

The Westword

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It's About Money

Well, here we are half way through our operating year and I would like to give you a mini update on how we're doing financially and the challenges ahead.

Bottom line, while revenues to Intergroup and Calgary Central Office have been up at some points early in our budget year, they have also been down. Overall there is a \$7000 budget deficit for the year that has to be made up. While proceeds through the Central Office bookstore are important, the fact is that fewer than two-thirds of registered groups listed in the Calgary AA Meeting Directory actually make group contributions. To meet our budget targets and keep the services of Intergroup and Central Office functioning, contributions from more, if not all groups is needed. Here is how the picture unfolds:

Our operations year is from October 1st to September 30th. We started off the year having \$13,000 cash in the bank to support Intergroup operations. The budget is built on the previous year's nine months of actual costs and three months of the current budget and despite good Bookstore sales, 2012 was the lowest group contributions year since 2005 so the 2013 budget is a deficit budget of (\$5,169), making this another challenging year. Intergroup approved a budget of \$115,925. This included all costs associated with the operation of Calgary Central Office, Intergroup and the Intergroup Sub-committees. The activities supported include but are not limited to the A.A. telephone lines; the after hour's telephone answering service; the A.A. literature and information distributed by Public Information to carry the message to those in need; the participation in Homeless Connect events; maintaining an Archival record of A.A. in Calgary; maintaining an A.A. meeting directory for Calgary and Area; plus many more A.A. related activities. Intergroup in November approved a further \$2,000 to develop a website for Calgary Central Service Office and Intergroup — an important service members have been asking for. This website development is currently underway and you should see the results in the next several months. This moved the unfunded budget deficit to just over (\$7,000). We are again looking to the Bookstore to help fund this portion of the budget.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS DOWN

As we ventured into the new operations year, group contributions and the Bookstore sales were not keeping up with the operating expenses resulting in the depletion of our operating cash so in December we had to go to the Prudent Reserve and transfer \$5,000 to meet our financial commitments.

Near the end of the year we had some individuals make personal contributions for income tax purposes, which

helped with cash flow problems. The Archives Group had a successful Pioneers Dinner and the Special Events Group had a successful Christmas Dinner Event but unfortunately the New Year's Eve dance did not fare as well, losing just over \$200.

The Banff Roundup was another successful event. The Sunday Morning Breakfast started the year well but has dropped off recently so if you're thinking about a place for breakfast on Sunday, the breakfast/speaker meeting at the Ramada Inn is something to be considered. The Westword continues to cost more than the donations bring in so anyone with email capability can get it electronically just by sending a request to the westwordeditor@gmail.com.

Group contributions were also up in the second quarter allowing us to return the monies transferred from the Prudent Reserve, but the group contributions have faded in the last few months.

KEEPING AA STRONG

Some may think that we fixate on money, but it is an unfortunate truth that money makes the world go round and if we are determined to continue having the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous available in Calgary, we require considerable amounts of the "green stuff".

There are ways you can help, including individual contributions in the birthday and other recognition programs Central Office facilitates. You can donate to AA and receive a receipt for your income tax.

By far, group contributions are the largest source of income for Intergroup operations and as of the end of February, 5 month into the year; just over 25 per cent of the groups in the Calgary Meeting Directory have made contributions. It is these contributions that keep the phone lines and the doors open in Calgary for those requiring the assistance of AA. Please make sure your group is supporting Intergroup, if it is able.

Keith S.

Intergroup Treasurer

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(Closed 1:00pm – 2:00pm for lunch)
Sat.: 9:00am – 1:00pm
(Closed Sundays and Stat Holiday Weekends)

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO COME AND
JOIN US FOR**

**“THE MEETING AFTER
THE MEETING”**

**Sat
April 20th
6PM-**

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
FOR A SOCIAL
GATHERING OF FELLOWSHIP
WITH COFFEE, TEAS
AND DESSERTS**

games and
cards too!!



WHERE
*Scarboro United Church
134 Scarboro Ave S.W.*

QUESTIONS ON THIS EVENT CAN BE
FORWARDED TO: BRUCE BATTEN,
BBATTEN4@ME.COM OR BY PHONE
403-815-9588

Sponsored by your Calgary intergroup

ORGANIZED BY THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

**CURRENT MEETING LISTS AVAILABLE
NOVEMBER 2012**

Check it out online www.calgaryaa.org/

**U of C
Campus Meeting
in the
Faith and Spirituality Centre
listed under
Friends of Bill W.
Noon Wednesdays**
(in session – September to April)

Contact Bretton H. 403-402-1101

**The 2013 Banff Roundup Committee
thanks the AA Community and the
friends of AA for their support.**

The 40th Banff Roundup was a great success.
Attendance this year was 502.

Thank you for the privilege and honour to serve the
fellowship in this capacity.

With Love and Service,
Harry P.
Chairman.

**28th Annual Cochrane AA Roundup -
The Trail to Sobriety**

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013

Place: Weedon Community Hall, Hwy 22 N
(about 10 mins. north of Cochrane)

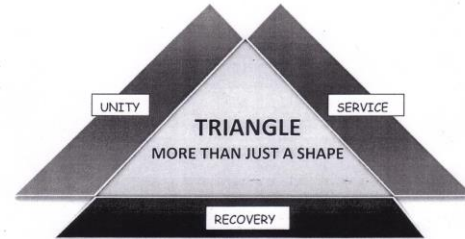
Doors open at 8:30

Tickets: Full day, lunch, dinner and speaker
\$30.00 or day only pass \$10.00
Main Speaker is Steve from Calgary.

Contact Candace C. at 403-932-2181



May 31, June 1 and 2, 2013
Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre
4177 Albert St., Regina, SK.



The purpose of WRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Western Canada Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. The Assembly should always foster the RECOVERY, UNITY, and SERVICE legacies of A.A.

Plan to attend!! Open to all Members of A.A.

Registration \$25

Register before May 1st to enter the Early Bird Draw
(a 2 night stay at the Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre)

For more information visit: WRAASA2013.org
wraasa2013@gmail.com

Introductory Service Seminar



**Saturday, May 11th, 2013, Scarboro United Church,
134 Scarboro Ave. S.W.**

From: 10-3pm, Cost: \$8.00 (Includes Lunch)

**Tickets can purchased from your Intergroup Rep,
GSR or DCM .**

**Tickets also available at: Central Service Office:
(403) 777-1212**

**Also for further information you can contact Doug
F. (403) 923-8689**

**This service event is sponsored by Calgary
General Service & Calgary Intergroup**

In Brief



CRITICAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

MONITORS REQUIRED AT CENTRAL OFFICE

Relief Positions and
Fri 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

BIG BOOK STUDY

AT HADDON ROAD

New Big Book Study

Starts

Tuesday

April 16, 2013

7:30 to 9 pm

THE
JOE
AND
CHARLIE
WAY

HADDON ROAD SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday April 19th 7pm

"FLIGHT"



An airline pilot saves almost all his
passengers on his malfunctioning
airliner which eventually crashed,
an investigation into the accident
reveals something troubling.
When he woke up in the hospital,
it seems they did a blood test.



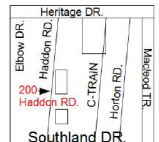
PANEL PRESENTATION

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Wednesday, April 24, 2013

A topic you don't usually hear at meetings.

'Doing 12-Step Calls/Cold Calls/Wet Drunks'

Speakers: Greg S., + 3 More
Q & A Period to follow.



New Beginnings 20th Anniversary Celebration Saturday May 4, 2013



5 PM Doors Open

6 PM Potluck Dinner & Fellowship

7 PM Sobriety Countdown

Program to Follow

50-50 Draw

Everyone Welcome - Bring a friend for fun, food & fellowship!

7th Tradition will be observed



Kingsland Community Centre
505 - 78 Avenue SW

Contacts: Marron R 403.225.1344 Sandy D 403.862.4042

**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

On the Horizon

Steps Stories & Beyond Presents a Dinner & Speaker Meeting. Friday, June 21st. For more info contact Buddy @403-285-9258 or Wade @403-587-707-2341.

District 77's Annual Picnic. Saturday, June 22nd. Site #1, Bowness Park, 11am – 3pm. For more info contact Karen @403-479-6883 or Marilyn @ 403-998-4207.

From Afar

Tumbler Ridge's 1st Annual Gratitude Day. Saturday, April 20th 10am – 4pm. RSVP Pam @250-242-5412 by April 12th.

Big Book Workshop (Joe and Charlie Style) April 26th and April 27th. St. Paul's United Church, 10206 100th Avenue, Grand Prairie, AB
Cost: \$30, Contacts: Roland 780-814-0575, Nicole 780-978-5185 and Willie 780-882-4725.

Ft St John 43rd Annual Roundup (We stood at the turning point) May 3rd, 4th and 5th. For More info contact Dave @250-793-6323 or Chris @250-262-9939.

Niagra Blossom Time Convention. May 3rd, 4th & 5th. For further info visit www.blossomtimeconvention.com.

Claresholm Annual Campout. May 31st to June 2nd. For more info contact Jack H. @403-625-0259 or Keith A. @403-801-1473.

Creston AA Campout. June 7th, 8th & 9th. For more info contact Jo @250-428-5954, Brenda @250-428-

7584 or e-mail Doug and Debbie @
ddcreate@canyonlister.ca

Seniors in Sobriety 8th International Conference. Sept 5th to 8th 2013. For more info e-mail: sandiegoSIS2013@gmail.com or visit www.aasis2013.org.

New Meetings

New Beginnings, NW, 9am closed ladies 'As Bill Sees It' meeting.

NW Calgary Group, Saturday, 5:30pm, Open, Step & Tradition. Foothills Alliance Church, 333 Edgepark Blvd NW.

Out-of-Town: Drumheller, Saturday Morning Sunrise Group, 9:00 AM, closed, Knox United Church side door, 195 3 Ave. E.

Meeting Cancellations

Out-of-Town: Canmore, Friday, Knock Turn All Group. CANCELLED

Out-of-Town: Strathmore Tuesday Ladies Group. CANCELLED

Garnet, Saturday, Central, 3pm. CANCELLED

Garnet Young People's, Sunday, Central 3pm. CANCELLED

Grapevine, Friday, Northeast CANCELLED

Thursday Afternoon Drop-in, Central CANCELLED

Sundre Friday Night Ladies meeting CANCELLED

Trochu, Wed PM is CANCELLED

Meeting Changes

New Beginnings, Thursday 8pm meeting is now a one hour meeting.

Garnet Block. All 9 weekly meetings are moved to 1609 Centre St. NW., basement, parking in rear.

The 272 Group's Monday Beginner's Meeting NW will use the 4 week, 1946 AA Beginner meeting format ("Back to Basics") starting the first Monday of every month. Effective March 4, 2013. For more information: www.aabacktobasics.org.

Regal Group, Thursdays, Northeast, 8:00PM now meets at the Renfrew United Church, 956 Radnor Ave. NE.

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)

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

**Intergroup is looking for someone to act as
a Liaison to the Calgary General Services
Committee.**

VALUABLE 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The CPC monthly planning meeting is held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at Central Office. Please come down and join us and learn about all the good work we are doing in Calgary.

The CPC Committee provides information about Alcoholics Anonymous to different groups of professionals: medical students, doctors, nursing students, social workers, psychologists, employees of some services, and more. We attend conferences, such as the Alberta Addictions Day, each year to provide information about AA and how we can help the alcoholic. Our CPC Committee here at CGSC is doing some fantastic work and reaching large numbers of professional. We attend by invitation and currently have interest being shown by some new groups of professionals. We do not have the people to form any new presentation sub-committees, so we are asking for any interested parties to please come on out and see what we are doing. Fabulous service opportunity. Thank you for your service in AA – together we can do so much!

In Service, Lisa K., CPC Chair – Calgary.

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!

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Sunday AM Breakfast Chair:	cgigbrkfst@gmail.com

Resumes Sought for COMC Vacancy

Calgary AA members with five years sobriety, a background in AA service, and experience in business, finance, human resources, or similar fields, plus a working knowledge of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts are urged to send their resumes for the position of member-at-large on the Central Office Management Committee (COMC). New members are elected by Calgary Intergroup upon the recommendation of the current members of COMC. This is a two-year term with an option for another two-year term. The Chair of COMC is elected from the members-at-large.

COMC reports to Calgary Intergroup, a body made up of representatives from Calgary and district AA groups. COMC manages, oversees and monitors the operations of the Calgary Central Service Office including policies, procedures, strategic planning, finances, and personnel. COMC also act as an advisory group to Intergroup.

COMC meets monthly at a closed meeting where each member has a vote. It then delivers its report for acceptance by the monthly Calgary Intergroup meeting.

For more details, or to submit a resume, please contact AA Central Office at [403-777-1210](tel:403-777-1210) or e-mail resume to: centraloffice@telus.net

Groups With Service Commitments		Service Opportunities	
<u>Treatment Facilities</u>			
		<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Alpha House	Tuesday	Shipwreck at Sunset Group	S.M.O.G.
Renfrew	Tuesday	Primary Purpose Group	Daily Reflections Group
Renfrew	Wednesday	Unity Group	Glenmore Group
Renfrew	Thursday	McKenzie Towne Groupe	Shipwreck at Sunset\
Renfrew	Sunday	Weedon Hall Freedom Group	Steps, Stories & Beyond Group
Center of Hope	Monday	Thursday Night Bridge Group	Ogden Group
Sunrise	Tuesday	Back From Hell Group	New Beginnings Group
<u>Intergroup Sunday Breakfast at the Ramada</u>			
April 7	Northlanders	May 5	Front Runners
April 14	S.M.O.G.	May 12	
April 21	Candlelight Group	May 19	
April 28	NW Calgary Group	May 26	
<u>Telephone Monitoring</u>			
April 1 - 7	Primary Purpose Group	May 6 - 12	Crossroads Group
April 8 - 14	Daily Reflections Group	May 13 - 19	Ogden Group
April 15 - 21	NW Calgary Group	May 20 - 26	Kincora Group
April 22 - 28	Getting There Group	May 27 - June 1	Go For It Group
Apr 29 - May 5	Airdrie Reflections Group		



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.)

FEBRUARY 2013	MARCH 2013	APRIL 2013	APRIL 2013
AWAKENINGS GROUP	MCKENZIE TOWNE GROUP	11:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING GROUP	HADDON ROAD GROUP
Patricia 24 yrs	Kyle D. 4 yrs	Doug H. 16 yrs	Chris L. 1 yr
	Ian K. 4 yrs	Eunice A. 22 yrs	Corey C. 1 yr
MCKENZIE TOWNE GROUP	Mac W. 35 yrs		Frank C. 1 yr
Mark P. 22 yrs			Gordon M. 1 yr
MARCH 2013	TUESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP	ACTION GROUP	Joshua W. 1 yr
11:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING GROUP	Iris 9 yrs	Ross W. 1 yr	Ralf K. 1 yr
Larry P. 11 yrs		Lisa Z. 6 yrs	Valerie S. 1 yr
	NEW BEGINNINGS	Ross M. 10 yrs	Erin C. 2 yrs
DESPERATION GROUP	Lisa B. 1 yr	AWAKENINGS GROUP	James P. 6 yrs
Abby R. 4 yrs	Will C. 1 yr	Kevin D. 19 yrs	Peter W. 9 yrs
Tim M. 13 yrs	Kathryn 2 yrs		Kevin J. 36 yrs
	Holly U. 2 yrs	DESPERATION GROUP	
THE GLENMORE GROUP	Jennifer H. 2 yrs	Jan M. 23 yrs	OPEN DOOR GROUP
Amy B. 1 yr	Danny P. 8 yrs	Cec A. 53 yrs	Wade A. 3 yrs
Karen O. 1 yr	George L. 8 yrs		
Nancy 2 yrs	Maggie B. 19 yrs	FOREST LAWN GROUP	THE LINK GROUP
Tanya 6 yrs	Annie B. 23 yrs	Glen F. 1 yr	Craig S. 10 yrs
Fran 8 yrs		Colin W. 2 yrs	
Peter G. 26 yrs		Rob S. 2 yrs	
Elizabeth C. 32 yrs		Liz S. 5 yrs	

Calgary Intergroup Birthday Contributions

CSO accepts Birthday Contributions from individual members to celebrate lengths of sobriety.

Contributions range from a penny a day to a dollar a year.

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 February edition of The Westword is Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

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

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