



MOUNTAIN

DOIN'S

August, 1985

AA GROWING IN BREVARD! NEW MEETING SET FOR SYLVAN VALLEY GROUP

A Saturday night "As Bill Sees It" meeting has been established by the Sylvan Valley Group in Brevard. The new meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot meeting room, Transylvania County Hospital. Lane M. of the Sylvan Valley Group reports that there are now seven meetings a week in Brevard!

AA AND AL-ANON COOPERATE TO ESTABLISH BREVARD HOT-LINE

The Sylvan Valley and the Brevard AA Groups have joined forces with Al-Anon to set up an alcohol hot-line in the Brevard area. According to Lane M., incoming calls to the hot-line number, 704/884-7380, are automatically forwarded, by computer, to the home phone of the volunteer on call. The three sponsoring groups announce that volunteer response has been very gratifying and complete coverage for the new service has not been a problem thus far. The new service was initiated on August 1, 1985, and a large number of calls have already been received.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES OBSERVED IN BAKERSVILLE AND HENDERSONVILLE

An Eatin' Meetin' was held on June 17th, 1985 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Serenity Group of Bakersville, according to Ann L.

Later this month the Hendersonville Group will celebrate its 40th anniversary, according to Louise F. The exact date is Sunday, August 25, 1985.

Congratulations to both groups for a combined 50 years of carrying the AA message in Western NC.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING SET FOR BLACK MOUNTAIN GROUP

On Thursday, August, 29, 1985, the Black Mountain Group will celebrate its anniversary at 8:00 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 417 Vance Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions," a film featuring AA co-founder Bill W. will be shown. Proceeds from the "no dues or fees" basket will be donated to Intergroup of Western North Carolina.

IN MEMORIUM

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Virginia S. on July 29, 1985. Virginia was active in the Traditional Group and a supporter of AA and Intergroup. She had 19 years of sobriety. She will be missed by all those who loved her.

CONGRATULATIONS DUE IN MADISON COUNTY

Ginnie S. of the Mars Hill Group and John P. of the Marshall Group were wed on July 22. Best wishes to the newlyweds and thanks to Barbara N. for the tip.

BLUE RIDGE GROUP ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN MEETING STATUS

According to Frank R., the Friday night, 8:00 p.m. meeting of the Blue Ridge Group has been changed to a closed discussion meeting, effective immediately.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT



from the INTERGROUP Treasurer...

I'm Not Drunk!!!

Starkle, starkle little twink,
Who the hell you are, I think.
I'm not as drunk as some thinkle
peep I am;
Besides I've only had tee martoonies;
and anyway, I've got all day sober to
Sunday up in.
I fool so feelish, I don't who's me yet.
But the drunker I sit her,
The longer I get.

A.B.--FL
from July '62 Grapevine



Courtesy--Asheville Citizen Times

**When all else fails . . .
the directions are in the Big Book!**

Group Contributions

Acceptance	20.00
Black Mountain	15.00
Blue Ridge	81.40
Clyde	40.00
Fletcher	25.00
Haywood Rd. Smokeless	28.79
Hendersonville	67.18
Hope	20.00
Murphy	20.00
Open Door	10.00
Serenity Service	60.00
Smokey Mountain	20.00
Traditional	52.57
Tryon	50.00
Turning Point	15.00
Unity	150.00
Victoria	30.00
Waynesville Grace	52.00
West Asheville	30.00
TOTAL	786.94

Individual Contributions 125.00
(Curry W. & Virginia S.)

Literature Sold 64.68

Disbursements

Asheville Citizen-Times	51.30
Parkway Office (rent)	55.00
AT&T	4.85
AAWorld Services	83.10
Coordinator Expense	435.00
Southern Bell	68.58
"Mountain Doin's"	149.66
TOTAL	847.49

Summary

Balance brought forward	405.68
Groups	786.94
Individuals	125.00
Literature	64.68
Total Available	1,382.30
Less Expenses	<847.49>
Balance 7-26-85	534.81

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please take note of the long list of group contributions this month. One-third of the groups in our district gave this month and that is great! The staff and officers of Intergroup want to say "thanks." We know that summertime is a difficult time for groups, but you really showed us you are willing to support your Intergroup. Keep up the good work!

HOW IT WORKS

STAND STILL AND HURT

When I first came into the Program, one of the sayings I frequently heard was-- Sometimes you have to stand still and hurt. I had gotten to AA with the idea nestled securely somewhere in that scramble brain of mine that if I was good and did what I should, I just shouldn't have to hurt.

I often hear echoes of this attitude in the questions of newcomers I encounter: When will I start to feel good, be happy? and Why does this happen to me now? and Why do I have problems like this when I'm not drinking?

What can I answer? Living involves a continual series of problems, decisions, and adjustments, even for the very stable, mature adult. Death is a part of life. Illness exists, and a sober alcoholic has no special immunity from cancer, heart disease, and the common cold.

Marital problems are in part created and almost always intensified by alcoholism. But drunkenness is not the only cause. Divorces are sought every day by people who have never had a drinking problem, from mates who have never had one, either.

We cannot change the fact that physical and emotional pain in life may be caused by many situations other than those involving alcohol. We hold no monopoly on suffering. Alcoholism is only one common problem.

By the grace of God and through Alcoholics Anonymous, we have found a solution to this one. We don't have to get drunk on top of everything else! We have Steps which help us mature and can give us a Higher Power to lighten our burdens. But we are not entitled to Utopia - just blessed with the gift of sobriety.

D.M.B., Dayton, Ohio
AA Grapevine, Inc.
July 1974

Intergroup Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of Intergroup of WNC was held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 21, 1985 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. The minutes of the June meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. Outgoing chairman Miriam K. expressed her appreciation to the membership and turned over the gavel to Sheila W., new chairman. Sheila will be assisted by:

Vice Chairman	- Michael K.
Secretary	- Marvin M.
Treasurer	- Diane M.
Trustees	- Miriam K., Ted F., and Jean W.

Ted F., Victoria Road Group, reported that some AAs on the 12th Step List have been obliged to make long-distance calls to areas where there are no contact persons with Intergroup. It was decided that 12th Steppers may submit long-distance telephone charges to Nan for reimbursement. In addition, a letter will be sent to all groups to update the 12th Step list.

Lane M., Sylvan Valley Group, announced that the Sylvan Valley Group, the Brevard Group and Al-Anon will establish a hot-line service in the Brevard area (see story, p. 1).

The next meeting of Intergroup is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 18, 1985 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.



REMINDER


3:00 p.m.



NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING

Sunday, August 18, 1985
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church




BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
JULY


Bakersville Serenity	
Ann L.	9
Waynesville Grace	
Dave S.	2

AUGUST

Traditional	
Joe S.	2
Richard T.	1
Acceptance	
Joe R.	7
Jan B.	4
Gloria G.	1
Tryon	
Jim McC.	10
Jean H.	9
Barbara F.	6
Jim H.	1
Hendersonville	
Don B.	23
Ray D.	21
Bill D.	14
Bob L.	8
Jim Mc	8
Dixie D.	4
Lance J.	1
Mars Hill	
Earl K.	19
Bob J.	3
Gene B.	3

TYPIST NEEDED FOR "MOUNTAIN DOIN'S"

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Incoming Calls to Intergroup

JULY, 1985

Answering Service	34
General Information	4
AA Help	19
Family Help (Al-Anon)	7
Meeting Information	10
Intergroup Business	13
PI Calls	5
Medical Help	0
Others	6
Total	98
Visitors	10

DWI LAWS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

So, the DWI laws got tougher! How about the laws in other countries?

Australia: The names of drivers are sent to the local newspaper and printed under the heading--HE'S DRUNK AND IN JAIL.

Malaya: The driver is jailed; if he is married, his wife goes to jail also.

Finland, England, & Sweden: Drunk drivers receive an automatic jail term of approximately one year.

South Africa: The drunk driver is given a 10 year prison sentence, a fine of \$10,000 or both.

Turkey: Drunk drivers are taken 20 miles from town by police and forced to walk back--under police escort.

Bulgaria: A second "operating under the influence" conviction is your last--the sentence for a second conviction is execution.

San Salvador: Drunk drivers are executed by firing squad.

Courtesy - "High or Dry"
South Daytona, FL



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