

# District 55 Newsletter

3rd Quarter, 2021

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The activities committee is actively engaging in recruiting volunteers (and electing the volun-told!) for the Gratitude Dinner on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The speaker has just been announced and we are exhilarated Wayne B. from Covina, California has accepted our invitation. The activities committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month before the regular District meeting. Activities meets at 6pm at the American Legion and the District meeting meets at 7pm in the same location. As usual, tickets can be bought by Neil C. and Michael R. The main dishes, turkeys and hams, will be provided as well as coffee, water, and soda. Each ticket will have a food item for the ticket holder to bring to make this event a feast as well as our display of gratitude. Anyone who wants to get involved regardless of how big or small, please get ahold of John P. or Melissa L.

We are delighted to announce that activities is hosting a Halloween Costume party. It will be held October 23, 2021. It will be located at the Little Brown Church, 220 Zaccardo Rd. The party starts at 6pm, costumes are optional. There will be prizes for Most Creative, Scariest, Best Costume, and Best Couple. All of the food will be provided so just bring yourself and family is invited. There will be a bonfire so bring your roasting sticks!

We are so excited to return to events, to be surrounded by recovery, love, and service. It is not a party without attendees or members so show up and get within the herd. Looking forward to the next chapters of District 55 events.

DISTRICT 55 GRATITUDE BANQUET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

SEQUIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

We need volunteers! Please contact Melissa L.  
or John P.

## DISTRICT 55 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY!!!

WHEN??? Saturday,  
October 23, 2021 at 6pm!

WHERE??? The Little  
Brown Church, 220  
Zaccardo Rd, Sequim

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!  
Costumes are optional,  
but prizes will be given for  
Most Creative, Scariest,  
Best Costume and Best  
Couple! Bring roasting  
sticks for bonfire!

Bring your family and  
come have some fun!



**<<<Bit by the  
service bug>>>**

Beth V. from Sequim will be a guest speaker at our October District 55 meeting. She will be sharing her experience in service work at the District Level in Alcoholics Anonymous. Come check it out and tell your home group, your sober friends, your sponsees, etc. to attend, so they can get bit by the service bug, too!

**Western Washington Area 72**

**Annual Assembly**

**Date : October 1-3, 2021**

**Hours**

Friday : Noon – 10pm

Saturday : 7:30am – 10pm (hard stop)

Sunday : 7am – 1pm

The assembly will be held virtually.  
For Zoom information please visit:  
<https://area72aa.org/events/>

**Spread the word! District 55 has an open position  
>>>Accessibilities<<<**

Come to the next District meeting to see if it's a good fit for you! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Hall at 7pm.

**Are you looking to purchase A.A. Literature for yourself  
or your home group?**

Look no further! Just come to our next district meeting and talk to our Literature Chair, Ken H. He has plenty of literature for sale. The District Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall.

## **A letter from your Area 72 elected servants: (copied from Area 72 September newsletter):**

Hello Area 72,

The Area Chair received an email from a concerned member who attended an in-person meeting where masks and social distancing were not being implemented. They wanted to know how the Area could help. Responding to this question is difficult, for we are a resource for districts and groups, not an authoritative body.

### **Western Washington Area 72 is not an authoritative body over A.A. Groups, nor does it initiate rules or directives.**

Tradition 4 states that “each group is autonomous” and decisions are made through individual group conscience. The second part of the 4<sup>th</sup> tradition is just as important: “except in matter affecting other groups or A. A. as a whole.” Tradition 1 tells us that “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends up A.A. unity.” These traditions remind us that we must ensure that our group decisions do not negatively impact our fellow members of A.A. as a whole. That we as individuals should act in a way that ensures our common welfare. Traditions 1 and 4 are important now more than ever as we consider the health and well-being of both A.A. members and nonmembers, as well as protect the positive reputation and goodwill of A.A. in the community.

We ask that groups consider state mandates and local laws that have been put in place when making an informed group conscience about how to conduct their meetings. We would encourage each group or meeting to educate themselves about the current mandates by visiting:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasks#heading85723>

[https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary\\_of\\_Health\\_Order\\_20-03-Statewide\\_Face\\_Coverings.pdf](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary_of_Health_Order_20-03-Statewide_Face_Coverings.pdf)

We do believe whatever decisions your group/meeting make on this difficult subject that you should remember the following:

- Being law-abiding is a natural result of our program of honesty.
- We must be neutral in the world and on good terms with the society in which we exist in order to most clearly engage in our primary purpose.
- Behaving in a way which is contrary to the law could easily lead to controversy which would compromise our ability to fulfill our primary purpose, and it could easily negatively affect A.A. as a whole.

Lastly, we want to thank you. You are all rock stars! When the pandemic first started, many of us thought, “This is temporary. We will be back at it shortly.” That has not been the case, but you have adapted. In every group, meeting, committee what we have heard is “how can we help? How can we help the still suffering alcohol find us? What more can we do?” You have challenged yourselves to think outside of the box that we can often put ourselves in as a Fellowship.

No one has all the answers to this situation, but that has not stopped you from listening to each other, finding common solutions, and unifying to continue with our primary purpose. Your efforts are important, and you are helping carry the message across this bridge we are on.

**Tradition 4: “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”**