

EDITOR'S CORNER

As has been previously stated, this is indeed the "last good-by" of the current editor, but there is some good news that accompanies this good-by, for it seems we have finally found a volunteer to take on where this is left. (Actually, there are two of 'em, and that's even better)

The experience of these past two years will not be all in vain, as a personal effort will be maintained to help the new editor(s) in any way that they feel would be of benefit--short of taking over again. My reluctance on that score stems not only from the fact that my term of "office" has been completed, but also from the fact that the experience here developed has been committed to the founding of a private news-letter which will be coming out shortly on a subscription basis. This is not the place for any further word on that as it could be construed as promoting a private enterprise under the guise of this publication.

One further personal note, that at times may be overlooked, and that is my deepest gratitude to all those who have helped me over these past two years by getting their news to the office, and of course to the office staff for their efforts in keeping the materiel together so that it could be organized for your enjoyment and information. It is, thus with confidence that i turn this over to the next editor knowing that your interests will be willingly and well served.

The English long before us had a way of shortening words, but at this time it is best to use the original wording that has become by abbreviation good-by--and that is God be with you--one and all, I LOVE YOU ALL

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<u>Incoming Telephone Calls</u>		<u>Intergroup Office</u>	<u>May 2-May 30, 1983</u>
General Information	5	A.A. Help	6
Family Help(Al-Anon)	6	Meeting Info.	13
Medical Help	5	Intergroup Busn.	30
P.I.	3	Others	2
Calls from Service	21	Total	91

GROUPS NEWS 'N' NOTES:

Waynesville Group; announces a Friday night meeting, in addition to the Tuesday night meeting already established.

New Women's Group: Mondays at Noon at Grace Episcopal Church Waynesville. CALLING ALL GALS TO THEIR SUPPORT.

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FINALLY! FINALLY! FINALLY!!!!

THE NEW WHERE AND WHEN CARDS ARE NOW IN AT THE OFFICE. There has been no change the price to the groups is still 25¢ apiece, which allows the office enough "gain" to take care of those cards sent out "freebies" and the additional postage for mailing those that cannot be picked up.

SEARCH FOR A "HIGHER POWER"

By Dan C., Sanford (1201) and Crossroads

How does one go about finding their Higher Power? This question is one I've struggled with since joining AA and NA 90 days ago. For the week prior to January 6th it became more and more critical to me. I was to go before a judge on that date for a crime I committed back in June. The night before I fought every temptation there was to get drunk just one more time because in my heart I knew I would be sent to prison even though I was a first-time offender. Sleep was impossible and as the night wore on, a drink seemed the only avenue for escape. Finally in desperation, I got down on my knees in the family room and put my arms on our ottoman. I folded my hands and with eyes closed asked God to intervene and watch over me and protect my family until we could weather this crisis.

was locked up the inmates were on a hunger strike. I was already angry at being sentenced and, of course, lonely. The only one left that I had control over was to sleep and avoid becoming too tired. My one salvation was that I had a copy of the Twelve Steps in my possession. I had kept it on my person for the previous week and the guard had been kind enough to let me take it with me to my cell. When I woke from my nap I looked down and noticed I had fallen asleep with the Step Book in my hand. The first word I noticed was "addict." I realized then that when I committed the crime I was an addict and an alcoholic. That I was no longer that person. I saw all of the friends I had made at AA and NA and was reminded how they all were victims of their disease.

"GOD WORKS IN WONDREOUS WAYS HIS MIRACLES.."

I must admit my surprise when I discovered my hands and arms began to tingle and grow warm, and for a fraction of a second I experienced the ecstasy that I so much needed. That's when to my dismay I discovered that in the candlelit room I had placed my arms upon my wife's heating pad. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

The next morning the judge gave me a two-year sentence and I was incarcerated in Seminole County Jail. I remember when they locked me up the warning I had been given when I first began in AA (and NA). That was H.A.L.T. Don't get too hungry, angry, lonely or tired. I found when I

And I saw above them another group of the same people joined together in spirit and warmth, working to combat their illness. I could feel this group consciousness reaching out to me, protecting me and giving me the courage and fortitude to continue on with my program. My Higher Power had revealed itself to me when I most needed it.

To you at AA and NA I owe my life and sanity. There is no doubt in my mind that I will continue getting better and one day I will collectively with the group reach out in spirit and save others who so desperately need help. Thank you so much. "It Works!"

(Dan is also member of NA-Give It Up Group)

Thanks To Orlando's Intergrupper

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BELETED APRIL

Elliot B	Unity (Apalacian H)	1																			
MAY																					
Joe S	Waynesville	4																			
Dick W	Hendersonville	36																			
Pat O G	Hendersonville	7																			
Dorothy J	Hendersonville	4																			
Jackie W	Victoria	2																			
David R	Victoria	6																			
Bob V	Victoria	3																			
Roy L	W Asheville	2																			
Jim L	W Asheville	7																			
Dick T	W Asheville	8																			
Miriam K	Traditional	4																			
Hugh H	Traditional	5																			
Jim S	Sylva	10																			
Carl	Cherokee	1																			
Hugh C	Black Mtn BBG	11																			
Eric J	Black Mtn BBG	3																			
Joe B	Blue Ridge	25	2	5	8																
Gen G	Blue Ridge	18																			
Frankie S	Blue Ridge	17																			
Ted A	Blue Ridge	8																			
Jane P	Blue Ridge	8																			
JUNE																					
Charlotte F	Victoria	6																			
Adelaide G	Victoria	19																			
Margaret V	Victoria	7																			
Norman B	W Asheville	2																			
Clyde H	W Asheville	8																			
Frank C	Murphy	3																			
Sam C	Murphy	2																			
Joe D	Hendersonville	8																			
Marshall D	Hendersonville	1																			
Bud T	Hendersonville	1																			
Forrest M	Black Mtn BBG	4																			
Ellison P	Black Mtn BBG	1																			
Cindy P	Black Mtn BBG	4																			
Don R	Black Mtn BBG	22																			
Gerry D	Twelve Step St	9																			



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Acceptance
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Fletcher
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Blue Ridge
 Jack M
 Joan B
 James Mck
 ADVANCE JULY
 Pierce A
 Virgie R
 Fred R
 Eva P
 Gertrude H
 Rick F

TOTAL
357 years
 OF SOBER HAPPY LIVING, MAN, THAT'S LIVING!!!