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## Sponsorship II: Sponsees - When to Hire, When to Fire

In the June newsletter I included a short tongue-in-cheek article on how a newcomer to AA should choose a sponsor as he would any other product or service, by doing a little comparison shopping before making a commitment. It occurred to me that the potential sponsor is in a position somewhat analogous to a business owner hiring a new employee, and that there is not a great deal of information available on what steps the sponsor can do to make sure that the sponsor/sponsee relationship gets off to a good start. There is no application form or medical history to be filled out, and no personality or aptitude test to be administered; often the sponsee simply walks in off the street, and the sponsor is expected to take his word for it that he is prepared for the job of getting sober.

There are those who would say that a person should never, under any circumstances, refuse a request to be sponsored. I disagree. A service volunteer who uses his time wisely and effectively will derive more personal satisfaction from the work than one whose best intentions seem constantly to be thwarted. He or she is less likely to burn out, and above all, less likely to drink in a fit of self-recrimination. Also, although there is probably no absolute shortage of people able to be sponsors or fill other service positions, there is no superabundance either, and the person who spends an inordinate amount of time trying to fix one stubbornly self-sabotaging squeaky wheel may be depriving a less obviously needy shy sharer of needed mentoring.

Psychologists are fond of a puzzle known as prisoner's dilemma, in which two individuals who cannot communicate with each other are asked independently to make a decision on a matter affecting both. It can be shown mathematically that the best strategy overall for either player is something known as tit for tat – the individual opens by assuming that his opposite will be generous, but thereafter, responds as his opposite did in the previous round.

I mention this because the strategy of assuming the best of people to begin with, but being alert to clues that they are not being honest or playing fairly, and responding immediately with appropriate countermeasures, works well in any number of situations, and one of them is the initial contact between sponsor and sponsee. Unless the person is drunk, or abusive, or attaches so many incidental conditions to her request for sponsorship that it is plain that the relationship can never get off the ground, I will assume that this person is capable of getting sober and will make a good faith effort to do so by working the twelve steps. Using the analogy of employer and employee again, my job as sponsor is to provide training, guidance, and the proper tools. Until I see those tools in his or her hands, it's going to be pretty difficult to assess the level of motivation and commitment.



# E.V.I. News

July 2004

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# AA Meetings:



## New:

Try God Grapevine Study,  
Sundays, 5-6PM, McNail Reilly  
House, 13th and Jefferson,  
Eugene.

Gratitude Group, Saturday, 9-10  
AM, Valley Methodist Church,  
25133 Broadway, **Veneta**.

Dexter Women's Big Book Study  
Wednesday, 7-8:30, Dexter Library

Host of Friends, Saturday, 8-9 pm,  
at St. Mary's Episcopal Church,  
13th and Pearl (closed meeting)

## Changed:

Serenity Seekers West now meets  
twice a week, Tuesday/Thursday,  
noon-1pm, at the Friends Church,  
3495 W. 18th ave.

The Downtown AM meeting at  
1166 Oak has added a Newcomers  
Group, on Wednesdays only, at 7  
AM - the regular meeting  
continues at the same location.

## Canceled:

After Breakfast Grioup, Monday  
Wednesday Friday, 9:30 AM, at the  
Townhouse, Roosevelt Blvd.  
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## Topic of interest:

The Oregon Area Website Address  
is: [www.aa-oregon.org](http://www.aa-oregon.org). Check it  
out. The monthly area newsletter  
is posted on this site, as well as  
links to out of town meeting  
schedules and information relevant  
to quarterly assemblies.

*Please remember to let  
us know if your group stops  
meeting. This will save people  
frustration or worse when  
they really need a meeting. To  
submit changes of any kind  
please fill out a form in the  
"Meeting Book Changes"  
book at the EVI office. Ask a  
volunteer at the front desk for  
it. You may also phone in  
any changes during EVI  
office hours. Thanks!*

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An actual job application or resume would not be a bad point of departure for a fourth step inventory, though of course one would need to add details of personal life such as marital history. If a resume has been properly crafted, most of the entries thereon will go onto the positive side of a moral inventory. It is in the omissions that the failings and defects of character become apparent. Did you spend seven years as an undergraduate because financial pressures forced you to take terms off – as you wrote on the job application – or was it because during many terms you drank and partied until you were forced to either withdraw from all your classes, or face the certainty of failing them? Did you quit that job voluntarily for high-minded personal reasons, or did your employer ask you to quit, promising not to mention those not-so-high-minded personal reasons which were making your performance unsatisfactory? Looking good on paper is unfortunately a necessity of life; recognizing that it's only a piece of paper and not letting the societally-mandated denial process become internalized is a necessity of physical and emotional sobriety.

One phenomenon I have encountered several times recently is the "superball" sponsee, the one who hits bottom hard and rebounds just as quickly, before there is time for the lessons of the most recent alcoholic disaster to really sink in. This is the person who comes to you in tears, bleary-eyed and shaking, possibly with a court summons or eviction notice in hand, and declares that he or she is ready to do anything, absolutely anything, to get sober, and that if you will agree to sponsor him, he will be eternally grateful. It's not an act; he really means it. Three days later, when he gets out of detox, the 'anything' has been modified to exclude half of the things you suggest, including picking up the phone and calling someone rather than picking up the next drink. I still go out on last-ditch 12<sup>th</sup> -Step calls, but I've learned to not pin much hope on success.

It is tempting, when a sponsor-sponsee relationship is going badly, for the sponsor to simply let it die a natural death. Assuming the sponsee has not already stated "I quit," it's probably better for both if the sponsor issues a warning stating the conditions under which he or she will continue to act as sponsor, and if these are not met, explicitly resigns. That way, there is no possibility of misunderstanding, and the sponsee has not the slightest excuse for adding to his resentment list the person who, after having been ignored for two months, was not available to respond to a crisis at three in the morning.

Remember, when you 'fire' a sponsee under the above conditions, all you are saying is that *at the present time* he or she is not able to work the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in the way you have found to be effective. You have not failed this person. You are not consigning him to the gutter and an early grave, or shutting a door which will not be instantly opened upon the slightest evidence being presented of a change of heart. If you find that you are accused of any of these things, by all means talk to your own sponsor, or to others who are more experienced in AA than you. They'll tell you to let it go – and you should take their advice.

Martha S.  
Eugene, Oregon

# Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard in and around the valley. While not always original, they are shared by local folk at local events. If you hear anything at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

"I got problems in areas where I didn't use to have areas."

Dale, Primary Purpose

"Keep coming back. We don't shoot out wounded."

Anon., Last Chance Study Group

"I don't always know who to trust. Heck, I trusted *me* for a long time, and that was just sick."

Brenda, Downtown AM

"He [Dr. Bob] wanted his ass to be miracled."

Anon. Downtown AM

"I'm like the kid in the back seat with the play steering wheel."

Larry W, Friday Night Stag

"I sat on the fringes for a long time. By the grace of God, there was one person who came out of the middle out to the fringe, and dragged me in."

Anonymous, Downtown A.M.

"I wish you could save serenity stamps, the way we used to save green stamps\*. You'd get a stamp every time you went to a meeting, and when something bad came up, you could cash in the book. Unfortunately, AA doesn't work that way.

Ken, Last Chance Study Group.

Fear of economic insecurity left me when I became willing to share a bathroom.

Martha, Sober Awakening

\* Supermarkets didn't give you green stamps for beer and wine purchases, which meant that alcoholic housewives were kitchen-gadget deprived.



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But we have got to drink beer, rat essence and all, to balance the budget. Soak the nation's flag in filthy slop to raise revenue to meet the extravagance of a beer administration. Drink beer morning, noon and night. Drink it until your stomach rebels against its deadly poison. Drink it until your kidneys are rotten. Until your nerves are shot. Until your brain is on fire and tremens drive you to the asylum. Drink it until in your madness you see the flashing tongues of snakes or hideous faces of dead rats leering from the foam. For beer is filled with the souls of dead rats that have drowned in the brewery vats.

National Voice (Prohibition Weekly) September 26, 1935.



Three vampires walked into a bar. The bartender asked each of them what he wanted. The first vampire said: "I'll have a pint of blood."

The second said: "I guess I'll have the same." The third said, "me, I'll just have a pint of plasma." "OK," said the bartender, "That's 2 bloods and a blood lite."

Drinking makes such fools of people - and people are such fools to begin with, that it's compounding a felony.

-Robert Benchley-

A self-made man tends to worship his creator.

-Anonymous-

What the world needs is more geniuses with humility - there are so few of us left.

Oscar Levant



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## RATS IN THE BEER VATS

I came across the following antique (1935) temperance pamphlet while going through my father's things, and remembered his reading it to me as a child. The general grossness has definite appeal for the primary school set. In a household where any conventional profanity was sternly frowned upon, "rats in the beer vats" became a sort of mild oath.

Here is the Radio Blast which was "Too Hot" for the Mid-West

This talk, "Rats in the Beer Vats," has touched booze interests in one of their sorest spots. When a speaker for the National Voice presented this talk over WHO Des Moines, Iowa, September 15, it raised such a storm of wet indignation that the radio station cancelled all future National Voice broadcasts. Numerous confidential letters and news dispatches are in the National Voice files to authenticate these and other "Rats in the Beer Vats" stories.

The beer business is a queer business. There is death connected with it any way you take it. Do the beer guzzlers know that every year thousands of rats leap into the beer vats, die, and rot there? That fine flavor in your favorite beer may be only the essence of dead rats. You have all heard the terms, "The Brewery rats." Rats are the pest of the brewery. They can smell a carcass. They come in great droves. The brewery can poison them, trap them, or kill them, but still they come. It is difficult to make a rat-proof brewery. It will be a matter of special interest, now that beer is back, to know that rats are crazy about malt when it is fermenting. They will even climb a ladder to get near the malt in the beer vat. In the days before the coming of prohibition the brewers has hard work to keep rats out of their vats. Climbing to the top of the vat, a hungry rat, crazy to get to the fermenting malt, would lean down toward the beer and presently would fall in. He would go to the bottom and drown, and under the foam on top of the beer could not be seen.

Some of the brewers used to keep a paddle with which to fish out the dead rats in the early morning. Often it was impossible to see the rat and he would lie there until the third day when he would gradually swell and rise above the bottom of the vat, so that it was now easier to get the paddle under the dead rat and lift him out of the beer. Of course some vats would be drained off without a single dead rat in them, while in other vats there would be several rats.

Some months ago a bootleg vat in Pennsylvania was raided and it was decided to clean it out to see what it really contained, and in this big beer vat they found sixty-nine dead rats.

Not only rats, but the dead bodies of two men, a Negro and a Mexican, came out of a huge vat in a brewery in St. Louis, Mo. "When I was an intern in a St. Louis hospital," writes a reputable Los Angeles physician, "We boys, young doctors, heard of a raid on a brewery, so we went down to see what was going on.

"The vat was being emptied into a sewer. We saw, not only the cooked rats, but the bodies of a Negro and a Mexican, who had been drowned by accident, taken out of the vat."

Here is an authentic letter from the files, written by a former brewery employee. "I was once a handy man at a brewery in Iowa. All of the water used in the manufacture of the beer came from an overflow pool in a pasture, used alike by horses, cows, and hogs. To my amazement, on the first day, I discovered the malt to be full of maggots, and I asked the brewer what to do. 'Never mind' he replied, 'scoop it in. That won't hurt.'

"I had to repair the empty kegs. These kegs had been filled and refilled. In between times they were thrown among the weeds alongside the brewery. Mice, snakes, and toads in various stages of decomposition were found in those kegs.

"Finally, we were told to clean the storage vat. Descending into the vat, we found ourselves wading in a loblolly of hair, bones, and other rat and beer refuse. Rats were scurrying everywhere."

As late as December of last year the Brewer's journal writes: "The condition of the beer dispensing equipment today, is an accumulation of slime, growths, and contaminating organisms, as evidenced and proved by the great amount of complaints received by the brewer that the beer has 'gone sour.'"

Many persons have wondered why beer has a bitter and acid taste. May not this peculiar taste come from the flavor of the rats that have lost their lives through their fondness for fermenting malt?

Persons who are thinking of cultivating a taste for beer would do well to make sure that all the rats have been destroyed in the vicinity of the brewery that they intend to patronize. Be sure that there is no rat taste in the beer you drink. If the poison has been taken out, it is not real beer.

## EVI Business Meeting

June 14, 2004

Note: The regular secretary was not present, and no minutes were provided for the newsletter. The following brief summary is derived from my own notes (which were far from comprehensive, having been taken in competition with my inevitable knitting) and from reports distributed at the meeting – Martha S.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, with Kurt as Chair.

The following people were elected to service positions: Frank, Member at Large;

Tim A., Literature co-chair, Tim B., PI co-chair. The position of Outreach Co-chair is still vacant – the main duty of this position is visiting meetings which do not have EVI representatives and informing them of EVI matters.

There were no motions from the Steering Committee, and no motions from the floor.

The Treasurer distributed a monthly report. In May of 2004 EVI reported total income of \$3,714.53, including book sales, and total expenses of 2050.00; net income 1,269.07. [no, the figures don't add up – this is a summary omitting some line items]. Treasurer withdrew proposal to send money to Oregon Area and GSO, which was tabled last month.

Office volunteers are needed for several shifts.

The Diverter is running smoothly but has too few volunteers. A summary of Julien's report and request for volunteers appears on page 4 of this newsletter. Speaker meeting – there will be no EVI speaker meeting in July, due to conflict with Summerfest.

P.I. Will be having a table at the Eugene Celebration. They need a lot of volunteers for this three-day event – if you're not shy about having your AA affiliation visible to a large segment of Eugene's population, do step up to the plate.

Newsletter: Distributed at meeting. The copier is still not working properly and may be terminally ill. Local submissions are always welcome.

Unofficial report – take with a grain of salt. -MAS-

## Recovery – One Stitch at a Time

When I walked into my first AA meeting this time around – being a retread, I was somewhat familiar with the organization from a previous period of sobriety – one of the first things that caught my eye was a couple of ladies busily knitting. Now, I used to knit a great deal in University lectures, while traveling, and during other activities which failed to command my rapt attention, but for some reason I didn't knit while drinking, and so was out of practice. I remembered that I had recently bought a batch of yarn at a garage sale for my daughter who also knits, and that it was baby yarn, and that my sister had just announced that she was pregnant. This seemed like a mandate from my Higher Power to start knitting again.

In that shaky first month of sobriety, the results were less than stellar. Three months later I was back up to speed, and soon was knitting fisherman's sweaters on order for members of my home group. I've taught several fellow recovering alcoholics how to knit – I seem to have better success working the stitches with someone than working the steps. And yes, I can listen to your share and still concentrate on my knitting enough to produce a complicated pattern. If I didn't have handwork to occupy some fraction of my attention, my mind would soon wander off into the wild blue yonder; I'd start obsessing about the War of 1812 and completely block out present reality.

When I look at a finished garment, nearly all of it knit in AA meetings, I think of what a great metaphor for recovery knitting is. Progress is slow, but eventually you have a beautiful creation - *one stitch at a time*.

Martha S.  
Eugene OR



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## EVI Web Site

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Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

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Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due by last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. Please include a contact phone #. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: [eviaa@efn.org](mailto:eviaa@efn.org) or [mshew@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:mshew@darkwing.uoregon.edu). Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office. Call John G (686-5602) with any questions.

# Contributions:

April 2004/Year to Date)  
As Bill Sees It 30.00/30.00  
Attitude Adjustment 303.00/764.11  
Blue River Sunday 10.00/10.00  
Brown Bag Group 75.00/150.00  
Cottage Grove Gratitude 98.00/98.00  
Courage to Change 0/0  
Creswell Al-Anon 25.00/25.00  
Daily Reflections 150/150  
Dexter Women's Group 20/20  
Downtown AM Group 200.00/1160.00  
Drop the Rock 190.00/535  
Early Firehouse Group 20.00/20.00  
Freedom of Choice 72,00/72.00  
Friday Night BB Study 220/220  
Friday Physical Awakening 105.00/105.00  
From The Heart 156.00/156.00  
Gratitude Group 0/0  
The Great Fact Group 0/0  
How It Works 70.00/200.00  
Last Chance Study Group 50.00/80.00  
McKenzie River Group 0/0  
Monday Mens Stag 50.00/50.00  
Monday Night Beginners 0/0  
New Freedom 0/0  
New Freedom II 0/0  
Primary Purpose 0/0  
Recovery By The Steps 15.00/15.00  
Rush Hour Group 25.00/25.00  
Saturday Morning Steps 330.00/588.50  
Search For Serenity 103.00/649.00  
Sober Awakenings 556.87/556.87  
Sobriety for Life 130.00/130.00  
Springfield Monday Night 0/0  
Stairway to Sobriety 100.00/125.00  
Sunlight of the Spirit 25.00/25.00  
Sunday Big Book 116.72/116.72  
Sunday Night B.B. Study 0/0  
Thurs. Men's Book Study 0/0  
Tues Night Young People 175.00/175.00  
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0  
Try God Group 214.12/431.62  
Tuesday Night Mens Stag 0/0  
Veneta Gratitude Group 50.00/105  
Vet's and Friends 100.00/100.00  
We Need Each Other 0/0  
Wednesday Beginners 80.00/80.00  
Wed How it Works 20.00/20.00  
Wed. Night Men's Stag 15.00/255.00  
Women's Bedrock 0/0  
Women's Courage to Change 77.13/77.13  
Women's How It Works 15.00/60.00  
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/0  
Total Contributions Group  
month/ytd 1474/7355.19  
**Contributions: Individual**  
Anonymous/Unknown 4.20/310.93  
Faithful Fivers 170/656.40  
Total Contributions/Ind.  
174.20/962.33

## HIGHER POWER

I have a Higher Power  
and I know it isn't me  
I have a Higher Power  
that has truly set me free.

I was an alcohol abuser,  
now I'm an A.A. user.  
Today I'm a winner,  
I'm no longer a loser  
because of a Higher Power  
and I know it isn't me.

He gives me cause during the day  
to stop and pause to see  
the beauty in the world  
he has made for me.  
I have a Higher Power  
and I know it isn't me.

So come and join us  
if you want to be  
joyous, happy, and free,  
because we have a Higher Power  
and I know it isn't me.

Bob C., Harrisburg, Oregon

## The Diverter

During Committee Reports at the last EVI business meeting, the subject of the Diverter arose, and several people indicated that their groups were uncertain what this service is and how it functions. The following is an attempt to summarize the information presented by the Diverter Chair.

The Diverter is a system for ensuring that people in the Eugene area are able to reach a live member of Alcoholics Anonymous at the AA number, 24 hours a day. This is an important service. In many communities people calling the AA number at night or on weekends reach an answering machine, or an impersonal generic answering service. Reaching an AA member immediately is always a plus; for the person in a crisis, it can be a life saver.

A person who volunteers for the Diverter agrees to have calls to the AA phone number switched to his residence or cell phone, one evening/night a week or during the day on Sunday, for one month. During the previous month he agrees to serve as a backup, in case the volunteer on duty is unable to meet his commitment. At 5:30, when EVI closes, the volunteer calls our answering service and switches the phone to his number. The office volunteers switch the Diverter back to the office at 9 a.m. Most calls are requests for meeting information and come during the evening or early morning. Late night calls are uncommon. For the occasional call of a more urgent or complex nature, volunteers are given lists of AA volunteers willing to talk at length or go on a 12<sup>th</sup>-step call. They are not expected to address crisis situations personally.

A prospective volunteer should have at least six months of sobriety and a telephone which is not going to be tied up for long periods of time during his shift – this is not a good service position for someone with teenagers.

The system is currently working smoothly, but only because a small number of people are willing to volunteer repeatedly, month after month. There is a definite need for more volunteers. Although groups are no longer able to volunteer as a group to cover a shift (this system, which was in place for several years, led to much confusion), having a position of Diverter coordinator at the group level, with that person having the responsibility for recruiting individual volunteers, is recommended. If you are interested in becoming involved in this valuable and rewarding service work, call Julien, 520-7408, or pick up an application at the EVI Office.

# July Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30PM  
Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Myron M. 345-5827  
Tue District 33, 6:30PM Alan U. 741-2617  
Wed District 19, 5:30PM Sandy V. 485-4827  
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Vicki 688-5042  
Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00PM  
Sat Activities, 5:00PM Holly 338-0316  
Sun EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM  
2nd Mon District 6, 6:30PM Tim A. 726-8558  
Sat Answering/Diverter, 10:00 AM Julien 520-7408  
Sat No July EVI Speaker's Meeting  
3rd Tues Public Information, 6:00PM Shevach, 683-5254  
Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM



## Fellowship Events

**Summerfest 04 will take place July 9-11, at the Eugene Hilton. Information on speakers and registration forms can be found at [www.aa-summerfest.org](http://www.aa-summerfest.org), or at the EVI office. Volunteers are needed in many capacities**

**The Pacific Regional Forum, at the Doubletree Columbia River Inn in Portland, happens July 16-18, and features presentations and work shops by Trustees and staff of the AA General Service Office. This is open to any AA member. There is no registration fee.**

**Pathfinders (formerly Recovery Riders) organizes outdoor events for AA members and their families. Check out their website (<http://www.geocities.com/recoveryriders/>) for information on trips.**

**The 10th Annual Spirit Fest Warm Springs Campout is July 9th-11; see info in EVI office or call Jamison at 541-553-9326.**

**The South Coast Roundup in Brookings will happen July 30-August 1; for information see [www.aa-district-30-area-58.org](http://www.aa-district-30-area-58.org).**

**The Rose City Roundup is scheduled for September 24-26th, at the Doubletree Columbia River Hotel in Portland. For information call Lennie Z, 888-661-4403, or check website: [www.dfweb.com/rcr](http://www.dfweb.com/rcr).**

**It's a She Thang Women's retreat happens at the Seaside Convention Center, September 17-19, 2004.**

**The EVI office has flyers and information about all of the above events.**

## Gratitude:



### Currently Available Service Positions:

**H&I** has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work.

**Public Information** needs people with transportation to deliver literature. There is no minimum sobriety requirement for most PI service positions.

**The Diverter** seeks volunteers to take calls to the local AA number after hours. Contact Julien (520-7408) for details, or obtain information and application forms from the EVI office.

**The EVI Office** can always use people who are able to answer phones and perform office functions for one four hour shift per week. Contact Doug (461-3872), or stop by the office for information.

**The Activities Committee** could use more volunteers to help plan and staff events. There is no minimum sobriety requirement; time commitment is flexible. Call Sylvia, 485-3482, or Leslie, 746-3359.

### Addresses for Group Contributions

Emerald Valley Intergroup  
1259 Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97401-3509  
Contributions for Districts 6, 19, 20, and 33 may also be sent to the above address. Indicate the district on the envelope.

Oregon Area 58 Treasury  
PMB 172  
1972 NE 3rd St.  
Bend, OR 97701

AA General Service Office  
PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163-0459