

August 2013



Serving AA in Western North Carolina's Districts 70, 71, and 80 since 1974

Anniversaries

Asheville Big Book Step Study

8/21/1987 26 yrs Mary T. **Brevard Serenity Group**

Barb E. 8/21/1990 23 yrs Paul W. 8/3/1997 16 yrs Ken B. 8/13/1984 29 yrs

Cumberland Group

Lynda M. 8/6/1985 28 yrs Wilson D. 8/8/2008 5 yrs Wayne B. 8/15/2005 8 yrs Tom H 8/23/2005 Q vrs

Tom H.	8/23/2005 8 y				
Kerry V.	8/31/2005	8 yrs			
Tommy G.	8/8/2008	5 yrs			
Georgia P.	8/22/2011	2 yrs			
Grace Group					
Brad S.	8/2/2001	12 yrs			
Brian F.	8/2/2011	2 yrs			
Ку К.	8/2/2012	l yr			
Ed B.	8/3/2009	4 yrs			
Russell C.	8/5/2011	2 yrs			
Tom M.	8/9/2010	3 yrs			
Eddy B.	8/11/2011	2 yrs			
Brendan P.	8/15/2010	3 yrs			
Jananne	8/23/2011	2 yrs			
Brent R.	8/25/2000	13 yrs			
Cecilia F.	8/26/2012	2 yrs			
Terry G.	8/26/2011	2 yrs			
Wendy B.	8/30/2006	7 yrs			

KISS Candler Group

Doug W. 8/17/2010 3 yrs Rick H. 8/15/2004 9 yrs Tammy B. 8/15/1997 16 yrs Wayne B. 8/15/2005 8 yrs Happy Hour H'vl Group

Charlene O. 8/20/2002 II yrs John A. 8/27/1978 35 yrs 8/8/1980 Robert L. 33 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Diane C. 8/6/2012 I yr Mike J. 8/12/2012 I yr Chris T. 8/10/2012 I yr Doug D. 8/5/1996 17 yrs

Leicester Home Group

Ann I. 8/6/1989 24 yrs Wayne B. 8/15/2005 8 yrs

Mars Hill Group

20 yrs Diane McG 8/9/1993

Serenity Seekers

8/1/2009 Sam 4 yrs John 8/15/2011 2 yrs Sheila H. 8/16/2012 I yr

A.A. members, you can share your anniversary on this page by emailing your first name, last initial, home group, month, day, and year to info@ncmco.net. Send it in by the 15th of the month prior!

Serenity Sisters

Royal P.	8/5/1970	43 yrs
Ronda I.	8/6/1997	16 yrs
Adria C.	8/8/2008	5 yrs
Kristi S.	8/11/2001	12 yrs
Michelle P.	8/11/2012	l yr
Candy P.	8/15/1987	26 yrs
Mary W.	8/15/2010	3 yrs
Elise C.	8/17/2002	II yr
Jody M.	8/28/1983	30 yrs
Melanie H.	8/30/2010	13 yrs

Three Alarm Group

8/29/2010

3 yrs

Gene Ma.

Traditional Group					
Richard T.	8/7/1984	29 yrs			
Lee R.	8/1/2005	8 yrs			
Joe S.	8/13/2006	7 yrs			
Stephen T.	8/11/2011	2 yrs			
Edward B.	8/22/2012	l yr			
Tracy B.					

Women of Grace

Debbie P.	8/26/2001	12 yrs
Denise D.	8/13/1999	14 yrs
Jacquelyne R.	8/28/1998	15 yrs
Julie F.	8/28/2011	2 yrs
Michele F.	8/10/2006	7 yrs
Vicki A.	8/14/2011	2 vrs

Group contributions were roughly \$1200 less than expenses

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Group Contribution\$ • June 2013 & YTD

Acceptance Grp	\$94.35	\$540.15	Mountain View (Highlands)		\$248.00
Anonymous		\$214.65	Murphy Big Book Grp		\$10.00
Around the Room Grpv	\$58.00	\$211.00	New Freedom Grp		\$110.00
A'vl Big Book Step Study Grp		\$62.92	New Life Literature		\$25.00
Asheville Women's Big Book		\$85.50	Pisgah Grp		\$155.33
Step Study Grp Big Town Grp 671-200	\$69.25	\$185.21	Recovery by the River		\$207.18
Black Mountain Grp 117-117	\$125.00	\$225.00	Roundtable Grp		\$100.00
Brevard Sylvan Valley	\$50.00	\$50.00	Sat. Morning Men's Meeting		\$40.00
Candler Kiss Grp 163-148	φ30.00	\$195.00	Second Chance Grp		\$20.95
•		•	Serenity Seekers - Marion		\$57.50
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$265.66	Serenity Service 110-498	\$50.00	\$300.00
Cedar Mountain Grp		\$50.00	Skyland Meeting 693-372		\$60.00
Columbus Grp		\$90.00	Sylvan Valley AA Grp		\$50.00
Conscious Contact (A'vI)		\$900.00	Sunshine AA Grp		\$50.00
Cumberland Grp 122-472		\$300.00	The Principals Grp 127-575		\$59.00
Daily Decisions Grp 643-869		\$312.10	Total Surrender Grp		\$180.00
Day by Day Grp 159-058	# 000 00	\$596.73	Tryon 12 & 12 690-877		\$26.00
District 71	\$300.00	\$300.00	Tryon Monday Grp	\$40.00	\$140.00
Downtown Serenity	0.455.45	\$100.00	Warren Wilson Grp		\$39.40
Early Birds	\$155.45	\$155.45	Waynesville Grace Grp		\$600.00
Fellowship Grp, Fletcher		\$150.00	We Think Not Grp		\$32.41
Fletcher Grp 110-465		\$368.00	Women of Courage		\$68.74
Fireside Grp	4	\$601.57	Women of Grace		\$109.00
Good Livers Group	\$150.00	\$150.00	Young People's Grp		\$147.10
Grace Grp of Asheville		\$1,441.55	4th Dimension		\$100.00
Grace of God Grp of H'vl		\$75.00	11-11-11 Grp		\$15.00
Happy Hour Grp		\$50.00	Total Grp Contributions:	\$1,332.05	\$11,991.13
Hendersonville Grp		\$80.00	Individual Contributions	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	ψ···,σ·····σ
Hand-in-Hand Grp		\$100.00	Anoymous		\$5.50
Kanuga Grp	\$45.00	\$112.50	In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$60.00
Lambda Grp 617-035		\$112.91	Total Ind. Contributions:	\$10.00	\$65.50
Leicester Grp 143-417		\$100.00	Grand Total	\$1,342.05	\$12,056.63
Library Grp		\$72.50	••••••	Ψ1,0-12.00	•••••
Mars Hill Group	\$100.00	\$100.00	Central	Office	
Marshall Group	\$95.00	\$95.00	Cash on		
Mid Day Grp		\$281.07	Money Market (Prudent Reser		\$7018.45
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\$7.00

\$304.05 Rent Deposit

AT&T Deposit

Operating Account (Checking)

\$1869.60

\$400.00

\$100.00

Mill Spring Grp 656-821

Monday Night Open Meeting

Call & Visitor Log June 2013

AA Crisis 2
General Info 3
Family Help 2
Meeting Info 34
Central Office Business 24
Medical/Detox 0
Visitors 80
Answer Svc (Operator-Asst) 47

North Carolina Mountain Central Office News

COR Meetings Now Held at...
Suite 210, 70 Woodfin (in the Park Place Bldg., just off Charlotte St at the I-240 interchange).

Attention All Groups & CORs

The next COR meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Oct 10.

Board Position Opening

Treasurer. From the By-Laws: has charge and custody of all funds of Central Office; is responsible for the accuracy of all financial records of Central Office; creates receipts and makes disbursements as approved by the Central Office's various committees; arranges for preparation and filing of all required tax returns; prepares an annual financial report and monthly financial report; presents it to the Central Office Board and CORs. At least five years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.

Office Manager Position Open

Effective August 2, Cindy will be leaving for a full-time position. The Board is soliciting resumes/business references and will interview qualified candidates. Hours are M-F, 9:45 am-1:15 pm. (The office is open from 10 to 1.) \$13.50 per hour; paid holidays. Prefer applicants who have experience with Quickbooks, retail, and directing volunteer office helpers.

Meeting Updates Districts 70, 71, 80

New Meetings

Asheville. AA The Original Way. Wednesday 6:00 pm, Calvary Baptist Church, 531 Haywood Ave (C, BB, SS)

Black Mountain. Phoenix Group Monday Noon, St. James Episc. Church, Hwy 70 & Craigmont (C, SS)
Black Mountain. Phoenix Group, Friday Noon, St. James Episc. Church, Hwy 70 & Craigmont (O, BB)
Brevard. Sharing House Group Tuesday 4:00 pm, corner Oakdale & Duckworth (basement) (ODR D)
Sylva. Brown Bag Group Wednesday Noon, Love's Chapel U.M. Church, 41 Lovedale Rd. (O, D)

Waynesville. 12&12 Meeting Wednesday I:30pm Waynesville Triangle Club, 65 Branner Ave (O, LS)

Meeting Changes

Asheville. Serenity Service Group Wed 8pm, 697-G Haywood Rd., beside Ingles (CD) now coed **Leicester.** Leicester Group Wednesday and Saturday meetings' times have changed from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Waynesville The Great Fact Group. Sunday, 11:00 am. has moved to the Triangle Club at 65 Branner Ave (O, D)

Cancelled Meetings

Lake Toxaway. Monday and Thursday 8:00 pm

Central Office Hours 10-1, M-F

central office (or intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community—just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups—functions which are best handled by a centralized office—and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest.

-A.A. Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices

A.A.GRAPEVINE,...

featurette

"We earnestly pray for the right ideal, for guidance in each questionable situation, for sanity, and for the strength to do the right thing." —Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 70

Special Section: Dating in Sobriety

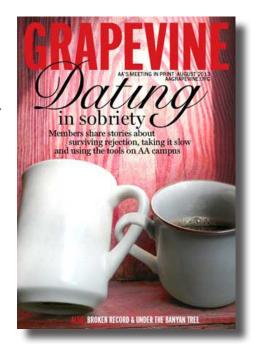
"Two Garbage Trucks in the Night" Sober dating doesn't always have to be messy

"Single and Happy"

She turned 40 and her date stood her up. That's just fine with her.

"Taking it Slow" A sober guy learns that the best things take time

"Looking for 'the One" Dating Rampage Three



coffee dates in one afternoon? A member tells how he survived. Related: "Dumped on Valentine's Day"

"Moving Forward ... Not In" You know two AAs are on a second date when you see the moving van in the driveway

Sobriety Calling

A member shares how he feels about texting and calls during meetings

And, in every issue:

- Dear Grapevine
- AA News
- Alcoholism at Large
- At Wit's End

An Open Letter to "Our" Fellowship

y name is Doug H. My sobriety date is March 15, 1989. I have that date because someone cared enough to hand me an AA tract when I was sitting in jail waiting to go to trial.

I have that "sobriety date" because someone at Central Prison in the fellowship took the time in 1989 to bring the message of AA into Central Prison. I have that "SD" because someone brought the message of AA into Eastern C.I. in 1990-92. I have that "SD" because someone brought the message into a brand new Brown Creek C.I. in 1992 and helped to get meetings started on the right foot. I have that "SD" because someone brought the message of AA into Craggy C.I. in 1993. I have that "SD" because someone brought the AA message to another brand new close custody prison in 1995 named Marion C.I.

I could go on and list the dates but I'm sure you are getting the idea. Over the past 24 years I have been to the above-mentioned prisons—sometimes more than once—plus Burnsville, Goldsboro, Hoke, Hamlet, Johnston, Mountain View, Avery-Mitchell, and you know at every one of those I have found the "hand of AA" there—except now. Last year I was busted back to close custody and sent back to Marion C.I. You know what I found? No hand of AA. No active volunteers. Almost no interest by staff or inmates.

For these last 24 years I have made some of the truest friends I have ever known. Some have moved and far too many have moved to the Big Meeting in the Sky.

Here they make it hard for volunteers to come in, I'm sure. You can't bring a cell phone, you can't wear a belt with a metal buckle or shoes with metal shank support and a thousand other "can'ts" and "don'ts," I'm sure.

But what you can do is bring the message of AA into this cold, heartless place. What you can do is bring your experience and hope. What you can bring is what it was like, what happened and what it is like now. What you can bring is the fellowship that has kept me sane and sober for the past 24-plus years.

A.A.'s "Responsibility Declaration" states: "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."

Well, Fellowship, I am reaching out. There is much work to be done in here and as an inmate I can do very little of it. But I'm going to keep on trying. How about you? To those who have been a part of my sobriety, thank you,

The District Express

Step 12! Phone volunteers needed for the Step 12 Call List. If you are good on the phone • have a helpful attitude and • are sober, please contact Central Office. (828) 254-8539 or write info@ncmco.net

All Districts: Committee Coordinators please send updates on committee meeting times, recent activity, and upcoming service opportunities! The September newsletter deadline is August 15.

Central Office Representatives (CORs) meet at Central Office on the second Thursday of the first month of each quarter, at 6:00 pm.

District 70

Contact any District 70 trusted servant

through the website http://ashevilleaa.org (click the Contacts link at the top of the page).

GSR District Meeting is Sunday, August 11, 2:30 pm, at St. Luke's Episc. Church Parish House, 219 Chunn's Cove Rd, Asheville

Bridging the Gap (with treatment facilities). Contact Susan H., the TFC Chair, at ashevilleaa.org, or Brad S., BTG Chair or Janey K., Co-Coordinator, at the toll-free number (888) 830-3155. If you would like to participate in this vital program, please attend the Service Committees Meeting (see listing, below). Learn more about BTG at http://btgww.org/

Service Committees meet the last Tuesday of every even-numbered month. **Next meeting is August 27,** 6:00 pm. Trinity Episcopal Church,
60 Church St, Asheville.

Events Committee Watch this space for more information as it becomes available from District 70. **District contributions** mail to: District 70 Treasurer, PO Box 8574, Asheville, NC 28814

District 71

DCM: Whitney B.: foothillscal@gmail.com
Alt DCM: David L.: david.lanik@gmail.com **District contributions** mail to: K. G. Stewart,
301 Forest Ave, Landrum SC 29356-9441

District 80

DCM: John E. - to contact go to www.aawnc80.org Groups, mail your **district contributions** to: Treasurer, 85 Mimosa Lane, Franklin NC 28734

2013 Area 51 Events

Summer 2013 Committee Meeting

August 24-25 for Area Committee Members Location: Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road (exit 10 off I-440 Beltline) Raleigh, NC 27609-7316

Hotel reservations use Group Code AGS Deadline: July 26

Local (919) 872-2323 Toll-Free (800) 445-8667

Fall 2013 Assembly & Committee Meeting

November 15-17 Open to All A.A. Members Location: Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road (exit 10 off I-440 Beltline) Raleigh, NC 27609-7316 Local (919) 872-2323 Toll-Free (800) 445-8667 Winter 2014 Assembly & Committee Meeting

February 28-March 1, 2014 for

Area Committee Members Location: Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road (exit 10 off I-440 Beltline) Raleigh, NC 27609-7316 Local (919) 872-2323 Toll-Free (800) 445-8667

A.A. Events

Calendars and fliers of regional and national A.A. events may be found on the Events page of the Area 51 site, at www. aanorthcarolina.org.

August 3. District 70 BBQ at Lake Julian. 4:00 pm to dusk. Jam session, cookie contest, family fun. \$5 donation suggested. See flier insert.

August 16–18. 2013 Southeast "Additional" Regional Forum. Charleston Marriott Town Center, 200 Lee Street E, Charleston WV. (No registration fee but registering for the event helps GSO plan for setup.) Full schedule at www.aa.org

October 3–6. NCCYPAA XVII. Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC. Preregistration \$20 (after 9/3 \$25). Hotel discount "Group Code": YPA. www.nccypaa.org

October 18–20. 1st SMAACC Southern Motorcyclists in A.A. Camping Convention. Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville TN. Pre-registration \$35 (after 8/31 \$40). Reg fee includes camping in cabins. www.smaacc.org

Contact Central Office for copies of these fliers!

12th Step volunteers needed in...

Bethel Black Mountain Bakersville Bryson City Burnsville Candler Cashiers Cedar Mountain Cherokee Clyde Columbus Cullowhee



Fletcher Franklin Highlands Horseshoe
Hot Springs Lake Toxaway Ledger
Leicester Linville Maggie Valley Marion
Mars Hill Marshall Mill Spring Newdale
Newland Old Fort Otto Saluda
Spruce Pine Swannanoa Sylva Tryon
Waynesville Weaverville Webster

Requirements One year's sobriety & a willingness to be there for the sick and suffering alcoholic "whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help."

How it Works The Central Office 12-Step Call List Coordinator creates a list of first names, phone numbers, town, and hours of availability. Central Office uses this list whenever a call for help comes in. When the office is closed, a professional answering service uses the list to call you, to check if you can return that call for help (your phone number is never given out!).

Each call is unique and there are no set rules or guidelines, though it is suggested that you share only your experience, strength, and hope with the caller and refrain from giving opinions on outside issues.

To volunteer for this rewarding service, contact Central Office at (828) 254-8539 Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, or write: info@ncmco.net

Please announce at meetings/use page as a flier

