

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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## NEXT DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING SET FOR HENDERSONVILLE

The Hendersonville Group will be the host of the November District Seven Eating Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6, at St. James Episcopal Church. Usual Schedule: Eating at 1:30 p.m. and the speaking about 2:30 p.m.

Speaker will be announced in the next issue of Mountain Doin's. Don't forget to bring a covered dish ...and your appetite.

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## BIG BOOK GROUP ORGANIZED IN BLACK MOUNTAIN

With the help of Bill J., a Big Book Group is now meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Black Mountain on Montreat Road each Monday and Friday at 8 p.m.

We urge you to drop by. It may be just the thing to fill the missing chapter in your AA life.

## NEW CLOSED MEETINGS AT ARC

The Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center near Black Mountain has started a series of closed meetings at 10 a.m., Saturday, for men, women, blacks. Outside AAs are welcome & encouraged to attend.

## WOMEN'S FLYNN HOME MEETINGS ARE ON SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

A Beginner's Group is now meeting at the Women's Flynn Home, 214 Montford Ave., Asheville, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday. The men still meet on Tuesday at 8 p.m., 182 Cumberland Ave.

A MESSAGE FROM GSO.....

Dear AA Friends:

I'd like to share with you an item from a Chicago AA bulletin, "Just for Today," which crossed my desk not long ago:

"When I first got sober in AA, I heard the usual 'No dues or fees' and here the chairperson's voice usually trailed off as if he were ashamed of offending anyone by discussing MONEY. I usually dumped in the pocket change and gave it no more thought.

"As the fog lifted, I slowly began to realize that when I called for help, the answering service and telephone number listing were made possible by the group's contributions to Intergroup; the rooms where we met and the coffee and literature provided were paid for out of the group treasury; and the Big Book, 12 x 12 and all those free pamphlets given me during my first days were printed in some 'never-never-land' called GSO (General Service Office), which was supported by group contributions.

"At this juncture, I began attending the only Step and Tradition meeting in town. When we talked about the Seventh Tradition and read Bill's thoughts on it from the 12 x 12, I heard things like, 'When we sober up we stop freeloading and pay our own way,' 'When we were drinking, no matter how broke we were, we could always scrape up the price of that next drink.'

"If someone hadn't cared enough to pay for that answering service back in 1969, I wouldn't be here. My attitude has changed. I started asking myself, 'How much is my sobriety worth?' The small change didn't seem quite adequate

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and I began digging deeper. I was told to only give what I could afford, but my conscience told me I could obviously afford more than I was giving. I can't buy my sobriety, but I can certainly pay my share of the expense of the meeting in which I learn how to keep my sobriety. And maybe I can give just a little more for the person just coming in who can't yet afford it, but like me, so desperately needs it.''

Thank you, friends, for sharing as shown on the quarterly statement. If it is blank, your group might think about Bill's words quoted above, ''When we sober up we pay our own way.''

Sincerely,

Bob Pearson  
General Manager, GSO

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AUTUMN IS A LOVELY TIME FOR A DRIVE...to BRYSON CITY

With the Fall color season upon us, here's a reminder that the mountains are beautiful and the Bryson City Group meets on Thursday nights at 8 in the hall of the First Presbyterian Church.

Don T. reports there's a possibility of Bryson hosting an eating meeting in November or December. If so, let's give it our full support.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: If what you're doing isn't working, try something else. from the Fargo, ND Silver AA Dollar.

## WERE YOU AT FLAT ROCK IN SEPTEMBER?

We've never been to a poor "eating meeting" so its useless to comment that September's District Seven meeting sponsored by the Blue Ridge Group at St. John's in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, was good. It was more than that.

The speaker was Donna J. from the Young People's Group in Atlanta and, among other thoughts, she allowed as how she never was either a social drinker or a social pill taker, from the start. Through AA, she learned to accept herself as she is, became convinced that to drink is to die and found that a variety of escapes such as food, running, men served to no avail. One day at a time, she told her fellow AAs, she is getting better and better gradually, learning about such freedoms as the freedom to face one's self and the freedom to pray.

Oh, yes. The food was excellent too as 135 AAs and Alanons from the Carolinas, Tennessee and Florida gathered for the occasion. Sorry if you missed it.

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CALLING ALL SPEAKERS.....YOU ARE NEEDED

The regular AA meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center needs outside speakers. Call Intergroup or Betty Y, Bill J. or Jim B. at the ARC if you are available. It's one fine way to carry the message, help others and most especially yourself.

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### ADD BIRTHDAYS:

John A., Blue Ridge Group, 8 years (in September)

Archie, Blue Ridge Group, 2 years (also in Sept.)

Alan O., Bakersville Group, 6 years (ditto)

Ann L., Bakersville Group, 1 year ( ! )

There must be more birthdays out there. Let us know.