

I am responsible...

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

Summary of District 33 Minutes

(23 members were present)
**18 Representing Groups at Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 13th, 2016**

A Vision For You: New GSR Janet T.
Covington Round Table: New GSR David P.
Covington Study: GSR Mark H.
Covington Study: New GSR Vernon
Know God, Know Peace: GSR Marlea W.
Lake Sawyer Men's Group: GSR Darrell S.
Maple Valley Friday Night: GSR Paul R.
Maple Valley Men's Group: New GSR Kyle N.
Rush Hour Sobriety: New GSR David P.
Sobriety in Greater Hobart: GSR Jim D.
Sobriety In The Sticks: Alt. GSR Laura H.
Steps To Freedom: Now a Group; GSR Jim D.
Sweet Surrender: GSR Okkie A.
Upon Awakening: GSR Lisa A.
Wednesday Night of Your Life: GSR Jim M. / Alt Tom
Women In Action: GSR Kristee M. / Alt. Tammy B.

Reports were given by all Trusted Servants

- WIA doing good, several ladies from D33 going to Seaside for week-end of 16-18 & 9 from Women In Action, fun stuff!
- Lisa reported things are going great & their getting settled in at their new venue.
- Marlea report they are under construction and it is a bit of a challenge.
- Darrell reported this Saturday will be the Annual breakfast at 9am.
- Mark reported they had their elections and Vernon is their new GSR.
- Lisa reported new Grapevine book 'Our 12 Traditions' will be available soon.
- DCM Paul reminded everyone about the Assembly happening Oct 8 & 9th, there are still some hotel rooms available.
- Jim D. reported Steps to Freedom now has group number. It's been around a long time.

This is a summary only: for complete minutes for Sept contact your Home Group GSR, D33 Secretary or our DCM.

GSR CORNER

'MAPLE VALLEY MEN'S GROUP'

GSR: Rewards and Responsibilities

I first became a GSR in 1983, (I still have the Service Manual), for the Old Renton Group. With only 2 years of sobriety, and only a minor education and understanding of the AA Traditions. This term was short lived as I soon left the area for 26 years.

Upon returning to District 33 I knew what I had learned over the years and that was to GET INVOLVED.

I became the alternate GSR for my new home group covering for Jim in his absences. I was honored to go to the monthly district meeting and the quarterly in Lynden. I then became the GSR when he moved from the area. The responsibility of carrying my groups vote and being involved in decisions affecting AA as a whole was an education beyond any other. Early on (1983) I could not comprehend the importance of this position. The wisdom of our fore fathers showed again as they suggest a minimum of 2 years of sobriety for this position.

I have now stepped down and passed the GSR position on to another in my group. I often think of the rewards I received by being of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. I have learned the importance of the Traditions, and not to take any service position lightly.

From Greeter, to Coffee Maker, to Chairman, to GSR and on up the ladder, these service positions hold a responsibility to our groups and to AA, and allow me to receive the rewards beyond my wildest dreams. As I have stayed sober these many years and know what I learned so long ago, that I have to stay involved to truly stay sober.

In God's Love
Gary G.

**Here's a Shout out to D33
"OCTOBER ANNUAL BIRTHDAYS"**

Birthdays show the hope of our Program

BRANDI G. 1 year 10-24-2015

ERIC K. 1 year 10-14-2015

CRAIG R. 1 year 10-07-2015

LEAON C. 3 years 10-07-2013

KEITH H. 6 years 10-28-2010

LAURA P. 8 years 10-08-2008

DON D. 21 years 10-28-1995

KATY M. 25 years 10-07-1991

JUDY G. 25 years 10-29-1991

GLEN W. 32 years 10-02-1984

JIM H. 34 years 10-12-1982

**Send your stories, birthdays, or news to:
newsletter@district33aa.org**

Did You Know?

"This is Dr. Bob's last major talk, as transcribed from a recording made at Detroit, Mich., in December 1948. It was printed for the first time in the June 1973 issue of the Grapevine..." (*from page 9)

"... I don't think we can do anything very well in this world unless we practice it. And I don't believe we do A.A. too well unless we practice it. The fellows who win great world awards in athletic events are people who practice, have been practicing for years, and still have to practice. To do a good job in A.A., there are a number of things we should practice. We should practice, as I've said, acquiring the spirit of service. We should attempt to acquire some faith, which isn't easily done, especially for the person who has always been very materialistic, following the standards of society today. But I think faith can be acquired; it can be acquired slowly; it has to be cultivated. **That was not easy for me, and I assume that it is difficult for everyone else. ...**" (*from page 18)

Read the Entire Piece in:

****the Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous' pamphlet (P-53). Purchase at GSIG Bookstore**

What's Happening

24th Annual Sponsorship Conference

"The How and Why of it"

Registration: www.sponsorshipconference.net

October 14th, 15th and 16th, 2016

La Quinta Hotel

1425 E.27th Street, Tacoma, WA

Happy Halloween Costume Party at the Phoenix Club

Friday, October 28th, 2016 Snack & Dessert Potluck

50/50 Raffle Drawing at 9pm must be present to win

50% proceeds go to benefit Seattle Intergroup!

15011 Aurora Ave. N., Shoreline, WA

PSYPC PRESENTS HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday Night, October 29th, 2016 8pm to Midnight

Tickets \$10 advanced or \$12 at Door (on-line psypc.org)

Costume Contest / Potluck (cake, candy & water provided)

VFW Mercer Island

1836 72nd Ave. SE. Mercer Island, 98040

Sky Valley Alky Angels presents

Halloween Dance & Costume Contest

Saturday, October 29th, 2016 8pm to Midnight

\$8 per person; \$15 couple; \$5 kids ages 5-12

South Lake Stevens Grange

2109 103rd Ave. SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Old Timers Luncheon (not just for Old Timers either)

Sunday, November 6th, 2016 11am - 2pm

Pre-Registration, contact Anita GSIG (206) 586-2838

Area 72 PI/CPC Quarterly, hosted by District 11

November 12th, 2016 9am to 3pm / 7th tradition observed

Potluck "Fiesta" theme! Tacos & Trimmings provided

First Congregational United Church of Christ

2401 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA

Serenity at the Shores 2016

Registration www.OceanShoresJamboree.com

November 11th, 12th and 13th

Convention Center in Ocean Shores

BLA Planning Committee meeting

Come and see where & how you can be of service

November 13th Sunday at noon

GSIG / 5507 6th Avenue South (& Lucile), WA 98108

Greater Seattle Intergroup

2016 Fall Assembly & Potluck

November 15th Tuesday 5pm

Dinner & Speaker before Board Meeting Bingo & Raffle after

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What's Happening continued

Southend Fellowship 20th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner

Saturday Night, November 19th, 2016 starts at 5pm

321 3rd Avenue @Little Blue House

Kent, WA 98032

Contact Seattle Intergroup (for flyer details)

(206)587-2838 or <http://www.seattleaa.org>

I Heard It At An AA Meeting:

Steps:

1, 2, 3 relationship with Higher Power

4, 5, 6 relationship with myself

7, 8, 9 relationship with others

10, 11, 12 relationship with all three

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Fearless and Thorough DISTRICT 33 NEWSLETTER

Western Washington Area 72, District 33

Includes the groups in Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Covington, Hobart, and East Kent.

district33aa.org

October 11th, 2016

Step Ten (10): "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Tradition Ten (10): "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concepts X (10): "Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws."

Congratulations to All those who stepped up for service positions at our District 33 meeting in September to start a **New 2 Year Rotation in January 2017! You are all awesome. **Thank you to Don N.** one of our past DCM's who facilitated our 3rd Legacy voting process. For all of you out there who are still looking to be of service do not despair.**

These opportunities are available:

Treasurer

Archives Chair

Alt Archives

PI Chair (Public Information)

Alt PI

CPC Chair (Cooperation Professional Community)

Alt CPC

Alt Newsletter

Alt Treatment

Alt Corrections

Alt GV/Lit (Grapevine / Literature)

Come to our next District 33 meeting on Tuesday, November 8th 2016 to see how you can be of Service!