



SLIPPERY WHEN WET

TREASURE VALLEY INTERGROUP

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STEP THREE

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him

TRADITION THREE

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

CONCEPT THREE

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional Right of Decision .

Slippery When Wet will continue to include the Steps, Traditions and Concepts to the corresponding month of the year in 2003. We welcome your personal story or comment with your experience with any of these and we will publish it in the next available newsletter. Please e-mail us (we prefer it) at tvico@netzero.net or mail to TVICO, P.O.Box 5144, Boise, Idaho 83705. We ask you try and keep it to 500-700 words or less and please include an e-mail address or phone number so we may contact you in case any questions should arise. We also have the newsletter and TVICO meeting schedule on the internet at www.homestead.com/tvico. We look forward to serving you in this new year.

T.V.I.C.O. Financial Report January 2003

Rent	\$300.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$167.48
Office Expenses	\$1,082.30
Wages	\$2,438.00
Telephone	\$168.94
Purchases	\$3,503.89
Shipping & Handling Expenses	
Taxes	
IRS/Monthly Deposit	
Withholding	
State Sales Tax	\$709.29
Unemployment Insurance Tax	\$547.66
Total Expense	\$8,617.46

T.V.I.C.O. Group Donations January 2003

Midtown Group	\$117.00
District 5	\$595.57
New Beginnings	\$207.00
Emmett AA	\$181.24
Seekers	\$60.00
Into Action	\$80.00
Speakeasy	\$60.00
Lunch Bunch	\$273.59
Live & Let Live	\$104.55
Eagle Downtowner	\$120.00
How It Works	\$90.00
Serenity Seekers	\$50.00
Living Today	\$62.70
Shoulder to Shoulder	\$115.00
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$2,159.40
Donors Club	\$297.00
Gross Sales	\$7,483.86
TOTAL INCOME JANUARY 2003	\$9,940.96

EDITORS COLUMN

There have been a lot of changes at your Central Office since the first of the year, i.e. the resignation of John F. and the hiring of Carl O. as the office manager. Slippery When Wet was not published last month due to excess cost and lack of finances. The

OPPORTUNITY

Board of Trustees has had a major change with new trustees from Intergroup (John B.), District 4 (Kathy H.), District 8 (Tom) having come on board this year.

A lot of discussion about the future, style, cost, and mailing times of the newsletter has taken place.

Some of the ideas: setting a subscription charge; auditing and updating the mailing list; having bi-monthly meetings rather than monthly; contents.

If your group has an Inter-group rep., make sure that they attend the next meeting, and if you do not have a rep., now would be a good time to select one and have them attend the meetings. The newsletter is a function of the Intergroup and discussions, recommendations, etc. are done at this level. If you are not represented, you will have little or nothing to complain about if you do not care for the decisions inter-group makes and forwards to the Trustees for consideration by the board. Get involved, the A.A. community needs your input.

Wally T.

OF A LIFETIME!!!

SEARCY W.
DALLAS, TX
55 YEARS SOBER!!!

Was Ebby Thatcher's Sponsor - the man who carried the message from the Oxford Group to our co-founder, Bill Wilson, in 1934.



Bill needed a sponsor and felt that it should be Ebby. The only problem? Ebby got drunk and was hiding somewhere in New York. Bill asked Searcy to find him and try and get him sober.

Hear Searcy tell of his search of New York's skid rows and alleys for Ebby. How he found him, sobered him up and eventually becoming his sponsor. Also, hear stories of the early days in Alcoholics Anonymous as he traveled the country with Bill Wilson.

**COME
JOIN
US!**

**IDAHO AREA 18 SPRING ASSEMBLY
MAY 9-11, 2003
THE GROVE HOTEL, BOISE**

Contact Central Office for more information.

Chili Feed & Casino Night

Free Chili and the Sides

Where:	SNL 1524 Vista Ave. #9 Boise, ID 83705
When:	Friday Night April 18, 2003
Time:	6PM til Midnight
Why:	For Fun & Entertainment

- The SNL Group is having a get together for the **ENTIRE AA COMMUNITY**.
- Chili, corn bread, etc. will be provided.
- Eating in the meeting room and casino attractions in two additional rooms.
- Participate in a great raffle with you winnings.

TVICO Board of Trustees
Minutes from Meeting: 7:00 p.m., 2/10/2003

Attendance:

Carl O. - Trustee District 5
Kevin D. - Trustee District 3
Kathy H. - Trustee District 4
Patty - Central Office

Ron T. - Trustee District 8
John B. - Trustee Intergroup
Bob G. - DCM District 5

- Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Bob read the 12 Traditions
- Carl and Patty presented the financial report for Central Office for January 2003 and December 2002.
- Central Office has \$871.21 in checking account, \$100.00 in cash and \$60.00 in reserve
- Newsletter - Majority of Trustees and the people we have talked to are in agreement that we need a Newsletter. The questions of time and money were discussed. Current cost of newsletter is estimated at \$630.00 per month.
- Should we Charge for the newsletter?
- Newsletter every two months instead of monthly?
- Start new mailing list?
- Need help folding the newsletter on February 28th.
- John presented discussion of January 9 Intergroup meeting.
- New Office Manager discussion: Carl and Patty left so the remaining Trustees could discuss the applications. We received applications from 8 qualified individuals.
- After a discussion of all the applicants, Carl O. was selected as the new Office Manager.

ACTION ITEMS

- John is to contact Wally T. to prepare newsletter. Wally has offered to do/help with the newsletter.
- Central Office to send out thank you notes to all of the Office Manager Applicants.

Treasure Valley Intergroup Happy Hour Club - February 13, 2003

Mike R. opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer and a reading of the 12 traditions Eric S. read the Intergroup meeting notes from the previous meeting in January. The minutes were accepted with one small change (the amount required for publishing the newsletter).

Treasurers Report: Pat B. (absent) Eric reported for Pat. Beginning Balance \$1406.54; Checks #597/ Harold Eschleman? Grange Deposit: \$150.00. Ending balance: \$1256.54. A motion to accept Pat's report was made, seconded and carried.

Intergroup Trustees Report: John B. Positive cash flow for January was \$2,207.00. Donations were good this month. The deadline for stories for inclusion in the Slippery When Wet Newsletter will be February 19. Folding of the newsletter will occur on the 27th of this month. Carl O. Will service as the new Central Office Manager replacing John F. A motion to accept the report was made seconded and carried.

Entertainment Report: Katie H. (absent) Will stated that the Valentine's Day Dance needs donated items for the raffle. He said that there is also need for volunteers for setup and cleanup after the dance on Saturday. We have heard some feedback from members in the Caldwell area who would like to see some functions put on more in their area occasionally. A motion was heard to reinstate the Lefty Callaghan river race from Barber Park to Ann Morrison Park. This would be followed by a picnic with prizes for the winners, etc. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and carried.

Newsletter Report: (Nikki L.) Folding of the newsletter will take place at the Central Office on February 27th. This can be done any time during the day. If a group needs, a key can be provided for folding after business hours. Wally would like to do this on the last Thursday of the month on a continuing basis. We need groups to volunteer for upcoming newsletter folding. A motion was made to accept Nikki's report, seconded and carried.

Answering Service: (Gary C.) No news to report. Available times for groups to volunteer to take the answering service are as follows: 4th and 5th Wednesdays and the 4th Saturday. A motion to accept Gary's report was made, seconded and carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: John V. from District 3 came to discuss some new business with the Intergroup Committee. He is proposing a change in the district guidelines to offload the Childrens Christmas Party. In years past, this event, although highly successful and well supported, was weighed down with controversy surrounding fundraising and other elements, which were perceived by some to be a violation of A.A. traditions. John suggested that the party should still be held, but supported by Intergroup rather than by District 3. In this way, the controversssies should be resolved, since it is more in accordance to Intergroup's goals and mission (that of providing functions in the name of regional unity). John offered a committee for the party comprised of District 3 members to assist in planning of the party under the auspices of Intergroup. Although no decision could be made at

this meeting, the Intergroup Committee decided to cast an exploratory vote to determine whether Intergroup might be interested in taking this issue further. A motion to vote on this interest was made and seconded. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 4. Naturally, the committee will need to wait until the guideline amendment vote to see if it passes. Then the committee will take up the issue of it we will sponser this event, and how we will accomplish this.

Closing: The Intergroup Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Monthly Business Meetings

March 4, 2003

District 3 Meeting, 6:30 pm
(1st Tuesday of the Month)
Alano Club

March 6, 2003

District 8 Meeting 7:00 pm
(1st Thursday of the month)
200 Myrtle St. (Happy Hour)

March 10, 2003

Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
(Monday preceding 2nd Thursday)
1524 Vista Ave., Room 10, (Central Office)

March 13, 2003

Treasure Valley Intergroup, 7:30 pm
(2nd Thursday of the month)
200 Myrtle St. (happy Hour)

March 8, 2003

District 4 Meeting, 5:30 pm
(2nd Saturday of the Month)
4th St & 10 Ave S (Grace Episcopal Church)

March 8, 2003

District 9 Meeting
(2nd Saturday of the Month)
Different location each month, Call Central Office

March 20th, 2003

CUTOFF DATE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

March 15, 2003

H & I Meeting, 10:00 a
(3rd Saturday of the month)
1524 Vista Ave., Room 9 (Saturday Night Live)

March 16, 2003

District 5 Meeting, 2:00 PM
(3rd Sunday of the Month)
25 E Fairview, Room 215 (Northview Center)

March 28, 2003

NEWSLETTER FOLDING 10:30 AM to 8:00 PM
CENTRAL OFFICE / EVERYONE IS WELCOME

March 31, 2003

District 8 PI/CPC Meeting, 7:00 pm
(last Monday of the Month)
2206 N Cole (St. Stephens Episcopal Church)
All District and Group Reps Welcome

CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE

I want to thank the Board of Trustees of T.V.I.C.O. for the opportunity to service the fellowship as the Central Office Manager.

We are planning some new & exciting things here at the Central Office. We hope to make this, your Central Office, one of the best in A.A. We can do this **WITH** your support and input. Please feel free to come in and tell me what you would like to see accomplished at 1524 Vista Avenue.

Remember - this is **YOUR** Central Office **AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!!**

Please remember us monthly with 7th Tradition money splits. We can't do it without your help.

Yours in loving service: Carl O.

1ST ANNUAL T.V.I.C.O. FOUNDERS DAY OPEN HOUSE

June 10th is A.A.s 68th birthday and date of Dr. Bob's last drink.

Saturday - June 14th
1 - 5 p.m. - Central Office
Pot Luck - 1 p.m.

CENTRAL OFFICE & ARCHIVES PANELS: A.A. MOVIE: BIG CENTRAL OFFICE RAFFLE: ARCHIVES ROOM OPEN FOR VIEWING.

FLYERS OUT SHORTLY — WHERE: 1524 VISTA AVENUE, BOISE, ID

**FEBRUARY 2003 CENTRAL OFFICE
SHIFT VOLUNTEERS**

GREG B., FORREST F., MIKE Mc.

Help is needed badly in "your" Central Office for shift volunteers to work 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. You can volunteer for 1 - 4 hours a month or more.

Not working, retired, etc. Do some service work to help you stay sober. You can volunteer for only one hour, one day or more a month. We'll teach you how to answer the phones, sell literature, tec. Free coffee, candy, parking & other "perks".

IN MEMORY OF

**OUR A.A. COMMUNITY LOST TWO LONG
STANDING MEMBERS OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS RECENTLY.**

**RAY EAGLE AND HANK K., BOTH FORMER IDAHO
AREA 18 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PASSED AWAY
WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.**

OUR BEST TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

**BOTH DID A WONDERFULL JOB OF CARRYING
A.A.'S MESSAGE OF HOPE TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.**

Sponsors, recommend this to those new people you sponsor

REST IN PEACE RAY AND HANK

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

COMPARISON OF THE WASHINGTONIANS AND ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

<u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>	<u>WTS</u>	<u>A.A.</u>
FOCUS OF ATTENTION	DRUNKARDS	ALCOHOLICS
TOTAL ABSTINENCE	YES	YES
CONCEPT OF CONDITION	MORAL-EVIL	ILLNESS
ADMISSION OF ALCOHOLISM	PUBLIC	PRIVATE-ANONYMOUS
MANNER OF COMMITMENT	PLEDGE	PARTICIPATION
EXPERIENCE SPEECH FORMAT	YES	YES
ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP	ANYONE	ALCOHOLICS
PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN	NO	YES
ORGANIZATIONAL FORMAT	FORMAL ASSOC.	FELLOWSHIP
NATURE OF AID	SHELTERS-JOBS	SELF HELP-THEREPY
SPIRITUALLY CENTERED	YES-IMPLICIT	YES-IMPLICIT
TRAVELING SPEAKERS	OFTEN	OFTEN
MEANING OF HELPING OTHERS	SAVING THE SINNER	HELPING ONESELF

MERIDIAN SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS MEETING 7:30 P.M.

25 E. FAIRVIEW, ROOM 215 UPSTAIRS

3/1/03 JIM "KARATE/BIGBOOK" BOISE 13 YR

3/8/03 BILL M. MERIDIAN 4 YR

3/15/03 KEVIN D. BOISE 25 YR
 KEVIN WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT A.A.
 MEETINGS IN EASTERN EUROPE, THAT HE
 SPENT 3 WEEKS VISITING.

3/22/03 SPECIAL PAST DELEGATES PANEL ON
 2003 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE WORK
 SHOP "LIVING - A.A. PRINCIPLES THROUGH
 SPONSORSHIP" RECOVERY, SERVICE & SPIRITUAL
 SPONSORSHIP. - BERRY W., MARTI H., MIKE W., CARL
 O.. **THIS IS A MUST FOR EVERYONE.**

3/29/03 JIM L. BOISE 6 YR