. A report of the monthly finances must be submitted for approval to the District meeting each month. All of the GSRs hold the treasurer accountable for receiving and depositing local meeting money into the district bank account. The treasurer must safeguard these funds. As such, these funds allow the district and groups to fulfill its primary purpose... to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is one of the most responsible service positions and part of Twelfth Step work. All jesting aside, it is an honor and a privilege to be of service to the groups that make up District 55.

## Supporting A.A.'s services

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential to all areas of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain

self-supporting. The General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the group's expenses have been taken care of the group may decide to further carry the

message by sending money to the following A.A. service entities.

- The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies, and serving as a link between the area delegates and the G.S.R.s.
- The area committee, which coordinates vital A.A. activities over a broad geographic area; sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference; holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship; and provides information at all levels of service.
- The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for

Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries; coordinates group activities; and facilitates A.A. literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.

- A.A.'s General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of A.A. information, communicating with members and groups around the world; publishes A.A.'s literature; and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested in A.A.

## **District 55 has open trusted servant positions!!!**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to serve at district level?

If so, come to a District 55 business meeting and see what it's all about! ***We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall*** (107 E. Prairie St.)

### Current service opportunities on the District 55 committee:

**Alternate DCM:** Serves as back up for regular district committee member. Acts as the District Registrar by maintaining current records of the District Groups, group contacts (usually GSR and Alternate GSR) and working with the Area 92 Registrar (Alternate Delegate) to maintain currency with Area and GSO. Assist, participate, and share in the DCM's responsibilities, attending district and area meetings where feasible, depending upon local needs.

**Accessibilities Chair:** The Accessibility chair assists A.A. members who have a variety of challenges in accessing the A.A. message in A.A. meetings, Twelve Step work and other A.A. service. The position ensures we carry the message of A.A. to: The alcoholic who is deaf or hard-of-hearing; Alcoholics who are blind or have a visual impairment; A.A.s with physical challenges or chronic illnesses; Elder alcoholics; Parents or other caregivers; Under-served and remote communities.

**Treatment Chair:** Carrying the message of recovery by bringing A.A. panel meeting (Bridge The Gap) into our District treatment facilities. In addition, demonstrate to the administrators and staff of those treatment facilities "how it works"; and to provide information about A.A. To offer informational programs for professional staff at inpatient and outpatient facilities in the district as needed/requested. See, also, page S46 of the Service Manual.

# District 55 Activities Committee is near kick off season for all of its festive events!

The committee has taken off July, August, and September to resume full force in October for our Fall Halloween event on October 22 nd .

Activities Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the American Legion prior to the monthly District meeting. All are welcome to join.

Our first event of the season is the Fall Halloween event on October 22 nd , followed by the Gratitude Dinner, November 5 th . Speaker to be announced soon along with flyers. Please spread the word that it takes many hands to make light work and would appreciate any help, in any capacity.

## **The events that are being planned this year are:**

- Fall Halloween Party, October 22 nd .
- Gratitude Dinner, November 5 th .
- Christmas party in December, date to be announced.
- New Years Alcahthon, December 31 st -January 1 st .
- Valentine's event, February 11 th .
- St. Patrick's Day event, March 11 th .
- Spring Auction in April, date to be announced.
- Founder's Day, June 10th .

District 55 Activities is self-supporting and earns money for events mostly at the Spring Auction every year. Thank you to all who attended and purchased/donated items. Looking forward to a busy and fun filled year with our AA family.

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**JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**\*\* POTLUCK \*\* ♪**

**\*\* SPEAKER MEETING \*\***

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

*SPONSORED BY DUCK-IN GROUP*

**Time: Potluck at 6 P.M.  
Speaker to follow  
Place: St. Lukes Church  
525 N. 5th Ave.**



**Speaker: **BOB B.**  
(FROM SEQUIM)**

**WE'LL CELEBRATE ALL  
JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**NO DUCK-IN 8PM MEETING ON  
POTLUCK/SPEAKER NITE**

