

MOUNTAIN DOG'S

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NEWSLETTER OF INTERGROUP OF WESTERN NORTH
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MEETINGS:

The Fletcher Group will celebrate its 3rd anniversary December 13th, beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be lots of food and good fellowship. At 8:00 PM we will have speaking to us Fred K. from Asheville, N.C. Come help us celebrate these wonderful three years.

AA

District 8, hosted by the Waynesville Group, will meet Saturday night, December 15th, at Granny's Italian Kitchen, Highway 19, Lake Junaluska. There will be a charge of \$6.00 per person, which will include all tips and taxes. The buffet will consist of three meats, five vegetables, salad bar, home-made biscuits, desserts, tea and coffee. What else could we expect for that sum? Be there between 7:30 and 8:00 PM to enjoy this fine food and good fellowship. Each person is asked to bring an inexpensive gift marked His or Hers.

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NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - YOU'ALL COME!

Have you checked the prices in the papers lately for the cost of a party on New Years Eve at the local night spots? You can have everything that they offer, EXCEPT OUR COMMON ENEMY, ALCOHOL! Music, snacks, best fellowship, bottomless cup of coffee, to be had anywhere, plus DANCING! Bring your wife or girl friend, or both (if you can get by with it!) COST? - very reasonable price. Remember the old saying when they pass the basket at our regular meetings? We have no dues or fees, BUT WE DO HAVE EXPENSES! Come to the annual Haw Creek New Years Eve Party and share the fun and expenses with your AA and Al-Anon friends. No reservations needed. Just come and join the fun.

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The Beginner's Group of the Flynn Christian Fellowship Home, 182 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville, NC, has decided to change meetings from Tuesday to Thursday nights. It is felt that this change will be less conflicting with other meetings in the immediate area and give those who wish to take a part in the Flynn Home meetings a chance to do so. We welcome attendance from all groups. The meeting change is effective Dec. 6, 1979 at 8:00 PM.

IT'S HERE AGAIN: The joyous season - Christmas. The time of gifts. The time for giving. It's been said: "What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God."

What we in AA are, is sober people. That's God's gift to us. What we do with our sobriety is our gift to God.

But well may we ask: Why were we chosen for the gift of sobriety? Good question! And one anonymous author has an answer for us:

WHY WE WERE CHOSEN

God in His wisdom selected this group of men and women to be purveyors of His goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went instead to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate. He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world. Well might He have said to us:

"Unto your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.

"It must be used unselfishly; it carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long; no demands upon your time can be too urgent; no case be too pitiful; no task too hard; no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed, and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect; lack of appreciation will be common; ridicule will be your lot; your motives will be misjudged. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection, and remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact from you beyond your capabilities.

"You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always, if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority that which you can lay claim only by virtue of my gift. If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and the scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would be available. You were selected because you have been outcasts of the world and your long experience as drunkards has made or should make you humbly alert to the cries and distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere.

"Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your profession in AA--namely, that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will unto my keeping that relief came to you."

(Contributed by Jim P., Bakersville)

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A PONDERABLE: They say that one in every four Americans is unbalanced. Think about your three closest friends. If they seem okay, then you're the one in trouble!
(The Story, Fall 1977)

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THAT'S BETTER: "Always remember...when someone is kicking you in the butt, you're still out in front."
(Thanks to AA, Milwaukee)

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Woman Driver: Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

Man Driver: The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
(Taken from actual police records)

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FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Send your favorite stories, quips, and news clips

There are three kinds of people — those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what happens.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER	GROUP	YEARS
Jo H.	Traditional	6
Bob B.	"	3
Bill Y.	"	1
Starling R.	Victoria	2
Tom H.	"	5
Bill MG.	West Asheville	4
Vernon W.	"	5
Mary B.	Fletcher	7
Bob H.	"	8
Scotty C.	Sylva	3
Gerald P.	"	2
Bill F.	"	1
Shorty Y.	Brevard	6
Jack P.	"	3
George R.	"	2

(Bob B. of the Serenity Group (of Franklin) should have been included in the November report, having his 5th year.)
 Sorry Bob, we didn't know.

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NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS, BUT: "The very minute we say to ourselves that we have succeeded, we have confessed failure. When a man is satisfied that he has succeeded he means that his striving for success is over, and that marks him as a failure. A man who is doing his best each day is truly alive, but a man who did his best yesterday is starting to die:

Thomas J. Watson (The Story, Spring 1978)

WHY AM I AFRAID? "Fear is the absence of faith." (Ibid.)