

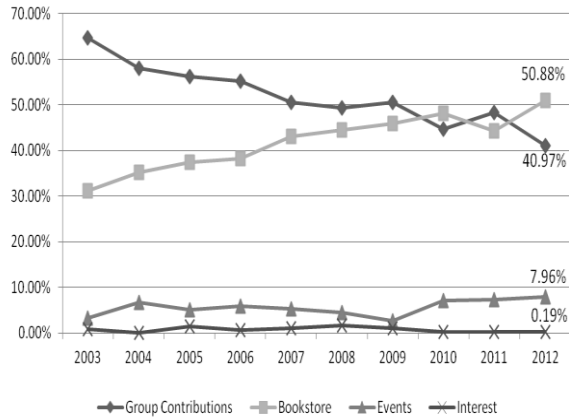
The Westword

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Revenue Sources as a % of Total Revenue



It's About Money

Submitted by Keith S. Calgary Intergroup Treasurer

If Calgary and Area AA members want to keep Calgary Central Service Office and other AA services operating at their current levels, we will need to step up to the plate financially.

Intergroup isn't broke, but there has been a prolonged shift in the revenue trend that could run the organization into trouble over the next couple of years, if more individual and group contributions or other revenue sources aren't forthcoming.

A few years ago, group and individual contributions were the main source of income for Intergroup and Central Office operations. But that has changed in recent years, with group contributions dropping to less than 1/2 half of the funds needed to operate Central Office, and other AA related programs and services.

Individual and group contributions to Calgary Intergroup in the 2012 operations year were just over \$44,000 and the costs of Calgary Intergroup activities was \$111,900. Our mandate is to be self-supporting through contributions and our activities. While inflation continues unabated, contributions to Intergroup have not kept pace. Individual and group contributions this year made up just over 42% of the costs of Calgary Intergroup activities with the rest being provided by the Book Store and Calgary Intergroup sponsored events. There are limits to how much financial support these activities can provide and any short fall needs to be made up with individual or group contributions.

But there are some revenue generating options, members need to consider. Calgary AA as represented by Calgary Intergroup is registered as a charitable organization and as such individual contributions are income tax deductible.

Charitable Donations:

Many Calgary and area AA's have charities that we support annually and receive an income tax deduction as a result of these contributions. Please consider making Calgary Alcoholics Anonymous **YOUR PRIMARY** recipient by making **regular** individual donations through Calgary Central Service Office to a maximum of \$3000 per year. Unlike many charities, we do not have a minimum donation before tax receipts are issued. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.

Here are several other programs that are in place for individuals who wish to contribute.

Birthday Program:

This program is where AA members donate money to AA on their sobriety date and belly-button birthday. Some AA's have chosen to donate a penny a day, others a dollar a year or other differing amounts. There is no required or fixed amount to participate, but it cannot exceed the maximum allowable annual contribution amount. At times these gifts have been recorded in the Westword unless the individual has specifically asked for anonymity.

Memorial Donations:

There are two types of initiatives here. First, as an AA member you can direct in your will that your estate contribute the maximum contribution allowable (currently \$5000 per member) in your name to AA. A tax receipt will be issued to your estate. Secondly, you can contribute as a member in memory of another member. In this case the receipt will be issued to you, to the maximum limitations of our 7th tradition contributions (currently \$ 3000 per year). For information on this type of contribution please contact the Calgary Central Service Office.

Remember, how much and what services AA provides in Calgary is directly linked to the financial support of our membership. This concern is not unique to Calgary AA as other regions are experiencing similar concerns with static contributions and inflation driven rising costs. Please help if you can to sustain our current level of AA service in Calgary by taking part in one or more of these programs.

I am responsible

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there.

For that, I am responsible

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Mon. to Thur.: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Fri.: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Sat: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Closed Sundays and Stat Holiday Weekends

(Closed Sat Oct 6 and Mon Oct 8 for)

**FIRST ANNUAL
DISTRICT 77 ROUND UP
“A NEW FREEDOM”
SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 2012**

**FOOTHILLS ALLIANCE CHURCH
333 EDGE PARK BLVD NW CALGARY**

AA SPEAKER – 10–11:30 – Linda S. – Ventura, California
LUNCH 12–1

ALANON SPEAKER 1–2:30 – Diane M. – Calgary, AB

CALL UP MEETING 3–4:30 – LOCAL SPEAKERS

DINNER 5–6

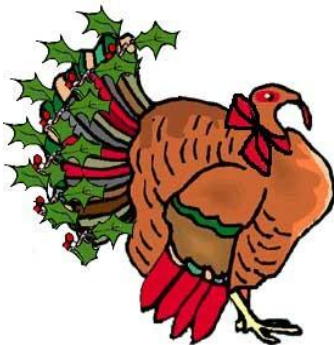
BANQUET SPEAKER 7–8:30 John G. – Los Angeles, California

**REGISTRATION, SPEAKERS, LUNCH
AND BANQUET - \$35
SPEAKERS AND REGISTRATION only - \$15**

For more information contact:

Anima K 403 283 1282 Brent M 403 605 2180

Jim C 403 288 6883



**CALGARY INTERGROUP
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2012**

11 AM-3 PM

*******New location*******

**Scarboro United Church,
134 Scarboro Avenue SW, Calgary AB
To commit to food or dessert items**

Bruce 403-815-9588 or email bbbatten4@e.com

**Group Financial Support for this event can be made at
Central Office 403-777-1212**

In Brief

Intergroup Sunday Morning Breakfast and Speaker Meeting

Join us for good food, good fellowship and personal stories of the speaker's journey

at the

DOWNTOWN RAMADA INN

708 – 8th Avenue SW

Breakfast at 9 am, speaker at 10 am

Buffet Breakfast \$15 – Healthy Start Breakfast \$11

Toast & Coffee \$6 – Coffee \$3

7th Tradition is observed

Contact: Jim H email: cgigbrkfst@gmail.com

The Saturday Night NE Group

2523 56 Street NE

Speaker Meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month.



CRITICAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

MONITORS REQUIRED AT CENTRAL OFFICE

Fri AM (9 am thru 1 pm) and
Wed & Thurs PM (2 pm thru 5 pm)

These commitments are at Central Office except Statutory holiday weekends when the office is closed and Saturday AM is covered by regular group monitoring.

Primary duties are answering the 12 Step phone line. This ensures, for security, that 2 people are at Central office whenever it is open.

Contact Don E Monitoring Chair @ cgigtelmonitorchair@gmail.com

WITH GRATITUDE

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Calgary and surrounding A.A. community for the honour and privilege of organizing what has become **The Pioneer's Dinner** for the past 7 years. A.A. began in Calgary in the basement of The York Hotel on October 17th, 1945. With God's helping hand the fellowship has flourished allowing us to continue to grow in effectiveness and to be of service to God and Our Fellows. It is vital that we remember our roots. The word "PIONEER" means those that have gone before us and paved the way.

It is my hope that the Pioneers Dinner will continue on so that we can celebrate with one another the precious gift of sobriety. "Freely given: Freely received".

In Love & Service with blessing to you all, Harry P

On the Horizon

Excerpts from posters at Calgary Central Office (403-777-1212) of AA groups of SOME planned events
Call for additional details or come in to see more events

Local and Area:

November 2012

1st Annual DISTRICT 77 AA Roundup, November 2012
"A New Freedom", Saturday Nov. 17 (see poster p. 2)

December 2012

Haddon Road Annual Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 21, 1 pm Potluck Turkey Dinner, Music, Special Visitor ☺
WHITESHEEP 16th ANNUAL Christmas Eve Breakfast
New Location Deerfoot Inn & Casino

8:00-11:00 AM Tickets \$25.00, Available @ Central Office. Information Gerry M PH403-874-6442

New Years Eve Bash, December 31/12, Further information in November Westword, Contact Marron R 403-225-1344 or Maryan Mc 403-279-1706

3rd Annual New Year's Dinner & Dance, Step Stories and Beyond Info and Tickets Buddy 403-285-9258 or Norm @403-272-1935



**CURRENT MEETING LISTS AVAILABLE
JULY 2012**

Check it out online www.calgaryaa.org/

New Meetings

Current in JULY 2012 Lists

Meeting Cancellations

Out-of-Town, Morley First Light Group is cancelled. **Sorry This was an error meeting was not cancelled**

See change of contact below

Sundre Friday Night Ladies meeting **CANCELLED**

Trochu, Wed PM is **CANCELLED**

Meeting Changes

Morley First Light Group, Out-of-Town, New Contact is Tom [403-881-0035](tel:403-881-0035).

DALHOUSIE MENS NW Thursday will now be a Big Book Discussion Meeting except last Thursday of the month

NORTHLANDERS GROUP NW (birthday meeting change) Birthday meeting is now held on the last Monday of the month (formerly on the first Monday)

SHIPWRECK AT SUNSET, CENTRAL, Fridays now 9:30 on Main Floor

WESTEND STEP & TRADITION, NW, now meeting @ Foothills United Church, 3803 69 ST NW, Use single door labeled "food bank" on south side. Time remains 8:00 pm Saturday

WHITESHEEP MEN'S MEETING. (C) THURS 8 pm, SW, MOVED now at Woodgreen Presbyterian Church, 12777 CANDLE CRESC SW (corner of Canyon Meadows Drive and Elbow Drive) enter Main Entrance to Kids Worship Room
MIDNAPORE FRIDAY, SE, 8PM ,Now Open Discussion and Children are Welcome

VALUABLE 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics"

Public Information Committee

The **Public Information Committee** is looking for support from the Calgary Area Groups for their activities to carry the word to those who still suffer. **The PI committee meets at Central Office the last Wednesday of every month at 7 pm.**

Some of the Public Information activities include:

- Preparing and/or distributing packages of pamphlets to doctors' offices, local social agencies and interest groups.
- Hosting booths at semi-annual Homeless Connect and other events in the City.
- Planning PI media placements (e.g. Transit Posters).
- Explore additional PI strategies and activities.

Many hands lighten the load so if each group could supply a representative to this committee, it would be appreciated.

If you're interested in this service opportunity please come and join us at a PI meeting.

CPC Planning Meeting

The CPC monthly meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Central Office. So please mark your dance card for that evening!

We are expanding and do need help from people who are interested in helping the professional help us.

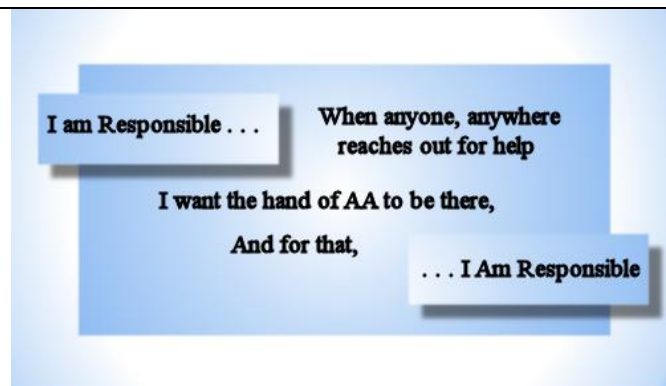
We are currently influencing young Doctors and Nurses at both Universities and will soon be doing presentations for the Social Work faculties.

We do lots of other fun stuff too!

This format for presentations is for professionals and is different than telling our stories for Public Information. So if you're interested please come check us out!

Thanks for your service in AA - together we can do so much!

In Service, Karen Cookson Acting CPC Chair – Calgary



The **A.A. Grapevine** is planning a special issue on Bridging the Gap (BTG) service. They are looking for stories of experience. If you have received joy from the service or help from the service, feel free to share your story. If you know others that have a BTG related story to tell, tell them about this opportunity too! Send stories to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org **The deadline for stories is November 15, 2012.**

Introductory Service Seminar

Saturday, November 24th, 2012
10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Scarboro United Church
134 Scarboro Ave. SW

Cost: \$8.00 (Includes Lunch)

Tickets can purchased from your Intergroup Representative (IGR), General Service Representative (GSR), District Committee Member (DCM) Calgary Central Service Office
[\(403\) 777-1212](tel:(403)777-1212)

For further information you can contact Doug F. [\(403\) 923-8689](tel:(403)923-8689)

This service event is sponsored by the Calgary General Service Committee and the Calgary Intergroup



HAPPY AA BIRTHDAY!

(All birthday notices are entered as received on a best efforts basis and may occasionally include unintended errors. If this is the case, let us know and we will attempt to correct them.)

<p>AUGUST 2012</p> <p>McKENZIE TOWN Ryan M 2 yrs Rick 2 yrs Geoff I 3 yrs Jason B 6 yrs Lise 12 yrs</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2012 EDGEMONT Paul D 1 yr Art G 8 yrs</p> <p>MARLBOROUGH PARK Ken S 1 yr</p> <p>McKENZIE TOWN Mike L 1 yr John R 1 yr Gail H 3 yrs Katie D 4 yrs Liz 14 yrs Cathy H 35 yrs</p> <p>OCTOBER 2012 ABC GROUP Don M 4 yrs Robin R 26 yrs</p> <p>ACTION GROUP Brian R 1 yr Matt S 1 yr Dave P 2 yrs Thomas McF 3 yrs</p> <p>DAILY REFLECTIONS Rusty M 1 yr Arne S 1 yr Mike L 2 yrs Craig S 9 yrs</p> <p>DESPERATION Brett S 3 yrs</p> <p>EDGEMONT GROUP Bob C 7 yrs</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2012</p> <p>FOREST LAWN GROUP Stephanie M 1 yr Shane W 1 yr Chad L 3 yrs Nicole C 6 yrs Greg G 22 yrs Al F 27 yrs</p> <p>GLENMORE Andrew 1 yr Jamie M 1 yr Mark M 1 yr Neal S 2 yrs Gerald 2 yrs Tamara K 5 yrs Mike V 5 yrs Janice N 20 yrs Deb V 22 yrs</p> <p>HARMONY GROUP Judy 2 yrs</p> <p>KINCORA GROUP Lynne H 11 yrs</p> <p>McKENZIE TOWN Aurelie Y 1 yr JP F 4 yrs Noelle R 6 yrs George B 7 yrs Mike R 8 yrs Steve G 10 yrs</p> <p>MARLBOROUGH PARK Glen F 30 yrs</p> <p>NW CALGARY GROUP Fred P 1 yr Jamie F 1 yr Rob G 1 yr Mike J 1 yr Sarah C 3 yrs Don M 4 yrs Ron B 4 yrs Katrina W 14 yrs</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2012</p> <p>NEW BEGINNINGS Nan R 1 yr Madeline T 1 yr Karen 1 yr Kay M 2 yrs Andrea M 3 yrs Aimee S 3 yrs Melody L 6 yrs Jerry S 9 yrs Lavonne 10 yrs Richard O 20 yrs Elodie 21 yrs Jane M 21 yrs Maria V 24 yrs</p> <p>OPEN DOOR Andy D 1 yr</p> <p>OGDEN Dixie C 1 yr Trish L 2 yrs Kris M 4 yrs Chuck C 6 yrs Glen W 6 yrs Charlie H 9 yrs</p> <p>RECOVERY Julie C 4 yrs Waylon Y 10 yrs Lavonne D 20yrs Lynn S 28 yrs</p> <p>THE LINK Sheila S 5 yrs Susan R 10 yrs Bob L 20 yrs</p> <p>TUES AM LADIES Irene B 39 yrs</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2012 ABC GROUP Rodney C 1 yr Lisa K 4 yrs Alex P 18 yrs</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2012</p> <p>ACTION Dave R 3 yrs</p> <p>AWAKENINGS Lee H 5 yrs Bev H 8 yrs</p> <p>FOREST LAWN GROUP Rose R 40 yrs</p> <p>HADDON ROAD Ben B 1 yr Rae D 1 yr Ralf K 1 yr Don T 2 yrs George M 2 yrs Glenn R 2 yrs John J 2 yrs Nick P 2 yrs Adrian J 3 yrs Jensen R 3 yrs Ryan H 5 yrs Brett R 7 yrs Kevin G 8 yrs Rick A 8 yrs Dan J 10 yrs David K 10 yrs Irene R 24 yrs Dolly S 28 yrs John M 28 yrs</p> <p>MARLBOROUGH PARK Jack N 36 yrs</p> <p>NW CALGARY GROUP Greg P 1 yr Lee H 5 yr Ted W 17 yrs Brian S 31 yrs</p> <p>OGDEN Jason R 2 yrs Cameron 3 yrs Brian Y 8 yrs Ernie 35 yrs</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2012</p> <p>THE LINK Carolyn D 20 yrs</p> <p>STEP STORIES AND BEYOND Buddy 8 yrs</p> <p>DECEMBER 2012 MARRBOROUGH PARK Ed D 31 yrs</p> <p>OUT OF TOWN OCTOBER 2012 BACK FROM HELL Brittany B 1 yr Duane M 3 yrs Rick D 3 yrs Darlene I 5 yrs Michelle F 5 yrs Colleen B 6 yrs Johanne D 19 yrs</p> <p>COCHRANE MONDAY NIGHT 5TH CHAPTER Susan L 1 yr Conrad 1 yr Candace C 17 yrs</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2012 AIRDRIE BACK FROM HELL Kipp M 2 yrs Shane F 4 yrs Doug F 6 yrs Jessica M 8 yrs Javed 12 yrs Mike G 12 yrs</p> <p>COCHRANE MONDAY NIGHT 5th Chapter Fran M 14 yrs</p>
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Wednesday November 28, 7pm
Special Panel Presentation
"Steps 8 & 9"

Hear from a panel of experienced AA's the power of forgiveness.

"Having thus cleared away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.. 12 Steps & 12 Traditions Page 77

Everyone Welcome-Bring a Friend to 200 Haddon Rd. SW (Upstairs) For Information call Harry 284-1166

****Big Book Study with Glenn B and his sponsor Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 starting November 13, 2012 at Haddon Road****



SEASONAL EVENTS

**Christmas and New Year's Group and Intergroup Activities
Submit your events and details for December Westword**

**Whitesheep AA Men's Group Hosts
16th Annual Christmas Eve Breakfast**

Monday December 24th
at the NEW LOCATION
Deerfoot Inn & Casino
11500 35th Street SE Deerfoot Trail @ Barlow Trail S

8:00 – 11: AM
Doors Open at 7:30 am
Breakfast starts at 8:30 – Open Mike Sharing at 9:30
Family and friends Welcome

Tickets \$24.00 each –
Available @ AA Central Office 403-777-1212

For Information Contact Gerry Melsted at 43-874-6441
or email gmelsted@comtruck.ca

Step Stories and Beyond – 3rd Annual
NEW YEARS Dinner and DANCE
Pembroke Community Hall



**Intergroup Dinner and Dance
New Year's Eve**

\$15.00 (\$20.00 at door)
Supper at 7pm
Guy Plecash & the Crackpots
St Peter's Anglican Church
Cost: In Advance \$15.00 At the Door \$20.00 (If available)
Supper at 7pm

For more information on setup please call
Marron & Nancy Rowell 403-225-1344

New Beginnings Christmas Day Dinner
6th Annual Pot Luck Christmas Dinner
Tuesday December 25, 2012
Dinner at 6:30 PM at
Shepherd King Lutheran Church
804- 75 Ave. S.W.

WESTWORD DEADLINES

Calgary AA groups need to get their birthdays, meeting changes, special events and other notices into the Westword Editor or Central Office well before deadline for the coming issue. Generally, the deadline for the next month's edition is the last day of the current month.

The deadline for submissions for the December edition of The Westword is Saturday November 24, 2012.

Please email any notices for the Westword to: westwordeditor@gmail.com or drop notices off at Calgary Central Office.

The Westword is available electronically by e-mail if requested. Please forward your request to the westwordeditor@gmail.com to have your e-mail address added to the distribution list

12th Step Late Night Monitoring

THANK YOU ALL WHO HAVE SIGNED UP AS LATE NIGHT
MONITORS (11pm-9am)
AND MORE ARE REQUIRED

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY
PLEASE EMAIL

The Monitoring Chairperson at cgigtelmonitorchair@gmail.com
or CALL Central Office at: **403-777-1212**

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