



MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

Central Office Newsletter

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District 70 Eatin' Meeting

& Central Office Meeting

Sunday, December 2nd, 2001

at

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Edneyville

St. Paul's Road (Off Route 64 East)

Take Exit 18A off I-26. Turn right (East), onto Rte. 64E toward Bat Cave: St. Paul's Road will be on your left, about six miles from Exit 18A. Watch for the Fire Station on your right—St. Paul's Road is just beyond it. Take left fork onto St. Paul's Rd. Travel about 1.7 miles to St. Paul's Church (on your left).

GSR Meeting. 2PM

Central Office Meeting. 3PM

Eating 4PM (please bring a covered dish)

Speaker Meeting 5PM (Open meeting)

District 80

Eatin' Meeting



Sunday, December 2nd, 2001

at

Macon County
Community Building
Franklin, N.C.
(on Rte. 441 S.)

Eating at 2 PM

Please bring a covered dish

Speaker at 3 PM

Join us for fun and fellowship

Christmas/New Year Central Office Closings

N.C. Mountain Central Office will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2001. The Office also will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2001 and Tuesday, January 1st, 2002

The Twenty-four Hour Answering Service will continue to be in full operation on all these dates.

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Asheville Alcothon

**Christmas and New Year's
Round-the-Clock meetings**

Food and Fellowship

6PM Christmas Eve to 6PM Christmas Day
6PM New Year's Eve to 6pm New Year's Day

Blue Ridge Center

356 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville
(Opposite Neil Dobbins, next to St. Joseph's
Hospital)

For more information call:
Norman at (828) 625-9666

Christmas Alcothon Hendersonville

Hosted by The Hendersonville Group

The Hendersonville Group has planned a
Christmas Alcothon to run from Noon, Monday,
December 24 through Noon, Wednesday,
December 26, at its meeting place at 818
Greenville Hwy., Hendersonville.
(Building next to Food Lion)

Open meetings every hour will be followed by
food and fellowship around the clock. The
Group is furnishing beverages and tableware.
This is a pot-luck affair, so please bring a dish to
share, and a friend.

For more information, contact
Michaelene at (828) 692-3710



Fellowship News

New Meeting: A new meeting has begun at Hot
Springs, N.C. named **The Hot Springs Group**. The

group meets at Jesuit House, Hot Springs, on Tuesdays
at 7PM. Contact persons are Melody and Chris P. at 649-
9402. Directions, from Marshall and Asheville: 25/70
into town across river and railroad tracks. Right turn in
front of BP station (still following 25/70). Take second
left (top of hill). Parking is on right.

New meeting: A new group, named **The
Somebody Cares Group**, Westgate, Asheville, at Earth
Fare (in the rear) has been formed and commences
meetings on December 2nd, 2001, at 1 PM. The meet-
ings are open, discussion.

Meeting cancellation: **The Common Sense Group**
of Franklin, has announced the cancellation of two
meetings. They are Wednesday at 5 PM. and Saturday
at 1 PM. The meetings were held at the Ready Room,
184 Wayah Street, Franklin

Meeting address change: **The Franklin Common
Sense Group** has also announced that its Thursday
5 PM. meeting has moved from the Ready Room to the
First United Methodist Church, 5 Harrison Avenue.
Also, its Saturday 8 PM. meeting location has changed
from the Ready Room to Macon Library, Franklin.

Meeting changes: **The Hendersonville Group**,
which meets at 818 Greenville Highway in
Hendersonville, on Rte. 25s (First building south of
Food Lion, has made new changes regarding smok-
ing/nonsmoking meetings. Meetings at 11 AM. on
Sundays (Big Book/Step Study meetings.), Tuesdays at
8 PM. (Men's meetings), Saturdays at noon (open, dis-
cussion meetings) will allow smoking. All other
Hendersonville Group meetings will continue to be
nonsmoking.



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 10-01-2001—10-26-2001

Answering Service Calls	298
General Information	2
A.A. Help	3
Family Help (Al-Anon)	18
Meeting Information	74
Central Office Business	69
Medical Help (Hospital, Detox, etc.)	3
P.I. Calls	0
Others	2
Visitors	52



Happy Birthdays

Acceptance Group

Stan B.	12-10-76	25 years
Jerry R.	12-15-99	2 years
Toby	12-22-99	2 years
Jack W.	12-25-91	10 years
Ray R.	12-25-00	1 year

Asheville Big Book/Step Study Group

Matt H.	12-28-98	3 years
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Brevard Group

Woody P.	12-26-81	20 years
Jimmy C.	12-17-83	18 years
Heide C.	12-22-89	12 years
Steve H.	12-28-90	11 years
Karen B.	12-??-92	9 years

Conscious Contact Group

Judith T.	12-23-76	25 years
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Cumberland Group

Heidi S.	11-13-98	3 years
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Daily Decisions Group

Joe T.	12-08-96	5 years
Josie	12-14-00	1 year

Grace Group (Asheville)

Roseann I.	12-03-00	1 year
Doug M.	12-04-85	16 years
Candy M.	12-04-89	12 years
Sue S.	12-08-99	2 years
Tim H.	12-07-87	14 years
Shannon K.	12-12-99	2 years

Grace Group (Waynesville)

Sue S.	12-18-87	14 years
Harry M.	12-10-91	10 years
Susie T.	12-25-98	3 years

Happy Hour Group

Dave W.	12-07-99	2 years
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Hendersonville Group

Ted A.	12-7-88	13 years
Sandra C.	12-23-95	6 years
Norma H.	12-11-89	12 years
Dennis P.	12-29-00	1 year
Debora O.	12-22-97	4 years
Tony T.	12-16-97	4 years
Dick D.	12-01-00	1 year
Kathy K.	12-24-93	8 years

Joy Of Living Group

Teresa C.	12-11-??	?? years
Judith T.	12-23-??	?? years

Maggie Vally Group

Bruce J.	??-??-89	12 years
Lapane C.	??-??-95	6 years

Maple Grove Group

Mark J.	12-07-92	9 years
Kathryn H.	12-29-94	7 years
Anna M.	12-27-97	4 years

Midday Group

Marcia B.	12-??-99	2 years
John J.	12-14-99	2 years
Jacki R.	12-31-99	2 years
Stan D.	12-27-99	2 years
Dave W.	12-07-98	3 years
Kate G.	12-14-92	9 years
Sue P.	12-27-88	13 years

Thursday Afternoon Women's Group

Audrey R.	12-02-77	24 years
Aileen	12-05-82	19 years
Carol C.	12-11-85	16 years
Joanne P.	12-31-89	12 years
Jacki R.	12-31-99	2 years

Note: When submitting birthday lists please PRINT names so that we can publish them correctly in *Mountain Doin's*

Big Book Availability

The Fourth Edition of the Big Book is expected to be published toward the end of November this year. As a result, Central Office cannot afford to be stocked with the present Third Edition with little possibility of its being sold when the Fourth Edition arrives. In view of this, the present hard-cover, soft-cover, and large print editions will only be available through special order in November.

The Pocket Edition will not be changed and is

available at Central Office at any time at the present price of \$3.50.

When the new Fourth Edition Big Book arrives the purchase prices will be :

Fourth Edition Big Book Hard	\$5
" " Big Book Soft	\$4.60
" " Big Book Large Print	\$6.30

It's O.K. to drink like a fish if you drink what a fish drinks.



Treasurer's Report

N.C. Mountain Central Office, Inc. Financial Report
for the month of October, 2001

INCOME

Group Contributions

Acceptance Group	\$50.00
AWOL Group	\$10.00
Brevard Group	\$50.00
But For The Grace of God Group	\$30.00
By The Book Group	\$70.00
Candler Kiss Group	\$300.00
Common Sense Group	\$30.00
Cullowhee Valley Group	\$40.00
Day By Day Group	\$50.00
Daily Decisions Group	\$100.00
Edneyville Group	\$10.00
Etowah Step Group	\$25.00
Franklin Group	\$30.00
Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Hendersonville Group	\$64.15
Just For Today Group	\$20.00
Maggie Valley group	\$50.00
Maple Grove Group	\$250.00
Marshall Group	\$100.00
Midday Group	\$28.16
Roundtable Group	\$50.00
Serenity Group, Brevard	\$150.00

Group Contributions **\$1493.16**

Individual Contributions **\$110.00**
Total Contributions **\$1603.16**

Financial Positions as of Oct. 1, 2001 **\$1688.54**
Cash On Hand \$27.26
Income \$2427.38
Total **\$4143.18**

Expenses

Rent	\$138.00
Salary	\$554.10
Payroll Tax	
Phone BellSouth	\$73.89
Phone AT&T	\$83.96
Answering Service	\$208.50
Printing Where & When	\$275.29
Printing Mountain Doin's	\$280.05
Editor Expenses	\$150.00
Sales Tax	\$43.29
Books & Chips	\$850.03
Postage	\$20.65
Postage Mountain Doin's	\$46.16
Bank service Charge	—
Office supplies	\$39.58
Copy Machine	—
Misc. Expense, Bob V. Charlotte	\$42.60

Total **\$2806.10**

Bank Balance as of 10/31/01 **\$1337.08**

To help the Central Office maintain a healthy cash flow, we request that groups pay their bills for material every two weeks. Thank you for your help.

January Issue Deadlines

Please note that all material for publication in January 2002, *Mountain Doin's* must reach Central Office on or before Monday, December 3rd, 2001. December 1st is a Saturday, Dec 2nd a Sunday (both non-mail acceptance days for Central Office action).

Need a Program or Speaker for your Group?

Consider *The Twelve Traditions Play*, performed by the Daily Decisions *Just Barely Off Broadway Players*. This skit, which takes about half an hour, presents the foibles of an A.A. group that does everything wrong. Through humor this play illustrated what the Traditions are all about, and why we need them to

survive. An ideal change of pace for a Traditions meeting.

For information and/or a booking, please contact Phil at (828) 236-3934 or phiz@att.net.

Personality Change

"It has often been said of A.A. that we are interested only in alcoholism. That is not true. We have to get over drinking in order to stay alive. But anyone who knows the alcoholic personality by firsthand contact knows that no true alky ever stops drinking permanently without undergoing a profound personality change.

We thought "conditions" drove us to drink, and when we tried to correct these conditions and found that we couldn't do so to our entire satisfaction, our drinking went out of hand and we became alcoholics. It never occurred to us that we needed to change ourselves to meet the conditions, whatever they were.

—From *As Bill Sees It*



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.

Sandlapper Roundup X —November 30 - December 2, 2001.Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, S.C. This is the 10th Anniversary and plenty of social events are planned. For full details, phone Jonathan, Linda, or Dennis at 843-238-2694 during business hours.

Or Email us anytime at dsmith@beachaccess.net

Spacecoast Round Up "Rocketing into the Fourth Dimension". February 1 - 3, 2002, at Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort, in Melbourne, Florida. Includes Oceanside Sunrise Meetings, Hospitality Room, Workshops, Marathon Meetings and Six Terrific Speakers. Ice Cream Social is extra. For full information contact (321) 724-2247 or 633-0052 or email at aaspacecoast@bellsouth.net

38th International AA Women's Conference.

Denver, Colorado. February 14 through 17, 2002. Daytime Workshops, Panels, Open Discussion meetings in English and Spanish, Hospitality rooms, Longtimers Recognition, Lots of impromptu meetings. Night-time meetings: Evening Speaker meetings, State Roll Call, Sobriety Count Down, Regional Meetings. Registration contacts: Lee D. (970) 221-2484 Or Email at lee@doellefeld.com, Julie M. (970) 577-1554 Email: jkmcmurry@prodigy.net

We Want to Hear from You

We welcome letters from our readers, and we encourage all to send the Editor letters about any aspect of A.A. that they like or that bothers them. Or questions, suggestions, or thoughts. By voicing your thoughts through letters to the editor you are, in fact, doing Twelfth Step Work, for it is by sharing that our Fellowship gains.

Send all letters and ideas to the Editor, Mountain Doin's, 107 Park Place Offices, 70 Woodfin Place, Asheville, NC 28801.

In Fellowship, your Editor, Alan.

In Memoriam

Bill S., a member of the Conscious Contact Group, and former Chairperson of Central Office, passed away November 1st., after nineteen years of sobriety. Our memories of his love, caring, and service will be with us always.

MOUNTAIN BREWIN'S

Mountain Doin's, NC Mtn. Central Office



On Christmas Eve Alky Albert walked into the bar and said to the bartender: "I came in here to get something for my wife."0

Said the Bartender: "O.K. What are you asking for her?"

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A pair of intoxicated pals were enjoying their Christmas Eve, drinking in their favorite bar.

"I think I'll have a little to eat," said the first drunk, whereupon he plucked the olive from his martini and ate it."

"Ah!" said his soused friend. "That calls for an after-dinner drink!"

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Alcoholic mistress: "Bessie, when you wait on the guests at our Christmas party this evening, please be careful that you don't spill anything."

Bessie: "Don't worry ma'am. I never gossip to strangers."

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"We're having a Christmas party," said Charlie into the phone. "Come on over."

"I can't," said the voice at the other end. "I've got a bad case of cholera here."

"Hell, bring it on over," said Charlie. "We'll drink anything."

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The drunk joined a group singing Christmas Carols. Someone handed him a book, opened at the right page.

"Leon, Leon," sang the drunk.

"Turn the book over, dummy,"said the man next to him. "It's Noel, Noel."

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