

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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## 1st North Carolina Native American Convention Cherokee, N.C.

November 10-13, 1994

*Everyone Welcome!*

### Readers' Forum

## LIVE LETTERS

### Readers Respond to Page 449 Comment

*Editor's note: October Live Letters included a letter from a reader "miffed" at the Big Book's page 449 statement: "Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by accident." Published here are two readers' responses.*

My rebellion against accepting that simple statement was very strong. Based on my old ideas, God was a sadistic, punishing power, subjecting humans to horrendous pains to prove their worthiness of his blessings. That was the God of *my* understanding, based on years of misinformation provided by others.

My first period of sobriety lasted almost two years.

I admitted my alcoholism but was merely a spectator in the fellowship of A.A. My face-value judgments were enough to convince me that people in A.A. did not meet my standards of spirituality. I was a student of many spiritual philosophies. I had a strong belief in God and knew that this power would keep me sober. Furthermore, I could read the Big Book without A.A.'s help. In time, I doubted my alcoholism and spent a few months back with the bottle.

My last drunk proved, beyond any doubt, that I was powerless over alcohol. My animosity toward God was very deep because he did not keep me sober.

My sponsor helped me to understand the importance of the fellowship in my recovery. Also, to accept the Big Book as my guidelines for recovery, especially the first 164 pages. In time, I fully conceded to my

*Live Letters continued on next page*

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Dave A.	11-24-85	9 years
Carl D.	11-26-92	2 years
Edith S.	11-27-92	2 years

#### Black Mountain Group

Bill G.	11-30-83	11 years
Anne O.	11-6-79	15 years
Fred P.	11-8-79	15 years

#### Brevard Group

Danny Mc	11-9-93	1 year
Karen B.	11-25-92	2 year
Gene O'H.	11-6-87	7 years

#### Cumberland Group

Howard E.	11-3-92	2 years
D.	11-14-92	2 years
Bob R.	9-7-83	11 years
Leslie H.	9-10-84	10 years
Connie K.	9-30-92	2 years

#### Hendersonville Group

Ed. G.	11-3-79	15 years
Jackie	11-7-93	1 year
Lisa H.	11-7-93	1 year
Andy H.	11-24-91	3 years
Don O.	11-8-62	32 years
Lisa H.	11-2-93	1 year

#### Marion Group

Lou A.	9-7-90	4 years
Mark B.	9-7-90	4 years
Wendy R.	9-7-87	7 years

#### Mars Hill Group

Don B.	10-17-82	12 years
David Y.	10-27-93	1 year
Michael M.	10-22-92	2 years

#### Midday Group

Susan H.	11-12-91	3 years
Kathy McG.	11-21-84	10 years

#### Pathfinders Group

Connie H.	10-4-83	11 years
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#### Serenity Service Group

Maurice H.	10-27-78	16 years
Joy G.	10-18-83	11 years
Greg H.	10-21-93	1 year
Jim O.	10-31-70	24 years
Jeanette H.	10-16-93	1 year

## Nov. Area 51 Assembly Reminder From G.S.Com.

The North Carolina General Service Committee has sent a letter to all GSRs and Alternates reminding them that the Fall Assembly time is almost here. The Assembly will be held on November 4, 5, and 6, 1994, at the North Raleigh Hilton, located at 3415 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh. An important event will be the election of new Area 51 Officers to serve for the next two years.

The Assembly will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. An early bird meeting will be held on Friday evening for early arrivals.

Reservation forms have been sent to GSRs and Alternates.

The GS Committee particularly asks GSRs to discuss all agenda and business items with their groups and DCMs, in order to come to the Assembly prepared to participate. Attendees are asked to bring with them the Service Manual.

The Committee looks forward to seeing all representatives at this important Assembly in Raleigh.

The trouble with opportunity is that it only knocks. Temptation kicks the door in.

## Happiness is not the Point

*I don't think happiness is the point. How do we meet the problems we face? How do we best learn from them and transmit what we have learned to others, if they would receive the knowledge?*

In my search "to be happy" I changed jobs, married and divorced, took geographical cures and ran myself into debt—financially, emotionally, and spiritually. In A.A. I'm learning to grow up. Instead of demanding that people, places, and things make me happy, I ask God for self-acceptance.

When a problem overwhelms me, A.A.'s Twelve Steps will help me grow through the pain. The knowledge I gain can be a gift to others who suffer with the same problem. As Bill said, "When pain comes, we are expected to learn from it willingly and help others to learn. When happiness comes, we accept it as a gift, and thank God for it.

—From *As Bill Sees It*



# Treasurer's Report

N.C. Mountain Central Office, Inc.  
Financial Report for the month  
of September, 1994

## INCOME

### Group Contributions

Acceptance Group	\$60.00
Asheville Women's Group	\$65.20
Black Mountain Group	\$21.00
Brevard Group	\$35.00
Candler KISS Group	\$50.00
Conscious Contact Group	\$150.00
Day By Day Group	\$45.00
Etowah Group	\$40.00
Hendersonville Group	\$195.45
Hendersonville Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Hendersonville Midday Group	\$100.00
Just for Today group	\$3.00
Leicester Group	\$25.00
Mars Hill Group	\$50.00
Marshall Group	\$50.00
Pathfinders Group	\$15.00
Pine Grove Group	\$10.00
Roundtable Group	\$25.00
Serenity Service Group	\$74.97
Sylva Group	\$15.00
Up The Creek Group	\$5.00

Waynesville Grace Group	\$100.00
West Asheville Group	\$35.00
<b>Total Group Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,219.62</b>

### Individual Contributions

Curry J.	\$100.00
<b>Total Individual Contributions</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

### Other Income

Literature and Chips sales	\$1,210.60
Mtn. Doin's & Where & When sales	\$25.60

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,555.82</b>
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## EXPENSES

Rent	\$105.00
Telephone	\$198.23
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$592.61
Cost of Mtn Doin's & Where & When publication and distribution	\$548.43
Cost of Literature and Chips Sales	\$1,133.14
Other Expenses	\$16.76
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,594.17</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$38.35)</b>
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### Financial Status,

<b>End of August (recast)</b>	<b>\$3,088.31</b>
Operating Bank Balance, Sept 30	\$2,851.44
Cash and checks on hand, Sept 30	\$440.40
Accruals	(\$249.68)

<b>Financial Status, end of September</b>	<b>\$3,042.16</b>
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## July Group Contributions

The list of Group contributions for the month of July, 1994, has now been received by Mountain Doin's and is published below:

### Group Contributions

Acceptance Group	\$300.00
Acceptance Group (Prison Group)	\$100.00
Back to Basics Group	\$50.00
Brevard Group	\$35.00
Cashiers Valley Group	\$175.00
Conscious Contact Group	\$180.00
Cullowhee Valley Group	\$15.00
Cumberland Ave. Group	\$225.81
Day By Day Group	\$45.00
Fletcher Group	\$25.00
Hendersonville Group	\$221.28
Hendersonville Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Hendersonville Midday Group	\$100.00
Living Sober Group	\$124.00
Pathfinders Group	\$10.00
Roundtable Group	\$75.00
Tuesday Night Men's Group	\$100.00
Welcome Group	\$56.00
West Asheville Group	\$35.00
<b>Total Group Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,922.09</b>

## November is Known as Gratitude Month. . .

November is the month when the subject of "gratitude" is most frequently heard around our meeting rooms.

This is a fine opportunity for all groups to examine how they are proving their gratitude through fair contributions to our N.C. Mountain Central Office, the G.S.O., Area, and District committees. Only by Group contributions can those offices function and bring aid to the suffering alcoholic and to the Fellowship in general.

As we individually sober-up and become more responsible we face up to our personal financial obligations, and as groups in A.A. it behooves us to accept our responsibility to insure the continued existence of the very structure that gave us sobriety.

Suggested financial support details are published in the A.A. leaflet *Self-Supporting through our own Contributions*, available from Central Office



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