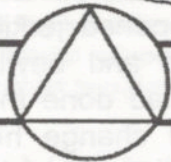


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Come Celebrate the

Black Mountain Group's 26th Anniversary

with an

Open Speaker Eatin' Meetin'

Monday, October 27

Eatin' at 7:00

Meetin' at 8:00

Please bring a covered dish to share.
Drinks will be provided.

The Black Mountain Group meets at the Black Mountain United Methodist Church on State Street in Downtown Black Mountain.

Halloween Dance

& Speaker
Meeting!

Hot
Dancin'
DJ Music



Friday, Oct. 31

Meeting is 6:30 - 7:30pm

Dancing is 8pm to midnight

at Fletcher School of Dance in Asheville,
177 Patton Ave., 2 blocks west of Fed. Courthouse

Bring a covered dish for Meeting

Costume Prizes!

Cost of Dance Trick or Treat
\$5 singles \$8 couples Goodies for "Kids"

Hosted by the Acceptance Group
Contact Michael P. at 273-3371 for more info

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The Stranger

Convention: 57th Annual SC State Convention. March 18th-21st, 2004 Greenville, SC (The Embassy Suites). For more info write: 57th Annual State Convention, P.O. Box 80043 Simpsonville, SC 29680.

New Meeting: The Lambda Group has a new meeting Monday nights at 7pm at the All Souls Episcopal Church in Biltmore Village (Open, Gay).

New Meeting: The Fellowship Group is starting a new meeting Friday's at noon at St. Barnabas Church in Arden.

I noticed him the first time he walked into a meeting. It was a Friday night closed gathering of the Cape Town fellowship and the presiding chairman had just started, when the door of the room opened jerkily and there he stood, strained and bewildered, as if wondering if he had done the right thing. Before he could change his mind, one of the fellows, sensing his awkwardness, jumped up from his chair and swiftly had the stranger seated.

Then a strange thing happened. No sooner were the two seated than the stranger sprang up to his full six-foot height, his face tense. He turned in a peculiar fashion toward the chandelier in the center of the room as if trying to form contact with an invisible presence. There were deep lines grooved across his tanned forehead; his thick cotton shirt, khaki trousers, and broken shoes told of dusty roads — of trampled miles. Suddenly he strode to an extreme corner of the huge room and sat down alone.

There was a slight ripple that ran through the meeting, not of laughter, but of bewilderment. The man was sober now. Glistening perspiration, twitching hands, tense muscles told us he had just pulled out. He remained motionless throughout the meeting, watching each speaker, and listening with intensity. As the prayer closed the meeting, I looked up. He was gone.

He never missed a meeting — opened or closed. Always by himself, never talking to anyone and shouldering aside any contact by his usual swift exit. He always arrived immediately after the speaker had started talking, went always to an isolated place, and left before bowed heads had come up from the Lord's Prayer.

There were many questions asked as to who the stranger was, why didn't he take any literature, where did he stay? No one knew! Six weeks after his first dramatic

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 9/1/03 - 9/26/03

Answering Service Calls.....	265
General Information.....	0
A.A. Help.....	5
Family Help (Al-Anon).....	1
Meeting Information.....	92
Central Office Business.....	95
Medical Help (Hospital, Detox, etc.).....	0
P.I. Calls.....	0
Others.....	0
Visitors.....	68



Acceptance Group

Lorraine B.	11-03-83	20 years
Pamela	11-16-01	2 years
Ron S.	11-20-02	1 year
Lee Anne	11-22-02	1 year
Dave A.	11-24-85	18 years

Back to Basics Group

Molly B.	11-16-77	26 years
Doris H.	11-18-76	27 years

Bethel Up the River

Henry W.	11-7-84	19 years
Mike S.	11-28-94	9 years

Conscious Contact

Danny L.	11-15-02	1 year
Peggy H.	11-23-86	17 years
Pat E.	11-05-91	12 years
Jean P.	11-15-02	1 year

Daily Decisions Group

Fred S.	11-01-01	2 years
Stephanie J.	11-15-02	1 year
Bette S.	11-27-01	2 years

Fellowship Group

Dave S.	11-11-02	1 year
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Grace Group

Molly B.	11-16-77	26 years
Cita L.	11-30-89	14 years
Pat E.	11-05-91	12 years
John B.	11-06-00	3 years
Isaac C.	11-22-00	3 years
Rachel E.	11-11-01	2 years
Mark M.	11-13-01	2 years
Dan L.	11-15-01	2 years
Chris W.	11-24-01	2 years
Dave S.	11-11-02	1 year

Hendersonville Group

Clay W.	11-02-99	4 years
Gary M.	11-07-92	11 years
Jerry B.	11-09-88	15 years
Ed S.	11-09-90	13 years
Matt H.	11-09-02	1 year
Adam H.	11-17-02	1 year
Louise F.	11-19-98	5 years
Chris N.	11-20-02	1 year
Julie H.	11-22-00	3 years
Teddy	11-22-02	1 year
Justin O.	11-23-01	2 years

Hendersonville Thursday Aft. Women's Group

Susan T.	11-04-91	12 years
Mary P.	11-17-81	22 years
Sue J.	11-24-89	14 years

Maggie Group

Keith M.		1 year
Latane C.		8 years
Bruce J.		14 years

Note: Your group can now email A.A. birthdays to visualism@hotmail.com by the 1st of the previous month. (Please submit names, dates, and years in above format.)

entrance, we were all, by now, watching the door just as the meeting began. Dead on time it opened to admit the stranger. This time he had a brown suit and new shoes, and instead of picking his isolated chair, he sat next to me!

During the meeting, he watched as usual, each speaker, his eyes never wavering from the talker's face. I offered him a cigarette. He ignored the proffered packet.

Feeling rather foolish after holding it in front of his nose for a full minute, I pocketed my smokes. I was rather sore.

This I repeated on three occasions, and each time I was completely ignored. Then came the closing of the meeting and he was still beside me. Before I could talk, he tugged my sleeve and motioned to a quiet corner. Then with a charming smile, he spoke in a rich baritone: "Pat, my name is

Treasurer's Report



N.C. Mountain Central Office, Inc. Financial Report for the month of September 2003.

Group Contributions

Acceptance Group.....	50.00
AWOL.....	36.00
Brevard Group.....	50.00
Bryson Group.....	20.00
Brevard Mountain View Group.....	51.55
Columbus Group.....	25.00
Conscious Contact Group.....	420.00
Day by Day Group.....	99.91
Edneyville Group.....	5.00
Hendersonville Group.....	43.56
Hendersonville Midday Group.....	25.00



BEGINNING BANK BALANCE (09/01/03).....	3439.38
<u>Income</u>	
Total Group Contributions.....	826.02
Cash on Hand.....	27.26
Bank Interest.....	.09
Sales Income.....	1751.91
TOTAL.....	6044.66

Expenses

Rent.....	150.00
Salary.....	600.27
Payroll Tax.....	298.35
Telephone: Bell South.....	60.88
Telephone: MCI.....	55.92
Answering Service.....	225.00
Printing: Where and When.....	149.85
Printing: Mountain Doin's.....	149.85
Editor.....	150.00
Sales Tax.....	112.22
Books & Chips.....	1095.43
Postage.....	61.61
Postage: Mountain Doin's.....	67.20
Bank Service Charges.....	0
Office Supplies.....	38.43
Copier Maintenance.....	0
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	3215.01

END BANK BALANCE (09/29/03)..... 2829.65

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

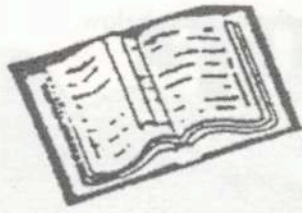
Morris, could you tell me if they have the Big Book in Braille?" "Why, I can make inquiries for you, Morris," I replied, "but who do you want it for?" "For people who are handicapped, Pat."

I was puzzled as I looked at Morris, "But — I don't know of any bli — I mean handicapped alcoholics." I hesitated, stumbling, and then looking into Morris's brown eyes, a queer feeling ran through me as from what seemed a far distance I heard his voice: "I am blind, Pat. But what you have here has given me more vision and hope, plus inexpressible beauty, than human vision could ever give me. Booze was part of the cause of my handicap, and I was too full

of pride to carry the white stick. The cops have jailed me repeatedly as a drunk, not suspecting a thing. I have hoboed every inch of this county like this. But now, thank God at long last I'm home."

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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.

A Club in Asheville? There will be a gathering at the December eating meeting to discuss the idea of forming a club in Asheville (often referred to as an *Alano Club*). If you are interested, please preview the AA guidelines for forming such clubs online at:

www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/default/en_pdfs/mg-03_clubs.pdf

Sandlapper Roundup XII - Dec. 5-7.

Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For more information on the Sandlapper Roundup and registration forms, contact Linda, Jonathan, or Dennis at (843) 238-2694 during business hours. (Registration fee \$20.)

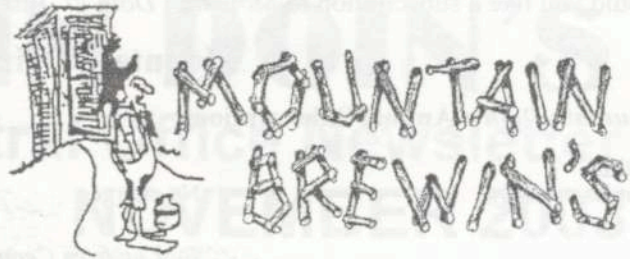
Annual Roundup in the Caribbean on

Norwegian Cruise Lines. October 25-November 1. Visit Miami, Grand Cayman, Belize City, Cozumel, Bay Islands,...starting at \$409. Call (866) 678-8785 or visit www.meetingsenroute.com

The 42nd Annual Hawaii Convention.

November 6-9th at the Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, HI. Online information:

www.lava.net/~hconv



How Many Bars?

A man walks into the front door of a bar. He is obviously drunk, and staggers up to the bar, seats himself on a stool and, with a belch, asks the bartender for a drink. The bartender politely informs the man that it appears that he has already had plenty to drink, he could not be served additional liquor at this bar, and could a cab be called for him?

The drunk is briefly surprised, than softly scoffs, grumbles, climbs down off the bar stool and staggers out the front door. A few minutes later, the same drunk stumbles in the SIDE door of the bar. He wobbles up to the bar and hollers for a drink. The bartender comes over and, still politely — but more firmly, refuses service to the man due to his inebriation, and again offers to call a cab. The drunk looks at the bartender for a moment angrily, curses, and shows himself out the side door, all the while grumbling and shaking his head.

A few minutes later, the same drunk busts in through the BACK door of the bar. He plops himself up on a bar stool, gathers his wits and belligerently orders a drink. The bartender comes over and emphatically reminds the man that he is clearly drunk, will be served no drinks, and either a cab or the police will be called immediately.

The surprised drunk looks at the bartender, and in hopeless anguish, cries "MAAAN! How many bars do you work at?!"



"I'm very proud of how humble I have become."

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A few minutes later, the phone rang. I picked up the receiver and heard a woman's voice. She said, "This is the Mountain Doin's office. We're sorry, but we're out of copies of the magazine for the month of June. We'll have more copies available for you in July. Thank you for your order." I said, "That's all right. I'll wait until July." She said, "Okay. We'll be glad to have your order for July. Thank you very much." I said, "Thank you." She said, "Goodbye." I hung up the phone.

Phone Log 1/1/83 - 8/1/83

1. Service Calls

2. General Information

3. Advertisements

4. Family and Personal

5. Meeting Information

6. Central Office Orders

7. Subject Matter

8. Other