

Name of Intergroup: Emerald Empire Intergroup

General geographic area: Eugene/Springfield, Oregon and surrounding area

Number of Groups: 9

Intergroup Chair: Paul R.

Website address (if any): oeugene.org/

News from our Intergroup: Our intergroup meets monthly to support our local OA groups. We continue to stay active and work to help our meetings be active and healthy during COVID-19.

How has your Intergroup adjusted to the changing public health environment? Our Intergroup meeting is done virtually. Members of our Intergroup who have Zoom accounts have offered to be the host for meetings who need support.

Has the OA fellowship in your area been strengthened or weakened by the current public health environment? Why? The fellowship has been strengthened through the creation of Zoom meetings by our ability for members in the Roseburg OA group to “attend” Zoom meetings in Eugene (Roseburg is 70 miles from Eugene). The virtual meetings have also given former members who have moved further away to join in, which has strengthened our fellowship. We have really enjoyed that and would like to keep that access going even after COVID-19 is not such a problem.

The fellowship has been weakened by some members no longer attending due to either disliking virtual meetings or not having strong (or any) internet connections. We have also wondered how easy it would be for a newcomer to find us (although access information for our meetings is clearly listed on our website, which is where people previously found the face-to-face meetings).

Retreats and/or Events we have offered this year: Before COVID-19 shelter-in-place, we had started to plan for events (in-person). Since COVID-19, we decided to not host any events or retreats because we are excited to attend events hosted by larger intergroups (e.g., LA Intergroup) or regions.

Other services our Intergroup offers: We share information we receive from Region and World Service and from other Intergroups with our membership. We are creating a phone and email list for all members in our Intergroup who are interested in receiving information. We offer a way for members to send in funds by check to our Intergroup post office box for Tradition 7 (some members do not feel comfortable using PayPal or giving their credit card information over the Internet).

Has your Intergroup hosted a Region One Outreach or Intergroup Renewal workshop? Please tell us about your experience and outcomes. Not this year.

What we are doing to make OA known in our community: We host and maintain a website that is easy to find if someone searches for “Eugene OA”.

What we’re doing to strengthen our meetings and help our members recover: Checking in with meetings to make sure they have the support they need to continue conducting meetings virtually.

We encourage members to give service by: Letting all know that Intergroup monthly meetings are open to ALL members interested in learning about the OA recovery program.

Tips and ideas we’d like to share with other Intergroups:

- We have proactively reached out to members and groups in our Intergroup when we have not heard from them.
- We offer to host their meetings on Zoom, if needed.
- We list on our Intergroup website how to make contributions to the Intergroup, Region, and WSO.

We’d like to hear ideas from other Intergroups about: How to get the word out to newcomers.

Submitted by: Paul R., Chair

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