

MOUNTAIN DOINGS



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34th S.E. CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR WINSTON-SALEM, AUGUST 9-12

The 34th Southeastern Conference, always a "must" event for many mountain area folks will be held at the Winston-Salem Hyatt House August 9-12. The 31st North Carolina State Convention will be held in conjunction with the S.E. Conference.

No less than 10 outstanding speakers have been invited to participate in the program. The east will be represented by speakers from New York, Maryland and Ohio. Other speakers will travel from California, Arizona and Manitoba, Canada.

The conference will begin with an Early Bird meeting August 9 and ends with the conference dance on Sat. Aug. 12. For additional information write: Southeastern Conference, PO Box 11345, Bethabara Station, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

ALL ABOARD FOR THIRD ANNUAL OCEAN CRUISE

The Third Annual Ocean Roundup Cruise, Miami to Nassau, will be held October 6-9 aboard the luxury liner SS Emerald Seas.

The fabulous ocean retreat offers accommodations ranging from \$155 to \$305. For detailed information write: Ocean Round-up III, PO Box 010882, Miami, Fla. 33101 or call (305) 491-4549.

HOW AND WHY A.A. GROWS

Some reasons for A.A.'s accelerating growth, and some challenges A.A.'s new size now brings were pointed out at the General Service Conference held in New York City, April 16-22.

Nearly 2,600 new groups were organized in the U.S. and Canada in 1977, an increase of 1,258. Many existing groups are bursting at the seams with new members. One group has four members with flashlight batons directing parking and inside coffee is served at six stations around the hall.

Our program of recovery remains unchanged, but the number and variety of groups and meetings, compared to a few years ago are astonishing.

With growth have come growing pains; busloads of patients; young people bringing with them other addictions, not to mention explicit language and free discussion of sex. These have strained the serenity of many oldtimers.

The continuing miracle is that Alcoholics Anonymous weathers every storm and flourishes. One reason it flourishes is that it is girded about by the Twelve Traditions.

But the main reason A.A. thrives is simply that it works. Today, there are a lot more meetings; but when the newcomer gets there, he finds exactly the same love and caring I and every other drunk have found in A.A. for 34 years.

By Bob P. from Box 4-5-9
June-July 1978

MILESTONE IN GRAPEVINE HISTORY

With the March 1978 issue, the A.A. Grapevine reached a notable point in its upward climb --- a circulation of 100,000 copies. The first issue in June 1944 had a press run of 1200 copies.

MOUNTAIN AREA NEWS NOTES

Jim P., of Bakersville, currently recovering (quite nicely, too) from major surgery was unable to accept the nomination as secretary of the Intergroup Committee. The slate of officers, approved at the Intergroup meeting on June 16 is:

Chairman _____ Al E. _____ Tryon
Vice Chairman _____ Eleanor C. _____ Hendersonville
Treasurer _____ Jean W. _____ Traditional
The post of Secretary has still to be filled.

Jim P. reports that the Bakersville group has changed it's meeting place to the 1st Methodist Church. Meetings every Monday at 8 pm.

The next Intergroup Committee meeting will be held at the Parkway Office Building at 3 pm July 16.

NEW GROUPS NEED HELP

Madison County Group, every Friday at 7 pm at the Marshall Presbyterian Church.

Bat Cave Group, every Thursday at 8 pm at the Bat Cave Episcopal Church.

Cherokee Group also invites friends to come to help keep the adrenalin flowing there. Group meets Saturdays at 8 pm at Cherokee Boys' Club.

A NEWCOMER ASKED HIS SPONSOR: "How long will it take things to get better?" The sponsor replied: "I don't know. How long did it take them to get this bad?"

Secretary's Newsletter
San Francisco

ATTENTION ALL GROUP SECRETARIES: Please mail or call news notes to A.A. Coordinator, Parkway Office Building. Phone: 254-8539.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY *

JUNE

Woody P.	Brevard	2 years
Don R.	Brevard	17 years
LeRoy B.	Fletcher	3 years

JULY

Fred R.	Blue Ridge	4 years
John L.	" "	8 years
Eddie A.	" "	1 year
Pete G.	Traditional	7 years
Edna J.	"	7 years
Andrew G.	Wall Street	8 years
John C.	Haw Creek	5 years

* As reported to us at press time. In case of errors, please notify Coordinator at Parkway Office Bldg. ADDED NOTE: Please report birthday notices at least one month in advance. We prefer to publish notices of upcoming birthdays.

UNCLE ZEB SEZ



Bud T. told us recently that he never realized how level-headed his friend Lou L. was until all his hair fell out and he became bald. Then there's the story makin' the rounds about Edna J. She asked a friend if he ever had the DT's. "Yeah," he replied, "I got that when it first came out."