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WEST ASHEVILLE GROUP HOSTS A.A. PICNIC AT BEE TREE LAKE



The West Asheville Group will sponsor an A.A. picnic at Bee Tree Lake Park in Swannanoa on Sunday September 10 beginning at 2 p.m. West Asheville members are looking for a large turnout for this end-of-summer outing.

The group has reserved the first picnic area inside the park entrance. The hosts will provide baked ham, rolls, coffee and cold drinks. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish. There will be no speaker, just fun and good fellowship.

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WESTERN CAROLINA WELL REPRESENTED AT 34th SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

One is a Jesuit priest and psychologist. A second works for us at GSO. A third is a lawyer and a fourth a former professional football player.

They all have something in common --- with each other and with the almost 1500 AA's and Alanons who gathered Aug. 9-12 at Winston-Salem for the 34th Southeastern Conference.

As a working reporter 20 years ago, I attended my first conference and thought it was a great program for <u>you</u> people. Last month, it was wonderful to share the fellowship as a part of the AA way of life.

### SOUTHEASTERN CONF. (con't)

For those who have never attended an AA convention, I am sorry. There is a love and sharing which must be experienced to understand. Quite a few AA's from the mountains made the jaunt to Winston-Salem and are already planning for the next Southeastern in Knoxville next August.

And the year afterward, there's the International in New Orleans! Just imagine being sober in New Orleans with so many of our kind. We can hardly wait!

> By Pete G. Mountain Doin's Rovin' Reporter

#### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE \* HUMOR \*

When God was doling out the length of sex life for various males of his creatures, he granted Man 20 years. Man protested, but that was all God would allow. Along came the monkey. When God gave him 20 years too, the monkey said he needed only 10 and Man quickly asked for and was given the other 10. Same thing with the lion and then with the donkey.

Which is why Man has 20 years of normal sex life, --10 years of monkeying around, 10 years of "lion" about it
and 10 years of making an ass out of himself!

Thanks to Al G. of Akron

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BLUE RIDGE GROUP TO HOST EATIN'- MEETIN' SEPTEMBER 17 AT ST. JOHN'S IN WILDERNESS

Blue Ridge Group will host an eatin'-meetin' on Sunday September 17 at St. John's in the Wilderness Church. Buffet luncheon will begin at 1:30 p.m. and a guest speaker will take the rostrum at 2:45 p.m. Speaker will be Hank M. of Greensboro, N.C. St. John's church is 2 miles south of Hendersonville on Rte. 25. The Blue Ridge group has a fine reputation for hosting good meetings and this one should be no exception to the rule.

INTERGROUP COMMITTEE REVIEWS
NEW BILL W. PAMPHLET; MONTHLY
INTERGROUP STATISTICAL REPORT

Six Western North Carolina AA groups were represented at the regular monthly meeting of the Intergroup Committee held at the Parkway Office Building in Asheville on Sunday August 20.

One of the main topics of discussion was a pamphlet distributed by AA World Services written by Bill W. Titled "Let's Be Friendly With Our Friends on the Alcoholism Front," Bill reminds us to be aware of other people outside AA who can and are being helpful to the recovering alcoholic.

Bill's pamphlet points out that some of us have become so mentally and physically ill that it quite often takes qualified outside help to assist in the recovery. We should all keep an open mind, Bill says, and realize that we in AA do not have all the answers.

In keeping with the twelve traditions, Bill W. advises that we should at all times be "Friendly With Our Friends."

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Committee members also discussed plans to keep AA groups informed of Intergroup functions and operations. Beginning with the month of July (see below) the Intergroup Office will provide a monthly statistical report on its operations.

# INTERGROUP OPERATIONS JULY 1978

Incoming phone calls received --- 44
Intergroup Office visitors --- 14

A total of 34 phone calls received by the answering service were followed up by the Intergroup Office to assure that the still suffering alcoholic received prompt assistance.

The next Intergroup Committee meeting will be held on Sunday Sept. 17 following the Blue Ridge meeting.

#### \*\*\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY \*\*\*

## LATE ENTRY FOR AUGUST

NAME	GROUP	YEARS
ERNIE G. ALAN O. ANN L.	VICTORIA RD. BAKERSVILLE BAKERSVILLE	3 7 2
	SEPTEMBER	
JOHN A.	BLUE RIDGE	9
ARCHIE D.	n n	3
PAUL T.	Bakersville	1
CLAUDE C.	TRYON	7
JACK F.	n .	14

#### ROAMIN' the MOUNTAINS

A hearty welcome back to LOU L., ANDREW G., and THELMA H., who have been ill. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to DOT\* G. and GINNY S. who have undergone surgery.

#### FAREWELL

Western Carolina's loss is Kansas' gain as
we say goodbye to DON T. and his lovely wife,
Virginia, who have returned to Kansas. This fine couple will
be missed by many AA groups in Western Carolina. Good Luck!

\* AA members who would like to send DOT G. a get well card or a note may obtain her address by calling the Intergroup Office. BOT has given permission to do this.

VOTE OF THANKS

Members of the Intergroup Committee gave a vote of thanks to MARY B. of the Fletcher Group for a job well done in subbing for JO H, during the latter's monthlong vacation in June.