

March



Office Hours Mon-Fri 10:00am-1:00pm

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

Lots of special events coming up—see inside!



# March Anniversaries

Acceptance Group		Grace Group - cont.			Mars Hill Group		
Greg A.	3/19/2013	1 yr	Shari S.	3/08/2002	12 yrs	Gary R.	3/05/2000 14 yrs
Around the Room Grp			Christopher C.	3/10/2008	6 yrs	Mid-D	ay Group
Bruce A.	3/15/1988	26 yrs	Betsy C.	3/13/1995	19 yrs	Judy T.	3/07/2005 9 yrs
<b>AVL</b> Big Book	Step Study	Group	Alan D.	3/15/2012	2 yrs	Paul M.	3/17/1983 31 yrs
Ralph B.	3/02/1987	27 yrs	Dick J.	3/15/1981	33 yrs	Sherry N.	3/26/2011 3 yrs
Ed T.	3/21/1999	15 yrs	Anne	3/17/2013	1 yr	Jan C.	3/26/2010 4 yrs
AVL Women	's BB Step S	tudy	Brit K.	3/18/2012	2 yrs	Bob I.	3/27/2008 6 yrs
Sarah T.	3/10/2005	9 yrs	Conor E.	3/26/2011	3 yrs	Donna H.	3/28/2011 3 yrs
Susan W.	3/30/1998	16 yrs	Matt M.	3/29/2011	3 yrs	Bruce E.	3/29/2013 1 yr
Brevard S	erenity Grou	ıp	Нарру Н	lour Group		Walter C.	3/29/2010 4 yrs
Randy H.	3/02/2013	1 yr	Gary O.	3/08/2010	4 yrs	Safe and	Sound Group
Debbie S.	3/12/2003	11 yrs	Jan C.	3/24/2010	4 yrs	Shane R.	3/07/2009 5 yrs
Patti E.	3/21/2012	2 yrs	Walter C.	3/29/2010	4 yrs	Darilyn	3/22/2011 3 yrs
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# North Carolina Mountain Central Office January 2014 P&L - Accrual Basis

	Jan 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	2,654.78
Group Contributions Individual Contributions	26.01
Total Contributions	2,680.79
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Interest on Money Market Sales Income	0.60
Literature & merchandise Shipping	1,902.14 43.94
Total Sales Income	1,946.08
Total Income	4,627.47
Cost of Goods Sold	
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Freight Literature & merchandise	32.89 1,450.94
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Total Cost of Goods	1,483.83
Total COGS	1,483.83
Gross Profit	3,143.64
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	12.35
Copier Rental	160.31
Editor	120.00
Fees - Accounting Consultants	157.50
Office Supplies	8.99
Payroll Expenses	1,059.49
Postage and Shipping	138.70
Rent	471.00
Sales Tax	11.86
Telephone & Internet Answering Service	219.80
Office Telephone/Internet	158.93
Total Telephone & Internet	378.73
Total Expense	2,518.93
Net Ordinary Income	624.71
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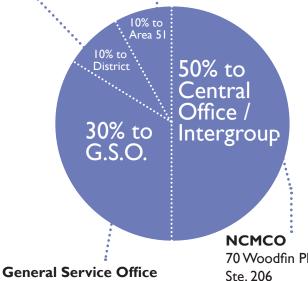
Suggestions for Group Donations to the A.A. Service Structure\*

\*from the pamphlet The A.A. Group Treasurer

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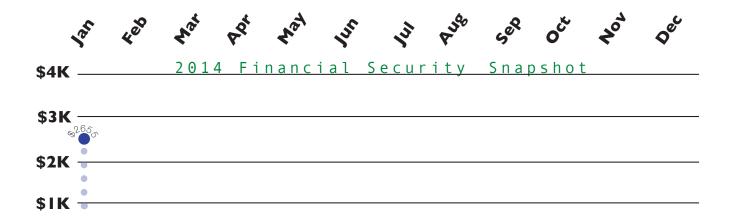
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Wilmington NC 28402



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New York NY 10164-0423

70 Woodfin Pl., Ste. 206 Asheville NC 2880 I



# Group Contribution\$ January 2014

Anonymous	\$92.12
Back to Basics (Weaverville)	\$50.00
But for the Grace of God Grp	\$150.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589	\$100.60
Conscious Contact (Asheville)	\$230.00
Day by Day Grp 159-058	\$1,382.15
Early Birds	\$300.95
Monday Night Open Meeting	\$57.96
Murphy Big Book Grp	\$10.00
Sat. Morning Men's Meeting	\$35.00
Serenity Service 110-498	\$50.00
Surrender Group - Blk Mtn	\$150.00
Tryon 12 & 12 690-877	\$25.00
11-11-11 Grp	\$21.00
Total Group Contributions	\$2,654.78
Individual Contributions	
Anonymous	\$16.01
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00
Total Individual Contributions	\$26.01
Grand Total	\$2,680.79

#### Cash on Hand as of 01/31/13

Money Market (Prudent Reserve)	\$7,020.51
Operating Account (Checking)	\$2,430.45
Rent Deposit	\$400.00
Petty Cash	\$150.00

For more financial information, including the January Profit & Loss Statement, plus addresses for GSO, district treasurers, and Area 51, see page 2.

## Memo from the G.M.

To: General Service Conference Members

From: Phyllis Halliday, General Manager
Re: Update on A.A.W.S. e-Book Pub-

lishing and Distribution

Greetings! There are two items related to our e-book project that I would like to share with you. First, because of an additional review requirement of our Apple digital agreement, our e-book on iTunes was not made available within the same timeframe as the other retail publishers earlier [in December]. Our digital Fourth Edition Big Book was delivered to Apple on Friday, December 13, and it is expected to be available on iTunes by the end of [December]; our other publications will follow accordingly.

The first title in our digital publishing program, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, (Fourth Edition, English) is now available via Barnes & Noble and Amazon; *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* will be available from all three vendors very shortly. Over the next few months, our entire catalog of A.A.W.S. titles will be offered as e-books through the major third-party vendors for the various platforms and e-reading devices and in the three languages of our General Service Conference.

The second item concerns our iOS 6 A.A. reader app. In a previous communication with you, I stated that our app for e-books (the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve for certain Apple reading devices) will continue to be available to the Fellowship until further notice. The A.A.W.S. Board met last week and made a decision to discontinue all further sales of our proprietary app, effective immediately. We will continue to support the app for current customers for a period of time – the end date yet to be determined.

As we move forward into 2014 with our digital publishing program, look for future announcements on G.S.O.'s Web site, <a href="www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>. As always, we are grateful for your



# On With the Old, In With the New

Starting March 1, Serenity Service is moving all of its meetings to a newly established recovery club-house at 1340-A Patton Avenue. Seven brand-new AA meetings will also be held there. For details, see the full-page insert inside this newsletter, go online to <a href="https://www.ashevilleaa.org">www.ashevilleaa.org</a>, or call (828) 254-8539.

# ¿Habla Español?

Spanish-speaking men,
your ESH\* is needed at the
Open Meeting - Mondays 7:00pm
at the Hendersonville County Jail.

(Clearance is required.)

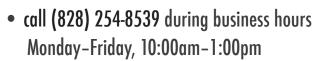
Contact Gene for more information 828-606-1933

\* experience, strength, and hope

# Get Literature, Chips, Schedules After Our Regular Hours!

NCMCO wants to help all A.A. groups get the recovery materials they need, so...





• email info@ncmco.net a list of your items

The office can arrange for after-hours pickup (by you!) or shipping. This service is only available for groups with no outstanding charge balances.

Cash or check only; no credit cards

Where & When meeting schedules are updated monthly. Printed copies, in bundles of 10, are \$1.

Meeting info may be found on the District 70 site: www.ashevilleaa.org

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## North Carolina Mountain Central Office News

Attention All Groups & CORs
The next COR meeting will be held at
6:00 pm on **Thursday, April 10**, at 70
Woodfin Pl, Ste 206 (in the Park Place
Bldg., just off Charlotte St at the I-240
interchange). More info: (828) 254-8539

The next board meeting will be **Thursday**, **March 13** (see above for location details)

#### 2014 Board Officers

Chair (2014-15) - Dani B.

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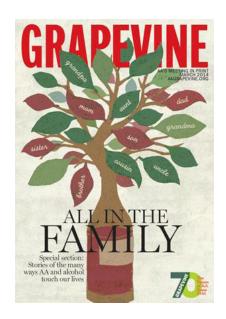
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"Is it time for a meeting?" A.A.GRAPEVINE

Last year we put out a call for stories about AA and families and over the

months, we received many moving submissions. So many of our families are riddled with alcoholism. But what is so wonderful is that AA has incredible Steps and tools to help us repair many of our relationships. In this



month's issue, members share about how both AA and alcoholism have touched their families.

"So let each family play together or separately, as much as their circumstances warrant. We are sure God wants us to be happy, joyous and free."

—Bill W., Alcoholics Anonymous

# Call & Visitor Log January 2014

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# Meeting Updates Districts 70 71 80

## New Meetings

**Asheville.** Higher Power Tower Hour Meeting. Thursday 6:00pm. (O,D) Aston Park Tower, 165 S. French Broad Ave (Room on first floor – come in the north entrance)

**Asheville.** Heart Fire Meeting. Sunday 9:00am (O,D); Wednesday 7:00am (O,D). 1340-A Patton **Asheville.** Hope Meeting. Sunday 11:00am (O,D) **Asheville.** Asheville 12 Step Club Meeting. Tuesday 8:00pm (O,D). 1340-A Patton Ave

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## Meeting Changes

Asheville. Serenity Service Group. Sunday 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, (O,D); 10:00pm (O,D, candlelight). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave Asheville. Serenity Service Group. Monday 12:30pm (O,AB), 6:00pm Women's Mtg (W,C,D); 8:00pm (C,D). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave Asheville. Serenity Service Group. Tuesday 12:30pm (C,D); 6:00pm (C,D). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave

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**Asheville.** Serenity Service Group. Thursday 12:30pm (C,D); 6:00pm (C,D). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave

**Asheville.** Serenity Service Group. Friday 12:30pm (C,D); 6:00pm (C,D). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave

**Asheville.** Serenity Service Group. Saturday 2:00pm (O,D); 6:00pm (O,D); 10:00pm (O,D;candlelight). New location: 1340-A Patton Ave

## Discontinued Meetings

**Hendersonville.** *Mainstay Women's Meeting.* Thursday 3:00pm & 7:00pm. Discontinued.

# 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 April newsletter deadline is March 15.

#### **Central Office Representatives (CORs)**

meet at Central Office on the second Thursday of the first month of the quarter, Apr 10, at 6:00pm.

#### District 70 ashevilleaa.org

#### **Contact any District 70 trusted servant**

through the website <a href="http://ashevilleaa.org">http://ashevilleaa.org</a> (click the Contacts link at the top of the page).

#### GSR District Meeting is Sunday, March 9,

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 *new number* (828) 581-9022; *new email* 

bridgingthegap.asheville@gmail.com. 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 Tuesdays of odd-numbered months. **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 25,** 6:00 pm, Trinity Episcopal Ch, 60 Church St, AVL

Archivist Stewart M. smillard@midpine.net

District contributions mail to: District 70

Treasurer, PO Box 8574, Asheville, NC 28814-8574

#### District 71 district71nc.org

**GSR District Meeting** will be Saturday, March 8, 1:00 pm, at 1620 Willow Rd, opp. Valley Hill Fire Dept., H'ville. Other district meetings will be 2nd Saturdays in June, September, and December of 2014.

**DCM**: David L. <u>david.lanik@gmail.com</u>; **Alt DCM**: Annette K., netsyl I 62@yahoo.com

**Mail district contributions** to: K. G. Stewart, 301 Forest Ave, Landrum SC 29356-9441

## District 👸 aawnc80.org

**DCM**: John E. - to contact go to <a href="https://www.aawnc80.org">www.aawnc80.org</a> Groups, mail your **district contributions** to: Treasurer, 85 Mimosa Lane, Franklin NC 28734

## 2014 Area 51 Events

Freedom from Bondage XXVI

March 14–16, 2014 • \$15 by 2/28

Hampton Inn, Aberdeen NC

For registration form: info@ncmco.net

Special hotel rates until Feb 23

<u>Area 51 Western Preconference</u>

April 5, 2014

Boone United Methodist Church, 471 New Market Blvd, Boone NC

<u>Área 51 Español Preconferencia</u>

April 13, 2014

104 W Morisey Blvd, Clinton NC

Spring 2014 Assembly & Committee Meeting

May 30–June 1, 2014
Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh NC
Special hotel rates until May 1

# Special 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.

Workshop: "Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Saturday, March 1st, 4:00pm at 1620 Willow Road (opposite the Valley Hill Fire Dept.), Hendersonville. Hosted by the Hendersonville Group.

Open House: Asheville 12 Step Recovery Club. Saturday, March 1, 11:00am to 1:00pm at 1340-A Patton Avenue.

Big Book Comes Alive! March 28–29. Center for Spiritual Living, 2 Science of Mind Way. Registration fee includes lunch on Saturday. Groups or individuals interested in volunteering for setup or to help with snacks, call (828) 708-7167 or write thebigbookcomesaliveasheville@gmail.com; see the flier PDF, page 10.

19th Annual Oak Island Lighthouse Retreat. May 9–11, Fort Caswell, Oak Island NC. Register online at <a href="www.oakis-landlighthouseretreat.com">www.oakis-landlighthouseretreat.com</a> or by mail (see the flier PDF, page 11).

# **Open Mouth, Insert Tradition 10**

Is blasting a particular religion unwelcoming to newcomers?

A is not allied with any denomination, nor is it opposed to any denomination. Yet, I've noticed that, in meetings, one particular denomination frequently gets mentioned negatively, masked sometimes in ill-advised humor.

I remember reading about Sister Ignatia in AA Comes of Age, and seeing her picture in the center of the book. The early Akron group brought new recruits to the Sister at St. Thomas Hospital and, with Dr. Bob's encouragement, she established a detox in the flower room. She accepted this twelve-stepping alcoholic patriarch's revolutionary new ideas and kept the doors open for members to visit sick and suffering patients, and thus find relief from their cravings. No thought was given to religious affiliation. It was calculated that she and Dr. Bob worked with over 5,000 alcoholics before she passed.

Father Ed Dowling, another AA legend, sought out Bill in the New York clubhouse. He had read the first edition of the Big Book and was struck by the similarity of our Twelve Steps to the Ignatian spiritual exercises. They talked at length about ego deflation as a springboard to a spiritual awakening. Thereafter, Bill sought out Father Ed as a spiritual advisor. Father Ed started a meeting in St. Louis and helped scores of alcoholics discover AA and the 12 Steps. Father Ed Dowling was also the featured speaker and guest at our first international convention in St. Louis.

Bill, Dr. Bob, Sister Ignatia and Father Ed knew it was best not to exclude anyone on the basis of religion, so this AA tradition of cooperation without affiliation was established.

Bill W. borrowed heavily from men of religion when writing the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve." He lived what he wrote: that we should be "quick to see where religious people are right" and to "make use of what they offer." Both Bill and Bob encouraged a spirit of cooperation with clergy, recognizing them as a great resource for the referral of new members.

Our Fifth Tradition encourages a wide open-door policy, yet I fear some of the well-meaning shares from ex-members of this particular denomination might render meetings unattractive to newcomers who are still practicing their faith. The (unofficial) saying that "AA is a spiritual program, not a religious program" gets overcooked. Their minds seem to register spirituality versus religion, as if the two were incompatible. For those of us who practice that particular denomi-

nation's religious beliefs hand-in-glove with AA's 12 Steps, resentful shares can be intensely discomforting. We sit quietly, however, not wishing to generate controversy, but I believe our silence leads others to join in the bashing, mistakenly interpreting the shared resentments as a universal AA stance. The castigations spread to subsequent sharing and inaccurate dogma gets splashed about our rooms, uncontested.

Many friends of ours, both nonalcoholic and alcoholic, would be most uncomfortable at the negativity shared. Great men and women of religion and other professionals have trusted us and referred thousands of sufferers our way. I wonder if they would continue to refer alcoholics to us if they picked up on the religious attitude, sometimes clothed in humor, expressed by some of our members.

I felt moved to write about this growing threat to our unity, but I know the free flow of sharing should never be stymied at our meetings. We should all trust the Higher Power to continue to grace and guide us, but I would encourage sponsors to handle these resentments of religion in private with their sponsees, using the Steps.

Bill was always diplomatic in his dealings with the professional community. He encouraged us to develop a spirit of cooperation without formally affiliating AA. My prayer is that we can keep AA's doors open, welcome and attractive to all.

–Jack L., Ludwigs' Corner, Pa. from the May 2011 Grapevine

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# **New Meeting Place in West Asheville!**

Become a part of something new and exciting within the Asheville recovery community. On March 1st, the Asheville 12 Step Recovery Club, located at 1340-A Patton Avenue, will open its doors to provide space for 12-step meetings and fellowship. If you are interested in having a 12-step meeting (all fellowships welcome), please contact us at **AVL12step@gmail.com**. While other 12-step groups will be meeting at the club, the following is a list of only the AA meetings that are planned to meet there (so far).

# There will be an Open House on March 1, from 11am to 1pm, with food and a raffle!

	Time	Meeting / Group
Sunday	9:00am	Heart Fire (O,D)
	11:00am	Hope (O,D)
	2:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	8:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	10:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D, Candlelight)
Monday	12:30pm	Serenity Service (O,AB)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service, Women's Mtg (W,C,D)
	8:00pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
Tuesday	12:30pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
	8:00pm	Asheville 12 Step Club (O,D)
Wednesday	7:00am	Heart Fire (O,D)
	12:30pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (C,SS)
	8:00pm	Asheville 12 Step Club (O,D)
Thursday	12:30pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
	8:00pm	Asheville 12 Step Club (O,D)
Friday	12:30pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (C,D)
Saturday	9:00am	Women of Principles (W,C,D)
	2:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	6:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D)
	10:00pm	Serenity Service (O,D, Candlelight)



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#### Deadline for Registration is April 15th.

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