

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S.

· the intergroup newsletter ·



## AA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DISTRICT 70 & 80 INTERGROUP MEETING - The last INTERGROUP meeting was held Sunday, August 21, 1988 at 3:00 PM at St. Joan of Arc Church. Recent attendance at INTERGROUP monthly meetings has been quite limited. Area groups are urged to be sure their Intergroup Representative attends these meetings regularly.

The next INTERGROUP meeting will be held Sunday, September 18, 1988 at the same time & location. We look forward to seeing you there!

AA PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - The next meeting of the Public Information Committee will be held Sunday, September 18, 1988 at 2:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Church, 919 Haywood Road, Asheville. All area AA groups who have not elected a Public Info. Rep. should do so as soon as possible so they may attend this important meeting. (Dist. 70)

DISTRICT 80 GSR BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP - Will be held September 11, 1988, 3:00 PM, at the Jackson County Public Library in Silva, N.C.

DISTRICT 70 EATING MEETING - Sunday, September 18, 1988, at St. Joan of Arc Church, 919 Haywood Road, Asheville, N.C. Eating at 4:00 PM, Speaker at 5:00 PM. Come early and spend some time with other AA members in our district!!

GSR EATING MEETING - A GSR sponsored Eating Meeting has tentatively been scheduled for October 9, 1988. Your group GSR Representative will inform you soon of the details.

MOUNTAIN DOIN'S DEADLINE - Deadline for submissions to Mountain Doin's for the October, 1988 issue is SEPTEMBER 5th! (See article in this issue for details.)

31st ICYPAA - The 31st International Conference of Young People in AA will be held September 2 - 5, 1988, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Call (615) 889-1000 for information, or stop by the Intergroup Office for details.



Alcoholics Anonymous

September, 1988

N.C. Districts 70 & 80

Intergroup of WNC - 107 Park Place Offices - 70 Woodfin Place - Asheville, NC 28801 - Phone 704/254-8539







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\* Intergroup Meeting (minutes): \*  
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\* The regular INTERGROUP meeting was held on July 17, 1988. Only five  
\* people were present: Pam P., Chairperson; Leslie B., Outgoing Secret-  
\* ary; Kathy F., Haywood Road; Miriam K., Outgoing Trustee; and Diane  
\* M., Outgoing Treasurer. It was noted that the financial position of  
\* Intergroup is better - thanks to some extra contributions from groups.  
\* Prudent reserve money was not needed for this month.

\* Jim D. announced that he wishes to resign as editor of Mountain Doin's.  
\* Tom C. of the Acceptance Group has agreed to be editor. Jim was given  
\* a vote of thanks for his work on the newsletter over the past months.  
\* Debbie P. is the new Secretary and Bob. V. is the new Treasurer for  
\* Intergroup. The next meeting will be September 18th at St. Joan of  
\* Arc Church, 919 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC. ( - Diane M.)

\* \*\*\*The Intergroup Office requests that groups provide updates on their  
\* meeting schedules as soon as possible for inclusion in the next  
\* printing of the 'Where & When' brochures.  
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\* General Service News // District 80 \*  
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\* The Quarterly District Eating Meeting was held July 10th in Bryson  
\* City, hosted by the NOT TODAY GROUP. About 50 people joined in fellow-  
\* ship on one of the hottest days of summer and enjoyed listening to Ron  
\* K. of Lenoir, DCM of District 12. The food was both excellent and in  
\* abundance.

\* The next Eating Meeting will be on October 9, 1988. Since  
\* there is only a tentative host group as of now, please watch for future  
\* announcements or notices to GSRs.

\* The district is in need of host  
\* groups for 1989. If your group would like to host, please have your  
\* GSR bring this information to the GSR's Business Meeting/Workshop on  
\* September 11, 1988 at 3:00 PM, in the Jackson County Library, Silva, NC.  
\* All GSRs, Alternates, plus any other AAs are welcome and urged to attend.  
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- BOB R., DCM

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\* The Seventh Tradition ~ \*  
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\* "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining  
\* outside contributions." \*  
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\* This one sentence covers not only how a group is supported, but also  
\* goes beyond this and embraces the entire A.A. support system. The long  
\* form states public solicitation of any funds is dangerous, as are any  
\* contributions carrying any obligation whatever being unwise. It also  
\* talks of problems that may arise from group treasuries that continue  
\* beyond prudent reserves to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose.

\* I know of no other subject that creates worse problems in a group  
\* than an over-abundance of funds. Every member knows the "best way" to  
\* spend it! We have guidelines to protect us from this - Support of AA  
\* Services, Intergroup Association, General Service Office, Area General  
\* Service Committee (N.C./Bermuda), and direct treasury. All of these  
\* have expenses related to "carrying the message". The group's respon-  
\* sibility does not end with just support of itself - but goes beyond  
\* this to support Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

- BOB R., DCM  
District #80  
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# A A BIRTHDAYS !!

# PERSPECTIVES.....

## ACCEPTANCE (August)

Fred H.	1
Debbie P.	2
Cary V.	1
Gloria G.	4
Dan D.	1
Dale N.	2

## BLACK MOUNTAIN (August)

Peter J.	8/13	14
Jane H.	8/20	3
Sue F.	8/17	1

## BLUE RIDGE (Aug/Sept)

Bill S.	8/28	6
Liz D.	8/12	3
John A.	9/7	19
Archie D.	9/29	13
Thomas T.		
Beth A.	9/16	3

## BREVARD (July/Aug)

Cecil Mc.	7/5	1
Eva P.	8/-	10

## HAYWOOD ROAD (Sept)

Mike D.	9/3	5
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## HENDERSONVILLE (Aug)

Tom H.	8/1	24
Maurice W.	8/1	1
Odell	8/3	1
Bob L.	8/8	8
Ray D.	8/21	8
Don B.	8/23	6
David M.	8/24	1
John S.	8/16	1

## LEICESTER (Sept)

Walter S.	9/1	2
Grady O.	9/1	2
David H.	9/9	3

## MARS HILL (Aug/Sept)

Earl K.	8/2	22
Gene B.	8/27	6
M.Anne J.	9/19	2

## MARION (Aug)

Gene B.	8/25	7
Charlie S.	8/25	1

## NEW HOPE (Aug/Sept)

Marl B.	8/26	3
Bob R.	9/6	19

## SYLVA (July/Aug)

Jeff M.	7/14	3
Bobbi B.	8/21	8
Ayer G.	8/18	3

## TRADITIONAL (August)

Ed B.	8/17	1
Mary T.	8/26	1
Deanna W.	8/28	2
Joel A.	8/28	3
Rud L.	8/12	4
Richard T.	8/7	4

If you were to ask me what is the greatest danger facing A.A. today, I would have to answer: the growing rigidity - the increasing demand for absolute answers to nit-picking questions; pressure for G.S.O. to "enforce" our Traditions; screening alcoholics at our closed meetings; prohibiting non-Conference approved literature, i.e., 'banning books'; laying more and more rules on groups and their members. And in this trend towards rigidity, we are drifting farther and farther away from our co-founders. Bill, in particular, must be spinning in his grave, for he was perhaps the most permissive person I ever met. One of his favorite sayings was - "Every group has the right to be wrong!" He was maddeningly tolerant of his critics, and he had absolute faith that faults in A.A. were self-correcting.

And I believe this, too, so in the final analysis we're not going to fall apart. We won't falter or fail. At the 1970 International Convention in Miami, I was in the audience that Sunday morning when Bill made his last brief public appearance. He was too ill to take his scheduled part in any other convention event, but now, unannounced, on a Sunday morning, he was wheeled up from the back of the stage in a wheelchair, attached with tubes to an oxygen tank. Wearing a ridiculous bright-orange host committee blazer, he heaved his angular body to his feet and grasped the podium - and all pandemonium broke loose. I thought the thunderous applause and the cheering would never stop, tears streaming down every cheek. Finally, in a firm voice, like his old self, Bill spoke a few gracious sentences about the huge crowd, the outpouring of love, and the many overseas members there, ending (As I remember) with these words:

"As I look over this crowd, I know that Alcoholics Anonymous will live a thousand years - if it is God's will....."

(Bob P. - 1986 General Service Conference)

## just a reminder....

One of the best ways to say "THANKS" to our General Service Office is by making a birthday contribution on your A.A. birthday. \$1.00 is suggested for each year of sobriety. Envelopes for making your gift are available at Inter-group, though it is suggested that all groups keep a supply on hand for their members. Your gift not only shows your appreciation, but also helps the G.S.O. to continue their vital and important work!! This time.- CELEBRATE BY GIVING!



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# Intergroup Information

SEPTEMBER							AUGUST							OCTOBER															
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\*\* SEPTEMBER 18, 1988: In addition to the District #70 Eating Meeting, the INTERGROUP meeting will be at 3:00 PM, and the Dist. #70 Public Information meeting will be at 2:30 PM at St. Joan's. Committee members and interested individuals are urged to attend!

## \$\$ Treasurer's Report

group contributions:	Acceptance	60.00
	Back To Basics	20.00
	Black Mountain	30.00
	Blue Ridge	82.00
	Brevard	25.00
	Cashiers	25.00
	Day By Day	20.00
	Fletcher	25.00
	Franklin	30.00
	Haywood Road	20.00
	Hendersonville	202.48
	Hope	20.00
	Intergroup	4.00
	Leicester	25.00
	Marion	50.00
Open Door	10.00	
Serenity Service	20.00	
Sylva	25.00	
Sylvan Valley	46.00	
Spruce Pine	25.00	
Traditional	91.81	
Waynesville	114.00	
West Asheville	35.00	
Individual	20.00	
<b>Group Total:</b>	<b>1025.29</b>	
<b>Literature Sold:</b>	<b>377.19</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>1402.48</b>	

expenses:	AAWS	155.46
	Answer Phone	59.80
	Citizen Times	68.40
	A T & T	8.75
	Chips	28.25
	Coordinators	360.00
	Haywood Rd.	
	Coffee	2.00
	Hazelden	14.10
	Rent	90.00
	Printwerk	62.48
	Stamps	46.60
	St. Joan of Arc (Room)	2.00
	South. Bell	79.33
	Serv, Chge.	.25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>977.42</b>	

<b>summary:</b>	
Balance 6/30	42.37
Groups	1005.29
Individuals	20.00
Literature	377.19
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1444.85</b>
(-) Expenses:	977.42

Balance July 31, 1988: \$467.43  
 (- BOB V., TREASURER)

## Intergroup Phone Log...

Answering Service	184
Gen. Information	7
AA Help	19
Family Help(A1-Anon)	17
Meeting Information	46
Intergroup Business	26
Public Info. Calls	2
Medical Help	2
Others	23
<b>Total:</b>	<b>326</b>
Visitors to Office.....	40

## newsletter notes:

Mountain Doin's is published the 3rd Sunday of each month. Submission deadline is the 5th of each month preceeding our publication date. Comments & opinions, as well as articles are desired & encouraged!! Opinions & articles may not necessarily be those of the WNC Intergroup Office, staff or Alcoholics Anonymous per se, but reflect the diversity of our membership. (Tom C., Editor)

(Thanks to Diane, Miriam & Bob for their help...!!)