



The 8th District Eating Meeting will be Sunday July 12 at St Andrews Episcopal Church, 99 Academy St, Canton, NC. There will be a covered dish lunch at 1:30 pm and Bill S from Taylorsville, SC will be speaking at 2:30 pm

The Brevard/Sylvan Valley Groups of AA will host the District Eating Meeting on Sunday July 26 at the Olin Ecusta Union Hall. Bring a covered dish. The meat will be furnished. Eating at 1:30 pm. Speaker at 2:30 pm. The speaker will be Bill S our NC State Delegate. Rt 64 is the four lane entering Brevard. Turn left on Morris Road. The Olin/Ecusta Union Hall is the first big building on the left.

The Bat Cave Group has been started on Friday nights at 8 pm. The closed meeting is 1/4 mile east of the intersection of US 64 and US 74 at the Church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave.

Mountain Doin's the newsletter for Intergroup of WNC representing AA in District 7 & 8. Published monthly, Mountain Doin's is distributed on the first day of each month. The closing date for reader contributions is the 20th of each month. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of Intergroup or AA as a whole. Intergroup of WNC, Inc. is located at 107 Park Place Offices, 70 Woodfin Place in Asheville, 28801. Phone number is 254-8539. Visitors are encouraged to come by during office hours - 9:30 to 12:30, Monday through Friday.

I used to think alcohol abuse was letting your beer get warm.

Have a safe and sober 4th of July

DCM'S CORNER DISTRICT 80 DCM
Bob R

"WHO OWNS THE MONEY IN THE BASKET?"

The answer is the Group owns the money. The Trusted Servant (Treasurers) are only the custodians of the funds, they do not own it. Alcoholics Anonymous, based on early AA experience suggests this money be used for self support. Self support means the Group supports only Group and AA related services. Excessive use of basket money for gifts, flowers, lighters and so forth have diluted our primary purpose. Also large amounts of Group funds create temptation for the personal use of these funds, How many reading this have belonged to a group where this has happened? In my first AA Group the Treasurer paid her mortgage with excessive Group funds, was reelected two years later and did the same thing. Since there is no punitive action taken against any Group or individual in AA the Group in this case was out the funds. This is only one of the reasons AA suggests that only a prudent reserve over Group expenses be maintained, that the Group be given a financial report every 30 days on how much money is taken in collections and what it is spent on. It also suggested that another Group member in addition to the Treasurer know where and how much money is disbursed.

The informed Group conscience, not any individual, decides what to do with the money in the basket. Shortly after being formed my Home Group's informed conscience decided after maintaining a prudent reserve (2 months) to support the AA services (Intergroup, GSO, NC/Bermuda Area, District 80). We have no large amounts of funds to disagree with each other over the "Best" way to spend them. By supporting AA related services, we as a Group are following our 5th and 7th Traditions, carrying the message and helping AA to be self supporting. The Traditions were not written to hurt the Group, but to protect it from a "good intention" and what is "best".

from the INTERGROUP Treasurer...



Acceptance	30.00
Black Mountain	15.00
Blue Ridge	65.75
Brevard	10.00
Cashiers Valley	25.00
Fletcher	25.00
Hendersonville	79.66
Hope	10.00
Intergroup Meeting	6.00
Mountainview	90.00
Murphy	20.00
New Day	5.00
New Hope - Franklin	11.57
Open Door	10.00
Serenity Service	10.00
Sylvan Valley	100.00
Prudent Reserve (Sylvan Valley)	54.00
Traditional	25.00
Unity	50.00
West Asheville	<u>35.00</u>
Total	626.98

Individual Contributions
& Subscriptions 46.00
(John A, Michael K, Bob S,
Curry W, Charlotte F - Birthday)

Literature Sold 148.70

Expenses	
AA World Services	
Literature	133.54
Answerphone	40.00
Asheville Citizen Times	60.15
Coordinator Expense	375.00
Haywood Road Group	3.00
Hazelden - Literature	49.83
Mountain Doin's	104.28
Park Place Rent	140.00
Service Charge	.50
St Joan of Arc Church	3.00
Southern Bell	<u>71.12</u>
Total	980.42

Summary	
Balance May 18	98.62
Groups	676.98
Individuals	46.00
Literature	<u>148.70</u>
Total	970.30
Expenses	<980.42>
To Prudent Reserve	<54.00>
Balance June 19	-64.12

The Intergroup reps voted to remove \$150 from the prudent reserve to cover expenses.

Seems we've had some complaints about the Intergroup office personnel regarding times we are open.

We try to maintain the hours of 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. There are problems from time to time with non-availability of experienced substitutes, but this program has taught us that all we can do is the best we can one day at a time.

We encourage anyone who is coming from out of town to pick up literature to give us a call first. If we know you are coming, we can try to work something out.

If you call and we are not there, don't just hang up and harbor a resentment. Resentments are deadly for all of us. Leave your name and number with the answering service and we will get back to you. You don't have to be a drunk alcoholic to need help.

We who work up at Intergroup try to handle calls and requests that come to us, but we have other schedules, deadlines, and appointments. We aren't saints, just striving for progress.

Thanks to those of you who have encouraged us and made us feel like the Intergroup office can make a difference !

Want to get the Mountain Doin's at home ?

One year subscription for \$5.00

Name _____

Address _____

Send to: Intergroup of WNC
107 Park Place Offices
70 Woodfin Place
Asheville NC 28801

Yes, I'm willing to be on the 12th Step list to be called when an alcoholic reaches out for help.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Time Available _____

This information is confidential and will not be given out to anyone for any reason.

HOW IT WORKS

General Service News - District 80

The Quarterly District Workshop/Business meeting was held on Sunday, June 14 in the Jackson County Public Library, Sylva. In attendance were the DCM, Alt. DCM, GSR's from the Bryson City, Not Today, New Hope Groups, and Alt. GSR's from the Canton, Waynesville Grace, and the New Hope Groups. Service pieces on our singleness of purpose were distributed, along with the minutes from the recent Spring GSR Assembly. The District Treasurer reported that the following contributions have been received to date: Canton - \$20, Franklin - \$30, New Hope - \$24.68, Grace - \$22.50, Clyde - \$25, Mountain View - \$15, Bryson City - \$30, Not Today - \$5. Workshop collections totalled \$15. These funds have been disbursed for 1986 expenses past due and 1987 expenses. The current balance is zero, with expenses due in the amount of \$75.

Under old business the rotation of the Workshop/Business Meeting was discussed and the GSR's felt that Sylva was a central location for the entire district. The Sylva Serenity Group volunteered to continue to host it. Also continuation of the District Newsletter to the groups seems to have increased contributions to the District Treasury as hoped for by the GSR's. Dates were set for the next two District eating meetings. Canton Easy Does It Group will host July 12, with the guest speaker our Area Delegate Bill S. The Franklin Group will host the Oct 11 meeting with location to be announced later.

Under new business, the challenge to the 7th Tradition was discussed. Contributions for AA as a whole is up 40%, however only 3 Groups from District 80 have donated to GSO the first quarter. Since the response has been so good there is now a 4% discount on orders over \$25. Why AA Groups should buy their literature from AAWS was explained. A brief explanation was given on the services pieces that were distributed - the feeling the Delegates brought to the recent General Service Conference from their Areas was that the Fellowship was in many areas losing sight of our primary purpose. The statements clearly focus on this and may with the approval of the Groups

Conscience be read prior to open and closed meetings.

The State Chairman has informed me that due to some confusion over the past several years with DCM's resigning before serving their term our District is supposed to hold a DCM election in even years. I am considered to be serving out the term of a previous DCM for this year and the District will hold an election in Dec for DCM 1988-90.

The State Convention will be held in Winston/Salem on July 31, Aug. 1 & 2. If your group has not received reservation and registration forms, please contact me at 524-4868.

Our Alternate DCM, Herb J has agreed to be the District Grapevine Representative.

Pam C of the Not Today Group has agreed to serve as the District Secretary.

The next Workshop/Business will be held on Sunday Sept 13 in the Jackson County Public Library at 3 pm. All are welcome.

Bob R
DCM

INCOMING CALLS

May 18 - June 19

Answering Service	59
General Information	9
AA Help	11
Family Help (AlAnon)	14
Meeting Information	25
Intergroup Business	26
PI Calls	1
Medical Help	4
Others	<u>11</u>
Total	160

Visitors 39



Happy 4th of July



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

New Day
Jerry N 1

JUNE

Hope
Charlotte F June 10 10
Brevard
Howard M 10

JULY

Hope
Curry W July 19 8
Acceptance
Al H July 1 1
Tim B July 16 1
Curtis B July 15 1
Ella M July 4 4
Dick P July 28 5
Les J July 17 5
Mac M July 18 9
Open Door
Gladys W July 8 6
Murphy
Mary M 8
Sandi T 7
Ginny S 9
Blue Ridge
Bob P 4
Shirley G 1
New Hope
Jane J July 25 6
Hendersonville
John C July 28 6

People in the fellowship are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. Everything is further away than it used to be, it's twice as far to the corner and someone added a hill. When you ask someone to read "How It Works", they speak so softly, you can hardly hear them.

"SPONSOR A NEWCOMER"

INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 21

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the July meeting for vote.

The prudent reserve was discussed. \$150 is to be transferred out to cover expenses.

There is a need for more people on the 12th step list, especially women.

Problems with staffing of the Intergroup office was discussed.

There has been a request from Blue Ridge Center for AA's willing to be called for 12th step work when alcoholics come to St Joseph's Hospital and need to talk to an AA member rather than a Blue Ridge Center counselor. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, contact the Intergroup office.

It was noted that last month's minutes were vague concerning Michael K stepping down as chairman of Intergroup. It was suggested that a note be put in the minutes to clarify that Michael stepped down because of personal reasons.

Present: Pam P, Secretary; Jim R, Tryon Tuesday; Susan J, Hendersonville; Jo H, Haywood Road; Gene M, Marshall/Leicester; Ted F, Traditional; Joe W, Acceptance; Gary O, Sylvan Valley; Miriam K, Trustee; Leslie J, Hendersonville; Charlotte F, Coordinator; Marvin M, Vice Chairman.

REMINDER: The next Intergroup meeting will be July 19 at 3 pm at St Joan of Arc Church.

REMINDER FOR 12th STEP CALLS

If you agree to accept a call from answering and then decide it's not an AA matter, please refer the caller to the appropriate place. Don't give it back to answering. Their job is to take a number and get an AA member to handle the call.

