

MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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Readers' Forum

LIVE LETTERS

More About the Program

I don't think that the reader who offered to "shed some light" on the AA program was altogether correct. His rather pompous summation left out some of the spirit of what AA is all about. True, the Big Book contains all the suggestions for reaching sobriety, but I think he or she missed out on some aspects of the program that are just as important as mere sobriety.

The letter talks about "we who are sponsors walk hand in hand with our 'pigeons' through the program of recovery," but it doesn't mention walking a little farther—into the kitchen, for instance and helping make coffee; serving as secretary, giving a hand with clearing up after a meeting; becoming an active part of one's home group. And, above all, going regularly to meetings in order to share, listen, and offer in any way to help the still suffering alcoholic.

I think sharing and caring are as much a part of one's program as studying the steps according to the book. —JL

Live and Let Live

It used to worry me a great deal at AA meetings to find that many of my own opinions seemed to be out of whack with everyone else's. Especially as I felt that my opinions were right!

But later I came to realize that others are just as much entitled to their own

opinions as I was to mine. Other people's lives were their own business, as mine was my own.

I used to alienate people because I tended to foist my opinions on them. Now, I don't. Or, at least, I try not to. I guess Traditions 1 and 5 sum it up: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity," and "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." —TD

The Good Old Days Syndrome

I pray for the day when the longtimers stop yearning for the good old days when all meetings were speaker meetings, where newcomers were never allowed to share. In general, longtimers seem to bemoan the changes in AA.

Well, personally, I think the reverse. I think AA is maturing and learning from the experiences of its early-day growth. Today, more and more young people are entering the program and they find it difficult to identify with the old 'uns drunkalogues. As times and outlooks change, so does AA adapt to today's scene—and that's good.

As far as I'm concerned, if today's AA style works, and it does for me and my contemporaries, let's not look back to yesterday but be proud of today's AA. —NT

Sharing Helps Us All

We want to hear from you. If you have anything to share, your questions or opinions can help us all. Send your letters to: The Editor, Mountain Doin's Intergroup of WNC, 107 Park Place Offices, 70 Woodfin Place, Asheville, NC 28801.

Intergroup Phone Log



"I am responsible . . .
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I
want the hand of AA al-
ways to be there. And
for that, I am respon-
sible."

Phone Log 2/4/91--3/1/91

Answering Service Calls	101
General Information	8
AA Help	21
Family Help (Al-Anon)	5
Meeting Information	34
Intergroup Business	49
Medical Help (Hosp., Detox, etc)	1
Others	18
Visitors	30



Calendar of Events

Weekend AA Spiritual Retreat.

April 26, 27, and 28. To be held at Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751. Transport is available from Asheville. Cost: \$70--includes private room; all meals; coffee. Arrival and check-in between 7p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday April 26.

For more information call Mac, 704-687-2324 between 4-7pm only, or Wayne, 704-628-1635 between 5-7pm only.

The purpose of the Retreat is to afford all AA members an opportunity for quiet reflection and to participate in a directed approach to their spiritual wellbeing.

South Eastern Regional Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous.

To be held July 4-7, at Memphis Airport Hilton, Memphis, Tennessee. Entertainment includes: Thursday, Big Book Charades; Friday, Lip Sync, Talent Show, Battle of Bands; Saturday, Banquet and Dance.

Mention SERCYPAA and receive room rates of \$55 until June 20 at Memphis Airport Hilton, 1-800-445-8667.



Blue Ridge Group

William L. 4/4/82 9 years

Brevard Group

Terry G. 3/26/79 12 years

Culowhee Valley Group

Steve S. 3/8/89 2 years

Darren V. 3/15/90 1 year

David C. 3/20/89 2 years

Hendersonville Group

Irma D. 3/7/85 6 years

Keith H. 3/15/88 3 years

Deborah T. 3/17/87 4 years

Max B. 3/17/89 2 years

Carmelita A. 3/20/83 8 years

Mike S. 3/27/77 14 years

Steve H. 4/9/85 6 years

Laura J. 4/12/77 13 years

Joyce H. 4/15/89 2 years

Richard C. 4/22/85 6 years

Sam W. 4/29/88 3 years

Anne C. 5/25/88 3 years

Roy P. 5/27/90 1 year

Midday Group, Hendersonville

Ken W. 4/24/90 1 year

Miriam S. 4/17/87 4 years

Gail A. 4/24/88 3 years

Ridgerunners Group

Konrad 3/17/90 1 year

Paul J. 3/6/80 1 year

Janet F. 4/24/86 5 years

Chris M. 4/10/89 2 years

Serenity Service Group

Corean W. 3/15/85 6 years

Vann V. 3/22/89 2 years

Barbara D. 3/28/81 10 years

Tracy B. 4/9/90 1 year

Steve M. 4/12/83 8 years

Stephanie L. 4/16/86 5 years

Jimmie L. 4/17/90 1 year

Tim M. 4/22/90 1 year

District 70 DCM Report

Our District 70 Meeting was held on March 3 and we had a good turnout of GSRs, Alternates, and others representing many of our groups. I appreciate your patience concerning the length of the meeting, but there was much business to discuss and we covered a lot of ground, quite successfully. Your input was most helpful. Hopefully, future meetings can be shorter.

We set dates for District Meetings for the next two years. *(The dates are published at foot of column—Ed)*

A committee was selected to plan Eating Meetings and we are working to have our first one sometime in June.

I would like to encourage any groups who were not represented at the March District Meeting to have their GSR or someone from the group attend the next District Meeting scheduled for May 5, 1991. All groups should be represented and we consider each group important to our District as a whole.

Participating in District Meetings is a part of our responsibility to the program that saved out lives. It is one of the ways we give back what we have been given. So I urge every group to be involved. The things we discuss and decisions made at the District, State and GSO levels affect your groups.

Any group who has not returned your group information sheet to me, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, please call and I'll forward one to you.

Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance.

Love in the Fellowship,
Gayle P. (665-2455)

Note: District 70's new mailing address is: P.O. Box 17545, Asheville, NC 28816.

District 70 Meeting Dates 1991

1991--May 5, July 7, Sept. 8, Nov. 3
1992--January 5, March 8, May 3, July 12
September 6, November 8.

All meetings will be held at Serenity Service Group, 853 Merrimon Avenue, (behind Mitchell's Restaurant—upstairs) Meetings will begin at 2 p.m.



Fellowship News

Hendersonville Happy Hour Group. New Meeting. Come and share at the new Happy Hour Group meetings at 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Trend Building on Fleming Street (exactly opposite Pardee Hospital). The meetings are open discussion, nonsmoking. Can't get to lunchtime meetings? Don't want to go out at night? The Hendersonville Happy Hour is the meeting for you! Entrance at rear of building; plenty of parking.

District 80 Eating Meeting. Scheduled for April 14, the Sunday meeting will be held at Morgan Pavilion, Deep Creek Campground, Bryson City, NC. The Eating begins at 1:30; Speaker Meeting at 2:30. (Intergroup of WNC meeting will follow the Speaker).

Intergroup of WNC Meeting Scheduled

WNC Intergroup will meet on April 14 following the District 80 Meeting at Morgan Pavilion, Deep Creek Campground, Bryson City, NC. The Intergroup meeting will be held after the 2:30 p.m. Speaker Meeting. All WNC Intergroup representatives of Districts 70, 71, and 80 are urged to attend.

District 71 GSRs to meet

A meeting has been scheduled for all GSRs in new District 71 on Sunday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hendersonville Group Meeting Room at the rear of 123 Main Street, Hendersonville. This is an important meeting and all group GSRs are urged to attend. If your Group does not have a GSR please send a representative who can report back to your group all decisions made regarding our newly formed District 71. District 71 consists of all groups in Henderson, Transylvania and Polk Counties.

Treasurer's Report



<u>Contributions</u>	
Acceptance	\$ 60.00
Black Mountain	35.00
Blue Ridge	25.00
Brevard	70.19
Cashiers Valley	25.00
Cullowhee Valley	50.00
Cumberland	50.00
Day by Day	40.00
Fletcher	25.00
Hendersonville	156.88
Live and Let Live	10.00
Midday	100.00
Monday Morn. Women's	30.00
Serenity Service	40.00
Sylva	25.00
Tryon Tuesday	120.00
West Asheville	35.00
Individual Members	100.00
Total	997.07

<u>Expenses</u>	
Rent: 107 Park Place	94.00
Bank Charges	.50
Phone: Basic Service	85.61
Answering Service	76.00

<u>Expenses (continued)</u>	
Postage	64.36
Office Supplies	7.59
Printing - Newsletter	135.00
Petty Cash	5.00
Special Workers-Coordinator	360.00
Editor	46.00
Total	874.00

Literature	436.91
Chips	72.04
Transfer to Reserve	300.00
Total	1683.01

<u>Summary</u>	
Balance 1-13-91	323.31

<u>Income</u>	
Group Contributions	897.07
Individual Contributions	100.00
Sales - Literature & chips	694.00
Total	1691.87
Sub Total (available)	2015.18

<u>Expenses</u>	
Office	874.06
Literature	436.91
Chips	72.04
Transfer to Reserve	300.00
Total	1683.01
Balance 2-18-91	\$332.17

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