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Central Office Picnic

A team of more than 10 volunteers is putting together this year’s annual picnic at Manito Park on Sunday, July 22. Central Office Activities coordinator April M. says there are people from all four Spokane AA districts working on the event.

“This is a good time to meet other people in the fellowship that you normally do not see at the regular meetings you attend,” April said. “Some of the volunteers provide services for the picnic year after year and we are grateful for that.” Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be available, and people will

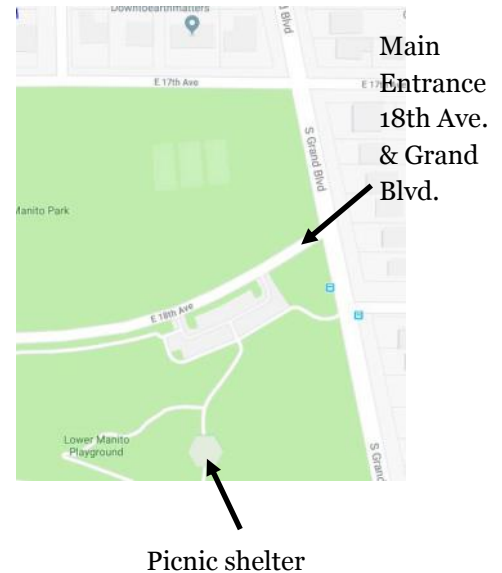
be asked to donate \$2 for the dogs, \$3 for the burgers and \$1 for the drinks, with proceeds going to support the services provided by the AA Central Office in Spokane. There will be music and raffles, and a meeting at 2 p.m.

WHEN: Sunday, July 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meeting at 2 p.m.

WHAT to bring? Side dish, lawn chair, basket to raffle.

WHERE: Lower North Shelter, Manito Park. Directions: Enter park at main entrance at 18th Avenue and Grand Blvd. Parking area and picnic shelter on the left.

Manito Park



CENTRAL OFFICE

- ◆ Bookstore
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- ◆ 24-hour hotline
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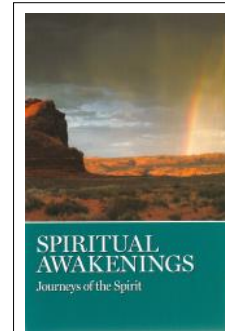
A.A. Books

Members describe spiritual awakenings

“It wasn’t until I entered the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous that I was restored to sanity and welcomed back to the human race,” writes Gary D. on page 29 of “Spiritual Awakenings,” a compilation of submissions to the Grapevine over the years by A.A. members. “The unconditional love and acceptance from fellow alcoholics reminded me at a deep level that I was human, that I had worth. It was then that I could pursue an understanding of a power greater than myself.”

Gary’s story is in the “Seeking” section of “Spiritual Awakenings,” which divides member stories into one of three categories: Seeking, Finding and Practicing.

“What Does Surrender Mean?” is the title of an article in the “Finding” section written for the Grapevine in 1963 by Dr. Harry M. Tiebout, a psychiatrist and early friend of A.A. Tiebout writes, “Surrender is a disciplinary experience ... The ego operates on the unconscious assumption that it should not be stopped. It takes for granted its right to go ahead and has no expectation of being



This is one of the A.A. Grapevine books available at the Central Office bookstore.

stopped and no capacity to adjust to that eventuality. The individual who cannot take a stopping is fundamentally an undisciplined person. The function of surrender produces that stopping by causing the individual to say, ‘I quit. I give up my

headstrong ways. I’ve learned my lesson.’ Very often for the first time in that individual’s adult career, he has encountered the necessary discipline that halts him in his headlong pace.”

In the “Practicing” section of the 230-page book, a Seattle priest writes in 1974, “For over five years, the Eleventh Step has intrigued me ... My own prayer did not become real ‘contact with God’ until I’d begun working with the spiritual plan of A.A. ... Certainly, I could never work the Third, Fourth, and Tenth Steps properly if I had not learned to become more God-dependent through prayer.”



Central Office
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<http://aaspokane.org>

- ◆ Meetings
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A.A.W.S. and G.S.O.

AA puts PSAs on YouTube channel

The following is summarized from the Summer 2018 issue of Box 4-5-9, the quarterly news bulletin of the General Services Office and A.A. World Services Inc..

A.A. launches YouTube channel for PSAs

A YouTube channel was recently launched for A.A. World Services Inc. and can be found at: www.youtube.com/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc. The channel will provide a way to share A.A.W.S.-produced videos with a wider audience. Three video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) – “Doors,” “My World,” and “I Have Hope” – can be found there.

Want to help shape a “Three Legacies” pamphlet?

The Literature Committee of the G.S.O. is seeking input from members to develop a pamphlet on “A.A.’s Three Legacies” which was requested in the 2018 General Service Conference Advisory Action.

The committee is looking for 500-800 words that include emphasis on the history of the Three Legacies, how they work together and

personal stories from members’ experience with them. Manuscripts should be double spaced, in 12-point font, and include the author’s complete name, address and email/phone information. Anonymity of all authors will be observed.

Submissions may be emailed to: Literature@aa.org with “Three Legacies” in the subject line, or mailed to: Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Deadline is Nov. 19, 2018.

About 120,300 A.A. groups now in 180 countries

An estimated 120,300 A.A. groups were in existence throughout the world in January 2018, based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., which does not keep membership records. These figures do not represent an actual count of A.A. members.

The G.S.O. is aware of A.A. activity in about 180 countries, which includes 62 autonomous general service offices. The G.S.O. attempts to contact the other offices annually as well as groups that ask to be listed in G.S.O. records.



Spokane Central Office Group Contributions YTD January through May 2018

	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	TOTAL
515 Group				127.00		127.00
As Bill Sees It Men's Meeting				404.95		404.95
Attitude Adjustment Hour		243.54		437.59		681.13
Best 3 Out of 5	290.00					290.00
Came to Believe				133.34		133.34
Chattaroy Group					180.00	180.00
Deer Park Big Book Study			72.00	100.00		172.00
Deer Park Saturday Morning Live				129.60		129.60
Early Bird Group	482.52			637.14		1,119.66
Eye Opener		70.29				70.29
First Things First		220.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	250.00
Foxhall	25.00				50.00	75.00
Friday Night Rebels-Colville				25.00		25.00
Grateful Ladies		25.00		100.00		125.00
Keep It Simple				45.00		45.00
Manito Morning Group	20.00	30.00	30.00	20.00		100.00
Millwood Madams				50.00		50.00
Minnehaha Fun Group			50.00			50.00
Nine Mile Falls Group				160.00		160.00
Noon Non-Smoking Meeting	174.00	206.00	250.54	270.00	252.00	1,152.54
Northeast Group		5.00			7.50	12.50
Northside Miracles					100.00	100.00
Out of the Hat			100.00			100.00
Prescription for Living		360.00				360.00
Rule 62 Meeting					40.00	40.00
Saturday Morning Big Book Study	100.00					100.00
Saturday Morning Live - Deer Park	70.20				74.00	144.20
Saturday Night Miracles	100.00					100.00
Sober on Sprague			39.00			39.00
SOTS- Medical Lk		45.00				45.00
South Hill Noon Group		243.48				243.48
Step Sisters		150.00				150.00
Sullivan Road Group	31.45	34.87	16.00	20.95		103.27
Sunday Morning Meeting					500.00	500.00
Unity Group		118.20				118.20
Wednesday Morning Men's Group	300.00					300.00
Wednesday Noon Live (Deer Park)	30.00					30.00
Women Off the Hill				75.00		75.00
Young at Heart		50.00				50.00
TOTAL	1,623.17	1,801.38	567.54	2,745.57	1,213.50	7,951.16

