



MOUNTAIN

DOIN'S

November 1987

The Traditional Group will host the District Meeting on Sunday November 8 at 1:30 pm. The group will furnish the meat, drinks, and rolls. Maurice who just moved here from Kansas will be the speaker. The meat will be catered by Bill Stanley's.

The Sylvan Valley Group announces the following meeting changes: The regular Wednesday night discussion group is now a closed meeting. Beginning Saturday, October 10, there will be a beginners meeting. This will be every Saturday morning at 10 am in the regular meeting room and will be an open meeting.

The Black Mountain Group invites all alcoholics and friends to join the group for a special meeting celebrating Traditions Month and Gratitude Week on Monday, November 16 at St James Episcopal Church, 417 Vance Avenue in Black Mountain. Dick W from Charlotte, NC will speak on the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Fellowship and food will begin at 7:15 pm and the meeting will be at 8 pm. Proceeds of the basket will be donated to GSO for worldwide Twelfth Step work. Please bring a desert or light snack; coffee and soft drinks will be provided

INTERGROUP OPEN HOUSE

The Intergroup Office is officially moved now. We are right around the corner from the old office. The address and phone number will remain the same. The Intergroup staff would like to thank Alan and Jim from the First Step Farm for moving our furniture. We will be having open house the week of November 9. We will have some refreshments on hand and invite everyone who can to come by and see our new office.

You are invited
to
OPEN HOUSE

There has been much discussion about the primary purpose of AA. The following statement took the General Service Conference of 1987 about four hours of debate. We have reprinted it here so that you may read it at your meetings.

**THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of A.A.'s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism.

**THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here — especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking," we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.

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from the INTERGROUP Treasurer...



September 21 - October 16

Acceptance	30.00
Black Mountain	30.00
Blue Ridge	77.97
Brevard	10.00
Canton	15.00
Cashiers Valley	25.00
Fletcher	25.00
Hendersonville	83.79
Hope	10.00
Intergroup Meeting	5.00
Mid Day	15.00
Murphy	20.00
New Day	25.00
New Hope - Franklin	58.80
Open Door	10.00
Serenity Service	10.00
Traditional	30.00
West Asheville	<u>35.00</u>
Total	515.56

Individual Contributions 70.00
(John A, Virginia S,
Gerd S - birthday)

Literature Sold 332.75

Expenses	
AA World Services (literature)	145.31
A T & T	7.29
Answerphone	40.00
Asheville Citizen Times	62.62
Coordinator Expense	360.00
Haywood Road Group	5.00
Hazelden (literature)	97.07
Mountain Doin's	105.48
Office Supplies	51.38
Park Place Rent	85.00
Public Information	22.00
Southern Bell	<u>148.44</u>
Total	1140.99

Summary	
Balance September 21	411.59
Groups	515.56
Individuals	70.00
Literature Sold	<u>332.75</u>
Total	1329.90
Less Expenses	<1140.99>
to Prudent Reserve	<u><10.00></u>
Balance September 18	178.91

Note about Financial Statement: The Blue Ridge Group donated \$22 in memory of Joan N to be used for Public Information. A check was sent to the PI committee chairman.

The large telephone bill included a yearly fee for extra listings and a service charge for moving the phone to the new office.

DISTRICT 70 GSR MEETING

The regular GSR meeting was held on Sunday, October 18 at St Joan of Arc Church in Asheville.

Present: Kathy O, Sylvan Valley; Craig R, Open Door; Perry B, Back to Basics; Richard T, Traditional; Mike S, Hendersonville; Bill G, Black Mountain - visitor; Jo H, Haywood Road; Tom C, Acceptance; Cindy P, Black Mountain; Forrest M, Black Mountain; Marshall D, Mid Day, Barbara S, Blue Ridge; Bob S, Hendersonville; Rick F, Hendersonville; Bob V, Acceptance; Loraine B, Acceptance; Rod B, Acceptance; Ray D, Hendersonville.

We would like to encourage everyone to continue to support the DCM fund. Your help is really appreciated. Minutes from the DCM meeting in Winston Salem were read. A copy will be sent to all GSR's who request them.

Our Fall GSR Assembly will be held on November 21 and 22 in Winston Salem. The theme will be "Singleness of Purpose, Key to Unity."

The drawings for our eating meetings has been postponed until December 13 at our next meeting. We ask everyone in the groups to help their GSR's on how to improve our eating meetings and how to get more support for them. The GSR representatives will sponsor the eating meeting in January of 1988. The date is January 10, the time and place will be announced.

Recovery
Unity
Service

HOW IT WORKS

Attracting the Newcomer

It is apparent to many of us who attend meetings regularly that there are quite a number who come along for a meeting or two then don't come back, at least not right away. This has made me ponder on how we can make our group meetings more attractive to newcomers.

Some years ago our groups were smaller and there were fewer newcomers. The first-timer was fussed over with much love and caring. But now with the larger groups and more new people coming along, the beginner can often go unnoticed.

Participation is one of the essential ingredients to our recovery; with large groups this is difficult. There is sound logic behind the suggestion that ideally a group should consist of fifteen members. There are some other essential ingredients within the group - fellowship, cooperation, sponsorship, and leadership. No matter how fully and able we may explain our recovery program, success will depend on how much these factors are in evidence.

Another thing is group meetings must be interesting, the kind of meeting that each member looks forward to attending. It must not be a prayer meeting, nor can it be a party, nor a theological discussion, and above all, it should not be a recitation of the lurid and unpleasant episodes from the dead past.

Balance is necessary - serious but not depressing, humorous without being offensive. Above all, it must provide hope because strictly speaking that is all we have to offer, along with the personal examples of recovery evident in those members attending the meetings.

All these should convey attraction to the newcomer, making him want to return and join our wonderful fellowship.

Gordon W.
Washington Area Intergroup Association
January 1987

INTERGROUP MEETING 10/18/87

The Intergroup office will be stocking chips. They will be ordered this week. The move to the new office is completed. Marvin reminded the reps to read the flyer about Intergroup at their meetings. He also suggested that old reps bring the newly elected reps to an Intergroup meeting.

Discussion followed as to how to encourage reps to come to Intergroup meetings.

Present: Leslie J, Secretary; Marvin M, Chairman; Miriam K, Trustee; Bill W, Serenity Service; Jo H, Haywood Road; Ted F, visitor; Rod B, Acceptance; Gary O, Sylvan Valley; Lane M, Vicechairman.

The next Intergroup meeting will be November 15 at 3 pm at St Joan of Arc Church.

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.





BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Traditional			
Ella M	July 4		4
Marilyn B	July 4		2
Allan H			1
Tony G	July 26		1
Weldon M	July 29		7

AUGUST

Traditional			
Will T	Aug 1		5
Bill M	Aug 4		14
Richard T	Aug 7		3
Wayne C	Aug 10		1
Bud G	Aug 11		3
Rud L	Aug 12		3
Steve H	Aug 15		1
Gene H	Aug 24		2
Joel A	Aug 28		2
Deanna	Aug 28		1

Brevard			
Eva P			10

SEPTEMBER

Traditional			
Catherine C	Sept 5		3
Steve S	Sept 7		1
Bob R	Sept 7		4
Johnny C	Sept 9		1
Jack C	Sept 10		9

Brevard			
Margaret H			1

OCTOBER

Traditional			
Pat G	Oct 15		2
Pete T	Oct 20		5
Russ B	Oct 21		16

Marshall			
Don M	Oct 31		9

Brevard			
Lorraine W			8

Haywood Road			
Fred H	Oct 3		23
Jim O	Oct 31		17

Cumberland Avenue			
Evelyn S	Oct 20		2

NOVEMBER

Traditional			
Morris R	Nov 6		14
Jean W	Nov 12		11
Cindy S	Nov 17		1
Ron P	Nov 17		2

NOVEMBER CONTINUED

Hope			
Rebecca T			2

Fletcher			
Don O			25
Walter B			25

Acceptance			
Cynthia C	Nov 1		2
John P	Nov 1		2
Lorraine B	Nov 3		4
Leslie S	Nov 10		6
Marge M	Nov 17		3
Bill W	Nov 23		7
Dave L	Nov 13		6

Murphy			
Harold C			2

West Asheville			
Corky M	Nov 4		13
David T	Nov 5		8
Nan D	Nov 23		5

New Day			
Gene J			7
Virginia S			26

Hendersonville			
John C	Nov 23		11
Ed G	Nov 3		8
Martha S	Nov 10		4

Black Mountain			
Donna N	Nov 12		10
Bill G	Nov 30		4

Blue Ridge			
Howard P	Nov 10		39
Woody O	Nov 1		23

INCOMING CALLS

September 21 - October 16

Answering Service	90
General Information	6
AA Help	7
Family Help (AlAnon)	13
Meeting Information	19
Intergroup Business	23
PI Calls	2
Medical Help	2
Others	28
Total	190

Visitors 49

