



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

## Carrying the A.A. Message Through Literature

— From Twi to Konkani

“It’s a story I love to tell,” says David R., A.A.W.S. publishing director at the General Service Office, “not only because it’s filled with incident, but because it’s proof positive that the hand of A.A. is reaching folks all around the world—and in that hand is a life-saving item of literature.”

The story in question is the story of the translation of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, into Twi, a language spoken by seven million people in Ghana. With A.A. active in over 180 countries, a steady surge in requests is being made each year for G.S.O. to license translations of A.A. literature, from pamphlets and booklets to Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. These requests are directed to the translations and licensing department of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., the publishing arm of the General Service Board, which holds more than 1,300 copyrights for various A.A. writings, videos, audios, and the like. The requests generally come from a literature committee or General Service Board of the country in question, to whom G.S.O. issues licenses to translate and to print and distribute.



With the Twi Big Book, the process had its genesis in 2006, when a Ghanaian woman visited the U.S. and observed the use of A.A. literature in meetings and among the Fellowship. When she returned home, she set about undertaking a Twi translation of the Big Book.

“This is the way it so often happens,” says David, who first arrived at G.S.O. as licensing manager in 2014. “Folks in the Fellowship note a need for literature, and via group conscience may come to a shared expression of that need, and a translation is sought.”

A.A.W.S. approved the Ghanaian request for a Twi Big Book, and over a five-year period, three large sections of the book were translated by three different Ghanaian women, and then submitted to G.S.O. for review.

“Translations are 99 percent of the time undertaken by local A.A.s, who come forward from the groups or the general service structure of each country,” David points out. “In the case of the Twi Big Book, three individual translators, all women, set to work, and each translation they submitted

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**New NC Mountain Central Office, Inc.  
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison  
March 2017**

	Mar 17	Jan - Mar 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>		
Birthday Contributions	35.00	35.00
Group Contributions	2,013.34	7,614.04
Individual Contributions	10.10	235.27
Subscriptions	24.00	24.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	2,082.44	7,908.31
Interest on Money Market	0.94	2.61
<b>Sales Income</b>		
Literature & merchandise	2,921.79	7,098.01
Shipping to groups	52.36	96.70
<b>Total Sales Income</b>	2,974.15	7,194.71
<b>Total Income</b>	5,057.53	15,105.63
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Discounts	0.00	0.00
Freight - vendor shipping	38.05	105.58
Literature & merchandise	2,420.44	5,751.01
<b>Total COGS</b>	2,458.49	5,856.59
<b>Gross Profit</b>	2,599.04	9,249.04
<b>Expense</b>		
Copier Rental	206.53	543.97
Editor	120.00	360.00
Office Expenses	20.00	60.00
Office Supplies	87.23	114.43
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
Gross Salary (Including Taxes)	1,604.25	3,803.50
Payroll Taxes (Company)	132.35	313.79
Processing (for Direct Deposit)	5.25	15.75
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	1,741.85	4,133.04
QuickBooks Expenses	0.00	210.79
Rent	519.00	1,557.00
Sales Tax Paid to Vendors	20.58	46.00
Shipping to groups	52.88	96.90
Stamps/Postage	78.16	232.10
<b>Telephone &amp; Internet</b>		
Answering Service	128.00	382.00
Office Telephone/Internet	148.12	439.94
<b>Total Telephone &amp; Internet</b>	276.12	821.94
<b>Total Expense</b>	3,122.35	8,176.17
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-523.31	1,072.87
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
Other Expense		
Inventory Adjustment	1.53	3.76
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	1.53	3.76
<b>Net Other Income</b>	-1.53	-3.76
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-524.84</u>	<u>1,069.11</u>

**May Grapevine is now available!**

This month, AA members share experiences of finding their place in AA.



[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

Cash on Hand as of 3/31/2017  
 Money Market (Prudent Reserve)  
**\$11,044.78**  
 Operating Account (Checking)  
**\$6,553.39**  
 Rent Deposit **\$400.00**  
 Petty Cash **\$50.00**

**Call & Visitor Log**

**March 2017**

12 Step Calls – 4  
 General Info – 7  
 Family Help – 0  
 Meeting Info – 11  
 Central Office  
 Business – 47  
 Medical/Detox – 0  
 Visitors – 95



Answering Service (Operator-Asst) – 161 minutes (February)  
 After-hours Phone Volunteers - 7 calls (March)



# ANNIVERSARIES

## Acceptance Group

Helen M.	5-06	
Jennifer E.	5-26-2014	3 yrs

## Around the Room Group

Hugh H.	5-11-1978	39 yrs
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## AVL Big Book Step Study Group

Sarah H.	5-20-2014	3 yrs
Michaeline W.	5-28-1998	19 yrs

## AVL Women's Big Book Step Study Group

Olivia	5-01-2011	6 yrs
Jo M.	5-10-2007	10 yrs

## At Wit's End Group

Graham G.	5-15-2014	3 yrs
Margaret E.	5-15-2015	2 yrs
Scott A.	5-23-2014	3 yrs

## Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Doug C.	5-20-2014	3 yrs
Jake E.	5-25-2015	2 yrs

## Black Mountain Group

Mark T.	5-10-2008	9 yrs
Frank Mc.	5-16-1988	29 yrs
Jimmy L.	5-25-1985	32 yrs

## Brevard Serenity Group

Karen C.	5-24-2014	3 yrs
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## Candlelight of AA Group

Chris S.	5-16-2016	1 yr
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## Candler K.I.S.S. Group

Jon M.	5-31-1983	34 yrs
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## Cumberland Group

John R.	5-03-2016	1 yr
Lee R.	5-08-1992	25 yrs
Rusty M.	5-10-1983	34 yrs
Graham G.	5-14-2014	3 yrs
Tom H.	5-27-2006	11 yrs
Beth H.	5-28-2012	5 yrs

## Daily Decisions Group

Norm F.	5-08-1985	32 yrs
Bob W.	5-10-1985	32 yrs

## Fellowship Group

Patty P.	5-17-2010	7 yrs
Raymond Y.	5-19-2010	7 yrs
Susan S.	5-27-1988	29 yrs

## Good Livers Group

Larry	5-01-2016	1 yr
Christine G.	5-07-2000	17 yrs
Shirley E.	5-27-1985	32 yrs

## Grace Group

Walter A.	5-05-2013	4 yrs
Amy B.	5-07-2016	1 yr
Susan W.	5-11-2008	9 yrs
Anthony T.	5-15-1998	19 yrs
Graham G.	5-15-2014	3 yrs
Pete S.	5-15-1977	40 yrs
Debbie P.	5-18-2006	11 yrs
Ed H.	5-20-2005	12 yrs
Scott A.	5-23-2014	3 yrs
Charlene L.	5-24-1997	20 yrs
Shirley E.	5-27-1985	32 yrs
Cherie M.	5-28-1995	22 yrs
Kerry S.	5-29-2009	8 yrs

## Happy Hour Group

Michael N.	5-24-2002	15 yrs
Buzz H.	5-29-2008	9 yrs

## Library Group

Michael B.	5-09-1986	31 yrs
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## Midday Group

Linn B.	5-15-1996	21 yrs
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## Serenity Seekers Group - Marion

Cheryl K.	5-08-1996	21 yrs
Tom C.	5-11-2011	6 yrs

## There is a Solution BBSS Group

Danny B.	5-25-1998	19 yrs
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## Total Surrender Group

Mike M.	5-01-2015	2 yrs
Lisa W.	5-07-2013	4 yrs
Lee R.	5-08-1992	25 yrs
Dawn Celeste L.	5-12-2009	8 yrs
Dave C.	5-13-2012	5 yrs
Chris W.	5-18-2003	14 yrs
Susan S.	5-27-1988	29 yrs

## Traditional Group

Herbert		
'Roscoe' H.	5-03-1985	32 yrs
Billy L.	5-08-2012	5 yrs
Eugene P.	5-11-1991	26 yrs
Kathy H.	5-17-1992	25 yrs
David B.	5-21-2011	6 yrs
Billy L.	5-29-2008	9 yrs
Bob K.	5-29-1993	24 yrs

## United with Hope Group

Karen T.	5-01-1985	32 yrs
Pam B.	5-22-2013	4 yrs

## Waynesville Grace Group

Marcia U.	5-02-1996	21 yrs
Sandy M.	5-02-1985	32 yrs
Barry G.	5-03-2012	5 yrs
Cathy Jane S.	5-06-1996	21 yrs
Rick M.	5-08-2005	12 yrs
Chipper R.	5-13-1997	20 yrs
Madalyn S.	5-14-1976	41 yrs
Pam G.	5-14-2010	7 yrs
Ruth G.	5-28-2014	3 yrs

## Women of Grace Group

Rosann I.	5-04-2016	1 yr
Dare T.	5-11-1979	38 yrs
Vivian Grace N.	5-31-1979	38 yrs

Need to update your Group's anniversary list?

Call Central Office 828-254-8539 - or send a new list to:  
[info@ncmco.net](mailto:info@ncmco.net) June newsletter deadline for sending in  
 anniversaries and announcements is May 15.

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received impeccable reviews from our independent translation-evaluation service. Each woman's A.A. experience embodied a classic tale of how Alcoholics Anonymous works. They came into A.A., got their lives back (got married, had families, or established careers and so forth) and passed the baton to the next able helper to continue the work."

By 2014, the text translation of the Twi Big Book was complete—the original 164 pages, fully translated and approved. In 2015, 1,200 copies of the book were printed locally in Ghana. But they needed book covers. What to do? Sewing circles of women in Ghana formed to hand sew leather covers on each book—and these hand-crafted books were, at last, distributed to A.A. meetings throughout the region in early 2015.

The Twi Big Book story has its unique elements, but is only one inspiring translation story among many, says Rosa Rodriguez, G.S.O.'s nonalcoholic translations and licensing administrator. "In 2016, we have had a large increase in requests for licenses to translate A.A.-copyrighted literature over 2015. Several countries are working at a fast pace on translations and re-translations; notably but not limited to Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, India, and Ukraine. The Cook Islands Fellowship completed a Big Book translation into Rarotongan. And work continues on the audio translation of the Navajo Big Book." According to David and Rosa, translations of the Big Book present particular challenges for each country. The concept of higher-power, for example. Translation is an art, not a science, so sensitivity to maintaining the integrity of the original English as well as the vernacular of the local Fellowship must be bridged. The Fellowship of Goa, India, is working on a version in the style of a drama, which is the traditional form for communicating material of spiritual depth in the Konkani language. A Zulu audio version of the Big Book has been licensed. And in meetings in Jerusalem, A.A.s of three faiths come together to read the Big

Book in one and the same meeting in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

"I personally have found it invaluable to meet face-to-face with trusted servants from other countries wherever and whenever I can, such as the International Convention in Atlanta in 2015, where I was able to meet with reps from more than 20 countries and at the 24th World Service Meeting in Rye Brook, New York, where Rosa and I met with dozens of countries' delegates," David says. He also attended the 2015 Asia-Oceania Service Meeting, a zonal meeting in Dubai, where connections with people from countries including Australia, Bali, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Thailand, and many Middle Eastern countries were made. "I look at our work serving the Fellowship of A.A. via literature in all its translations as one of the world's great global publishing success stories – forging veritable publishing partnerships the world over, driven by our profound shared mission to help the suffering alcoholic and serve the needs of A.A.s everywhere."



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## Child Care needed at A.A. Meetings

Does your meeting provide child care? Is your group considering providing this service?

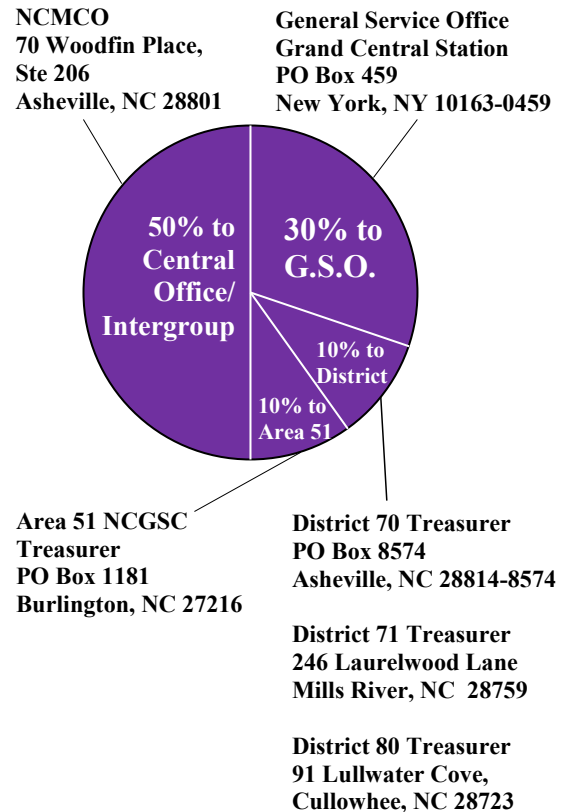
We have had several inquiries about this and at the moment we don't know of any meetings which provide child care. It sounds like it is truly needed so please let us know if your group has this service available so we can let people know. Call us at (828) 254-8539. Thanks!

# Contributions March 2017

	March 2017	YTD
3 Legacies Group 709-522		\$50.52
11-11-11 Meeting		\$70.00
12 & 12 Study Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers AA Group	\$150.00	\$250.00
Anonymous	\$105.38	\$299.16
AVL Women's Big Book Step Study 703-990		\$109.00
At Wit's End Group		\$34.71
Back to Basics Grp - Weaverville 147-139	\$50.00	\$200.00
Big Town Group 671-200		\$251.85
Black Mountain Group 117-117		\$48.00
Brevard Serenity Group 631-231		\$50.00
BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee	\$59.50	\$193.40
Candlelight Meeting		\$50.00
Candler KISS Group 163-148		\$68.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$264.93
Conscious Contact Group - Asheville	\$132.00	\$230.00
Daily Decisions 643-869		\$310.00
Day by Day Group 159-058		\$587.50
Early Bird Group 612-780		\$69.00
Fellowship Group 655-542	\$100.00	\$100.00
Good Livers 666-360	\$150.00	\$150.00
Grace Group 161-970	\$624.36	\$624.36
Great Fact Group		\$30.00
Happy Hour Group - Hendersonville 169-182	\$225.00	\$225.00
Happy Hour Group - Waynesville		\$30.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$25.00	\$25.00
Heart Fire Group		\$37.50
Hendersonville Group		\$88.00
High Noon Group 689-080		\$75.00
Joy of Living - Brevard 669-820		\$100.00
Lambda Group 617-035		\$220.00
Maple Grove Group 121-212	\$20.00	\$20.00
Mars Hill Group 130-895		\$200.00
Mid Day Grp (Hendersonville) 143-420		\$88.19
Mountain View Grp (Highlands) 110-598		\$409.07
New Freedom Group 700-124	\$50.00	\$50.00
Newland Serenity (Linville Mtg.)		\$2.70
Recovery by the River 674-892		\$123.55
Safe & Sound 645-654		\$200.00
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	\$115.00	\$150.00
Serenity Services 110-498	\$25.00	\$75.00
Skyland 12&12 Group		\$80.00
Speed Bump Group 512-851		\$100.00
The Principles Group		\$12.50
Tryon Monday 5:30 Meeting	\$45.10	\$110.10
United With Hope Group 719-052	\$87.00	\$192.00
Waynesville Grace Group 110-692		\$800.00
We Are Not Saints Group		\$30.00
Women's Grapevine Meeting		\$30.00
Women of Grace		\$50.00
<b>Total Group Contributions:</b>	<b>\$2,013.34</b>	<b>\$7,614.04</b>
<b>Individual Contributions:</b>		
Anonymous	\$0.10	\$5.27
Bob P.		\$200.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$30.00
<b>Total Individual Contributions:</b>	<b>\$10.10</b>	<b>\$235.27</b>
<b>Birthday Contributions:</b>		
Anonymous	\$10.00	\$10.00
Cat	\$5.00	\$5.00
Jerry T.	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>Total Birthday Contributions:</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Mountain Doin's Subscriptions:</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,082.44</b>	<b>\$7,908.31</b>

## Suggestions for Group Donations to the A.A. Service Structure\*

\* from the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix." Recommendations for other percentages are also in the pamphlet.



Note: If you think there is a contribution missing from your group total, please let us know. Though we try our best to get donations listed correctly, we do make mistakes sometimes and list a donation under the wrong group. As always, we thank you for your generous support!

# MEETING UPDATES: Districts 70 • 71 • 80

## New Meetings:

**Asheville: Women in Recovery Group:** Saturday 12:30pm (O,W,LS/D) Asheville 12 Step Recovery Club, 370 North Louisiana Ave, Suite G4, Asheville 28806.

**Waynesville: Waynesville Women's Step Study:** Monday 6:45pm (W,C,SS) Waynesville Triangle Club, 142 Miller St, Waynesville 28786

**Weaverville: Language of the Heart Women's Meeting (Good Livers):** Wednesday 10:00am (W,C,LS) Weaverville United Methodist Church, 85 N. Main St, Weaverville 28787

## Meeting Changes:

**Asheville: Old-fashioned Big Book Study:** (C,BB) New time and location: was Monday 12:30pm at Bethesda UMC, 315 Old Haw Creek Rd; now Tuesday 5:30pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 N Liberty St, Asheville 28801 (off Merrimon Ave, corner of E. Chestnut St & Liberty St)

**Asheville: Spiritual Fitness Group:** (W,C,LS) Sunday - Meeting was at 11:00am; new time as of April: 10:45am. 370 N. Louisiana Ave, Suite C4, Asheville 28806 (NOT at the Asheville 12 Step Club)

**Asheville: Brunch Bunch:** (O,D) Monday-Friday. Meetings were at 10:00am; new time as of May 1: 9:30am. Asheville 12 Step Recovery Club, 370 North Louisiana Ave, Suite G4, Asheville 28806.

**Black Mountain: Women of Grace Group:** Friday 7:00pm. (W,C,D) Was meeting at 1st Christian Church, 201 Blue Ridge Rd. New location as of April 28: Carver Community Center, 101 Carver Ave, Black Mountain, 28711

**Candler (Asheville): SOBER Group:** (C,D) Tuesday - meeting was at 7:00pm; new time as of April: 6:30pm. Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 277 Oak Hill Rd, Candler.

**Hendersonville: Meditation Mondays:** (O,ES/MT) Monday - meeting was at 6:30pm; new time as of April 10: 7:00pm. Cox House, 723 N. Grove St, Hendersonville.

**Highlands: Mountain View Group:** The Thursday meeting was a meditation meeting at 12:00 noon. New format and time: Steps 1-3, Beginners (O,BG) Thursday 5:30pm. First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St (lower level library, 5th St entrance), Highlands.

**Waynesville:** Two meetings at the Triangle Club have changed name and format: "**Happy Hour**" Thursday

5:30pm is now called "**Waynesville Meditation Meeting**" (O); "**The Great Fact**" Saturday Noon is now called "**We Are Not Saints**" (O,D) Waynesville Triangle Club, 142 Miller St, Waynesville 28786

## Discontinued Meetings:

**Asheville: Came To Group:** (O,D) Thursday 7:00pm. UNCA, HighSmith Auditorium, Room #224. Meeting was seasonal and dependent on school schedule. Meeting has been discontinued.

## The Service Express

June newsletter deadline for sending in announcements is **May15th**.

### District 70: [ashevilleaa.org](http://ashevilleaa.org)

Next **District 70 GSR Meeting** - usually held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 7, 2:30pm**, at St. Luke's Episcopal, 219 Chunn's Cove Rd, Asheville.

Treatment Chair position is open. If anyone is interested in standing for this position please come to the District Meeting May 7.

The Buncombe County Detention Facility is in need of support for meetings in the jail – especially for men. The BCFD is now open to orient new AA volunteers. Here is the application: [aancmco.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/BCDF-VolunteerApplication-Revised-word-1.24.17-2.pdf](http://aancmco.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/BCDF-VolunteerApplication-Revised-word-1.24.17-2.pdf). If you have any questions call Val, the Volunteer Program Services Coordinator, at the Buncombe County Detention Facility: 828-250-4585. For more information about this volunteer service attend the next GSR Meeting and/or the Service Committees Meeting.

**Service Committees Meeting** – held the last Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Next meeting is Tuesday, **May 30, 6:00pm**, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church St, Asheville 28801.

**Bridging the Gap** (with treatment facilities) Attend the Service Committees Meeting or contact the TFC Chair at [www.ashevilleaa.org](http://www.ashevilleaa.org); the BTG Chair or co-coordinator at [bridgingthegap.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:bridgingthegap.asheville@gmail.com) or [www.btgww.org](http://www.btgww.org)

### District 71:

GSR Meeting – held the 2nd Saturday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting will be Saturday, **May 13, 1:00pm** at 1620 Willow Rd, Hendersonville. All interested AAs are invited to attend.

District 71 is in need of a Secretary, Grapevine Chairperson and H&I (Hospitals & Institutions) Committee Chairperson. If you are interested in one

of these service positions please attend the meeting in May.

Correction Facilities Committee meets the 2nd Saturday of even-numbered months. Next meeting: Saturday, **June 10, 1:30pm**, 1620 Willow Rd, Hendersonville.

The Corrections Committee is still in need of men volunteers to go into the Henderson County Detention Center. District 71 volunteers go in on Monday nights at 7pm. The Henderson County jail requires a training (1-2hr) that everyone must attend before entering the jail. They just had a training in January but hopefully there will be another in the next few months. All who are interested in participating in this vital service please attend the Corrections Committee meeting in June or call Central Office – 828-254-8539 – for contact information.

#### **District 80: aawnc80.org**

GSR District Meeting will be **Sunday, July 23, 1:30pm**, Jackson County Family Resource Center, 1528 Webster Rd. Webster, NC 28788.

District 80 needs a new secretary. There is a concern about the lack of 12-Step Call Volunteers especially in some areas. The Murphy Central Office only covers a small area. And while the NC Mountain Central Office covers all of Districts 70, 71 and 80 there is a shortage of volunteers on the 12-Step Call list in the counties within District 80. All who are interested in this service are encouraged to call Central Office – 828-254-8539 – or check the website: [www.aanCMCO.org](http://www.aanCMCO.org)

#### **CORs / NCMCO: aancmco.org**

**Next NCMCO Board Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm**, 70 Woodfin Place, Suite 212, Asheville, 28801

## **SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

NOTE: NCMCO is not responsible for the content of posted flyers or external internet links.

***United With Hope Group*** – 1st Anniversary Celebration. Friday April 28. Food and Fun following the 10:00am meeting. Hope United Methodist Church, 2443 Spartanburg Hwy, corner of E. Blue Ridge Rd, East Flat Rock, NC 28726

***22nd Annual Oak Island Lighthouse Retreat. May 12-14. Oak Island, NC.*** For more information and registration form, visit website: [www.oakislandlighthouse retreat.com](http://www.oakislandlighthouse retreat.com)

***2017 Area 51 Spring Assembly.*** May 20-21. Open to all A.A. members. Business Meeting starts 12:30 PM Saturday; ends 11:30 AM Sunday. Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road (Exit 10 off I-440 Beltline) Raleigh, NC 27609-7316. Hotel Reservations – Group Code: GSA; Local Phone: (919) 872-2323;

Toll-Free: (800) 445-8667; Website: [www.NorthRaleigh.Hilton.com](http://www.NorthRaleigh.Hilton.com). For more information, visit website: [www.aanorthcarolina.org/events.asp](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org/events.asp)

***62nd Great Smoky Mountain Recovery Campout.*** May 26-29. Greenbrier Campground, 5406 Pittman Rd, Pittman Center, TN 37836. Call Greenbrier Campground for tent/RV reservation: 865-430-7415 or email: [GSMRC.greenbrier@gmail.com](mailto:GSMRC.greenbrier@gmail.com)

***82nd Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous – Founders' Day.*** June 9-11. Akron, OH. For information and registration form visit website: [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

***District 80 Founders' Day Event.*** June 10, 4:00-8:00pm. Maggie Valley United Methodist Church, 4192 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley 28751

***Total Surrender's 10th Anniversary Celebration.*** June 11, 5:30-8:00pm. BBQ will be provided. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to share, please arrive at 5:15pm. Speaker at 7:00pm. New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3070 Sweeten Creek Rd, S. Asheville, 28803

***Sunrise Sobriety Campout.*** June 23-25. Mt. Pisgah Campground. Project office: (828)648-2644; Reservation line: (877) 444-6777. For more information call Tom C: (828) 506-0463

***70th North Carolina State Convention.*** July 13-16. Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, (Exit 10 off I-440 Beltline) Raleigh, NC 27609-7316. Hotel Reservations – Group Code: NCST; Local Phone: (919) 872-2323; Toll-Free: (800) 445-8667; Website: [www.NorthRaleigh.Hilton.com](http://www.NorthRaleigh.Hilton.com). For more information, visit website: [www.aanorthcarolina.org/events.asp](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org/events.asp)

***The Big Book Comes Alive 2017.*** July 21-22. Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Rd, Asheville 28805. For more information call: (347) 688-3342 or email: [BigBook.AVL@gmail.com](mailto:BigBook.AVL@gmail.com)

***Southeast Woman to Woman Conference*** – “Secrets Women Don't Share.” August 18-20. Plaza Resort and Spa, 600 North Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. For more information and registration form, visit website: [www.sewomantowoman.org](http://www.sewomantowoman.org)

***Serenity in the Scenic City 2017.*** August 18-20. Chattanooga Choo Choo, 1400 Market St, Chattanooga, TN 37402. For room reservations call: (423) 266-5000; use reservation code: STY17. For additional information or questions email: [sschostcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sschostcommittee@gmail.com) or call: (423) 385-4155 or (678) 936-8300.

For NC Area 51 Conferences and Events go to: [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org)

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# 70<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Convention

July 13-16, 2017

Hilton North Raleigh / Midtown  
3415 Wake Forest Road • Raleigh, NC 27609

**REGISTER NOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CONVENTION!**

Register online at [www.aanconvention.com](http://www.aanconvention.com)

## Convention Pre-Registration

**\$20.00** per person

before **June 9, 2017**

\$25.00 per person June 9, 2017 and after.

*Al-anons 18 & under - No charge but must register.*

**(No Refunds after June 9, 2017)**

## Hotel Registration

Mention Group Code: **NCST**

Single & Double: \$102 + tax

Triple: \$112 + tax

Quad: \$122 + tax

Phone: **(919) 872-2323** - ask for NC State Convention and/or group code "NCST" to make reservations.

On-Line: [www.NorthRaleighHilton.com](http://www.NorthRaleighHilton.com) - enter group code "NCST" where prompted.

Cut-off for Conference rate: **June 9, 2017**

**FOR PROBLEMS WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE CONTACT PEOPLE TO THE RIGHT.**

First 400  
Pre-registrations  
Receive a FREE  
COFFEE MUG!

## Speakers

Speaker to be determined

Paul G. Cleveland, OH

Rick J. Canada

Eileen L. Bellingham, WA

Don L. Bellingham, WA

Peg M. Bellevue, NE

Thurs 8:30 pm

Fri 8:00 pm

Sat 10:00 am

Sat 2:30 pm

Sat 8:00 pm

Sun 10:00 am

**God as I Understand Him**

(5 peoples' experience)

Sun 8:30 am

## Workshops - Fri 10:30 am & Sat 4:00 pm

- \* **FREE** Convention Mug to First **400** Pre-Registrants!
- \* **Old-Timers' Panel, Friday at 3:00 pm**
- \* 'Round the Clock **Marathon Meetings**
- \* **Open Discussion Meetings**
- \* **Saturday Night Dance**
- \* **Plenty of FREE Coffee**

### For More Information Contact:

Craig P. (919) 222-0605

Beth R. (704) 941-1220

Alana E. (980) 230-9333

OR Email: [aanconvention@gmail.com](mailto:aanconvention@gmail.com)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Please print legibly

Enclosed - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ registration(s)

Name(s) to be printed on badge(s) Please print \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:  Email  Mail





# Founders' Day Herald

82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10 & 11, 2017 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Per Hour  
Chaired by: Tony T.

### A.A. Early Bird Meeting\* • 3:00 p.m.

Kim W. – Uniontown, OH  
"Many Surrenders, Many Miracles"  
Chaired by: Tom O.

### Reunion en Español • 3:00 p.m.

El Tema: "La Primera Tradicion"  
Presentado por: la oficina intergrupala de Nashville  
El Coordinador: Francisco A.

### Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

"The Last A.A. Meeting"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 7:00 p.m.

Sheldon F. – Las Vegas, NV  
"I Choose the A.A. Way of Life"  
Chaired by: Jeff C.

### A.A. & Al-Anon Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m.

Tom & Juanita U. – Santa Fe, NM  
"A Phoenix Rising From the Ashes"  
Chaired by: Leah E.

### Serenity Singers • 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### Young People's Meeting

10:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

### A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
2 buses continuously – Bierce Circle

### A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office  
(Stop on bus tour)

### The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.

Gail L. & Harmon V.  
"Why It Works"  
Chaired by: Scott T.

### Taller en español de la viña • 10:00 a.m.

Presentado por: los grupos de AA N. California  
El Coordinador: Raymundo L., pasado delegado  
Panel: Nicolas G., Juan C., Arturo A.

### A.A. Old Timers' Panel\* • 10:30 a.m.

Roy H. – High Point, NC  
Ken B. – Parma, OH  
Snow P. – Boca Raton, FL  
"What We Learned In Our First Years"  
Chaired by: Robert S.

### Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

"The Last A.A. Meeting"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 2:30 p.m.

Bob D. – Las Vegas, NV  
"I Can't Wait to Hear What I'm Going to Say"  
Chaired by: Tony T.

### The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.

Presented by: Gail L. – The Villages, FL  
Chaired by: Tom O.

### Serenity Singers\* • 7:00 p.m.

UA Infocision Stadium

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 8:00 p.m.

Clancy I. – Venice, CA  
"Keep Rowing"  
UA Infocision Stadium  
Chaired by: Doug M.

### DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Saturday Night

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE\*

7:30 a.m.  
Motorcycle procession and graveside  
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne Smith  
Speaker: Harmon V.  
Chaired by: Jeff C.

### A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.

Davarra S. – Cleveland, OH  
Harold B. – Cleveland, OH  
Harris M. – Cleveland, OH  
Chaired by: Dartangan R. – Cleveland, OH

### A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting\*

10:30 a.m.  
Amy D. – Louisville, KY  
"A.A. Works, It Really Does"  
Chaired by: Juanita W.

## AL-ANON

### FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Al-Anon 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Every 30 Minutes  
Chaired by: Leah E.

### A.A. & Al-Anon Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m.

Tom & Juanita U. – Santa Fe, NM  
"A Phoenix Rising From the Ashes"  
Chaired by: Leah E.

## AL-ANON

### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Al-Anon Panel Meeting • 10:00 a.m.

"Live - Laugh - Love"  
Suzanne L.  
Cathy C.  
Mary C.  
Chaired by: Mickie G.

## REGISTRATION

### UA STUDENT UNION

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**

Registrations must be picked up by  
6:00 p.m. Saturday - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Package Plans must be picked up at  
designated dormitories.

Coffee & Fellowship Room  
Student Union

### A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**

\* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.  
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

**FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.**

**Name badges & ribbons must be worn for admittance to all meetings — NO EXCEPTIONS!**

# Founders' Day 2017 Registration Form | online at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

Everyone must be registered including children. All registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2017

Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Check for special needs - handicapped.  
Handicap parking will be strictly enforced.

Deaf - ASL Interpreter Requested

All beds are at a fixed height of 42 inches. The University of Akron **CANNOT** adjust bed height.

**\*INDIVIDUAL FORMS REQUIRED FOR EACH PACKAGE PLAN\***

Registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Registration \$25 x QTY = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration will be \$30 on site conference weekend)  
**MUST have confirmation and picture I.D. for pickup.**

**Package Plan A** \$200 = \$ ONE ONLY

Sex: M  F

Includes admission to all meetings, meals, room, registration and bus tour.

Report directly to designated dormitory to pick up weekend package and room key.

You must have a confirmation letter & I.D. to pick up your reservation package.

All rooms and buildings at the university are non-smoking.

**Package Plan B** \$150 = \$ ONE ONLY

Sex: M  F

Includes all items in Package Plan A *except* meals.

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEALS

## QTY

## TOTAL

SATURDAY

Breakfast

\$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch

\$18 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner

\$24 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY

Breakfast

\$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS —  Diabetic  Vegan  Vegetarian  Gluten-Free

## MOTORHOME SITE FEES

## QTY

## TOTAL

**NO TENT CAMPING!**

Motorhome Site Tag  
(no hook-ups available)

\$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per site/whole weekend

Each motorhome must have a **Site Tag** to set up.

**ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR FIRES!**

**REGISTRATION TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENTS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. MAKE CHECKS / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:

Akron Intergroup  
PO Box 12  
Akron, OH 44309-0012

REFUNDS requested in writing only by mail or email and postmarked / received prior to June 1, 2017. [treasurerfd@akronaa.org](mailto:treasurerfd@akronaa.org)

PAYMENT METHODS FOR MAIL IN REGISTRATION:

CHECK  MONEY ORDER

All Credit Card payments must be made online at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org). Click on the Founders' Day link and follow the instructions.

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.  
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

# District 70's Spring Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 13th  
Malvern Hills Picnic Shelter\*

**FREE TO ATTEND - DONATIONS WELCOMED**

Come enjoy spring weather and celebrate our local fellowship with us! Ice cream will be provided, and individuals or home groups are welcome to donate toppings! The event is open to all so bring the family or a friend.

Any questions or volunteers contact  
Alex C. at [axleddc@gmail.com](mailto:axleddc@gmail.com).



*Bring a frisbee, soccer ball, or any other lawn game to share!*

*\*Malvern Hills Park is at the corner of Sulphur Springs Road and Rumbough Place in West Asheville.*

# Serenity in the Scenic City 2017

August 18 - 20, 2017

## SPEAKERS

Tim H. / Louisville, KY

Steve L. / Nashville, TN

Mary Emma H. / Hilton Head, SC

Tammy F. / Prattville, AL

Lou K. / Chattanooga, TN

## Chattanooga Choo Choo

1400 Market Street

Chattanooga, TN 37402

Call (423) 266-5000 for reservations

**Room Rates are \$101.00 per night\***

\*Use reservation code STY17

\*Reserve room by July 28th, 2017

Pre-Registration: \$25.00/person

Day of: \$30.00/person

**For additional information or questions please email or call us at:**

[sschostcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sschostcommittee@gmail.com)

(423)-385-4155 or (678)-936-8300

Please make check, money order, or cashier's check to "Host Committee" and mail to:

## SERENITY IN THE SCENIC CITY

P.O. BOX 1573

Hixson, TN 37343

**Register online at [www.serenityinthesceniccity.org](http://www.serenityinthesceniccity.org)**

MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express accepted via Square

(Please complete and send bottom portion with registration payment if not registering online)

### Serenity in the Scenic City 2017

AA Al-Anon Volunteer Scholarship # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal use only: ( ) CASH ( ) CHECK ( ) SQUARE

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\_\_\_\_\_

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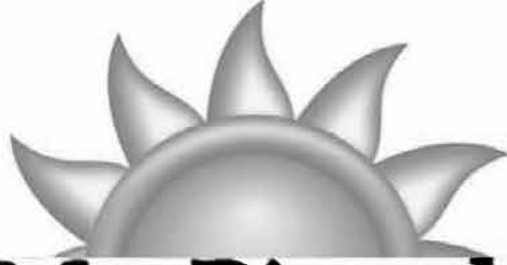
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# SUNRISE SOBRIETY CAMPOUT



**Mt. Pisgah**

**June 23rd-25th**

**Friday afternoon-Sunday morning**

**Mt. Pisgah Campground**

Project office: (828) 648-2644

Toll Free Reservation Line:  
1-877-444-6777

( First Come First Served on most sites )  
\$19.00 per night campsites

**AA Meetings  
Activities**

**(2) Evening Meals Provided**

**Big BBQ Saturday  
Coffee, Soft Drinks, Water,  
And Snakes.**

**Bring Breakfast Items For Saturday  
Morning to share.**

**Sunday Sunrise Meeting  
6:00am**

**Buck Springs Overlook  
with a**

**Fellowship Breakfast  
Following at Pisgah Inn  
*(at Individuals Expense)***

***Dont Forget  
Chairs and Warm Clothes***

**For More Information Call:  
Tom C (828) 506-0463**

**Sponsored By: The Principles Group**

# Come Help Celebrate

Total Surrender's  
10 years of service

**June 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-8:00pm**

Food and Fellowship

We will supply BBQ;

If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert,  
please arrive at 5:15pm.

**Speaker at 7 pm**

**Hear the founder of the Group  
share his experience, strength and hope.**



Location: New Hope Presbyterian Church  
3070 Sweeten Creek Road, S. Asheville, 28803



# **District 80**

## **Founders' Day**

**Saturday June 10, 2017**

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**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

**Speaker: Tom M.**

Maggie Valley United Methodist Church

4192 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley, NC

Fellowship begins at 4PM, eating around 5PM.

If you have a musical instrument bring it!

Speaker will talk at 7PM.

District 80 is providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,  
Coffee and Sodas. Please bring a Side Dish or  
Dessert to Share.

“Come One, Come All, Friends & Family”

# "THE BIG BOOK COMES ALIVE"



## ASHEVILLE



**PRESENTED BY LARRY SCOTT & BRADFORD C. from Atlanta, Georgia**

Join us for an in depth guided study of the first 164 pages of the Big Book, in the tradition of Joe & Charlie!!

### July 21 & 22nd, 2017

**Friday 6 pm-9 pm ~ Saturday 9 am-6 pm ~ Speaker Meeting 8pm-Larry S.**

Bring your Big Book, pen and highlighter ... and **be prepared to be**  
"rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed"  
*An Open AA fellowship event*



#### Location

**Groce United Methodist Church  
954 Tunnel Rd  
Asheville, NC 28805**



**COST: Pre-Registration:(Before 07/14/17) -\$15\*per person (\*a small fee is added for online registration)**

**Includes Lunch on Saturday**

**\$20 at the Door, and If tickets are available**

**THE EVENT IS SELF SUPPORTED, MONEY IS FOR EXPENSES ONLY.**

***Register early – space is limited***

**ONLINE AT:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/big-book-comes-alive-avl-2017-tickets-33879627879>

**OR Mail** In Checks or Money Order (MO) With Form **Below**

For questions email: [BigBook.AVL@gmail.com](mailto:BigBook.AVL@gmail.com) or call [347-688-3342](tel:347-688-3342)

#### **MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM** (only use if not registering online)

**NAME:** (Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:**(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET OR PO BOX CITY State & ZIP CODE

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHK or MO # & AMOUNT INCLUDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Once your money order or check is received you will be contacted either by email or telephone for registration confirmation.**

**Mail form and money order or check to: Jeanne Rowland 40 Great Aspen Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711**