

District 55 Newsletter

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[The Story Behind the Bill W. Plant](#)

Has anyone in Alcoholics Anonymous talked to you about, or better yet gifted you with, a Bill W. plant? Chances are someone you know in the program has one of their own and may even be willing to share a clipping with you, so that you may grow your own and pass it on to another alcoholic, much like the message of A.A. itself.

Also known as Swedish Ivy, the Bill W. plant comes with a great story to share. That is what recovery is all about, one alcoholic sharing with another. Bill W. passed away on January 24, 1971 in Miami, Florida. When his wife, Lois, returned to their home in New York, now known as Stepping Stones, she brought home the plant that had been in Bill's Florida hospital room.

Lois cared for the plant until the mid 1980's, when she passed it on to Harriet Sevarino, beloved cook and companion of Bill and Lois for 35 years. Harriet passed the plant on to Michael M., a member of AA from Atlanta, Georgia. Lois asked Michael to pass it on to members of A.A. in Bill's memory. Michael did just that, sharing cuttings and offshoots of this plant with A.A. members all around the world. Since then, the clipping has reached many alcoholics.

This is a true A.A. plant because every time you pass it on, two new shoots replace the one that was given away and your plant grows stronger. The Bill W. plant is easy to care for, loves sun,

and likes to completely dry between waterings. Place cuttings in water to root and then plant to grow and share with another alcoholic in recovery.

This plant is also sometimes called a "Creeping Charlie" plant, and it's rumored that Ebby Thatcher originally brought it to Bill W. when he was in The Towns Hospital where he had his original spiritual conversion. Bill supposedly gave it this name after a friend of his named Charlie who kept creeping up on Bill's back porch to sleep.



Have you ever wondered what it's like to serve outside of your home group???

The District 55 Standing Committee Member Rotation is around the corner. ALL POSITIONS WILL BE UP FOR ROTATION.

District 55 needs you! Don't miss out on the opportunity to serve at District Level!

Come to the next District Meeting to find out more: Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall in Sequim.

District 55 Service Positions - taken from the District 55 Handbook

(All of the following positions in District 55 are elected)

- **District Committee Member, D.C.M.**
- **Alternate D.C.M.**
- **Treasurer**
- **Alternate Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Alternate Secretary**
- **Accessibilities Chair**
- **Activities Chair**
- **Answering Service Coordinator**
- **Schedules Chair**
- **Archivist**
- **Corrections Chair**
- **Newsletter Editor**
- **Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair, PI/CPC**
- **Treatment/Bridge the Gap Chair**
- **Web Servant**

DISTRICT 55 POTLUCK STYLE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 29th
American Legion
107 E. Prairie St, Sequim

COSTUME THEME: "YOUR WORST CHARACTER DEFECT"

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

MUSIC/GAMES/DANCING !!!!!



DISTRICT 55
UPCOMING
EVENTS

DISTRICT 55 GRATITUDE BANQUET

- Set up starts 9:00 am
- Doors open 5:00 pm
- Dinner starts 6:00 pm
- Program begins 7:00 pm
- Speaker to follow

LOCATION:

Sequim Community Church
950 N. 5th Ave. Sequim

This church is a non-smoking facility.
No Pets Allowed!

The District 55 Activities Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the American Legion prior to the monthly District meeting. *All are welcome and encouraged to join!* Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to be a part of the FUN that District 55 creates? Contact Melissa L. by email: melly0535@gmail.com or phone/text: (360) 460-5022.

For the most up to date information on meetings in District 55, please visit our website: district55aa.com or contact Ginnie C: (360) 460-5679 or Ginniemaie@msn.com.