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Happy 4th of July to Everyone

This is a time to be grateful for the freedom we have found from alcohol and all of its problems and conditions that kept us from living a happy life. Take time on this holiday to be thankful for our sobriety as well as the freedoms we share in this country today!

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This is your Central Office. Thank You!

Central Office hours are 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Calendar

Saturday, July 12, 2008

District 71 3rd Quarter Potluck Dinner

St Timothy's Methodist Church
1020 Asheville Hwy. Brevard, NC
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Potluck Dinner 4:00 PM
Speaker: Kathy W., 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 13, 2008

District 70 Business Meeting

St Luke's Episcopal Church
219 Chunns Cove Rd
Asheville, NC
2:30 PM
All GSR's please plan to attend



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 or call Jim at 828-275-6280. Thanks for you help.

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Treasurer's Report



Announcements

N.C Mountain Central Office, Inc.

May 2008 - Profit and Loss

| INCOME | April | YTD |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Group Contributions | 1598 | 9264 |
| Individual Contributions | 118 | 682 |
| Sales Income | 2461 | 13376 |
| Interest Income | 2 | 5 |
| Gross Profit | 4179 | 23327 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Answering Service | 363 | 1534 |
| Other Telephone | 411 | 1924 |
| Rent | 420 | 2040 |
| Payroll Taxes | 0 | 13520 |
| Literature, Chips, Medallions | 2070 | 10040 |
| Postage | 162 | 737 |
| Copier Costs | 191 | 937 |
| Maintenance | 0 | 190 |
| Supplies | 331 | 583 |
| Fees, Consultant, Legal | 0 | 115 |
| Total Expense | 3948 | 19452 |
| NET INCOME | 231 | 3875 |

Treasurer's Note

The May profit and loss statement shows a profit of only \$231 but that figure includes a number of inventory write-downs. We salted away \$1000 into our money market account (which is also our Prudent Reserve) to a new total of \$4077, and we ended the month with a comfortable \$1833 in our checking account. All our bills are being paid promptly and the groups are paying us in the same manner. So we enter June on a solid basis and will have no difficulty in resuming paying the new office manager the \$710/month the board agreed upon. We are sure grateful to Jack D for serving as manager without pay for the past eight months, enabling us to return to financial health.

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.

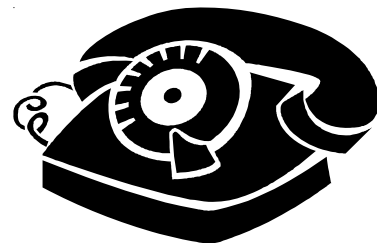
The **Cullowhee Group** has changed its Thursday night meeting from 7:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

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**.

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.



Phone Log May, 2008

Answering Service Calls

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| A.A. Crisis | 2 |
| General Information | 16 |
| Family Help | 11 |
| Meeting Information | 108 |
| Central Office Business | 35 |
| Medical Help/Detox, Hosp, etc | 1 |
| Visitors | 45 |



Mr. Sobriety Answers Your Questions About the Answering Service

Mountain Doin's: Say, what's the answering service?

Mr. Sobriety: It's a 24 hour, 7 day a week service through Daniels Communications that answers the numbers listed for the Central Office - (800) 524-0465 and (828) 254-8539 - whenever that office is closed. It's automated – you know, press 1 for English, that kind of thing. You can get meeting times and days without ever talking to a human. Give it a try! Call it and see if you can find your home group.

MD: But what if someone is calling for help, not just meeting information? Are they going to push buttons? I mean –

Mr. S: No. Whenever anyone reaches out for help we want the hand of AA to be there. The caller can easily get through to a trained operator who will ask appropriate questions and will tell the caller that an AA (same gender as the caller) will call back within a few minutes. The operator will never give out any volunteer's phone number.

MD: How does that happen?

Mr. S: The Daniels operators have a list of over one hundred available AAs in Districts 70, 71 and 80, listed by town and by gender, and they start down the list to find someone who is available and willing to take the 12 Step call – to call the caller. Sometimes the operator will hit on the first try but sometimes, fortunately only rarely, they will have twenty or so “misses” before they connect.

MD: Gosh, that must delay the response!

Mr. S: Right. That's the biggest concern. And when Daniels operators spend time on AA business they do bill us for it. We need people who will take the calls as a high priority.

MD: So the 12 Step volunteers need to be both available and willing.

Mr. S: Absolutely. Our most willing volunteers say that responding to calls for help is their highest priority, that it automatically overrides their regular agenda. Including sleeping.

MD: Could I volunteer? How?

Mr. S: If you have a year of sobriety and a solid program – generally including a sponsor and a home group – we'd be grateful for your help. Call or email (ncmco@bellsouth.net) the central office to get the process started. Once you're on board we'll call you monthly to be sure you're still enthusiastic and to get your feedback. We'll offer periodic seminars and training. Incidentally there aren't a great number of 12th Step calls, so it's difficult for us to know how volunteers feel without our talking to them pretty regularly.

MD: What do I do once I call someone back?

Mr. S: Largely that's up to you. And your sponsor. And Chapter 7 in the Big Book. We'll give you some general guidelines, of course. Suggested do's and don'ts. Most of them are common sense. We'll point out that we don't as an organization offer to provide rides to meetings, but some volunteers will make such an offer if it seems safe and sensible. We don't have a long list of instructions - 12th Step work is too important to be codified and professionalized.

MD: Thank you, Mr. Sobriety. By the way, what's your real name?

Mr. S: It's an anonymous program.

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.



IN MEMORY OF

Chicago Bob

Chicago Bob passed away from cancer on June 11th, in his 29th year of sobriety. He ran the central office from 1991 to 2006. He was known as Chicago Bob because there were two other Bob Vs in Asheville AA in 1980. Often seen in his favorite chair (next to the door) at the Cumberland and Weaverville meetings Bob was never without a snappy greeting - the better he liked you the more he insulted you. His program was rock-solid in its simplicity. We listened eagerly to what he had to say. Bob had mirth and he had wisdom.

Bob, you'll be missed.

Newt B

The members of the Brevard Sylvan Valley Group are saddened by the passing of Newt B. on June 6 of his 41st year of sobriety. He was a summer resident of Brevard for many years. It was a privilege for those of us who knew him as he was a wonderful inspiration for all of us. He lived his AA program in all his affairs and will be missed.

Our condolences go out to his widow, Elsie B., who is also in the program.

NOTICES

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, moved 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!

Taking the Bait

Or Practicing Self-Restraint in All Our Affairs

Recently, I went to a meeting where we were talking about the Tenth Step.

The chairperson read from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. On page 91, it talks about self-restraint:

“When we are tempted by the bait, we should train ourselves to step back and think.”

As others shared, the magic of A. A. started happening. I began to think of the past weekend and how things were so vastly different from when I first came into the program.

When I first began coming to A.A. meetings, there was no space between thought and action. If something ran across my mind, I would do it. I didn't seem to have any control over my actions and I would frequently say, “I couldn't help it!”

While alcohol was cunning, baffling, and powerful, so was the -ism of my alcoholism. If I couldn't stop myself, I knew there would be no way I would ever change and if I didn't change, I would drink again.

Slowly, very slowly, there began to be a little more space before I said or did something. I was actually able to practice self-restraint. I had to “train” myself not to act or speak. To do this, I prayed the alcoholic prayer over and over: “Please help me. Please help me . . .”

Eventually, it became more automatic and not as difficult. I was able to actually think before acting. Great events do come to pass!

Now, while today this isn't as difficult with many people in my life, I find that in very close relationships, I frequently don't know I've taken the bait until I've been dragged about kicking and screaming.

Because I get hooked so often, my sponsor talks to me about taking the bait. He says that the ideal is to not get hooked, but when he gets hooked, he needs someone else to help him get the hook out of his mouth. If I call my sponsor right away, he can usually help me get the hook out with minimal damage to me and others.

This brings me to the previous weekend. My relationship with my mother is changing and as

usual, this is uncomfortable on both ends.

I like communicating by e-mail, particularly with my mother, because it is easier to pause before I say something I might regret.

During this exchange, I was hooked big time. I was flailing around, and, for at least one entire day, I was miserable and could think of little else.

But here's the miracle: She didn't know I was hooked. Despite my thoughts and feelings, I practiced self-restraint and on top of it, I acted well. I accomplished what I set out to do, I was kind and loving, and I came home from the visit owing no amends.

The kinds of things I am proud of have changed. Today, I am proud of the effort I put forth, perseverance, and keeping my mouth shut.

These are really hard for me and even these things, I do not have to do myself- if I ask for help, which sometimes the hardest of all. However, I've found that that even asking for help has become more automatic.

On page 92, there is a passage which focuses on “big-shot-ism” which says, “. . . we can often check ourselves by remembering that we are today sober only by the Grace of God and that any success we may be having is far more His success than ours.”

I enjoy many of the outcomes; such as living sober, having relationships with others, personal healing, going to school, and working. However, I don't have control over them. I couldn't manifest them in my life or I would have done it long, long ago.

The credit goes to my Higher Power, good sponsorship, and all the people in A.A. who took my hand and showed me how to live.

Thank you.

Robyn B.

New Women's Group

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“Nothing pays off like restraint of tongue and pen.”

The Gate Lodge



“Years ago, in 1935, one of our number made a journey to a certain western city. From a business standpoint, his trip came off badly.” (Big Book, pg. 153)

“Stilt physically weak, and sober but a few months, he saw that his predicament was dangerous. He wanted so much to talk with someone, but whom?” (Big Book, pg.154)

“At one end of the room stood a glass covered directory of local churches. Down the lobby a door opened into an attractive bar.” (Big Book, pg. 154)

“Fear gripped him. He was on thin ice. Again it was the old, insidious insanity-that first drink. With a shiver, he turned away and walked down the lobby to the church directory.” (Big Book, pg .154)

“He would phone a clergyman. His sanity returned and he thanked God. Selecting a church at random from the directory, he stepped into a booth and lifted the receiver.” (Big Book, pg. 154-155)

As the the story goes, the clergyman referred Bill W. to Henrietta Sieberling, who knew the perfect alcoholic, a local doctor we lovingly call Dr. Bob. The first meeting took place at the Gate Lodge at the Sieberling estate called Stan Hywet Hall. The rest is AA history.

There’s another part of this story from the Sieberling’s perspective. In 1933, the Oxford Group started holding meetings in Akron and Henrietta went to some of these meetings. She was attracted to the spiritual teachings, which stressed work and self-sacrifice for others. Two years later in the summer of 1935, Henrietta was in the perfect place to be used by her Higher Power. When she received the phone call from the clergyman, she went all the way and set up a meeting between two strangers at the Gate Lodge at the Sieberling Estate.

To quote: “It was at one of the Oxford meetings that Bob Smith announced: “I am a silent drinker, and I can’t stop “ A few weeks later, Bill Wilson came to Akron and through Harvey Firestone’s minister was Introduced to Henrietta. Wilson told her- “I’m from the Oxford Group and I’m a Rum Hound.” (The story of Stan Hywet Hall, c. 2000, pg. 45-46)

At the Gate Lodge on a summer evening in Akron in 1935, Bill Wilson of New York, six months sober at the time, shook hands with Dr. Robert Smith of Akron for the very first time. In 2000, the Gate loddge was dedicated as a National Historic site.

Anonymous

How we behave in public mirrors A.A. as a whole

A.A. is the sum of all its two million parts - us. Which means that the message of sobriety we carry is only as strong and attractive as we are. If our friends in the community perceive us positively, they will recommend us to the sick alcoholic. Conversely, if we project an unpleasant impression, that same alcoholic may fall through the cracks of public distaste, distrust and outright enmity.

For nearly 60 years the Fellowship has enjoyed ever-deepening acceptance and confidence at the public level. But lately, in some areas of the U.S./Canada, the egregious conduct of some members threatens to disrupt this essential harmony. Two cases in point:

In one state last September, a church pastor wrote a letter stating that "I have found it necessary to ask the A.A. group to leave." The reasons set forth by the pastor were: (1) Church members had been told by members of the A.A. group 'not to attend the programs offered by the church'; (2) Language used on the premises is unacceptable, and when brought to the attention of members of the A.A. group, the church members were told, "We pay rent so we can do anything we want to"; (3) Members of the group have been asked repeatedly not to park on the grass or in the driveway, and we find they still park where they are not supposed to." In conclusion the pastor noted, "The work of A.A. is supported by the ———church and me personally, and it is with regret that I must ask you to leave." Copies of his letter were sent not only to the resident A.A. group and the General Service Office, but to two officers of the church - possibly setting in motion a negative ripple effect for the whole of A.A.

On the West coast, a similar situation prevails, but on a broader scale: For about 25 years, area groups have held an annual picnic that we well attended and enjoyed by the membership. The event enjoyed smooth sailing into the 1980s, but about ten years ago problems began to surface, and last June they reached an impasse, according to Jean P., who for 20 years has served as manager of a local central office. In an open memo head& "How our Behavior Affects A.A. as a Whole—A Loving Appraisal," Jean wrote, "Again our behavior is affecting us at the public level. Our last picnic was so bad, the neighbors around the area petitioned against our using the facilities again."

These and other reports raise some pressing questions: Are A.A.'s more unruly and inconsiderate than they used to be, or are there just more of us? Is there anything we can do collectively to reverse what appears to be a dismaying trend? If so, what? Says Jean: "There is no question but that part of the difficulties are due to sheer volume. For example, attendance at our annual picnic has more than doubled in size, from about 650 to 1,500 people, including more young people and children than we had early on."

As A.A. co-founder Bill W. wrote (in the Third Legacy Manual, p. 136), "To reach more alcoholics, understanding of A.A. and public good will towards A.A. must go on growing everywhere..." Toward this end and, as Babs G. of East Hampton puts it, "pull up our socks and improve our bad manners," here are some suggested topics, born of A.A. experience, that lend themselves to a group inventory or sharing session:

Do our group's officers communicate often and openly with the "landlord"? As renters of the premises, do we fulfill our financial obligations in a timely fashion? Do we observe the house rules with courtesy and consideration?

When we schedule dances, picnics or other special events, are the rules of the establishment posted and understood by individual members well beforehand? Is ample security provided for?

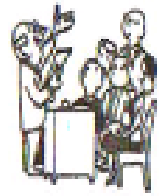
Have we connected Tradition Eleven's principle of "attraction rather than promotion" with the willingness of our nonalcoholic friends to refer alcoholics to us? Do we understand we as members bear responsibility for their impression of A.A.?

Finally, do we realize that whenever we function as A.A.'s at the public level, we are A.A.? Do we see that anonymity does not conceal bad manners?

As active alcoholics, most of us were too sick to think about effect on others; all our energy was focused on the now and the next drink. As an A.A. contribution to the booklet *Came to Believe* explains (p.1 18-120): "I was spiritually bankrupt long before A.A. entered my life. I got sober in A.A., and began to have concern for others. I began to feel for others, to be able, for very brief moments, to put myself in their shoes. I was not the center of the universe. None of us can ever fathom the uncharted regions of the universe. But we can live on earth and love one another. We can let in the beginnings of concern, compassion, consideration, and watch ourselves grow."

Take from *News and Notes*

General Service Office of A.A.



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 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

Greetings from District 70. Thanks to all who helped make the Ice Cream Social a great success. A group of 55-60 people enjoyed the entertaining speakers, a few festivities, fellowship and of course the ice cream. A Founders Day Celebration sponsored by the Traditional Group and the Black Mountain Group was equally a great event. Richard B. from Hendersonville spoke to a group of nearly 200 people and did a great job providing attendees with AA History as well as his own experience strength and hope. There was plenty of food, soft drinks, and coffee. It is always great to see good friends, young and old, gathered together for the same purpose: food, fun, fellowship, and sobriety. Plans are currently in the works for a summer picnic/BBQ and auction of AA memorabilia at Lake Julian on August 23, 2008, a Meet & Greet your Delegate with a Pot Luck Supper to follow on September 27, 2008; a possible dance and we have 1 more scheduled Eating Meeting. The committee plans to meet monthly and is currently looking for a place that would best serve both the committee and the district. Each of you is needed to make these events a success. Anyone looking to have fun and do some much needed service work please contact me @ 828.668.9861 or by email at:

ruthiec@hotmail.com

In Love & Service, Ruthie C

District 71

No information submitted.

District 80

No information submitted.

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 numbers & 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 attached form 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 Dick 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.



July Birthdays

Andrews Group

Gene B. 07/27/80 28 years
 "Jolly" Jim R. 07/22/82 26 years

Asheville Big Book Step Study (June)

Pete H. 06/02/00 8 years
 Robert B. 06/15/03 5 years
 Mark S. 06/08/05 3 years

Asheville Grace Group

Judy M. 07/03/94 14 years
 Fran S. 07/12/05 3 years
 Alan B. 07/05/06 2 years
 Stan W. 07/19/06 2 years
 Linda M. 07/24/06 2 years
 Edgar B. 07/08/07 1 year
 Anne R. 07/08/07 1 year
 Edward M. 07/09/07 1 year
 Carla W. 07/28/07 1 year
 Maxine J. 07/31/07 1 year

Back to Basics

Fran R. 07/14/97 11 years

Conscious Contact

Anna L. 07/16/93 15 years
 Susan L. 07/02/86 5 years
 Sally S. 07/21/89 5 years

Cumberland Group

Joel L. 07/01/88 20 years
 David T. 07/21/93 15 years
 Amelia E. 07/23/06 2 years
 John S. 07/04/07 1 year

Fletcher Group (June)

Irene H. 06/18/71 37 years
 John W. 06/13/81 27 years
 Joyce K. 06/28/92 16 years
 Phil S. 06/09/95 13 years

Fletcher Group (July)

Dave T. 07/11/90 18 years

Happy Hour Group

Marsha F. 07/02/78 30 years
 Bill S. 07/11/95 21 years
 Jim S. 07/07/07 16 years

Hendersonville Group (June)

Marshal D. 26 years
 Kenny 25 years
 Nadine 17 years

Anita 14 years
 Joe MC. 3 years

Hendersonville Group (July)

Shawn K. 2 years
 Jon G. 2 years

Hendersonville Mid Day Group

Valorie. 07/12/04 4 years
 Cathy P. 07/27/05 3 years

Mars Hill Group (June)

Bill McV. 06/01/74 34 years
 Rick G. 06/26/95 13 years
 Bill S. 06/08/05 3 years
 Bill M.. 06/08/05 3 years

Serenity Service

John R. L. 07/12/82 26 years
 Dave S. 07/18/83 25 years
 Loretta. 07/07/94 14 years
 Marjorie B. 07/05/02 6 years
 Patrick M 07/12/02 6 years
 John L. 07/24/02 6 years
 Peter C. 07/12/03 5 years
 Gene M. 07/13/05 3 years
 Trey M. 07/04/06 2 years
 Coran J. R. 07/12/06 2 years
 Luanne V. 07/12/06 2 years
 Mary D. 07/17/06 2 years
 Ronnie H. 07/07/07 1 year
 Cameron 07/09/07 1 year
 Carol W. 07/12/07 1 year
 Jan B. 07/19/07 1 year
 Dan N. 07/27/07 1 year
 Lisa B. 07/29/07 1 year
 Craig K. 07/30/07 1 year
 Rob H. 07/31/07 1 year

Traditional Group

Tony P. 07/15/87 21 years
 Monica M. 07/26/99 9 years
 Stanley H. 07/27/00 8 years
 Garrick McQ. 07/25/02 6 years
 Nathalie M. 07/23/03 5 years
 Luanne V. 07/12/06 2 years
 Dakota G. 07/23/07 1 years

Upward Group

Pam D. 07/22/04 4 years

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2008

| | May | Total YTD | | May | Total YTD |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| District 70 | | | District 71 | | |
| Acceptance | 50 | 632 | Big Town | 0 | 55 |
| Asheville Big Book SS | 0 | 21 | Blue Ridge | 0 | 40 |
| Back to Basics | 200 | 350 | But for the The Grace of God | 0 | 20 |
| Burnsville | 0 | 100 | Edneyville | 0 | 80 |
| Candler KISS | 0 | 300 | Hendersonville | 0 | 80 |
| Chunns Cove Men's | 0 | 180 | Hendersonville Happy Hour | 0 | 160 |
| Conscious Contact | 321 | 934 | Joy of Living | 0 | 25 |
| Daily Decisions | 0 | 118 | Kanuga | 22 | 90 |
| Day By Day | 0 | 370 | Mid-Day | 60 | 290 |
| Fellowship | 0 | 218 | Mill Spring | 0 | 50 |
| Good Livers | 0 | 49 | Plan B | 0 | 225 |
| Grace | 400 | 700 | Principles | 0 | 75 |
| High Noon | 0 | 90 | Seniors on sobriety | 0 | 65 |
| Leicester | 0 | 50 | Speed Bump | 0 | 75 |
| Marion | 0 | 50 | Sylvan Valley | 200 | 200 |
| Marshall | 0 | 9 | Thursday Afternoon Ladies | 0 | 50 |
| Mars Hill | 0 | 200 | Tryon Tuesday | 0 | 150 |
| Recovery By the River | 0 | 149 | Upward | 30 | 60 |
| Safe & Sound | 0 | 200 | Subtotal District 71 | 312 | 1790 |
| Serenity Seekers | 25 | 75 | District 80 | | |
| Serenity Service | 0 | 250 | AWOL | 0 | 14 |
| Six O'Clock Open | 0 | 525 | Cashiers Valley | 0 | 206 |
| Spruce Pine | 25 | 25 | Common Sense | 0 | 150 |
| Swannanoa Library | 0 | 45 | Cullowhee Valley | 10 | 10 |
| Traditional | 0 | 125 | Fireside | 100 | 470 |
| West Asheville | 0 | 80 | Hayesville | 0 | 35 |
| Women of Grace | 0 | 30 | Hayesville Lunch Bunch | 0 | 50 |
| Young Peoples | 0 | 115 | Locked in Forward | 155 | 155 |
| Subtotal District 70 | 1021 | 5990 | Murphy Big Book | 0 | 85 |
| | | | No Name | 0 | 50 |
| | | | No Place Like Home | 0 | 59 |
| | | | Sunshine | 0 | 60 |
| | | | Sylva | 0 | 126 |
| | | | Subtotal District 80 | 265 | 1470 |
| | | | Individual Contributions | 0 | 437 |
| | | | Total Contributions | 1598 | 9687 |

Rule 62

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose.
We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

The Other How It Works

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