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SUNDAY, March 10
at The Community Service Building
(behind Harris Hospital)
Sylva, N.C.



Y'ALL COME TO
DISTRICT 80
EATIN'
MEETING

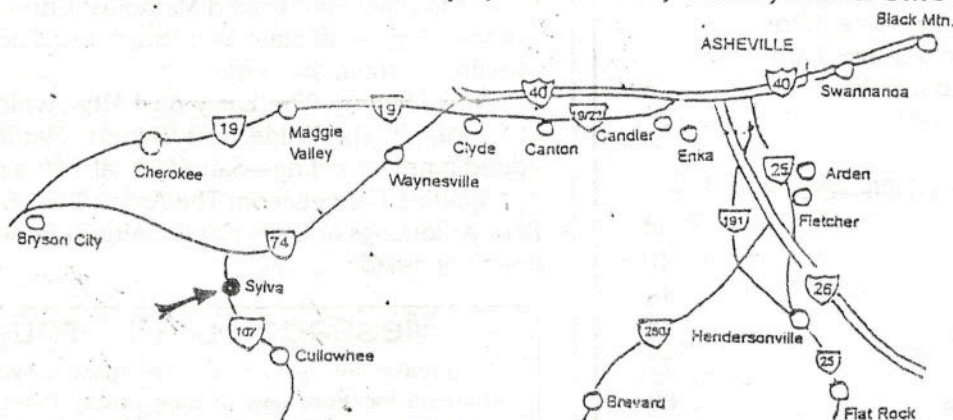
HOSTED BY THE MISSION GROUP

Eating at 1 p.m.

Speaker at 2 p.m.

N.C. Mtn. Central Office meeting after the Speaker at 3 p.m.

(all District 70, 71, & 80 C.O. Reps, Alternates, GSRs, and DCMs are invited)



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South East Regional Forum to be held in Asheville, December 6th—8th, 1996

The following letter has been received by Central Office from The Area 51 General Service Committee:

To: All A.A. Members and Groups, Districts 70, 71, and 80

Dear Fellow A.A. Members,
Area 51, North Carolina, will be the Host Area for the biannual South East Regional Forum, December 6th through the 8th, at the Radisson Hotel in Asheville.

A Regional Forum, is planned and conducted by the Manager and Staff of the General Service Office. Those participating in the presentations and workshops are the S.E. Area Delegates, Trustees, both Class A (non-alcoholic) and Class B. (alcoholic), and members of the General Service Staff.

This is not a decision-making event, but a sharing event. If you have never attended a Regional Forum you are in for a wonderful experience. You, the members of A.A. in the S.E. Region will be asking the questions at the Forum, and you will be answered, in full, by the Manager, Staff, Trustees, and Delegates. It is a weekend of sharing, at a level that you may never have experienced. This is an event that, in my opinion, you should not miss.

Ray D. of Hendersonville is the Host Contact for

the Forum. Ray's appointment to this position was approved by the Area General Service Assembly, and he will be in need of volunteers to help make this forum a success. In the near future Ray will be requesting from the DCMs their time and energy for the various tasks that need to be performed, such as registration and coffee, etc. If you are interested in volunteering please give your name to the DCM of the District in which your Home Group is registered.

As Asheville is more centrally located in the Region than the past two host sites we can expect a large attendance from the surrounding Areas. Won't you please mark your calendars now and plan to participate in this Forum?

There will be more information forthcoming in future issues of the *Mountain Doin's* on this Forum. I hope to see you all there.

In love and service

Bob R. Delegate

Panel 45, Area 51



Fellowship News

Location change: **The Hendersonville Group**, which for many years has met at 123 Main St., Hendersonville, has now moved to the former Lutheran Church at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Church Street (next door to The Chariot). The meetings are held in the Church's basement.

New Meeting. **The Leicester Women's Mtg.** holds meetings on Wednesdays at 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. at the Leicester Community Center. The meetings are for women only, Big Book Study.

Location change: **The Black Mountain Group** has moved to Black Mtn United Methodist Church, 101 Church St. (just off State St.). Times and dates of meetings remain the same.

New Meeting. **The Early Bird Mtg.**, which meets at St. John In The Wilderness Church., Flat Rock, has added a new meeting—Saturdays, at 7.30 a.m.

Meeting Cancellation: **The Arden T.G.I.F. Gp.** Friday meetings at Unity Center, Airport Road, have been canceled.

Central Office Phone Log



"I am responsible . . .
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I
want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.
And, for that, I am
responsible."

Phone Log 1-1-96—2-2-96

Answering Service Calls	163
General Information	10
A.A. Help	15
Family Help (Al-Anon)	17
Meeting Information	77
Central Office Business	80
Medical Help (Hospital, Detox, etc.)	3
P.I. Calls	0
Others	9

Message To All Groups

Please let Central Office know if you have changed location, day, or time of any meeting. It is important, particularly for newcomers, that meetings are correctly listed in *Where and When*.

And remember that all matter for publication in *Mountain Doin's* must be received by the 5th of the month *preceding* the month of publication.



Brevard Group

Doc S. 3-30-91 5 years

Canton Group

Zane H. 1-7-85 11 years

Cumberland Group

Michael H. 2-21-92 4 years

Guy 2-16-94 2 years

Donna N. 3-18-89 7 years

Doug 3-9-72 24 years

Elisa S. 3-11-92 4 years

Hendersonville Happy Hour Group

Pamela L. 3-28-94 2 years

David R. 3-14-79 17 years

James M. 3-28-88 8 years

Hendersonville Midday Group

Charlie P. 3-17-83 13 years

Nancy M. 3-17-91 5 years

Terry G. 3-26-79 17 years

Virginia O. 3-1-92 4 years

Don H. 3-23-71 25 years

Steve H. 3-11-84 12 years

Nancy S. 3-23-94 2 years

Rita H. 3-14-92 4 years

Serenity Service Group

Tom C. 1-12-93 3 years

Michell D. 1-5-94 2 years

Greg S. 1-15-94 2 years

David T. 1-13-94 2 years

Michelle S. 1-9-94 2 years

Ginny S. 1-24-92 4 years

Dino L. 1-8-94 2 years

Bill S. 1-25-95 1 year

Alberta C. 1-28-95 1 year

Mac B. 1-4-94 2 years

Sandy E. 1-15-95 1 year

Alesia J. 1-12-94 2 years

Traditional Group

Ken C. 2-22-81 15 years

Daniel M. 2-14-94 2 years

Angela K. 2-26-95 1 year

Faith, as we understand it

by Bill W.

The phrase "God as we understand Him" is perhaps the most important expression to be found in our A.A. vocabulary. Within the compass of these five significant words there can be included every kind and degree of faith, together with the positive assurance that each of us may choose his own. Scarcely less valuable to us are those supplemental expressions—"A Higher Power" and "a Power greater than ourselves." For all who deny, or seriously doubt a deity, these frame an open door over whose threshold the unbeliever can take his first step into a reality hitherto unknown to him—the realm of faith.

In A.A. such breakthroughs are everyday events. They are all the more remarkable when we reflect that a working faith had once seemed an impossibility of the first magnitude to perhaps half our present members . . . To all these doubters has come the great discovery that as soon as they could cast their main dependence upon a "higher power"—even upon their own A.A. groups—they had turned that blind corner which had always kept the open highway from their view. From this time on—assuming they tried hard to practice the rest of the A.A. program with a relaxed and open mind—an ever deepening and broadening faith, a veritable gift, had invariably put in its sometimes unexpected and often mysterious appearance.

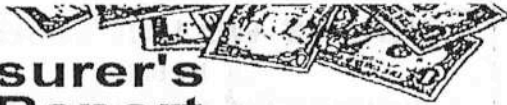
We much regret that these facts of A.A. life are not understood by the legion of alcoholics in the world around us. Any number of them are bedeviled by the dire conviction that if ever they go near A.A. they will be pressured to conform to some particular brand of faith or theology. They just don't realize that faith is never a necessity for A.A. membership; that sobriety can be achieved with an easily acceptable minimum of it. . . .

In A.A.'s first years I all but ruined the whole undertaking with a sort of unconscious arrogance. God as I understood Him had to be for everybody. Sometimes my aggression was subtle and sometimes it was crude. But either way it was damaging—perhaps fatally so—to numbers of nonbelievers.

My own spiritual awakening had given me a built-in faith in God—a gift indeed. But I had been neither humble nor wise. Boasting of my faith, I had forgotten my ideals. Pride and responsibility had taken their place. By so cutting off my own light, I had little to offer my fellow alcoholics. At last I saw why many had gone away—some of them forever. Therefore, faith is more than our greatest gift, its sharing with others is our greatest responsibility. So may we of A.A. continually seek the wisdom and willingness by which we may well fulfill that immense trust the Giver of all perfect gifts has placed in our hands.

Excerpted from an article by Bill W. in *The Grapevine*, 1961.

Treasurer's Report



N.C. Mountain Central Office, Inc.
 Financial Report for the month
 of January 1996

INCOME

Group Contributions

Acceptance Group	\$60.00
Arden Group	\$55.00
Back To Basics Group	\$100.00
Black Mountain Group	\$21.00
Brevard Group	\$35.00
Conscious Contact Group	\$270.00
Day By Day Group	\$45.00
Early Bird Group	\$20.00
Experience Group	\$20.00
Fletcher Group	\$50.00
Franklin Group	\$30.00
Hendersonville Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Hendersonville Midday Group	\$100.00
Just For Today Group	\$3.00
Lakeside Group	\$50.00
Marshall Group	\$50.00
Pathfinders Group	\$10.00
Reaching Out Group	\$38.00
Spruce Pine Group	\$50.00
Sylvan Valley Group	\$25.00
Thursday Afternoon Ladies Group	\$100.00
Women's First Step Group	\$25.00

Total Group Contributions \$1,207.00

(Central Office wishes to thank all the Groups listed above for their contributions).

Other Income

Literature and Chips sales	\$996.35
Mtn. Doin's and Where and When sales	\$41.20
Other Income	<u>\$11.21</u>
Total Income	\$2,255.76

EXPENSES

Rent	\$109.00
Telephone	\$218.51
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	\$592.61
Cost of Mtn Doin's & Where & When publication and distribution	\$198.68
Cost of Literature and Chips Sales	\$1,157.73
Other Expenses	\$50.12

Total Expenses \$2,326.65

Net Income (\$70.89)

Financial Status, end of December \$3,641.01

Operating Bank Balance Jan 31	\$3,611.51
Cash and Checks on hand Jan 31	\$108.33
Accruals	(\$149.72)

Financial Status, end of January \$3,570.12

DISTRICT 70 EATING/GSR MEETING

March 10

**Marion Community Building
 North Main Street
 Marion, N.C.**

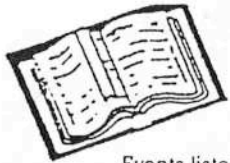
(Sponsored by the Marion Group)

Pot Luck Supper at 4 p.m.

Speaker at 5 p.m.

District 70 GSR Meeting at 6 p.m.





Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office or by the North Carolina Mountain Central Office. For any additional information please use the addresses or phone numbers provided.

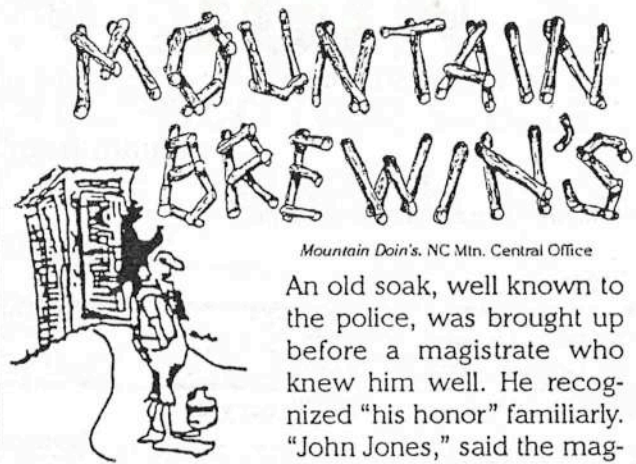
S.E. Regional Conference of Young People in A.A., Charlotte '96 will be held June 13-16 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel, 3315 South I-85 and Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28208 (Phone 704-392-1200). Participants are invited to bring bikes, or mountain bikes. Meetings, entertainment, fun and fellowship.

For full details, write to S.E.R.C.Y.P.A.A. '96 P.O. Box 1666 Matthews, N.C. 28106-1666.

Recovering Women join together for a weekend of **Spring Spirit I**. Friday, 3/29/96 through Sunday 3/31/96. Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, NC (704) 327-7441. Cost: \$65 includes room and meals. For more information call: Mary G. (704)366-2201, or Sister Eileen: (704) 343-9954.

Calling All Campers. If you like to go camping, whether in a tent, a trailer, or a motorhome, and also want to get some wonderful A.A. fellowship at the same time, then you might want to check out the "Coffee Cup Campers."

If you have a recreational vehicle or just like to pitch a tent on the ground, you might try a weekend with the Coffee Cup Campers. They have been meeting for 20 years now, and their membership list is always open. If you would like to be on their mailing list, to learn when and where the next camp-out will be, contact the group secretary Linda Millsaps at 2104 Triplett Road, Mooresville, NC 28115, or phone her at (704) 527-0029.



Mountain Doin's, NC Mtn. Central Office

An old soak, well known to the police, was brought up before a magistrate who knew him well. He recognized "his honor" familiarly. "John Jones," said the magistrate, with severity, "you are charged with habitual drunkenness; what have you to offer in excuse for your offense?"

"Habitual thirst, your honor."

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An intoxicated fellow asked a pedestrian, "I shay, which is the other side of the street."

"Why, over there," the man replied.

"Shtrange, I was jus' over there and a gen'l'-man shaid it wash over here."

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Counsel (to police witness)—"But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, does that prove he is drunk?"

Policeman—"No, sir, it does not, but this one was trying to roll up the white line."

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"I left a bottle of Scotch in the train this morning."

"Was it turned into the lost and found department?"

"No, but the fellow who found it was."

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Two drunks were babbling about their childhood as they leaned heavily against the bar.

"You know," said one, "when I was born I only weighed a pound and a half, and that's a fact!"

"You don't shay," said the other. "Did you live?"

"Did I live!" exclaimed the first. "Shay, man, you ought to see me now!"

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A drunk was chatting to an old friend he stumbled across.

Said his friend, "What did you get drunk for, in the first place?"

"I didn't get drunk in the first place. I got drunk in the last place."

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