

# We the People

*The Gabriel Hatter broadcast of April 25, 1939*

The first national exposure for Alcoholics Anonymous came with the April 25, 1939 "We The People" broadcast. Gabriel Hatter's radio program was a tremendously popular program that was tuned in by millions of people. Morgan R., the AA member who spoke on the program, was expected to launch sales of the newly published book, Alcoholics Anonymous. How Morgan was prepared for his three-minute talk, and the resulting book sales are described in the A.A.W.S. Publication Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age on pages 174-175.

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## WE THE PEOPLE

April 1939

The man beside me now has had one of the most gripping and dramatic experiences I've ever heard. I'm not going to tell you his name. And when you hear what he has to say I think you'll understand why. But after checking the facts the Listeners Committee of We The People decided to grant him time because they feel that if one person is helped by hearing his story, then WE THE PEOPLE will have done a real service. All right, sir.

### ANONYMOUS

Six months ago I got out of an insane asylum. I'd been sent there because I was drinking myself to death. But the doctors said they could do nothing for me. And only four years ago I was making 20,000 dollars a year. I was married to a swell girl and had a young son. But I worked hard and like lots of my friends - I used drink to relax. Only they knew when to stop. I didn't. And pretty soon - I drank myself out of my job. I promised my wife I'd straighten out. But I couldn't. Finally she took the baby and left me.

The next year was like a nightmare. I was penniless. I went out on the streets - panhandled money for liquor. Every time I sobered up - I swore not to touch another drop. But if I went a few hours without a drink - I'd begin to cry like a baby, and tremble all over. One day after I left the asylum I met a friend of mine. He took me to the home of one of his friends.

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## Letters to the Editor

In the spirit of honoring AA members' fondness for opinion and controversy, the EVI newsletter welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Submissions may be up to 250 words in length. Drop your letters by the office send them by email to: [evinews@comcast.net](mailto:evinews@comcast.net)



## January 2008

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Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Drop by for a visit!

[www.eviaa.org](http://www.eviaa.org)

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and more.

# EVI Business Meeting Minutes

## December 10, 2007



**6:35 p.m.** Open with Serenity Prayer, quorum present.

### **6:40 p.m. EVI Elections and Positions:**

*Open Positions:* Archivist, Member at Large, Outreach Co-Chair, Treasurer Co-Chair

*Elections:* Spencer elected to CPC/PI Co-Chair. Lee elected to EVI Member at Large. Gene elected to Speaker Meeting Co-Chair.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Committee Budgets are due:* By January old budgets will be renewed if new budgets are not submitted. There will now be one account for operating expenses, and sub accounts for Literature and Grapevine.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Activities Committee--* Next holiday activity will be a Valentines Dance Saturday, February 9. There are lots of open positions in this group and they need help!

*Archivist—*Johanna. Nothing new to report.

*Website—*Teffany reports a new e-mail address for her: eviwebmaster@Q.com

*Meeting Guides—*The new schedule is not yet online. Beginning in mid January there will be a new Meeting Guide version. They will renew the printer agreement. New email: evimeetingguides@comcast.net.

*Newsletter—*Buck reporting for Tanya. Newsletter is on the table and website.

*CPC –* LynDee will meet CPC North and South. More news next month.

*Diverter—*Mike needs a co-chair with 1 year of sobriety as he rotates out in March.

*Grapevine—*Tim reports the committee needs funding. Meets last Thursday of the month at 5:30 at EVI.

*H&I—*Annie reports their committee needs 1 female at the jail, two men. Serbu needs volunteers. WFTS Meeting is Friday at 6:30 and needs volunteers. There is a ShelterCare meeting chaired by Hank.

*Literature—*Bill A reports the order is in. Constructed proposed book order to place for arrival in January. Concerned re: security in literature storage in back. Will rearrange to improve inventory. Propose large orders that individuals place be “special orders.” Suggest we rearrange how pamphlets are stored by window and other literature for convenience and visibility.

*Office Coordinator—*Mary reports the ceiling fell in on the copy machine, but it dried and now works. The 3-ring hole punch will need to be replaced.

*Outreach—*Daniel reports he needs a Co-chair.

*Speaker Meeting—*Gary reports a good turn out last meeting, the potluck went well.

*Treasurer—*Wes thanked everyone for letting him be of service. Wes and Angie (new treasurer) reviewed the computer and visited some groups. No opposition to changing banks. YTD contributions are now above average of monthly support. A correct copy will reflect November’s and not October’s. The EVI fundraiser was beneficial. Angie has done a lot of work on the graphs. The thermometer idea is being well received.

*Steering Committee—*Bill H. thanked everyone for letting him serve. He hopes the Steering Committee continues to make firm decisions (and not just to debate). A lot of work has gone into keeping the literature moving. Cress expressed the opinion of the room by stating Bill deserves a lot of credit – he came in at a tough time, when there were a lot of vacant positions, etc. He has done a superb job!

**Meeting Closes:** Motion to adjourn seconded, passed. Closed with Serenity Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa J., EVI Secretary  
& Edited by Newsletter Chair*

## Currently Available Service Positions:

**Hospitals and Institutions** has an ongoing and varied need for AA volunteers to bring meetings into facilities as well as people to serve on the H&I committee. See page 4 for contact information for various facilities and committee members, as well as to see which positions are open in the H&I committee.

**Public Information** needs people for various volunteer functions.

**Grapevine Committee** needs help.

**The EVI Office** can always use people who are able to answer phones and perform office functions. Contact Mary K.

**The Activities Committee** needs volunteers to help plan and staff events. There is no minimum sobriety requirement, and the time commitment is flexible. Call Dawn (686-5861)

**CPC Chair, H&I Co-Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Co-Chair, and Website Co-Chair** positions are open, please attend the next EVI business meeting if you are interested.

## Addresses for Group Contributions

*Contributions for Districts 6, 19, 20, and 33 may also be sent to the below address. Please indicate the district on the envelope.*

Emerald Valley Intergroup  
1259 Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97401-3509

Oregon Area 58 Treasury  
1900 NE 3rd Street, Suite 106-172  
Bend, OR 97701

AA General Service Office  
PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163-0459

## Echoes from the Valley

“The only excuse that I needed for drinking was that I was breathing.”

?, Sober Awakening

“In the treatment center, they had a saying – you spot it [a character defect], you got it. It used to drive me crazy.”

Michael L., Sober Awakening

“I was told yesterday that I’m not yet domesticated.”

Bob, Downtown A.M.

“I don’t sponsor to stay sober. I sponsor because I’m sober.”

Bob K., downtown AM.

“I’ve got ‘take it easy’ down to the point where I’m one step above a coma.”

Stephanie, Downtown AM

“I was doing this practice called transcendental medication.”

Andrew, Sober Awakening

“Such a wonderful thing that we are rational beings – we can rationalize anything.”

Jim, Sober Awakening, said to be a quote from Benjamin Franklin

“A successful life is going from one failure to another without losing enthusiasm.”

Farley, Downtown AM, quoting Churchill.

“I didn’t just have expectations about how things should turn out – I had imperious, arrogant demands.”

Deborah, Sober Awakening

“You’re sitting on them” (the Promises)

“That’s OK – I was just getting them by assmosis.”

Sober Awakening interchange.

## Contributions:

January 2007

**Group Contributions (month/ytd)**

6:45AM Stag .00/100.00  
Attitude Adjustment 254.77/1,241.97  
As Bill Sees It .00/40.00  
Autumn Group 140.00/390.00  
Brown Bag Group 37.50/37.50  
Cottage Grove Gratitude.00/200.00  
Cottage Grove New Beginnings .00/70.00  
Cottage Grove Noon 100.00/100.00  
District 19 .00/99.00  
District 20 .00/100.00  
Downtown AM Group .00/2,297.65  
Drop The Rock .00/582.00  
Early Firehouse Group 8.00/239.18  
EASYPAA .00/277.25  
Freedom of Choice .00/160.00  
Fresh Start at Noon. .00/120.00  
Friday Night Young People’s .00/100.35  
Friday Not A Glum Lot .00/250.00  
From the Heart .00/100.00  
Get Well Group .00/120.00  
Host of Friends .00/338.00  
How It Works, Tuesday 100.00/200.00  
How It Works, Women’s .00/100.00  
Last Chance Study Group .00/60.00  
McKenzie River Group .00/60.00  
Monday Men’s Stag .00/135.00  
Monday Noon Stag .00/287.00  
New Beginnings .00/49.00  
New Freedom .00/275.00  
New Freedom 2 30.00/30.00  
One Day at a Time .00/166.50  
Pass It On: .00/58.68  
Physical Awakenings .00/200.00  
Recovery by the Big Book .00/100.00  
Saturday Step .00/1021.72  
Search for Serenity .00/ 277.32  
Serenity at Noon .00/90.00  
Serenity Seekers West 50.00/50.00  
Sober Awakenings 300.00/1,350.00  
Sober Chics 10.00/10.00  
Sobriety for Life .00/273.27  
Spiritual Approach .00/175.00  
Springfield Serenity at Noon .00/100.00  
Springfield Study Group 20.00/20.00  
Stairway to Sobriety .00/125.00  
Sunday Morning Big Book .00/1,040.00  
Sun. Night Women’s Step Study .00/423.65  
Sunday PM Book Study 40.00/40.00  
Sunday Step Group .00/100.00  
Sunday Sunshine 200.00/350.00  
Sunlight of the Spirit .00/45.00  
Sunrise Sobriety .00/146.05  
Thurs. Men’s Book Study .00/428.47  
Thursday Night Voyagers .00/30.00  
Thursday PM Rush Hour. .00/240.00  
Try God Group .00/2,320.27  
Tuesday Beginners .00/50.00  
Tuesday Night Book Study .00/106.00  
Tuesday Night Young People .00/150.00  
Veneta Gratitude Group .00/195.00  
Vets and Friends .00/100.00  
Wednesday Beginners .00/60.00  
Wednesday Night Men’s .00/1,150.00  
Wednesday Men’s Noon .00/40.30  
Women’s Courage to Change 136.75/259.75  
Women’s Monday Night .00/140.00  
Women’s Road to Recovery .00/348.90

**Total Group Contributions:**

**1,427.02/19,220.71**

**Individual Contributions**

Anonymous: .00/63.20  
Faithful Fivers: 205.00/2,375.00  
Other: 246.90/849.51

**Total Contributions (ytd): 22,508.42**

*Submitted by Martha S. - Eugene, OR*

# Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee, 6:30 PM
  - Tue District 20, 6:30 PM, 418 A St.
  - Tues District 33, 6:30 PM
  - Wed District 19, 5:30 PM
  - Thur Speaker Mtg. Committee, 7:00 PM
  - Sun Activities Committee, 6:00 PM
  - 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting, 6:30 PM
  - Wed District 6, 6:30 PM
  - Sat Answering/Diverter, 10:00 AM
  - 3rd Thur Outreach Committee, 6:30 PM
  - Last Thurs Grapevine Committee, 5:30 PM
  - Last Wed H&I Committee, 6:00 PM
- (All meetings are held at the EVI Office, unless otherwise noted.)

# AA Meeting Changes:

## New

- 6:45 AM Men's Meeting - N. Park Community Church 3484 Harlow Rd.  
Tuesday & Thursday 6:45-7:45 am - Literature, Men's, Steps & Trdns.
- Alvadore Fireside Big Book Study - 8th & B St., Alvadore, OR  
Tuesday 7-8:00 pm - Big Book, Closed, Handicap Access
- (Unnamed)  
Saturday 12-1:00 pm Courage to Change Bookstr. 18th & Pearl, Eugene

## Cancelled

- McKenzie Bridge Group  
Friday 7:00-8:30 pm
- One Day at a Time  
Friday 12:00-1:00pm 1st Place Family Center
- LCC Main Campus  
Thursday 11:30-12:30 pm

## Changed

- Serenity on Sunday - Start & end time change, plus wheelchair access.  
Sunday 6:30-7:30 am - Spiritual Growth Center - Eugene

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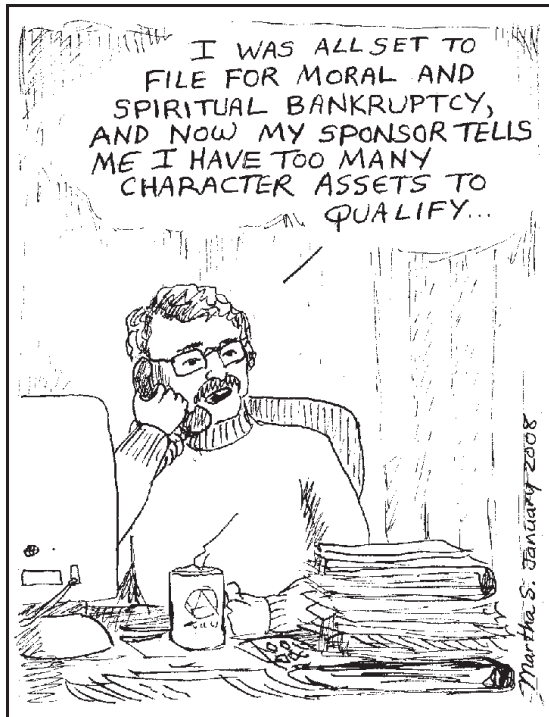
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# People:



Following is a list of all EVI positions. For chair and co-chair contact information, please call the EVI office: (541) 342-4113

- ACTIVITIES
- ANSWERING SERVICE
- ARCHIVIST
- BOOKKEEPER
- COOP. PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)
- DIVERTER COORDINATOR
- E.V.I. COMMUNICATIONS  
*Meeting Guides*  
*Newsletter*  
*Website*
- E.V.I. OFFICE MANAGER
- E.V.I. SPEAKER MEETING
- E.V.I. STEERING COMMITTEE  
Chair  
Co-Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
At-Large: 5 members
- GRAPEVINE
- HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS (H&I)  
*Corrections:*  
Lane County Jail (Women)  
Lane County Jail (Men)  
C.C.C.. Women  
C.C.C. Men  
Alma Work Camp  
Pathways  
Serbu Detention  
*Cooperation with Treatment Facilities*  
Carlton House  
W.F.T.  
Serenity Lane  
Fri. Speaker  
B.T.G.  
S.N.L.  
*Hospitals*  
Johnson Unit  
VA Reintegration Center
- LITERATURE
- OUTREACH
- PUBLIC INFORMATION



## Rule 62:



### Ham On Wry

WORDS THAT ARE difficult to say when you're drunk:

1. Preliminary
2. Innovative
3. Aluminum

Words that are very difficult to say when you're drunk:

1. Specificity
2. Loquacious
3. Transubstantiate

Words that are absolutely impossible to say when you're drunk:

Thanks, I've had enough.

Sorry, but you're not my type.

You're right, I can't jump over that table.

*Chuck B. - May, 2005\**

## We the People

*Continued from page 1*

A bunch of men were sitting around, smoking cigars, telling jokes – having a great time. But I noticed they weren't drinking. When Tom told me they'd all been in the same boat as I was – I couldn't believe him. But he said, "See that fellow? He's a doctor. Drank himself out of his practice. Then he straightened out. Now he's head of a big hospital." Another big strapping fellow was a grocery clerk. Another the vice president of a big corporation. They cog together five years ago. Called themselves Alcoholics Anonymous. And they'd worked out a method of recovery. One of their most important secrets was – helping the other fellow. Once they began to follow it the method proved successful and helped others get on their feet – they found they could stay away from liquor.

Gradually – these men helped me back to life. I stopped drinking. Found courage to face life once again. Today I've got a job – and I'm going to climb back to success. Recently we wrote a book called "Alcoholics Anonymous." It tells precisely how we all came back from a living death. Working on that book made me realize how much other people had suffered – how they'd gone through the same thing I did.

That's why I wanted to come on this program. I wanted to tell people who are going through that torment – if they sincerely want to they can come back. Take their place in society once again!

(APPLAUSE)

(MUSIC)

I. W. OF WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO, heard about a drunk who went to buy a waterbed. The salesperson was somewhat taken aback when he was asked whether it was possible to insert a straw.

*November 1985\**

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF SLIPS We AAs can make--one tragic, the other hilarious. How many times have you been sitting at a meeting and suddenly said to yourself as you listened to someone across the room, "Did I really hear that?" For instance, during a recent reading of our beloved First Step, someone confidently read, ". . . we were powerless over alcohol and our wives had become unmanageable." And a newcomer was heard to express gratitude to "my hiyakawa." (We think we know what he meant.)

*Septembet 1985\**

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*Submitted by Bruce H. - Eugene, OR*

# Faithful Fiver Pledge:

- I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community.
- I'm feeling grateful. I can send \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- I will mail or drop off my contribution monthly.
- I will mail or drop off my contribution quarterly (\$15 each).
- I will mail or drop off my contribution once a year (\$60)

Name:

Address:

When you acknowledge my contribution, please list me as (first name, initial or nickname):

Receipt

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