

DISTRICT 8 TELEGRAM

the newsletter for district 8

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LOVE in service



District 8 is of service to AA members in and around Thurston & Mason Counties.

To find out more, including a meeting directory, please visit www.aadistrict8.org

District 8 is part of Western WA Area 72 area72aa.org

A Report from your Alt DCM

by Debbie

Hi, greetings from District 8! Here's some news about 2 events, one in December and one in January. Woohoo!

December 28 is the End of the Rotation Service Zoom Area 72 Party, an Area event hosted by Districts 7, 8, 21, 27, 28 and 37, from 9 am to noon. You can find a flyer for the event on the Area 72 website: area72aa.org. Everyone in AA is invited to be one of the Hollywood Squares – or invite your friends over and make it a party to attend the party! Bring your comments, your thanks, your imagination, your questions about service, any Zoom game you want to play, dress up for the occasion, etc.

The 2nd event is a "Chairing a Meeting" Workshop, January 25 from 9 am to 3ish. It is a hybrid event with in-person happening at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 2109 College St SE, in Lacey. Flyer soon to be posted on the District website, aadistrict8.org. This is designed for input from everyone. There will be also be an Ask It Basket. Feel free to invite your friends over for the event if you can't go in person, so you can have 3 parties – the one before the event, the one during the event by Zoom, and the one after the event!

Notes from the South Sound Service Center:

In the spirit of rotation, Vince will be taking over for Deb W as the South Sound Service Center (SSSC) Office Coordinator as of January 1st.

The SSSC, located at 344 Cleveland Ave SE, Suite K in Tumwater, is open every Monday through Friday from 2-6 pm, and Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm. The office is filled to the brim with all sorts of AA-approved literature to enhance your spiritual recovery journey.

Deb says, "Attention all sponsors! I suggest you send your sponsees to the SSSC so they can see all the literature we have to offer."



art by Jude



Our Stories Disclose...

New Yelm Group

In January 1973, the Yelm Group met for a short time at the beautiful small white steeple church across from the old Yelm Post Office. When asked to move, Godfrey got permission for the group to use the Veteran's Hall, now known as St. Columban Catholic Church Annex. Earl G. and Jane G. along with just a few members, moved to the new location, where the group still meets today. The group was then registered as the "New Yelm Group."

In the beginning, there were just two open meetings a week. Soon, the need for a book study caused the group to expand. At the first daytime meeting on July 6th, 1982, the group studied the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions; a practice that continues today.

Currently the New Yelm Group hosts 18 meetings a week, with a Big Book Study on Sundays at 7:30pm. The Breakfast Club meets Monday through Friday every morning at 9am and on Sundays at 10am. There is a Men's Meeting (founded on June 10, 2017) on Wednesdays at 6pm, and a Women's Meeting on Thursdays at 5pm. The monthly business meeting is the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

Many early members were active duty as well as retired military personnel. Potlucks have always been popular, and Betty O. historically baked the most delicious pies. There's a well attended monthly Birthday and Speaker Meeting with a Potluck, the last Saturday of each month at 6:30pm. There are always people celebrating both days and years of sobriety at this monthly

gathering, and like the photo of the clock - all months and years are honored with coins. If you are looking to check out a Yelm meeting, and have not yet, this monthly potluck is a great opportunity to check us out.

Alcoholics come from all walks of life, we know, and New Yelm meetings have been very rich with accents from all over the world. As many as 12 communities have been represented, including folks from Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base.

The St. Columban Church Annex is located at 500 1st Street South, Yelm, and the small, cozy house, where the New Yelm Group meets, is tucked off to the side of the main building. Follow the smell of the coffee. All are welcome.



Getting involved in A.A. Service: From the “Circles and Love of Service” pamphlet

A.A.’s Twelfth Step suggests that we carry the message of recovery. That is the basic service that A.A. provides. Any action that helps A.A. to function as a whole is service. Most A.A. members start out providing service in their group.

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. This starts with a group’s general service representative (GSR), who represents the voice of the group conscience and has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. GSRs make sure their groups receive services from the U.S. and Canada General Service Office (GSO) and help groups stay informed about worldwide A.A.

For every district of about ten groups or so, the GSRs elect a district committee member, or DCM, to communicate the districts’ conscience to the area assembly, which elects an area delegate to attend the annual A.A. General Service Conference for the U.S. and Canada (other countries have their own separate structure). Every group in an area is encouraged to send its GSR to its area assembly. The DCMs help to make up the area committee — a sort of steering committee for the assembly. Each group sends its own ideas or problems to the assembly, where other groups can share their experience and provide help and support. From the assembly, each GSR can take back to his or her group the shared experience of the rest of the assembly.

If you are interested in upping your service game, please attend a District 8 Business Meeting at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church or hybrid on Zoom, on the second Thursday of every month, 6-8 pm.

District 8 24-HOUR 12 STEP HOTLINE

Call 360-352-7344 to speak to a local, sober alcoholic 24 hours a day. The District 8 phone line is often the first place the general public acquires information about AA in Thurston and Mason counties. If you need support, please call us. Would you like to be of service and support the hotline? Please contact our Hot Line Chair, Sue C at phones@aadistrict8.org

DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING

The District 8 Business Meeting meets on the second Thursday of every month from 6-8pm, and is hybrid - both on zoom and in person at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lacey. All members of AA are welcome to attend. Please visit our website for more information aadistrict8.org

The SOUTH SOUND SERVICE CENTER

at 344 Cleveland Ave SE, Suite K, Tumwater, is open Mon-Fri from 2-6pm & Saturday 10am-2pm.



**District 8
Website**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! The Gull Harbor Group will be starting at 7 pm beginning January 3, 2025. The meeting will go from 7-8:15 pm.

Saturday, Dec 28, End of the Rotation Service Zoom Area 72 Party, 9 am to noon. Learn more at area72.org.

January 3-4, 2025 Area 72 Quarterly at Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, hosted by District 24. For more info go to the area 72 website, area72aa.org.

Saturday, January 25, 2025, "Chairing a Meeting" Workshop at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2109 College St. SE, Lacey. 9 am to 3 pm. Hybrid event. Learn more at aadistrict8.org.

SAVE THE DATE

March 7-9, 2025 PRAASA - Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly in Anchorage, AK for more info praasa.org.