

# The Washingtonians

They flourished when they helped one another. And they died when they abandoned certain timeless principles - A reminder and a warning. . .

BY: D. P. | OGDEN, UTAH

*The quotations in this article are from material in AA's archives.*

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS was only ten years old when Bill W., AA's co-founder, wrote: "Those who read the July [1945] Grapevine were startled, then sobered, by the account which it carried of the Washingtonian movement. It was hard for us to believe that 100 years ago the newspapers of this country were carrying enthusiastic accounts about 100,000 alcoholics who were helping each other stay sober; that today the influence of this good work has so completely disappeared that few of us had ever heard of it. . . .

"May we always be willing to learn from experience!" Bill cautioned.

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Founded by six drunks in 1840, the Washingtonians had grown in membership to hundreds of thousands in a short twelve years, and then destroyed themselves as an organization and dropped out of sight. By 1852, all that remained of their spectacular power as a method of treatment was the Home for the Fallen in Boston.

In a talk on the Traditions shortly before his death, Bill said that the Washingtonians had done things "which were very natural to do, but which had turned out to be utterly destructive. And it was this spectacle of the past, brought before us as our Traditions were evolving, that confirmed that we were probably very much on the right track in this matter of no public controversy; in this question of paying our own bills; in this question of not becoming involved with other enterprises, and so on down the line. And above all, it confirmed the great protective guide of our anonymity Tradition."

Later, in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, Bill wrote: "In many respects the Washingtonians were akin to AA. . . Had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the full answer. Instead, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both

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alcoholic and nonalcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes. . . . Within a very few years they had completely lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics, and the society collapsed.

"The lesson to be learned from the Washingtonians was not overlooked by Alcoholics Anonymous. As we surveyed the wreck of that movement, early AA members resolved to keep our Society out of public controversy."

And to a friend he wrote, "I wish every AA could indelibly burn the history of the Washingtonians into his memory. It is an outstanding example of how, and how not, we ought to conduct ourselves. In a sense, Alcoholics Anonymous has never had a problem seriously threatening our overall unity. Yet I notice that some AAs are complacent enough to suppose we never shall."

Bill also recalled the fate of the Washingtonians before 1,500 AAs gathered at the annual banquet in New York City on November 7, 1945. "In short, the Washingtonians went out to settle the world's affairs before they had learned to manage themselves. They had no capacity for minding their own business. . . . The negatives within them overthrew the positives.

"That won't happen here," Bill urged in closing, "if we remember, publicly and privately, our own simple principles of honesty, **tolerance**, and humility, and that we live only by the Grace of God."

Traditions!

Words to remember! Thanks, Bill. Thank you, Washingtonians.

## From the Book

... life and death.

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies.

-Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Pg. 129

## Inter Group Representative Meeting Attendance

- **One (1) District One** group sent an IGR to the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Group represented:
  - Tuesday Morgan Group
- *Please* send an IGR to represent your group and help Central Office serve the suffering Alcoholic.



## Ogden Inter Group Central Office

**CLOSED – Sunday & Monday**

- **Central Office hours:**
  - Tuesday thru Friday**  
1:30pm - 5:30 pm
  - Saturday** 10:00am – 2:00pm
- **Ogden Central Office (801) 393-4728**  
email: [igrcentraloffice@gmail.com](mailto:igrcentraloffice@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://www.northernutahaa.org>
- **Our next IGR Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, @6:00pm.**
- Steering Committee meeting precedes at 5:30 pm
- Central Office will be **CLOSED** Thursday, November 26.

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## Ogden Intergroup Central Office IGR Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 20, 2020

Attendees: Central Office Mgr. Randy C. **IGR attending**, Mike L. (Morgan Group),  
Excused absent: Dustin H., Goose D., Wendi P., Nick D.

- Randy opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
- Randy gave the September Central Office report:

### Sales Summary:

- Books: 29
- Chips: 207
  - Brass 39
  - Aluminum 164
  - Tri-Plate 4

### Donations: **\$ 947**

- Groups: 10 groups \$ 909
- Individual Donations \$ 38

### Office Activity: Hours: 82

- Emails: 84
- Calls/Msgs: 31
- Office Visits: 67

Savings Account Statement Balance: (ending) {Goal=\$4,500\ **\$1,500 per mo.** x 3 mos. operating expenses}

August : \$ 3,100  
**September: \$ 3,125 + >1%**

Checking Account Statement Balance: (ending) **August \$ 2,299**

I wish to offer my heartfelt, "Thank You", to all fellow AA's, for allowing me the privilege to be your Intergroup Central Office Ogden employee.

### <<<<<<<<< NEW BUSINESS >>>>>>>>

No new business covered

Randy Closed at 6:30 pm

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| AA Ogden - Donations Detail         |               | 2020             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Year-to-date thru September         | 9/30/2020     | YTD              |
| Group Name                          | September     | Total            |
| (All) Women's Retreat House Groups  |               | 200.00           |
| Admitted We Were Powerless          | 100.00        | 200.00           |
| Beyond the Horizon Group            |               | 145.00           |
| BYOB Group                          |               | 180.00           |
| Clearfield Group                    |               | 103.50           |
| Courage to Change Group (R R)       | 157.50        | 221.20           |
| Davis Group                         | 100.00        | 400.00           |
| Grupo Primer Paso de Ogden (SP)     | 15.00         | 135.00           |
| Higher Ground Grp-Fruit Hghts       |               | 340.00           |
| In the Solution Group               | 100.00        | 425.00           |
| It's In the Book Group              |               | 104.00           |
| Meat and Potatoes ABSI Study        |               | 293.14           |
| Meat and Potatoes Big Book Study    |               | 293.14           |
| New Comers Group                    |               | 227.00           |
| Our Ladies of the Mountain (WRH)    |               | 15.00            |
| Pavillion Posse Group               | 228.00        | 820.00           |
| Primary Purpose Group (Layton)      |               | 100.00           |
| Quitting Time                       |               | 338.55           |
| Recovery Together Group (5)         |               | 100.00           |
| Sat Am Men's Brotherhood Group      |               | 400.00           |
| Serenity Happy Hour Group Wednesday |               | 25.00            |
| Serenity thru the Storm             |               | 71.80            |
| SOUTH DAVIS#1                       |               | 50.00            |
| Stone of Sisyphus Group             |               | 410.00           |
| Sunday Night Unity Group            |               | 360.00           |
| Sunday Serenity Happy Hour Grp      |               | 463.50           |
| Tuesday Morgan Group                |               | 450.00           |
| Tyler Ave Group                     | 92.50         | 465.00           |
| Upon Awakening                      | 71.38         | 361.87           |
| Valley Camp                         |               | 175.00           |
| Wed Night Stag Group                |               | 67.50            |
| Wednesday Night Alumni ORMC         |               | 489.82           |
| Women's Circle Of Hope              | 45.00         | 931.76           |
| <b>Groups Sub-Totals</b>            | <b>909.38</b> | <b>9,361.78</b>  |
| District One                        |               | 600.00           |
| District 11                         |               | 1,068.72         |
| Individual Donation(s)              | 37.50         | 3,233.50         |
| <b>Donations Totals</b>             | <b>946.88</b> | <b>14,264.00</b> |

## Suggested Contributions

(from pg. 13 of AAWS Pamphlet F-3)

**50%** - Intergroup Central Office  
3480 Washington Blvd #108  
Ogden, Utah 84401

**10%** - Area 69  
P.O. Box 471  
Fillmore, Utah 84631

**10%** - District 11  
2320 Wood Hollow Way  
Bountiful, UT 84010

**OR**

**10%** - District One  
P.O. Box 953  
Brigham City, Utah 84302

**30%** - GSO  
P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY. 10163

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## District One Meeting Minutes for October 8th, 2020

**.OPENING:** Jenny called the meeting to order at 6:35 David read the GSR preamble and Gerry read the Twelve Traditions. We had no Interested AA's or Visitors this month. We had 2 GSR's, 1 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, and Secretary attending in person. We had 3 GSR's, Intergroup Logan, and Corrections attending via Zoom.

### REPORTS

❖ **Treasurer-** Jared was excused absent so Paul read the report- The District One Finances for September 2020 are as follows: District 1 donations totaled \$28.86, the expenses totaled \$87.50. The total balance of the account this month is \$2,482.16, minus a \$2000 Prudent Reserve leaves an available balance of \$482.16. Pink Can donations totaled \$87.00, Pink Can Expenses were \$0.00 for a total Pink Can fund of \$636.53. Motion to accept, second and passed. The Treasurer still has 3, \$20 bills that were paid as pre-registration for the 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly and is looking for suggestions on how to return them. The Brigham Alano Club returned the Districts last rent check that was to pay for 3 months rent, July through Sept. Paul made a motion to send another check for \$30 to pay for the months of July and August that the district did hold meetings at that facility. Motion seconded and passed

❖ **Intergroup Logan-** Robert reported that they had a hybrid meeting on September 25th. The board recommitted to their positions, and vowed to create some momentum to end the year. The P.I. Chair is forming a committee and reaching out. The Corrections chair was unsure when they will be able to return meetings into the jail. Robert reported a new Tuesday And Thursday noon group that is meeting at the church on 200 west Center in Logan. He also reported that the Bridgerland group has started a women's book study on Mondays at 6 pm and a men's book study on Thursday at 6 pm. Intergroup is also working on next year's budget .

❖ **Intergroup Ogden-** Randy was absent.

❖ **Corrections-** Bryce reported that he had been in contact with the Logan Intergroup Corrections chair, Colden. And also Deputy York from the Cache County Jail and they are ready to start allowing meetings and Literature back into that facility. He is still working with the Box Elder and Weber County jails but they are not ready to allow meetings into those facilities yet.

❖ **Literature-** Shelley was absent

❖ **Treatment-** Janessa was absent

❖ **DCM Report-** There were no DCM reports this month

❖ **GSR reports- (open discussion)** We discussed that many meetings are starting to open back up. Shari R reported that Thursday Night Harrison is up to about 10-20 people per meeting with a bring your own coffee stipulation. Dan said that the Keystone meeting is having 2 meetings per week and hopefully moving inside soon. Gerry stated that his group is starting to get some more attendance. Also the Pavilion Posse has moved to the Elum Lutheran church on 23rd and Jefferson, they meet every night at 7.

❖ **OLD BUSINESS-** Open positions - no positions filled this month.

❖ **NEW BUSINESS-** Budget committee- The budget was presented last month and sent out with the minutes we will vote next month. Fall Assembly- David reported that he had a wonderful time. Ranae H was voted to be Area 69's Nominee for Regional Trustee. Sheryll T was voted in as Delegate, David R

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was voted in as Alt. Delegate. Jolene G was voted in as Chair. David had forgotten his notes so that is all he could remember. He was excited to meet lots of new people and is looking forward to another year of service as a GSR. Fall Workshop- Dan and Gerry both volunteered to attend the Fall Workshop being held in Toole.

❖ **Motion Discussion-** The motion on the Table was -District 1 change the guideline 6.2 line 1 to read The District Business meeting is held the first thursday of each month. Removing (at 6:30 at the Brigham Alano Club.) The purpose of this motion is to allow a venue change and possibly a time change. During discussions with the Brigham boys and Girls club about using their facility it was asked if we could change the day also to Tuesday. Paul brought this to the attention of the District members present and the motion was amended as follows District 1 Change the guideline 6.2 line 1 to read the District meeting is held the second week of each month. This motion was approved and passed. After further discussion it was approved that the District Business meeting will now be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at the Brigham Boys and Girls Club. Also discussed was that the Boys and Girls Club has only asked for a donation and has not asked for a specific amount for rent. It was suggested that we keep the donation at \$15 because that is what was in the approved budget that was sent out to the groups to be voted on.

❖ **CLOSING** The meeting was closed at 7:25 with the Responsibility Statement

❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER-** The District meeting will now be held the **2nd Tuesday** of each month, at **7:00**, at the **Brigham Boys and Girls Club** the address is **550 south main street in Brigham** they recently moved and the address on google maps is incorrect

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## DISTRICT 11 GSR Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

Meeting opened by Mike F. at 6:30 p.m.

### Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

- GSR Preamble read by Charlotte B.
- 12 Traditions read by Kalie
- Welcomed GSRs & New GSRs – New ALT GSR Danny L for 12 O’Clock High Noon Meeting.
- Welcomed new visitors and interested AAs – Kalie & Bruce
- Roll call was passed around by Tracy F., with a request made for updated information.
- Julie N., read treasurer’s report. Motion to accept the report as read by Lisa R. and seconded by Kameron K.
- September’s minutes read by Tracy F. Motion to accept as read & corrected by Julie N. and seconded by Ricardo B.

**2. Concept 11** – Concept 12 not presented this meeting. Ricardo B. to present Concept 12 in November.

**3. Elections** - No one stood for the remaining openings. These positions remain available; **DCMC, DCM of the South, ALT DCM of the North, ALT DCM of the South, Secretary, Treasurer, BTG Chair, CPC Chair, Grapevine Chair, Literature Chair and Treatment Chair**. Mike encouraged everyone to spread the word about the remaining open positions. All remaining positions can be filled at the monthly GSR meetings. Chris A., treatment chair informed group he had to step down as treatment chair due to personal reasons. Ricardo B. stated was stepping down as ALT DCM of the south as he is becoming the SDRC manager at end of month.

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## 4. GSR Reports

- GSR reports were given verbally by ten groups; Roxanne L. (ALT), **It's in the Book**, speaker meetings are back; Danny L (ALT) & Chris S., **12 O'Clock High**, live mtgs, Scott D. mention donation to District 11; Mitch E., **South Davis #1 Group**, active live mtgs; Casey W., **Not a Glum Lot**, new treasurer & stepping down as treasurer. She's going to be the new chef for the Club; Stacy H., **Friday Davis Group**; Lisa R., **Circle of Hope**, hybrid mtgs; Shon W., **Happy Group**; Mark S, **Sunday BB**; Debbie A., **Our Primary Purpose**; Caroline A. (ALT), **Higher Ground**.

## 4. Standing Chair Reports

- Kameron K., DCM North – Gave Tracy F. up-to-date info to fill DCM position in January. Most mtgs are in-person. Open discussion w/ Mike about new COVID info & restrictions and how they'll affect groups. A lot of newcomers are coming and Kam expressed concern w/ having to turn them away.
- Scott D., DCM South – read new COVID restrictions aloud. W. Bountiful City called him to tell him the SDRC had to **cancel its BBQ on 10/24** but was able **rescheduled to 10/31**.
- Kurt B., Corrections – jail still closed and not accepting applications. He will stick around in position to see if/when things open up. Requested pink can donations still to come. Been purchasing and distributing past editions of Grapevine for inmates.
- Lesa C., Grapevine – not present.
- Chris A., Treatment – present but left early. Gave report earlier in meeting.
- Kelly C., Literature – not present.
- Mike F. reported that Intergroup Ogden will be holding their meeting on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., and will continue to hold them the third Tuesday of the month, same time.
- SLC Intergroup – Doug R. called Mike F., requested to be excused.
- Mike F. – Area Events have been updated. Area Elections were held, all positions filled. Mike F. will be the new Area Secretary beginning in January 2021. Mike stood for District to hold 2022 Area 69 Fall Assembly but we didn't get it. Mike asked for volunteers for a committee to begin the planning for District 11 to host Post-Conference Assembly in May 2021. Debbie A., volunteered to chair committee. Roxanne L., Stacy H., volunteered.

## 5. District 11 Event Reports:

- Mike F. -- Area 69 December 5, 2020, Committee Meeting "Pass the Gavel" church canceled due to COVID. The event will **move to the Legacy Events Center 151 South 1100 West, Farmington**. Kelly C. & Mike F. will prepare lunch. No registration fee, donations accepted. Hospitality Committee meets October 28, 2020 @ 6:30.

## 7. Old Business > No old business to take care of.

## 9. New Business

- Debbie A. inquired about what is the role of a service sponsor. Discussion held. Mike F. will add "Is anyone willing to be a service sponsor?" to future meeting agendas.

## 9. Coming soon:

- District 11 DCM Planning Meeting , October 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at SDRC [25 North 200 West, Bountiful, UT](#).
- [Area 69 Fall Workshop November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - moved to Zoom](#) due to COVID. Go to [www.utahaa.org](http://www.utahaa.org) for [Zoom login and password information and information](#).
- District 11 GSR Meeting, SDRC [25 North 200 West, Bountiful, UT 84010](#), November 11, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Meeting closed at 7:35 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement. To contact a DCM, call Mike F. 650-333-6078  
[District 11 Funds: 2320 Wood Hollow Way Bountiful, Utah 84010](#)

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## Utah Area 69 Calendar of Events

|                          |  |             |              |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| September 25-27,<br>2020 | Fall Assembly                                | District 6  | Spanish Fork |
| November 7-8, 2020       | Fall Workshop                                | District 2  | _____        |
| December 5, 2020         | December Committee Meeting<br>Pass the Gavel | District 11 |              |

**>> District Meetings Information <<**

Many open Service positions.  
GSR's need to be present.



➤ **District 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM**  
550 S. Main St. Brigham City

➤ **District 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6:30 PM**  
25 N. 200 W. Bountiful

## HUMOR

*Marty Z. Palm Bay, Fla*

### Sorry I asked

An old-timer with 40 years of sobriety had a dream. In it, his first sponsor, who passed years before, appeared. The old-timer, seizing the opportunity, asked him one question: "Is there AA in heaven?"

"Well Jim," his first sponsor replied, "there's good news and bad news. The good news is yes, AA meetings are held in heaven.

The bad news is, you're chairing this Saturday!"

## LOCAL Online Meetings

(As reported to Central Office-Ogden)

### **Sunday, 10:00 am**

#### **Sunday Serenity Happy Hour**

Layton, Ut

USE THIS LINK EVERY WEEK

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/966872838>

until Jul 26, 2020,

Meeting ID: 966 872 838

Password: BILLW

### **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 pm**

#### **BYOB Group**

Huntsville, Ut

USE THIS LINK EVERY WEEK

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9546629858>

### **Saturday, 10:00 am**

#### **Men's Brotherhood Group**

Ogden, UT

Join Zoom Meeting

USE THIS LINK EVERY WEEK

<https://zoom.us/j/72719673855>

Meeting ID: 727 1967 3855

Password: 767751

## **Online Zoom Meetings**

If you are aware of any groups other than those shown that are holding local Northern Utah Zoom meetings

**OR**

Any groups that are holding "hybrid" (in-person/Zoom) meetings, please contact Intergroup Central Office in Ogden (phone number and email are at the bottom of each page).

So, we might improve the accuracy of those meetings listed here and, on the website, which feeds the Meeting Guide App.

Wonder why it is  
we put so much effort  
in surrounding our lives  
with humans we don't like  
rather than those we do?

-Bob M. 2012