

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

## Central Office Newsletter

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### Correction!!

The next Central Office meeting for Central Office Representatives will be on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 2:00 PM in Sylva, NC at the First Presbyterian Church, 46 Presbyterian Drive, next to BB&T. Take Hwy 23/74 to Exit 83. If you have an item to be included on the Agenda please send it via E-mail to [NCMCO@bellsouth.net](mailto:NCMCO@bellsouth.net). This is your Central Office. Thank You!

### Calendar

#### Tuesday, June 3, 2008

**District 70 Corrections/Treatment Comm. Mtg.**  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
60 Church St., Asheville  
6:45 PM

#### Saturday, June 7, 2008

**District 71 Unity/Founders Days Meeting**  
Mt Pisgah Luth. Church, Hwy 64E Hendersonville.  
The 35 minute "Markings on the Journey" video will be shown. See flyer for times & directions.

#### Sunday, June 8, 2008

**District 70 Business Meeting**  
St. Luke's Church, 219 Chunns Cove Rd., Asheville  
2:30 PM

#### Sunday, June 8, 2008

**District 80 Unity/Founders Days Meeting**  
Riverside Park, Bryson City  
See Flyer for times and directions

#### Sunday, June 15, 2008

**District 70 AA Anniversary Eating Meeting**  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Tuton Hall  
Corner of Aston St & Lexington Av, Asheville, NC  
See Flyer for times & directions.



#### Sunday, June 15, 2008

**District 80 Eating Meeting**  
Cherokee UMC  
Hwy 19, Cherokee, NC  
3:00 PM

#### Sunday, June 29, 2008

**Central Office (COR) Meeting**  
First Presbyterian Church  
46 Presbyterian Drive, Sylva  
2:00 PM

#### Sunday, July 13, 2008

**District 80 Business Meeting**  
Cherokee UMC  
Hwy 19, Cherokee, NC  
1:30 - 4:30 PM  
All GSR's please plan to attend

#### July 17-20, 2008

**61st NC State Convention**  
Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609-7316,  
Group Code: NSC, Deadline: June 24, 2008  
Local Phone: (919) 872-2323  
Toll-Free: (800) 445-8667

The Mountain Doins is your newsletter. We are asking for contributions of articles, jokes, poems, and any other material or suggestions you have. We especially ask that you provide us with any events your group or district is having so we can inform all about it. Also remember to send in your group member's anniversaries including the date. The deadline for submissions is the first of the month prior to the issue month. For example; the cutoff for the March issue is February 1st. If you have flyers for your event please submit an electronic version in MS Word, Adobe Illustrator, PageMaker, or Acrobat PDF or call to discuss. Our e-mail is [NCMCO@bellsouth.net](mailto:NCMCO@bellsouth.net) or call Jim at 828-275-6280. Thanks for your help.

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# treasurer's report

***N.C Mountain Central Office, Inc.***

***March 31, 2008 - Profit and Loss\*\*\*\*\****

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Group Contributions .....	1468	7666
Individual Contributions .....	127	564
Sales Income .....	3595	10915
Interest Income .....	3	3
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>5193</b>	<b>19148</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Answering Service .....	250	1171
Other Telephone .....	426	1513
Rent .....	420	1620
Payroll Taxes .....	0	13520
Literature, Chips, Medallions .....	3060	7970
Postage .....	161	575
Copier Costs .....	186	746
Maintenance .....	0	190
Supplies .....	42	252
Fees, Consultant, Legal .....	90	115
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4635</b>	<b>15504</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>3644</b>

## ***Treasurer's Note***

Our financial improvement continues – the figures are elsewhere in this issue of Mountain Doin's. We were able to tuck away \$1000 into our money market account in April and then another \$1000 early in May, so that now our Prudent Reserve is up to \$4075. In view of this improvement the NCMCO Board has decided to reduce the hardcover Big Book price from \$7.00 to \$6.50.

But now we need a new treasurer, since I'll be replacing Jack D. as office manager on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jack has served without any pay as Interim Manager for the past seven months, but now the job reverts to its longstanding paid basis with a total cost to NCMCO of \$710 per month. There's a short article elsewhere in this Mountain Doin's describing the position.

**Many thanks to Jack and many thanks to the groups and individuals who have been supporting the office.**



# Announcements

## ***NEW MEETINGS and CHANGES***

The new **Dix Creek Group** has an Open Discussion meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM at the Dix Creek UMC at Dix Creek Rd. and Chapel Rd. in Leicester. Please support this new meeting.

The **Cullowhee Group** has changed its Thursday night meeting from 7:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

The new **Dry Dock Group** meets at the ABCCM "Vets Inn, Room 411". Off Exit 55 (I-40). Turn left at light and look left next to Zaxby's Chicken. All meetings at 5 PM. Mon (MCBB), Thurs (MCSS), Sat (MCBG)

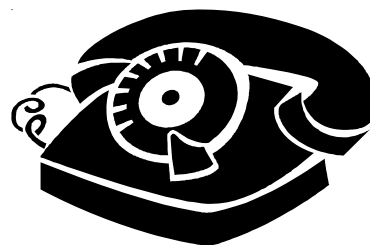
The **Dunns Rock Group** in Brevard/Cedar Mtn. has disbanded. All meetings are cancelled.

The **Mountain View Group** in Brevard has changed its name to **Fireside Group**.

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Did you know that NC Mountain Central Office has a PI lending library with TV and radio public service announcements from the General Service Office?  
Come on by.

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## **Phone Log April, 2008**

### ***Answering Service Calls***

A.A. Crisis .....	2
General Information .....	20
Family Help .....	2
Meeting Information .....	90
Central Office Business .....	40
Medical Help/Detox, Hosp, etc .....	2
Visitors .....	69

# Founder's Day

Reprinted from the June, 2007 Mountain Doins

As we approach June 10th, our 73rd Anniversary as a fellowship; let us look at the miracles that our Higher Power brought about to establish this fellowship and program that has saved so many lives over this period. The events that brought this fellowship into being are fascinating.

When the Big Book was written in 1934, it was designed on the basis of problem solving. The three main elements of problem solving are: (1) Defining the problem; (2) Defining the solution; and (3) Finding the process to get from the problem to the solution. How were these three elements brought together to provide the start to Alcoholics Anonymous?

## The Problem:

The problem was given to Bill Wilson in 1934 by Dr. Silkworth when he explained to Bill that it was a disease of two parts. First an allergy of the body where craving developed when alcohol was consumed, and second that an obsession of the mind existed that made it appear alright to take the first drink which then triggered the allergy and brought on the spree of drinking. This mental obsession is the insanity talked about in the second step.

## The Solution:

The solution was given to Roland Hazard in the early 1930s by Dr. Carl Jung as, a rare Spiritual or Religious Experience that brings about, as it is defined in Appendix 2 of the Big Book, "...the personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism". Roland carried this to Frank Buckman and the Oxford groups.

## The Program of Recovery:

The Oxford Groups, in their quest for perfect Christian zeal and behavior, developed a six step process that was found to help alcoholics achieve some level of sobriety. These six steps were:

- (1) Complete deflation
- (2) Dependence and guidance from a Higher Power
- (3) Moral Inventory
- (4) Confession
- (5) Restitution



## (6) Continued work with other alcoholics

As the result of Roland working with Ebby Thatcher and Ebby coming to Bill in his kitchen, these three elements were brought together with Bill Wilson as the catalyst. By receiving all three of these elements, he was able to stay sober, attending Oxford Group meetings and working with other alcoholics he drug in off the street. Although none of the others stayed sober, Bill did as his wife Lois pointed out to him.

Bill, concerned that he was not being effective working with others, consulted Dr. Silkworth prior to going to Akron on the famous business trip. Dr. Silkworth told Bill that he had been preaching to these others, trying to convert them to the solution without ever telling them about the problem. He reminded Bill about their talks and suggested that Bill tell these others what he (Dr. Silkworth) had told Bill.

When Bill went to Akron and met with Dr. Bob, his approach was totally different, giving Dr. Bob the problem. We have to realize that Dr. Bob had been attending the Oxford Group meetings for longer than Bill and had not been able to stay sober. From this we can conclude that the third piece of the puzzle, the definition of the problem, given by Bill to Dr. Bob had a significant effect on him and allowed him to find permanent sobriety.

The miracles that we can see here are: (1) The Higher Power used Bill as the catalyst for all the pieces necessary to achieve sobriety and gave him the immediate spiritual experience. (2) That Dr. Bob, a medical person would accept the medical definition of the problem from a non-medical person, Bill. (3) That with Dr. Bob's slow educational variety of spiritual experience we have both ends of the spectrum. It took Dr. Bob several years to loose the craving for alcohol. (4) That Dr. Bob's "keep it Simple" philosophy tempered many possible actions that could have destroyed the fellowship.

Let us be grateful on this Anniversary of Dr. Bob's last drink for the guiding power that has given so many sobriety.

Submitted by Jim B.



**District 71 Founders/Unity Day  
Celebration  
Sat. June 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church**  
Hwy 64. E. Hendersonville NC  
½ mile East of I-26 (exit Bat Cave Hwy 64 E.)

**Beginning @ 2:30 pm  
Open Gratitude Discussion**

**3:00 pm  
Viewing of Markings On The Journey**  
( 30 min in length, includes rare footage of Bill W., audio interviews with Dr. Bob, Sister Ignatia, Dr. Silkworth, Henry Tiebout & more)

**3:45 pm  
Sobriety Countdown  
Trivia Winner's Prizes**

**4:00 pm  
Pot Luck Dinner**

**5:00 pm  
Guest Speaker**

**\*\*\*\*\* Presenting the Very First Display of \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* District 71 Archives \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\* A Special Invitation to All Al-Anon Members \*\*\***

**Bring a Dish, Bring a Smile  
And An Attitude of Gratitude In Fellowship & Laughter**

**For more info contact Debbie M. 828-606-6000**

## District 80

3rd Annual



# FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION



When: Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

From 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Where: Riverside Park, Bryson City

(Mitchell St. next to Swain Cty Admin Bldg)

What: Join us for food, fun & fellowship!

2 pm Eating (Typical “pot luck” style)

3 – 3:45 pm – Chris B., from Charlotte, NC – (AA)

3:45 – 4:30 pm – Sam B., from Charlotte, NC – (Alanon)

4:30 pm – More Fun & Fellowship!\*\*

As you are able, please bring a covered dish to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs & all the fixin’s will be provided.

DIRECTIONS : Take Rte 74 to Bryson City Exit #67 & proceed toward town. Go straight through 2 lights, cross bridge over river and make first right onto Mitchell Street. Immediately after Post Office (left), entrance to Riverside Park will be on right side.

\*\*Volleyball, Frisbees, water fun & more... Feel free to bring games, water toys & join in the fun



*Bring family & friends to join in our celebration & fun!*

# District 70 Eating Meeting



## AA's 73rd Birthday Celebration



*Fun and Fellowship*

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Eating at 4:00 P.M.

Speaker at 5:00 P.M.

Richard B. – Hendersonville, NC



### Bring a Covered Dish



Trinity Episcopal Church (Tuton Hall), Asheville. (Corner of Lexington and Aston) Entrance is on Aston Street, but you will find parking on Lexington, on Church Street across from the Church, and in back of Tuton Hall in the Church parking lot.

#### **Directions...**

**From the East:** Take I-40 W to I-240 W. Take Exit 5A (Merrimon Ave). At end of ramp turn left onto Merrimon Ave. Go through Pack Square to Aston Street. Turn right on Aston. Tuton Hall is 1 block on the left.

**From the South and West:** Take I-26 W or I-40 E to I-240 E. Take Exit 4B (Patton Ave) and follow to Church St. Turn right onto Church St. Go past Aston Street. Parking lots are on the right and left past and behind Trinity Church. Tuton Hall entrance is on Aston St. and Lexington Ave, one block east of Church St. or the rear entrance from the parking lot behind the Church.



## Has Your Group Looked in the Mirror Lately?

The idea of taking personal inventory is as old as A.A. itself. In the Big Book (p. 64), published in 1939, A.A. co-founder Bill W. and a handful of earlytimers likened the process to the vital task of maintaining a small business, noting that the one that “takes no regular inventory usually goes broke.... This fact-finding process is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade...to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret.... We [in A.A.] did exactly the same thing with our lives.” This process of individual inventory taking, familiarly known as Step Four, had its group counterpoint in Tradition Two, which states, “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”

It is through the lens of inventory meetings, as well as sharing sessions and business meetings, that group members become familiar with the concept of the “group conscience” as the deciding factor in any situation that arises, and with the need at all times to place “principles above personalities,” as detailed in the Twelfth Step.

Additionally, many A.A.s say that the process of arriving at a group conscience offers a view of the world in microcosm. Learning to function as part of a group—to cope with its ongoing challenges, joys and interrelationships—often gives them the first crucial tools for learning to function sober at home, at work, everywhere.

In the April 1956 issue of the A.A. Grapevine, Pennsylvanian M.J.G. suggested that “even in the most circumspect groups all is not always well. Just as it occasion-ally happens in the country club, the church choir and the college faculty, a lone wolf will howl and a Red Ridinghood will simper invitingly.”

Among other instances of disharmony that she felt could be resolved by taking a group conscience, M.J.G. said, “These days we see some of the founders of groups ‘retiring’ sulkily from A.A. after many useful productive years. Often this ‘retirement’ is precipitated by disagreements with new members over group affairs. Sometimes there have been shattering battles for power. If we all remember, as Tradition Two reminds us, that ‘our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern,’ we may not mount our high horses and go riding off into Never-Never Land when our own turn comes.”

And in its Sept.-Oct. 1964 issue, *Box 4-5-9*’s forerunner, the A.A. *Exchange Bulletin*, ran a lead story asking, “How Healthy Is Your Group?” It informed the reader that “the most popular form for taking a group inventory has been the set of questions shared by the Three Legacies Group of Spokane, Washington, in a 1960 issue of the *Exchange Bulletin*.” Because of the volume of requests, the *Bulletin* noted, it was running a recent version with the hope that it “may revitalize group health.”

That venerable Washington State inventory model greatly resembles the suggested guidelines for inventory-taking that are set forth in “The A.A. Group” pamphlet. Also, many groups and districts across the U.S./Canada have developed similar formats that work well for them.

Any thorough inventory of course bears the distinct mark of the group involved. For shared experience you may contact the General Service Office.

Says Georgia P., past chair of the Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community for the Tacoma, Lakewood and Puyallup districts: “In my experience, so many group problems, from refreshment hassles to anonymity breaks, can be resolved through the mechanisms of the group conscience. Several years ago, when I was the general service representative (G.S.R.) for Tacoma’s Fern Hill Group, we decided to inventory ourselves to see if we were working within the Traditions of A.A., just as we do with the Steps in taking our personal inventories. We asked two of our Area officers, Andy A. and Debbie C., to act as facilitators. They took their questions right from ‘The A.A. Group’ pamphlet and another G.S.O. service piece.”

Georgia recalls that the facilitators “questioned us as a group, we responded as a group, and it worked. The other districts I’ve been connected with have handled inventory meetings pretty much the same way. In fact, the greater Tacoma district right now is putting together an inventory night. Our District Committee Member Scott G. has asked Western Washington past delegate Dick D. (Panel 55) to facilitate the meeting, with the date and time as yet to be set.”

Also, Georgia says, “I know of groups in Tacoma that hold an inventory every year to make sure they are meeting the needs of the group and attracting the newcomer. These group conscience meetings don’t just clear the air. They teach home group members and the district how to be of service not only as sponsors, one-on-one, but to A.A. as a whole—to be available to work on service committees in treatment, corrections, public information and more, so that the A.A. message is carried to as many alcoholics as possible.”

In 1990 Michael Alexander, then Class A (nonalcoholic) chairman of the General Service Board, saw inventory-taking as a must for all of A.A. In the Holiday issue of *Box 4-5-9*, he said that “in order to fulfill our expanding service role abroad, we must lead from a position of unity and support at home. From each individual member on through our groups, intergroups, districts, area assemblies and the General Service Conference, our Fellowship is only as strong as its weakest link.”

Accordingly, he urged, “let us take inventory of our weaknesses and strengths in some vital areas”—including self support, newcomers, minorities and other groups of people underrepresented in A.A., and international services. Mike saw inventory taking as a bulwark of A.A. unity. “I am confident,” he said, “that our collective conscience will lead us in the right direction.”

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### **NCMCO Happenings**

Central Office hours of operation are from 10:00am - 1:00 pm, Monday - Friday. The office is no longer open on Saturdays but in a dire emergency, you may contact Dick J., Office Mgr., at 828-689-2853 or John G., Vice Chairman, at 828-253-9935, at least 24-hours in advance to schedule a Saturday pick-up.

The Central Office decided to become the collection point for literature for Correctional Facilities. Only soft cover books and other literature can be taken into these facilities. Please drop off any soft cover A.A. literature to the Central Office between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The next quarterly COR meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th in Sylva at the First Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM. We apologize for the incorrect date listed in the May issue.

The Central Office Board hired Dick J. for the office manager's position. Dick's background with Central Office and his long service history made him the most qualified applicant for the position. Dick will take over June 1st and we all wish him well in his new position. Thank you to all who submitted resumes for the position. This leaves the position of Treasurer open. Please submit your resume if you are interested.

Please submit any information you would like to see in the Mountain Doins. Otherwise we will have to continue borrowing from other sources. Thank you!

### **District 70**

District 70 will hold its AA Anniversary Celebration on June 13st at Trinity Episcopal Church as listed on the Calendar. The Eating meeting will be co-hosted by the Traditional Group and the Black Mountain Group at Tuton Hall on Aston St. in Asheville. Richard B. of Hendersonville, past Delegate and GSO staff, will be the speaker.

### **District 71**

District 71 will hold its Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, June 7th at Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church as listed on the Calendar. Contact Debbie M., DCM, at 828-606-6000 if you need directions or info. As part of the celebration, the 30 minute video "Markings on the Journey" will be shown. This 35 min. video includes rare footage from the AA archives of Bill W., Sister Ignatia and others. All Alanons are invited to participate.

### **District 80**

District 80's Founder's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 8th at the First Presbyterian Church in Sylva. This will be a joint AA/Alanon event with speakers from both fellowships.

### ***Notice***

Please drop off any unwanted soft cover A.A. literature to the Central Office between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM, Monday through Friday for distribution to Correctional Facilities.

This literature is needed badly and will be appreciated by the inmates who are seeking recovery behind the walls.

Thanks!



### Central Office Needs a Treasurer

As the headline hints, we need a new treasurer. The present treasurer, Dick J, will be moving into the NCMCO Office Manager slot effective June 1, and so our need is immediate. The Treasurer, who is a part of the NCMCO Board, is responsible for overseeing all financial operations and should enjoy the work and responsibility of being a key member of the Central Office team.

The accounting program is QuickBooks, but knowledge of this program isn't necessary at the start – it's easy enough to learn. Experience with Excel is a requirement.. The ability to come to the office at least once per week – at least to sign checks - is a must. The time required is perhaps an average of two hours per week.

Talk with Dick to learn more, either at the office or at home (828-689-2853). Thanks!

*From time to time it has been necessary to reconstitute the telephone list. This is due to many reasons, among which are; AA's moving, changing phone numbeers & inability to perform the duty.*

*If the Central Office is not notified of changes, the list is quickly outdated and our ability to perform this vital service to the suffering alcoholic is lessened.*

*Even if you are already on the list, please fill out the attachedform and return it to the Central Office.*

*Once the list is assembled, we will contact everyone on the list at least once a month to reaffirm their information and ability to perform the duty.*

*Remember, this is your 12 Step Primary Purpose.*

*Thank You!*

### 12-Step List Request

Please fill out the following information if you are interested in being placed on the Central Office 12-Step call list.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Type \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Times Available \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ Any Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Call Jack at Central Office if you have any questions. 828-254-8539

***Only your first name, last initial, phone number, restrictions, and times available will be listed on the published list.***

**ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

Only answering service operators will be calling you with the number of the Alcoholic in crises. You will make the call to the Alcoholic in crisis.

Your full address is needed for placement on the zone map.



## June Birthdays

### Andrews Group (May)

Jay N.	05/15/07	6 years
Elaine S.	05/05/07	1 year

### Andrews Group (June)

Sid M.	06/26/92	16 years
Bill M.	06/03/97	11 years

### Asheville Grace Group

Paul S.	06/10/85	23 years
Mary Scott H.	06/18/86	22 years
Joanne F.	06/21/89	19 years
Martin	06/01/92	16 years
Bob P.	06/02/92	16 years
Katie K.	06/13/97	11 years
Mark M.	06/21/03	5 years
Susan R.	06/07/05	3 years
Joe S.	06/12/05	3 years

### Black Mountain

Mike T.	06/16/1977	31 years
Brenda W.	06/30/1986	22 years

### Conscious Contact

Sue T.	06/27/84	24 years
John J.	06/02/86	22 years
Carolyn S.	06/21/89	19 years
Joyce D.	06/26/90	18 years
Melanie C.	06/29/91	17 years
Charles M.	06/19/01	7 years
Spencer A.	06/18/05	3 years
Terry C.	06/26/05	3 years

### Cumberland Group

Brad K.	06/01/98	10 years
Sean S..	06/10/06	2 years
Brandon C.	06/28/07	1 year

### Fletcher Group (May)

Ron H.	05/31/95	13 years
Pete P.	05/11/05	3 years

### Happy Hour Group (May)

John McS.	05/01/79	29 years
Pete P.	05/01/82	26 years

### Happy Hour Group (June)

Mary D.	06/16/78	30 years
Robin S.	06/01/87	21 years
Mark J.	06/21/92	16 years
Ray W.	06/21/06	2 years

### Hendersonville Mid Day Group (May)

Karen T.	05/01/85	23 years
Joyce P.	05/06/91	17 years
Maurice B.	05/30/00	8 years
Ken M.	05/08/06	2 years
Ed S.	05/11/06	2 years
Bruce R.	05/15/06	2 years
Lisa K.	05/15/06	2 years
Ann B.	05/15/06	2 years
Teresa H.	05/19/06	2 years

### Hendersonville Mid Day Group (June)

Lori L.	06/25/73	35 years
Robin S.	06/26/87	21 years
Mark J.	06/21/92	16 years
Jim R.	06/15/97	11 years
Leonard.	06/04/00	8 years
Blair T.	06/09/03	5 years
Cecil M.	06/24/06	2 years

### Mars Hill Group (May)

Church R.	05/20/84	24 years
BJ T.	05/11/90	18 years

### Serenity Service

Kent	06/25/84	24 years
John R.	06/06/87	21 years
Lawrence E.	06/04/03	5 years
Rebecca C.	06/12/03	5 years
Joe	06/26/04	4 years
Teresa J.	06/10/05	3 years
Chantelle M.	06/26/05	3 years

### Traditional Group

Ronald C.	06/08/94	14 years
Melvin L.	06/27/97	11 years
Barbara P.	06/06/04	4 years
David M.	06/21/04	4 years

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2008

	April	Total YTD		April	Total YTD
<b>District 70</b>			<b>District 71</b>		
Acceptance .....	50	582	Big Town .....	0	55
Asheville Big Book SS .....	0	21	Blue Ridge .....	0	40
Back to Basics .....	0	150	But for the The Grace of God .....	0	20
Burnsville .....	0	100	Edneyville .....	0	80
Candler KISS .....	300	300	Hendersonville .....	40	80
Chunns Cove Men's .....	0	180	Hendersonville Happy Hour .....	0	160
Conscious Contact .....	0	613	Joy of Living .....	25	25
Daily Decisions .....	0	118	Kanuga .....	23	68
Day By Day .....	0	370	Mid-Day .....	50	230
Fellowship .....	113	218	Mill Spring .....	25	50
Good Livers .....	0	49	Plan B .....	0	225
Grace .....	0	300	Principles .....	0	75
High Noon .....	45	90	Seniors on sobriety .....	65	65
Leicester .....	25	50	Speed Bump .....	0	75
Marion .....	25	50	Thursday Afternoon Ladies .....	50	50
Marshall .....	0	9	Tryon Tuesday .....	0	150
Mars Hill .....	0	200	Upward .....	0	30
Recovery By the River .....	41	149	<b>Subtotal District 71 .....</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1478</b>
Safe & Sound .....	0	200	<b>District 80</b>		
Serenity Seekers .....	0	50	AWOL .....	0	14
Serenity Service .....	100	250	Cashiers Valley .....	106	206
Six O'Clock Open .....	200	525	Common Sense .....	0	150
Swannanoa Library .....	0	45	Hayesville .....	0	35
Traditional .....	0	125	Hayesville Lunch Bunch .....	0	50
West Asheville .....	0	80	Mountainview .....	0	370
Women of Grace .....	0	30	Murphy Big Book .....	45	85
Young Peoples .....	115	115	No Name .....	0	50
<b>Subtotal District 70 .....</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>4969</b>	No Place Like Home .....	25	59
			Sunshine .....	0	60
			Sylva .....	0	126
			<b>Subtotal District 80 .....</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>702</b>
			<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>437</b>
			<b>Total Contributions .....</b>	<b>2294</b>	<b>6621</b>

## Rule 62

### IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

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We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

### The Other How It Works

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship designed and administered by a bunch of ex-drunks whose only qualifications for membership are that they can't hold their liquor and have decided they don't want to learn how. Not that they could anyway, they never could, and it's highly unlikely that they ever would. It has no rules, dues or fees, nor anything else that any sensible organization seems to require. At meetings, the speaker starts on one subject, winds up talking about something entirely different, and concludes by saying he doesn't know anything about the program except that it works. The groups are always broke, yet always seem to have money to carry on. They are always losing members but seem to grow. They claim AA is a selfish program but they always seem to be trying to give it away and to do something for others. Every group passes laws, rules, edicts and pronouncements that everyone blithely ignores; members who disagree with anything have the privilege to walk out in a huff, quitting forever, only to return as if nothing has happened and be greeted accordingly. Nothing is ever planned 24 hours ahead, yet great projects are born and survive magnificently. Nothing in AA is according to Hoyle. How can it survive? Perhaps it's because we have learned to live and laugh at ourselves. God made man. He made laughter too. Perhaps He is pleased with our disorganized efforts and makes things right no matter who pushes the wrong button. Maybe He is pleased, not with our lack of perfection, but with our sincerity. Maybe He is pleased with our trying to be nobody but ourselves. We don't know how it works, but it does, and members keep receiving their dividends from their AA investments. It is smart to be sober, and much easier, my friends, to stay sober than to get sober.

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