



MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

Newsletter of Intergroup of WNC
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AUGUST INTERGROUP MEETING TO BE HELD IN HENDERSONVILLE

The regular August meeting of Intergroup will be held at the Hendersonville Group meeting place on August 21 at 3 pm.

In Hendersonville, go south on Main Street. Park beside the Hendersonville Travel Agency between First and Allen Street. The meeting room is in an alley behind the travel agency.

GSR MEETING

The regular August meeting of the GSR's will be Sunday, August 21 at 2 pm at the Allen Center.

BIRTHDAY CLUB: The Fletcher Group made a contribution to Intergroup to celebrate the 18 th birthday of Pierce A.

Charlotte, Jim, and myself join in wishing you a sober and safe Labor Day weekend. Watch out for those amateur drunks on the road!

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1983

CAN ALCOHOLISM BE CURED ?

There still isn't any free lunch for alcoholics, as a lawsuit filed recently in California indicates clearly. Back in 1970-71 some recovering alcoholics were induced to serve as test subjects in a "behavior modification" experiment. Essentially the goal of the experiment was to prove that recovering alcoholics can be converted successfully into social drinkers. The experiment was conducted at a California state hospital and the state of California supplied the wine, beer, and liquor served at a simulated cocktail bar. Two psychology students at the University of California at Riverside conducted the experiment.

When the experiment was over the two students proclaimed the experiment to be a great success. But a later analysis of the case, by unbiased observers, showed it to be sheer disaster. Of the 20 recovering alcoholics who took part in the experiment, 13 had been forced to seek further hospitalization for alcoholism. Others had served time in jails and other institutions for alcoholism. It is claimed that one of those taking part committed suicide and three others died of alcohol related illnesses.

Last week some of the survivors of this tragedy and members of their families sued the state of California for \$40 million. They said the experiment subjected them to pain, public humiliation, arrests, and even death. The claimants say data collected during the experiment that indicated it was a success was "negligently or intentionally falsified".

Whether the claimants are successful or not, the message is clear - recovering alcoholics don't become social drinkers.

Incoming calls at Intergroup Jun 25 to July 22

General Information	3	Intergroup Business	29
AA Help	7	PI Calls	2
Family Help (Alanon)	6	Others	3
Meeting Information	14	Answerphone	19
Medical Help	6	TOTAL	<u>89</u>

Note: Every incoming call requires at least one outgoing call or some action taken.

INTERGROUP MEETING JULY 17, 1983

The regular meeting of Intergroup was held July 17 at 3 pm at the Allen Center. Present were: Jean W, chairman; Joe R, vicechairman; Miriam K, secretary; Roy H, treasurer; Ted F, trustee; Mike K, visitor; Jack M, Acceptance; Bob V, Victoria Road; Bill J, Black Mountain; Michael K, Traditional; Pearl J, Hendersonville; Curry W, Hope; Diane M, Mountain Doin's; Charlotte F, Coordinator.

The members wished to give Gerry D a vote of thanks for his work on the Mountain Doin's.

The representatives also agreed to this condensed version of the minutes for the Mountain Doin's.

A new typewriter was loaned to the Intergroup office by Buck B.

The main topic of discussion was the place for Intergroup meetings. It was suggested that the meetings be held at different places. The August meeting will be in Hendersonville.

Charlotte F mentioned that she received a call from Trend in Hendersonville asking for paid workers to sit with alcoholic patients. Everyone agreed that this was a violation of the traditions.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH DEPARTMENT: PARKWAY OFFICE - HAPPENINGS

The financial situation here is showing a decreasing balance this month - but the good news is the increasing number of individuals accepting a personal support obligation - and we thank each one of them.

The literature cupboard is more complete now and we have a need to keep it this way for our increasing demands. We receive individual, general, and professional calls asking for information and we do our best to fulfill queries from calls or letters. Groups and individuals some times run low and may need a few booklets. Wouldn't it be great to say, "Sure, we have six Big Books on the shelf."

This month, I'm off to Ohio to visit family (and a brand new grandson) and to renew and meet new AA friends. I'm looking forward to sharing N. Carolina ideas and bringing back some from there. How wonderful the commonality of our fellowship. Jim L will man the office with help from Jean W.

Good to have Sarge out among us again. He assures me he'll be available here when ready.

Easy Does It,
CWF

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



Waynesville-Grace

Lewie T 1

Sylva

Gene C 2

Bill P 5

JULY

Victoria Road

Curry W 4

Murphy

Mary M 4

Howard G 1

Sandi T 2

Ginny S 5

Black Mountain

Gladys W 2

Sylva

Ed T 1

Ed W 13

Cherokee

Sid G 1

Waynesville-Grace

Kyle B 5

AUGUST

Hendersonville

Ray D 3

Bob L 3

Terri W 1

Bill B 1

Madison County

Bill W 18

Earl B 7

John T 9

Victoria Road

Ernie G 8

Blue Ridge

Bill S 1

West Asheville

Buck R 2

Murphy

RJC 10

Sam R 4

Myrtle M 12

Sylva

Jim B 32