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Monthly Business
Meetings

Honoring Bonnie B.

Portland Area Intergroup:
2nd Monday, 7:00 PM, 3123
NE 24th Ave, Portland
PAI CPC: 1st Saturday, 11
AM, 825 NE 20th Ave,
Portland
PAI Public Information: 1st
Saturday, 11 AM, 825 NE
20th Ave, Portland
PAI Treatment Facilities: 1st
Friday, 6 PM, ?
PAI Bridging the Gap: ?
PAI Corrections: ?
PAI Outreach: ?
PAC: 1st Saturday, 6:00 PM,
1111 SW Country Club, L O
Dist 9: 1st Wednesday, 6:30
PM, 24th and Kearney,
Portland
Dist 10: last Monday, 7:00
PM, 12555 SW 4th St.,
Beaverton
Dist 11: last Thursday, 6:00
PM, 186th and Division,
Portland
Dist 12: 1st Tuesday, 6:30
PM, 235 SE 80th, Portland
Dist 15: 1st Wednesday,
6:45 PM, 710 6th St, Oregon
City
Dist 18: 1st Saturday, 9:30
AM, 215 N 6th St, St. Helens
Dist 23: 1st Tuesday, 6:00
PM, Lake Grove Fire House
Dist 24: 1st Thursday, 6:00
PM, SE 16th and Division,
Portland
Dist 26: 2nd Thursday, 7:00
PM, 8926-A N Lombard,
Portland
Dist 27: 1st Monday, 6:30
PM, ?
Dist 31: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00
PM, 937 NE Jackson School
Rd, Hillsboro
Dist 34: 3rd Saturday, 5:00
PM, 485 Portland Ave,
Gladstone
Dist 35: 2nd and 4th
Saturday, 7:00 PM, 18926
SW Shaw St, Suite A,
Beaverton

**Bonnie B. 1927-2009
(Sobriety date 2-21-88)**

There is so much I could say about Bonnie—but what I want to say is thank you to her family. Thank you for sharing your sister, mother, companion, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother with us all these years. Since 1988 we have been hugged and loved and spoiled and loved and lectured and loved and serviced and loved and driven and loved and taught and loved and cared for and loved and prayed for and loved and shown the gracious way of living one day at a time with grace and dignity.

Wow! That doesn't happen often and it doesn't happen continuously over the years like it has with Bonnie.

Bonnie was not perfect—in fact, she could be quite stubborn, controlling, willful, adamant, aggressive, assertive, compulsive, demanding, and sometimes even pushy to the extreme... well, enough of the good stuff about Bonnie, I think you get the drift.

Like Eleanor Roosevelt (see the

feminist, a humanitarian, always a hard worker, loyal to people of all kinds (and you definitely meet all kinds in our group of friends!).

I have been working on a joke. God hears the bells at the Pearly Gates and sends one of His angels to see who has arrived. There, standing at the gate in their best and finest of clothing are Michael Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, Karl Malden, and Bonnie B. Does anyone want to guess who gets in first? Who gets the first plate of sweets? Who gets the front chair? Who does God welcome first? And who is already discussing redecorating with a splash of purple to emphasize life and vibrancy and hope? Who has already put slot machines against one wall and card tables for gin rummy interspersed throughout a garden of roses and geraniums and hydrangeas and maybe some babies breath for the bouquets she plans on selling to make enough money to attend the next world conference of angels waiting to get their wings? Come on now, is that a joke or a new reality show?

There was a saying Bonnie

Honoring Bonnie B., Continued

She shared about owing everything to the life she found in the last 21 years—since February 21, 1988... that's for sure; it all changed since that date... that's for sure; we are going to miss her... that's for sure; she taught us to be grateful for what we have and she too, was grateful... that's for sure; and she fought the battle of life for so long... that's for sure; I am going to miss her, no matter what... that's for sure.

Kitsy B.

Quotes from Eleanor Roosevelt:

- Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart.
- To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.
- Anger is only one letter short of danger.
- If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; if someone betrays you twice it is your fault.
- Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.
- He who loses money, loses much; he who loses a friend, loses much more; he who loses faith, loses all.
- Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, beautiful old people are works of art.
- Learn from the mistakes of others; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Friends—you and me—you brought another friend—and then there were three.
- And like that circle, there is no beginning or end.
- Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is a gift.

Notes From My Desk

I just wanted to take this moment to acknowledge Bonnie B. who is the AA member we are speaking of on the cover of this issue. Bonnie was many things in AA but the one thing that is important to note is that she volunteered on the hotline day time office shift for over 10 years! If you are sober less than 20 years and called the hotline on a Monday morning and spoke with a sweet elderly lady, chances are it was Bonnie. Bonnie recognized the importance of being available to the still suffering alcoholic; and that along with supporting your group these are two critical components to the survival of AA.

I do thank Bonnie and those other AA members that understand these principles and eagerly teach by example. I've witnessed many AA groups come and go over the years as I have served as your office manager. One thing that long lived groups have in common is the knowledge that we must take care of this priceless gift that we have been given. We do this by helping the newcomer find his or her way in AA and by helping our groups pay their bills with our 7th tradition. If we don't take care of our groups and AA as a whole, then who will?

In Gratitude,

Garry B.,
Office Manager

Meeting Updates:

To find information about new meetings or meetings that have changed since the last meeting schedule was printed, click on [Updates](#) on the Intergruop website, www.pdxaa.com.

Coming Events:

To find information about coming events, click on [Events](#) on the Intergroup website.

Rebuilding Our Prudent Reserve

As of the end of the July, we are 24.8 percent of the way toward rebuilding our prudent reserve with \$7,427.61 toward the goal of \$30,000.

Committee News

Intergroup committees carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. Please help with this Twelfth Step work. Sign up by clicking on [Service](#) on the Intergroup website.

Hotline: openings for Hotline shifts and for 12th Step volunteers. 12th Step Volunteers talk to newcomers who have questions.

Cooperating with the Professional Community and Public Information: The two committees are working together to put the message of recovery to the public and to the professional community—health care, clergy, legal, educators, social workers and others.

Bridging the Gap: BTG is a one-time temporary contact for people transitioning from a treatment center to meetings.

Corrections: Currently our focus is to carry the AA message to youths in the Multnomah County Detention Center (JDH). We need many volunteers to help bring AA meetings to the facility on a regular basis. Call the intergroup office.

Portland Deaf Access Committee

The Portland Deaf Access Committee meets on the first Saturday of every month at the United Church of Christ, 1111 SW Country Club Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. The meeting starts at 6 pm (ish) and usually lasts 1.5 hours. We welcome people just interested in finding out more about what we do. You don't need to know sign language to help. Email us at pdxaccess@gmail.com with questions.

July 2009 Financial Summary

Beginning Cash on Hand: (\$4,496.77)

Income: \$25,733.38

Expenses: \$19,928.53

Ending Cash on Hand: \$1,308.08

Become a Published Writer

Deadline for articles in Stumptown Sobriety is the 20th of each month.

Portland Area Intergroup, 825 NE 20th Ave, Suite 200 is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.