

Agenda

Call to Order

Twelve Traditions - Andi

Introductions and AA birthdays – Angel 10 mos.

GSR sharing – Angel (Grupo Oriento Spanish Speaking)

National AA Archives Workshop September 2026 Tacoma, WA – Machaela from Puyallup: Washington State History Museum, tour of Museum, Speakers on archives processes, workshops for learning about different ways to archive. Register online. Questions email naaaw2026chair@gmail.com

Discussion topic for Area Quarterly. The current 3rd Legacy discussion group (a monthly meeting of 3rd Legacy Chairs, DCMs, and the Area Chair) plans to propose an Assembly motion to create an Area 3rd Legacy Committee. What is District 36's group conscience on this? Define third legacy role more clearly, and streamline the chairs at all levels.

District Chair reports

- Corrections – Natalie -
- ESIG Rep – Patrick – Donations are down. 30 tickets left for the pancake breakfast. ESIG and 39 will combine for the picnic this summer, plans are still tentative but more info to come.
- Events – Jerry – Potholes Campout coming up this month more info on snovalleyaa.org In July probably in the 3rd week dist 36 will be having a campout in Teanaway will likely combine with Cle Elum and Ellensburg.
- Grapevine and Literature – Erik – No Report
- Gratitude Dinner – Natalie -

Gratitude Dinner Chairperson Summary (Nov. 2025)

Overview

The 2025 Gratitude Dinner was a successful and well-attended event. Based on ticket sales, 163 people attended! Feedback gathered from attendees highlighted the **excellent location, smooth food setup, and strong speakers** as major positives. Volunteer engagement was solid (40+ volunteers), though some key roles required last-minute filling.

Gratitude Dinner 2025	
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Gratitude Dinner Earnings	\$ 970.51

What Went Well

1. Venue & Setup

- Church venue worked very well; layout supported food flow and seating.
- Food prep and placement were especially praised.
- Clear event schedule helped keep things on track.

2. Speakers & Program

- Both AA and AI-Anon speakers were very well received.
- Program timing (speakers, countdown, raffle) flowed smoothly.
- Tech setup, music was praised as an added nice touch.

3. Volunteer Engagement

- Strong overall volunteer turnout.
- Subcommittees (decorations, food, setup, etc.) functioned well when chairs were clearly assigned.

4. Raffle & Fundraising

- Gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle were effective and engaging.
- Having both roaming sellers and (planned) door sales was a good idea.
- Clear pricing structure worked well:
 - \$1/ticket; 6 for \$5; 30 for \$20

5. Budget Management

- Stayed within a reasonable budget (~\$1500).
- Major fixed cost: \$1000 church donation (goal to maintain).
- Other expenses were predictable and manageable.

Challenges & Lessons Learned

1. Ticketing System (Major Issue)

This was the biggest operational challenge.

- Online ticketing (e.g., SignUpGenius/Eventbrite) **requires a dedicated owner**.
- Login access became a serious issue when the ticket chair had to step down.
- Credentials were difficult/impossible to transfer.
- Only the District Treasurer had access at one point.

Recommendations:

- Assign **one dedicated Ticket Committee Chair** who will remain through the event.
- Ensure **shared access from the start** (at least 2–3 trusted people).
- Consider creating a **committee-owned email account** for ticketing.
- Decide early:
 - Sell tickets in advance **OR**
 - Keep it simple with **at-the-door sales only**

If using online sales, treat it as a full subcommittee—not a side task.

2. Volunteer Gaps in Key Areas

Recommendations:

- Assign **committee chairs for each major function early**
- Over-recruit (people drop out or no-show)
- Confirm volunteers the week of the event
- The 2025 planning team used Sign Up Genius for volunteer sign-up AND other committee members created and passed around paper sheet sign ups and got volunteers at meetings, this worked great as well!
 - Sign Up Genius requires an account at about \$11/month for the basic volunteer sign up package.

3. Communication & Coordination

- Some logistics required repeated follow-up (insurance, signage, supplies). **Recommendations:**

- Use a **shared task spreadsheet** (this worked well—keep it!)
- Regular check-ins with subcommittee leads
- Assign clear ownership for every task

4. Food Logistics

- Location should ideally have a separate kitchen.
- 2025 location specific challenge: Crock pots could not be plugged in → required transfer to chafing dishes.
- This needed clear communication ahead of time.

Recommendations:

- Communicate AA group food assignments and meat dish asks guidelines early and often!
- People should label their potluck dishes

5. Raffle Execution Details

- Needed clearer instructions for participants:

- Keep one ticket
- Where to place tickets
- Physical materials (jars, ticket rolls) required planning.

Recommendations:

- **Have visible signage/instructions**
- Sell raffle tickets at both:
 - Entry door
 - Roaming sellers
- Prepare all materials in advance (jars, tickets, pens)

Financial Snapshot

Expenses (Approx.)

- Church Donation: \$1000 (goal)
- Decorations: \$150
- Coffee: \$100
- Babysitting: \$200
- Insurance: ~\$135
- Raffle ticket rolls: ~\$20
- Books (countdown): ~\$25
- Ticketing fees: ~\$0.84 per ticket

Revenue Streams

- Event tickets: \$10 each
- Raffle ticket sales
- 50/50 raffle

Planning Recommendations for Next

Year 1. Start Early

Secure venue and insurance early

Lock in speakers well in advance

Send "Save the Date" early

2. Build a Strong Committee

Structure Assign chairs for:

- Ticketing (CRITICAL)
- Volunteers
- Ra4le
- Food/Kitchen
- Setup/Cleanup
- Decorations
- Tech

3. Ticket Strategy Decision (Early!)

Decide:

- Online + at-door hybrid (more complex, higher revenue potential)
- OR at-door only (simpler, fewer risks)

4. Volunteer Management

- Use sign-up tools, but actively recruit through home groups
- Announce needs regularly
- Confirm shifts before event day

5. Supplies & Logistics Checklist

- Cash box + change
- Ra4le tickets (multiple colors for 50/50)

- Jars for raffle
- A-frame signs for parking
- Chafing dishes
- Plates/utensils
- Decorations
- Printed programs (optional but helpful)

Event Flow (Worked Well – Keep Similar)

4:00–5:00 – Arrival

5:00 – Dinner

5:30 – Raffle (must be present)

- Al-Anon speaker
- Sobriety countdown
- AA speaker
- 50/50 raffle
- Countdown results
- Closing (Serenity Prayer)

Final Takeaways

- The event was **successful, well-received, and worth continuing in its current format.**
 - The **single biggest improvement area is ticketing management.**
 - Gratitude Dinner continues to be the largest attended annual Dist. 36 event
 - 3rd Legacy – Paul

April 2026 Report

- Attended the final 2 of the 8 meetings in our district with no contact and forwarded contact info to Tami.
 - Attended Sober Rebels to get a better sense of the meeting.
 - Attended the Area 72 Pre-Conference for the Eastside groups and districts. Published an oBer to help any groups with information or background.
 - Attended March Area 72 Third Legacy Roundtable. Gave feedback

regarding discussion topic of approving Area 72 Third Legacy Committee at upcoming Area Assembly. Arranged to have as an agenda item for our April District Meeting. • Helped arrange Special District 36 Business Meeting for one-hour prior to the regular District Meeting for April.

Next Steps

- Expand group outreach to groups with GSRs.
- Attend our district's Espanol meeting and forward contact information to Tami. • Consider "Help Wanted – Eastside Service Opportunities" bulletin board posted on Eastside Intergroup website. Suggest Service Position Coordinator to Eastside Intergroup.

- Web and Digital and Registrar – Tami – 36 groups in the district and 35 are registered with GSO, there was an issue with blue host that has been resolved.

District Officer reports

- Secretary – Greta – Motion made and passed to accept March Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer – Dwayne – Motion made and passed to wait until May to approve March Treasurer Report

Balance Sheet ending March 31st, 2026

Income: **\$33.35**

3/5/2026	account transfer (chequing to savings)	account transfer	-\$20.00	\$20.00
3/12/2026	ATM deposit (7th tradition dist. 36)	contribution	\$33.00	
3/31/2026	interest chequing	interest	\$0.25	
3/31/2026	interest savings	interest		\$0.10

Expenses: **\$-176.67**

3/5/2026	account transfer (checking to savings)	account transfer	-\$20.00	\$20.00
3/23/2026	zoom	technology	-\$18.55	
3/28/2026	Gratitude dinner (Beverly M - chk # 1023)	Gratitude Dinner	-\$158.12	

2026 Budget			
	Budgeted	Actual	Notes
DCM	\$800.00	\$203.81	DCM hotel expense \$161.81, April Quarterly \$42
Alt DCM	\$800.00	\$23.00	January quarterly (online)
district printing	\$300.00	\$20.12	district meeting handouts (20.12)
Online technology	\$400.00	\$379.57	Bluehost 156.97 & Zoom 222.60
Secretary	\$25.00		
ESIG	\$25.00		
Treasurer	\$75.00	\$24.75	BECU cheques
Grapevine and Literature	\$150.00	\$71.00	Grapevine expense for 2026
CPC/PI	\$100.00		
Treatment/Bridge the Gap	\$100.00		
Accessibility	\$75.00		
Registrar	\$50.00		
Alcothon	\$50.00		
District Hosted Workshops/3rd Legacy	\$400.00		
Events	\$500.00		
Gratitude Dinner	\$2,000.00		
Corrections	\$100.00		
Storage	\$480.00	\$240.00	
Rent to Fall City Church	\$240.00	\$240.00	
PO Box	\$182.00	\$96.00	
Young People in A.A.	\$100.00		
Total	\$6,952.00	\$1,298.25	
Total Budget PR	\$1,938.00		
Rounded	\$2,000.00		

ACCOUNTS



Business Interest Checking **6337

Available Balance

Current Balance

\$3,037.88

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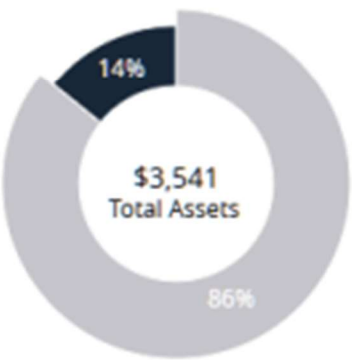
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85.80%

Available Balance

Current Balance

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2026	Totals	Jan	Feb	Mar
As Bill Sees It	0			
As Bill Sees it Online	0			
BYOL Bring Your Own Lunch	0			
Came to Believe	156	156		
Duvall Big Book Study	0			
Duvall Candlelight	0			
Duvall Sunday Morning	0			
Foreward to 164	0			

Friday Fumblers	0			
Friday Night Live and Let Live	150			150
Grupo Oriente	0			
Home Group	0			
HOW Women's Meeting	0			
Lunch with Bill W.	0			
Mt. Si Group - Fall City Saturday Night	0			
Raging on the River	0			
Right Side of the Tracks	0			
Saturday Night Live	0			
Serenity on Sunday	0			
Sno Valley Women in Recovery	0			
Snoqualmie Friday Night	0			
Snoqualmie Happy Hour	0			
Snoqualmie Stag	264.25	264.25		
Snoqualmie Valley Happy Hour	0			
SnoValley Young Peoples Meeting	0			
Sober Rebels	0			
Step Sisters	0			
Stillwater Serenity	48	48		
Surrender on Sunday	0			
That 12 and 12 Meeting	0			
The Camel and I	193.73		193.73	
Thursday Night Candlelight	0			

Towns-End Brothers	0			
Tuesday Hope	0			
Women's HOW Meeting (Online)	0			
Women's Sunlight of The Spirit	0			
District 36 - 7th Tradition	100.7	25	42.7	33
Spring fling				136.36
Alcathon	170	170		
Total	1219.04	663.25	236.43	319.36

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24		
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- DCM – Mike

Attended the pre-conference. It was great to see some of our GSR at the pre-conference and ready to hear what is happening at the General Service Conference this year.

GSR are requested to send conference feedback by April 18

From Courtney (this info is on the Delegate's corner: <https://area72aa.org/delegates-corner/>) To Link to the online Group Conscience Feedback Form OR you can chose to downloadable Word Version (also attached) of this form is on the Delegate's corner and to send me via email

o If GSRs would prefer to give their group conscience feedback to me verbally, join my "Share With Your Delegate Session" on Sunday, April 19th, 9:00 - 10:30 am PT Meeting

ID: 944 512 3341 Passcode: GSC2026

John has stepped down as District Accessibility Chair and Allison has resigned as District Archives Chair. I am glad that both stepped and got a chance to experience general service with us!

Meeting Guide

The Meeting Guide app available on your smartphone has up to date meeting locations and is supported/updated by GSO. There is a news tab at the bottom that brings up the announcements and asks direct from the General Service Office. Check it out.

GSO has announced Season 2 of Our Primary Purpose podcast which explores GSO and what they provide our fellowship. Weekly episodes started on March 17:

<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>

Area Event Calendar

Area events, district workshops, and AA related celebrations can be found on the Area Newsletter Flyer

Wall (you can even submit your event for posting here):

<https://news.area72aa.org/flyer-wall/>

Apr 10 - 11, Area72 Quarterly Business Meeting, Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines: <https://area72aa.org/event/area-72-committee-quarterly-business-meeting/>

Apr 18, Time TBA, Accessibility Quarterly, Location TBA:

<https://area72aa.org/event/area-accessibilities-quarterly-meeting-2/>

Apr 19, 9am – 1030am, Share with your Delegate! online:
<https://area72aa.org/event/share-with-your-delegate-2/>

Apr 25, 10am – 12pm, Area Technology and Web Quarterly Meeting, Virtual,
<https://area72aa.org/event/area-technology-and-web-quarterly-meeting-2/>

Apr 25, 12pm - 3pm, Area Young People's Quarterly Meeting, Kelsey Creek Church, Bellevue and online: <https://area72aa.org/event/area-young-peoples-quarterly-meeting-2/>

Old business

- Service Workshop in July hosted by D35 and D36
- Open positions, volunteers for service
 - Alternate DCM
 - Accessibility
 - Archives
 - Bridge the Gap/Treatment
 - Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information
 - Young People

New business

- Gratitude Dinner Committee Chair – volunteers wanted
- Evergreen (Monroe) fair PI booth contribution ask \$250 from each district. Motion made and passed to contribute the funds.
- **Five takeaways for this month's business meeting**
 1. What events should our district host this summer? Our Events Chair wants your feedback. <mailto:jerrygoin@aol.com>
 2. The National AA Archives Workshop will be in Tacoma, WA September 2026. This is a great time to learn how we preserve our history and everyone is invited. Workshops, speakers, exhibits, and more. <https://area72aa.org/naaaw2026/>
 3. Sober camping in April! Potholes camping trip on April 24 - 26: <https://snovalleyaa.org/potholes-fishing-trip-april-24-26-2026/>
 4. Help wanted: ask for a Gratitude Committee Chair to plan and execute our November 2026 Gratitude Dinner. <mailto:Gratitude@snovalleyaa.org>
 5. Open District service positions. We need people who are enthusiastic about service and their sobriety. We have positions open for Alternate DCM,

Accessibility Chair, Archives Chair, Treatment/Bridge the Gap Chair, CPC/PI Chair, and Young Persons Chair. <mailto:Dcm@snovalleyaa.org>

Bonus: Natalie says talk to your groups about support for their GSR at the October Area Assembly now. The groups should plan for registration, meals, and a hotel so their GSR can attend in person. <https://area72aa.org/event/area-72-assembly/>

Close the meeting