

# Mountain Doin's

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

## Safeguarding Anonymity in a Digital Age



There is a broad concern in the A.A. Fellowship that the explosion of social media in today's world may cause A.A.s to lose sight of one of the primary tenets of our program: the Tradition of Anonymity.

According to Clay R., Public Information coordinator at G.S.O., the P.I. desk hears on a regular basis from alcoholics worried about the smartphones many of us routinely carry into meetings, conferences, conventions and forums. Callers voice their fears that the camera and video-recording software these phones seamlessly employ may be used to capture images and video that may find their way onto social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and the like, thus causing anonymity breaks.

"It should be the privilege of each individual A.A. to cloak himself with as much personal anonymity as he

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desires," Bill W. wrote in *The Language of the Heart*. "His fellow A.A.s should respect his wishes and help guard whatever status he wants to assume." Although the disease of alcoholism is better understood and accepted today than it was when Bill W. and Dr. Bob founded A.A., there can be a stigma attached, in particular for people whose employment concerns sensitive material or has a public component. This is one instance where anonymity breaks on social media can have serious consequences. Andrew L., an Area 45 delegate who has spent two panels on the Conference P.I. Committee, says, "I have a very public job, so I am very cognizant of being careful on Facebook. Yet I always have people in A.A. signing me up for A.A. groups or wanting to link me to a private group, and I just can't do that. The way people are interconnected on social media, a mention of your name in association with A.A. ripples outward fast."

The Eleventh Tradition states, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." However, a generation ago in A.A., not many of us had the opportunity to break our anonymity in a public fashion. "My own experience, when I got sober," Clay R. says, "is that no one had to tell me about public-level anonymity breaks, because I had no access. But one of the things that has changed in terms of the Fellowship is  
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**New NC Mountain Central Office, Inc.  
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison  
December 2017**

	Dec 17	Jan - Dec 17
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions	0.00	256.00
Group Contributions	1,946.21	29,883.70
Individual Contributions	20.97	362.73
Subscriptions	0.00	24.00
Total Contributions	1,967.18	30,526.43
Interest on Money Market	0.94	10.95
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	1,641.59	30,103.82
Shipping to groups	41.83	529.31
Total Sales Income	1,683.42	30,633.13
Total Income	3,651.54	61,170.51
Cost of Goods Sold		
Discounts	0.00	0.00
Freight - vendor shipping	4.50	509.65
Literature & merchandise	1,327.94	24,863.76
Total COGS	1,332.44	25,373.41
Gross Profit	2,319.10	35,797.10
Expense		
CO Fall Picnic	0.00	469.97
Copier - One-time document fee	0.00	150.00
Copier Rental		
Copier - monthly fee	145.43	1,838.32
Copier - overages	0.00	51.05
Total Copier Rental	145.43	1,889.37
Editor	135.00	1,560.00
ICOAA Conference	0.00	455.74
Insurance Expense	0.00	602.06
Office Expenses	20.00	240.00
Office Supplies	13.94	339.49
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary (Including Taxes)	899.00	13,429.00
Payroll Taxes (Company)	68.77	1,069.32
Processing (for Direct Deposit)	5.25	66.50
Total Payroll Expenses	973.02	14,564.82
QuickBooks Expenses	0.00	210.79
Rent	534.00	6,096.00
Sales Tax Paid to Vendors	11.16	155.04
Shipping to groups	39.74	529.09
Stamps/Postage	77.46	914.11
Telephone & Internet		
Answering Service	128.00	1,611.50
Office Telephone/Internet	148.30	1,747.12
Total Telephone & Internet	276.30	3,358.62
Total Expense	2,226.05	31,535.10
Net Ordinary Income	93.05	4,262.00
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	3.76
Total Other Expense	0.00	3.76
Net Other Income	0.00	-3.76
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>93.05</b>	<b>4,258.24</b>

**FEBRUARY**

**February Grapevine is now available!**

This month, "Staying Sober Through Adversity," featuring stories by AA members about navigating tough times in sobriety.



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

Cash on Hand as of 12/31/2017

Prudent Reserve (Money Market)

\$11,053.12

Operating Account (Checking)

\$8,407.01

Rent Deposit \$400.00

Petty Cash \$50.00

**Call & Visitor Log**

**December 2017**

12 Step Calls – 3

General Info – 5

Family Help – 2

Meeting Info – 15

Central Office

Business – 47

Medical/Detox – 0

Visitors – 67

Answering Service (Operator-Asst) – 161 minutes (November)

After-hours Hotline Volunteers -39 calls (December)



Visits to aaNCMCO.org website

(December): Unique Visitors: 690

Unique Visits: 1,393 (2.01 per visitor)

Pages: 4,732 (3.39 per visit)

# Contributions

	Dec 2017	YTD		Dec 2017	YTD
11-11-11 Meeting		\$70.00	Serenity Seekers - Marion 663-204	\$50.00	\$50.00
12 & 12 Study Group		\$150.00	Serenity Service Group 110-498	\$25.00	\$300.00
2nd Chance Group - Cherokee 712-180	\$60.00	\$180.00	Sisters in Sobriety - Whittier		\$240.95
3 Legacies Group 709-522		\$276.27	Skyland 12&12 Group		\$265.00
4th Dimension Group		\$100.00	Speed Bump Group 512-851		\$100.00
Acceptance Group 122-477		\$1,889.95	Spiritual Fitness Group 720-419		\$131.09
Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers AA Group	\$147.00	\$747.00	Surrender Group		\$270.00
Anonymous	\$103.00	\$1,001.52	The Principles Group		\$37.50
AVL Big Book Step Study Group 637-843		\$120.00	Total Surrender Group		\$388.03
AVL Women's Big Book Step Study 703-990		\$109.00	Tryon Monday 5:30 Meeting	\$102.00	\$589.60
At Wit's End Group		\$214.50	United With Hope Group 719-052		\$408.00
AWOL Group		\$58.97	Waynesville Grace Group 110-692		\$1,680.00
Back to Basics Grp - Weaverville 147-139		\$200.00	We Are Not Saints Group		\$30.00
Big Town Group 671-200		\$881.30	We Think Not Group 700-411		\$62.00
Black Mountain Group 117-117		\$169.00	West Asheville Group 110-501		\$150.00
Brevard Serenity Group 631-231		\$66.43	Women's BBSS Group -		
BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee		\$604.70	Hendersonville		\$116.15
Candlelight Meeting		\$50.00	Women's Grapevine Meeting		\$30.00
Candler KISS Group 163-148		\$228.00	Women of Courage		\$490.37
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$731.88	Women of Grace		\$200.00
Cedar Mountain Group 161-082		\$134.00	Working at Recovery		\$50.00
Chunns Cove Men's Association 179-001		\$182.50			
Conscious Contact Group - Asheville		\$327.00			
Cullowhee Valley Group 118-129		\$50.00	<b>Total Group</b>		
Cumberland Group 122-472	\$50.00	\$150.00	<b>Contributions:</b>	<b>\$1,936.21</b>	<b>\$29,873.70</b>
Daily Decisions 643-869		\$1,103.93	<b>Individual</b>		
Day by Day Group 159-058		\$1,929.55	<b>Contributions:</b>		
Down But Not Out Group		\$2.88	Anonymous	\$0.97	\$32.73
Early Bird Group 612-780		\$177.00	Bob P.	\$20.00	\$220.00
Fellowship Group 655-542	\$100.00	\$400.00	In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$120.00
Fireside Group 655-046	\$350.00	\$600.00			
Good Livers 666-360		\$300.00	<b>Total Individual</b>		
Grace Group 161-970	\$356.93	\$2,105.61	<b>Contributions:</b>	<b>\$30.97</b>	<b>\$372.73</b>
Great Fact Group		\$499.51	<b>Birthday</b>		
Happy Hour Group - Hendersonville 169-182		\$425.49	<b>Contributions:</b>		
Happy Hour Group - Waynesville		\$30.00	Anonymous		\$10.00
Happy, Joyous & Free - Columbus		\$75.00	Cat		\$5.00
Heart Fire Group		\$214.50	Jerry T.		\$20.00
Hendersonville Group		\$294.00	Dani B.		\$9.00
High Noon Group 689-080		\$150.00	Monica G.		\$180.00
Higher Power Tower Hour Group		\$144.50	Sandy F.		\$32.00
Joe & Charlie Big Book Study		\$100.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	
Joy of Living - Black Mountain		\$75.00	<b>Total Birthday Contributions:</b>		<b>\$256.00</b>
Joy of Living - Brevard 669-820		\$275.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	
Kanuga Group 645-767		\$215.00	<b>Mountain Doin's Subscriptions:</b>		<b>\$24.00</b>
Lambda Group 617-035		\$560.75		<b>\$1,967.18</b>	
Leicester Group 143-417		\$50.00	<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$30,526.43</b>
Library Group 672-283	\$24.00	\$24.00			
Maggie Valley Group 158-950	\$150.00	\$480.00			
Maple Grove Group 121-212		\$20.00			
Marshall Group 100-489		\$150.00			
Mars Hill Group 130-895		\$200.00			
Meditation Mondays		\$50.00			
Men's Attitude Adjustment Group 670-850	\$50.00	\$150.00			
Mid Day Grp (Hendersonville) 143-420	\$63.28	\$730.78			
Mill Springs Group 656-821		\$85.00			
Monday 6:00 Open Meeting	\$110.00	\$380.27			
Mountain View Grp (Highlands) 110-598		\$1,091.38			
New Freedom Group 700-124		\$50.00			
Newland Serenity (Linville Mtg.)		\$8.76			
No Name Group - Murphy		\$200.00			
Pisgah Group		\$200.00			
Practicing Principles 667-311	\$40.00	\$86.00			
Recovery by the River 674-892		\$530.08			
Roundtable Group 135-605		\$110.00			
Rule 62 Group		\$294.00			
Safe & Sound 645-654		\$200.00			
Saluda Back to Basics Group	\$30.00	\$50.00			
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	\$125.00	\$700.00			
Serenity Now 670-803		\$75.00			

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

## Meeting Changes:

**Asheville: Young People's Group:** The group has moved to a new location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 17 Shawnee Trail, Asheville 28805. They had to discontinue the Sunday 7:00pm meeting but all other meetings remain as before: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 7:00pm and Friday at 10:00pm. See Where & When meeting schedule or ashevilleaa.org website for specific meeting codes.

## Discontinued Meetings:

**Asheville: Serenity Service Group.** Saturday 2:00pm meeting at Haywood Street Congregation, 297 Haywood St, Asheville, was discontinued as of January 3. All other Serenity Service Group meetings – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 5:30pm – are still active at this location.

**Asheville: Fourth Dimension Group:** Thursday 8:00pm. St Luke's Episcopal Church, 219 Chunns Cove Rd, Asheville, has been discontinued as of December 28.

**Waynesville: Waynesville Women's Step Study:** Monday 6:45pm. Waynesville Triangle Club, 142 Miller St. Meeting has been discontinued as of January 15.

## Meeting Spaces Available:

- **Belfour United Methodist Church**, 2567 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville. They have meeting space available in their fellowship hall. It has access to a kitchen and bathroom. Contact Dottie at the church – 828-778-9886.
- **Asheville 12 Step Recovery Club.** 22-B New Leicester Hwy, Asheville 28806. The Club has two meeting rooms available on various days and times. The space is handicap accessible, and, because there are two rooms, there are opportunities to provide child care. If you are interested in starting a meeting at the Club, send an email to: avl12step@gmail.com
- **St. George's Episcopal Church**, One School Road, Asheville, 28806 has space and times available for meetings.
- **1st Christian Church**, 470 Enka Lake Rd, across from high school, Enka-Candler area. Available all days except Sunday morning & afternoon. Handicap accessible.
- **Barnardsville United Methodist Church**, 7 Church Hill Rd (off Dillingham Rd). Fellowship Hall can seat 30-40 people. Smaller room in parish house available in future.

For contact information call Pam at Central Office  
828-254-8539.

# The SERVICE EXPRESS

March newsletter deadline for sending in announcements is **February 15th**.

## District 70: ashevilleaa.org

**GSR Business Meeting** – held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday, February 11, 2:30pm**, at St. Luke's Episcopal, 219 Chunns Cove Rd, Asheville 28805.

District 70 still has several service positions open. If you are interested in being of service please attend the GSR meeting on February 11.

The Buncombe County Detention Facility is in need of support for meetings in the jail – especially for men. The BCDF 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 about the application or orientation process call or email Cynthia, the Volunteer Program Services Coordinator, at the Buncombe County Detention Facility: 828-250-4579; [Cynthia.Heaton@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Cynthia.Heaton@buncombecounty.org). For more information about this volunteer service attend the next GSR Meeting and/or the Service Committees Meeting.

Volunteers are needed for daytime A.A. meetings at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW). The meetings are Fridays from 12:15-1:30pm; males must be accompanied by females. Call Charlyne for more details: 828-450-2919.

**Service Committees Meeting**—Now held the first Sunday of the month. Next meeting is **Sunday, February 4, 12:15pm**, at a new location: **North Asheville Community Center, 37 E. Larchmont Dr, Asheville, 28804** (immediately following the 11:00am Conscious Contact meeting.) Volunteers are needed for meetings at SCCW, ADATC, prisons and jails.

**Bridging the Gap (with treatment facilities)** – If you are interested in this service please 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** – now held monthly, the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be **Saturday, February 10, 1:00pm**, at 1624 Willow Rd, Hendersonville, 28739. The Corrections Committee now meets in conjunction with the GSR meeting.

District 71 still needs to fill the following positions: Grapevine, CPC/PI, Treatment/H&I, Events and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these service positions please attend the meeting on February 10.

The Corrections Committee is in need of men volunteers to take A.A. meetings into the Transylvania County Jail and the Henderson County Detention Center. All who are interested in participating in this vital service please attend the District 71 GSR - Corrections Committee meeting in February, or call/email Central Office (828-254-8539; [info@ncmco.net](mailto:info@ncmco.net)) for contact information.

### **District 80: [aawnc80.org](http://aawnc80.org)**

**GSR District Meeting** will be **Sunday, April 15, 1:30pm**, at Jackson County Family Resource Center, 1528 Webster Rd., Webster 28788. They will be looking for a new Corrections Chairperson. All interested AAs are welcome to attend.

There is a concern about the lack of 12-Step Call Volunteers, especially in some of the more remote parts of Western NC. 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](http://aancmco.org)**

The next **NCMCO Board meeting** will be **Thursday, February 8, 6:00pm**, 70 Woodfin Place, Suite 212, Asheville, 28801. The next **combined COR/Board meeting** will be **Thursday, April 12, 6:00pm**, at the same location. All are welcome to attend the Board meetings and the combined COR/Board meetings but only Central Office Representatives can vote on issues so we encourage all groups to send a COR!

## **SPECIAL MEETINGS** **and EVENTS**

***Gulf Coast Roundup:*** February 9-11. Multi-Media experience from retired Akron archivist. Hear Lois, Anne, & others' conversations. Also with Co-founders' conversations. Spectacular setting and other great speakers. Go to: [www.gulfcoastroundup.com](http://www.gulfcoastroundup.com)

***54th International Women's Conference:*** February 15-18. Sheraton Grand Phoenix Hotel, 340 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004. For more information and registration form, visit website: [www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

***Living Sober - Panel Discussion:*** February 17 at 10:00pm. Hosted by Cullowhee Valley Group. Cullowhee Baptist Church, 148 Central Drive on WCU Campus, next to Hunter Library, Cullowhee 28723. For more information call 828-507-8258.

***Flint River Roundup:*** March 9-11. Hilton Garden Inn, 101 S Front St, Albany, GA 31701. Speakers, workshop, fish fry and ice cream social. Go to: [www.flintriverroundup.org](http://www.flintriverroundup.org)

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***St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner:*** March 17. Hosted by WNCYPAA. Dinner at 7:00pm; speaker (Joe F. from New Jersey) at 8:30pm. Bring a dish to share if you can. Acton United Methodist Church, 171 Sand Hill School Rd, Asheville 28806.

### ***Asheville's 1st Annual Bill W. Golf Open:***

April 8. Broadmoor Golf Links, 101 French Broad Lane, Fletcher 28732. For more information call or email Chuck A. or Carl A.: 828-365-8313 or [BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com](mailto:BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com)

***Appalachian Regional Roundup:*** March 23 – 25. Holiday Inn Johnson City, 101 West Springbrook Dr, Johnson City, TN 37604. "Sobriety Is Not Enough." Six speakers from around the country, 11 sessions, sobriety countdown and more. For more information and registration form, visit website: [www.appalachianregionalroundup.com](http://www.appalachianregionalroundup.com)

### ***Area 51 WNC Pre-Conference – "AA – A Solution for All Generations"***

: April 7. Registration at 11am; lunch at 12pm; program 1-4pm. First Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall, 312 Fifth Ave West, Hendersonville 28739. WNC AA and our Area 51 Delegate need your input on the issues facing the General Service Conference each year when they meet in New York to discuss the future direction of our fellowship. At this Western Pre-Conference our Delegate will meet with us to hear our views on a number of items up for review and supplied to us from New York via an Agenda of Topics. Pre-registration forms can be found at Central Office and on the websites – [www.ashevilleaa.org](http://www.ashevilleaa.org) and [www.aaNCMCO.org](http://www.aaNCMCO.org)

### ***Oak Island Lighthouse Retreat – Fellowship and Serenity at the Sea:***

May 11-13. For more information and registration form, visit website: [www.oakislandlighthouse retreat.com](http://www.oakislandlighthouse retreat.com)

***43rd Atlanta Roundup:*** August 2-5. The Westin Perimeter North, 7 Concourse Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30328. Group rate is limited; book early! Call 770-395-3900 for reservations or visit website: [www.atlantaroundup.com](http://www.atlantaroundup.com)

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

For other events around the country and the world, go to the [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) website – Box 4-5-9 Bulletin Board: [www.aa.org/newsletters/en\\_US/en\\_box459\\_holiday17.pdf](http://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_holiday17.pdf)

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our understanding of anonymity breaks at the public level in social media. Remember, we have members joining A.A. today who have spent a considerable amount of their lives on social media. It's as natural to them as breathing. To us, as defined by the General Service Conference in 2013, social media is 'on the public level.' Newcomers may not understand this."

Since most of us (newcomers or not) are often the stars of our own personal social media shows on interconnected digital platforms, what constitutes a public anonymity break in this regard?

Jason R., Area 13 delegate, has given some thought to this. "Recently, I asked some of my service mentors what they thought of posting online something as simple as a Roman numeral to signify a sober anniversary. Nothing else. I was very surprised at their response. They thought something as simple as a number posted on social media was not in line with our Traditions. While only a few would know what it meant, the potential to comment and risk inadvertent 'outing' wasn't worth the post. While I disagree on the extent of the risk, I agree that I could probably find a better way to tell people about my anniversary." On the other hand, Jason had a recent experience where a friend asked him his opinion of posting a photo of himself and a fellow A.A. holding up their anniversary chips in celebration on a social media platform. His friend saw nothing wrong with it. What did Jason think?

"I told him that I would not do it. You can zoom in and see the circle and triangle on the medallion. I told him that not only could his followers see it, but possibly, depending on his privacy settings, an ever-widening network could see it as well. Ultimately, I think he took it down."

"Here's one of the things I think about anonymity," Andrew L. says. "I don't think we talk enough about how one person's anonymity, or lack of it, impacts the organization as a whole. You become a reflection of A.A. on social media to many people, like it or not. The Eleventh Tradition is designed to protect A.A. from its members. We can be dangerous."

One way to understand your goal in posting about program-related events on social media, according to Jason, is to ask yourself, "What is my ultimate purpose? Is it self-promotion when I post something, even if only a limited audience will see it? When people talk about their anonymity, they are often talking about the Eleventh Tradition, but the Twelfth Tradition comes into play here as well. Am I practicing humility when I post on whatever platform? Am I placing principles before personalities, or just seeking as many 'likes' as I can get?"

To Clay R., the key to safeguarding anonymity on social media is education. "One of the things the Fellowship needs to adapt to is how to educate our new members on the importance of anonymity and how that is reflected in public media. As sponsors, we can educate our sponsees. As A.A. groups, we can take the time in our group announcements to underscore the importance of the gift of personal anonymity that every group offers to all of its members, and how we all need to respect that. And as A.A. entities — groups, districts, areas — we need to be more attentive to education via workshops and Tradition meetings as to why this is important."

Jason R. adds, "When you see an anonymity break, it's important to understand that you can't necessarily control it. My opinion may be that I wouldn't have done that. But my responsibility as a member of A.A. is to speak with other members of the Fellowship in a loving and tolerant way and accept that they may choose not to change. I cannot be the Traditions police."

With all the concern about social media anonymity breaks, the word is getting out. Many meetings, forums and conferences begin with an announcement along the lines of the 2015 International Convention's "Anonymity Statement," which began, "We respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on audio tapes and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on the Internet." Despite the fact that people may believe "young people" are the chief offenders in regard to social media, the International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) also issues such a statement at its gatherings. There is also plenty of material at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for people to read or direct others to on this topic, from A.A.'s Guidelines on the Internet to the General Service Conference-approved pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

One thing that sometimes gets lost in the controversy over social media and the Internet is how valuable they are as Twelfth Step tools. Alcoholics find A.A. through intergroup websites, chat rooms and online meetings. G.S.O. may soon start putting up PSA videos on YouTube (with comments disabled). Meetings have private email lists that alert members to changes in schedules or group events. Even Jason R. held his conversation about how best to proclaim an anniversary online via text. While we need to be vigilant about anonymity breaks, we also need to acknowledge our vastly increased ability to use social media to bring hope to suffering alcoholics around the world.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## 2nd Chance Group

Leslie H. 2-21-1997 21 yrs

## Acceptance Group

Nancy K. 2-14-1992 26 yrs  
John McC. 2-16-1976 42 yrs

## AVL Women's Big Book Step Study Group

Roseann N. 2-03-2010 8 yrs  
Linda Q. 2-10-1990 28 yrs  
Ali W. 2-12-2011 7 yrs  
Keldwyn T. 2-25-1986 32 yrs

## At Wit's End Group

Daniel S. 2-01-2015 3 yrs  
Paul M. 2-08-2015 3 yrs  
Travis R. 2-12-2013 5 yrs  
Lissa M. 2-17-2009 9 yrs  
Blake G. 2-26-2012 6 yrs  
Jarrett M. 2-27-2015 3 yrs

## Back to Basics Group

Brian D. 2-01-2006 12 yrs  
Mike P. 2-01-2009 9 yrs  
Maggie P. 2-07-2017 1 yr  
Mike W. 2-24-2006 12 yrs  
Phil L. 2-26-2012 6 yrs

## Black Mountain Group

Kathleen K. 2-12-2012 6 yrs

## Brevard Serenity Group

Jolene 2-18-2008 10 yrs

## Candlelight Group

Jess M. 2-13-2015 3 yrs

## Candler K.I.S.S. Group

Carol M. 2-12-1984 34 yrs  
Chip C. 2-20-1986 32 yrs

## Conscious Contact Group

Nicole G. 2-14-2015 3 yrs  
Marty M. 2-15-1954 64 yrs

## Cumberland Group

Dan P. 2-09-1998 20 yrs  
Billy L. 2-16-2015 3 yrs

## Daily Decisions Group

Blue 2-08-2005 13 yrs  
Chris R. 2-17-2016 2 yrs

## Fellowship Group

Barry B. 2-01-2012 6 yrs  
Marsha P. 2-14-1987 31 yrs  
Jackie D. 2-16-2014 4 yrs

## Good Livers Group

Tim G. 2-07-2013 4 yrs  
John W. 2-06-2005 12 yrs  
Farrell S. 2-11-2015 2 yrs  
Ruth M. 2-14-1983 34 yrs  
Marti R. 2-17-1991 26 yrs  
Mary S. 2-18-2012 5 yrs

## Grace Group

Joe E. 2-05-2015 3 yrs  
Eli J. 2-06-2017 1 yr  
Geoff S. 2-06-2008 10 yrs  
Meghan J. 2-06-1988 30 yrs  
Karen D. 2-10-2009 9 yrs  
Mary B. 2-10-1981 37 yrs  
Jess M. 2-13-2015 3 yrs  
Jerry T. 2-15-2011 7 yrs  
Sabra R. 2-15-2008 10 yrs  
Susan D. 2-15-1986 32 yrs  
Margery K. 2-22-2004 14 yrs  
Cat F. 2-23-2012 6 yrs  
Ashley G. 2-24-2010 8 yrs  
Quinn M. 2-29-2016 2 yrs

## Happy Hour Group

Bobbie P. 2-03-1986 32 yrs  
Michele C. 2-20-2016 2 yrs  
Ken F. 2-25-2012 6 yrs

## Heart Fire Group

Terry S. 2-08-2016 2 yrs

## Hendersonville Group

Bill G. 2-12-1982 36 yrs  
Doug B. 2-16-2006 12 yrs  
Eric G. 2-18-2013 5 yrs

## Mars Hill Group

Brian D. 2-01-2006 12 yrs  
Mike P. 2-01-2009 9 yrs  
Mike W. 2-24-2006 12 yrs  
Dick Mc. 2-25-1980 38 yrs  
Phil L. 2-26-2012 6 yrs  
John W. 2-28-1986 32 yrs

## Midday Group

Ali W. 2-12-2011 7 yrs  
Craig G. 2-14-2013 5 yrs  
Dean D. 2-14-1994 24 yrs  
Barbara M. 2-22-2012 6 yrs

## Phoenix Group

John W. 2-06-2005 12 yrs

## Serenity Seekers Group - Marion

Dean D. 2-12-2002 16 yrs  
Zee O. 2-14-2011 7 yrs  
Ben F. 2-16-1986 32 yrs  
Christina 2-24-2012 6 yrs  
Suzie L. 2-28-2009 9 yrs

## Total Surrender Group

Anita K. 2-02-2016 2 yrs  
Eva 2-02-2015 3 yrs  
Kerry 2-04-2017 1 yr  
April M. 2-14-2011 7 yrs  
Jackie D. 2-16-2014 4 yrs  
Mary S. 2-18-2012 6 yrs  
Daniel W. 2-19-2017 1 yr  
Jackie L. 2-23-2015 3 yrs  
Nathaniel R. 2-28-2016 2 yrs

## Traditional Group

Jason C. 2-06-2013 5 yrs  
Josh M. 2-15-2013 5 yrs  
Patrick W. 2-15-2002 16 yrs  
Zac W. 2-22-2011 7 yrs  
Roy M. 2-25-2015 3 yrs  
Matthew B. 2-28-2013 5 yrs

## United with Hope Group

Kent S. 2-07-2009 9 yrs

## Waynesville Grace Group

Paul M. 2-08-2015 3 yrs  
Nicole P. 2-10-2015 3 yrs  
Laura S. 2-18-1998 20 yrs  
Verda D. 2-23-2015 3 yrs

## Women of Grace Group

Tonya K. 2-01-2013 5 yrs  
Suzy L. 2-28-2009 9 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) March newsletter deadline for sending in anniversaries and announcements is February 15.



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Atlanta Roundup

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 2018



The Age of Miracles is Still With Us

*The Roundup is pleased to welcome our 2018 Speakers!*

- Clancy I • Venice, CA    Amanda B • Montgomery, AL  
 Karl M • Covina, CA    Christine B • Buford, GA  
 Jim T • Athens, GA

The Westin Perimeter North  
 Group Rate is Limited—Book Early!!  
 7 Concourse Pkwy Atlanta 30328  
 Call 770-395-3900 for Reservations

AA, Al-Anon & Alateen Workshops  
 Big Book Trivia Contest • Meetings  
 Fellowship • Entertainment  
 Hospitality • Home Made Treats

Come and join us for our annual weekend of Fun, Fellowship and Serenity as we celebrate our 43<sup>rd</sup> Roundup! We have a great Program of Speakers, Workshops & Entertainment. Register and sign up to be a Volunteer at: [www.atlantaroundup.com](http://www.atlantaroundup.com) or fill out and return the form below.

The Atlanta Roundup Committee is an all volunteer body whose Primary Purpose is to carry the AA message and to unite the Metro Atlanta AA, Al-Anon and Alateen Community in Unity, Service and Recovery.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for confirmation and updates): \_\_\_\_\_

Program: AA \_\_\_ Al-Anon \_\_\_ (Alateen registration is \$1 at the door during Roundup)

Do you want to be a Volunteer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. Registration \_\_\_ Greeter \_\_\_

Bake cookies for Hospitality? (Must be Homemade): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ ; # of dozens \_\_\_

**Pre-Registration is \$30.** Scholarship contribution: \_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make out checks to: The Atlanta Roundup, 3503 Ashwood Ln, Atlanta GA, 30341**





# ***Golfers Needed for***

# **Asheville's 1st Annual**

# **AA Bill W. Open**



**April 8                      2:00pm Shotgun**

**Scramble/Captain's Choice**

***\$75/player includes: Golf, Cart, Driving Range, Dinner Buffet, Cash Awards***

**Broadmoor Golf Links, 101 French Broad Lane, Fletcher, NC 28732**

- ❖ Payment is needed 3 weeks in advance. Foursomes preferred, singles accepted.
- ❖ To reserve a spot or foursome, call or email Chuck A. or Carl A. !!
  - 828-365-8313 or [BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com](mailto:BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com)
- ❖ Women & Men are welcome, regardless of ability. Fun and Fellowship.
- ❖ Put together your own foursome or we will gladly add you to one.
- ❖ Raffle with many GREAT prizes. \$1/ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.
- ❖ After golf - BBQ Dinner Buffet, Tea/Lemonade/Coffee, Raffle, Cash Awards.
- ❖ Please complete the form below and email to [BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com](mailto:BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com)
- ❖ For Payment Options or other Questions:
  - Call/Leave Voice Mail at 828-365-8313 or
  - Send an email to [BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com](mailto:BillWGolfOpen@gmail.com)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>1.</b>	_____	_____	_____
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<b>3.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>4.</b>	_____	_____	_____



# Appalachian Regional ROUNDUP

Johnson  
City, TN

~Sobriety Is Not Enough~

Holiday Inn Johnson City  
101 West Springbrook Drive  
Johnson City, Tn. 37604

**Dates- 03/23/2018 - 03/25/2018**

**Room Rate \$99.00**

Rate cut off date March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018  
(Two breakfast vouchers per night 25.00 value)  
Available to the first 600  
Call to book 1-423-282-4611  
Use Phrase "Appalachian Regional Round Up"  
To receive discounted room rate

For Conference Information Call Tony L.

**631-676-0662**

or Email

[P.I.Chair@appalachianregionalroundup.com](mailto:P.I.Chair@appalachianregionalroundup.com)

Make Check or Money Order Payable to  
(Frankie Nunley) & Mail to:

P.O. Box 7494  
1001 N. Eastman Rd  
Kingsport, TN 37664

Pre-Registration is \$25.00 & \$30.00 At the Door  
Online Pre-Registration Available at  
[www.appalachianregionalroundup.com](http://www.appalachianregionalroundup.com)

## Program

\*Speakers Confirmed and Schedule Subject to Change

### FRIDAY 03/23/2018

**Mrs. Michael E. Of GA - 7:00PM - Topic**  
**Mr. Ralph W. Of CA - 8:30PM - Topic**

### SATURDAY 03/24/2018

**Mr. Sheldon F. Of NV - 8:00AM - Steps 1&2**  
**Mr. Bob D. Of NV - 9:30AM - Step 3**  
**Mrs. Jennifer K. Of TX - 11:00AM - Steps 4&5**  
**Mr. Lee S. Of TN - 1:45PM - Al-Anon**  
**Mr. Ralph W. Of CA - 3:00PM - Steps 6&7**  
**Mrs. Michael E. Of GA - 4:30PM - 8&9**  
**Mr. Sheldon F. Of NV - 7:30PM - Topic & Countdown**

### SUNDAY 03/25/2018

**Mrs. Jennifer K. Of TX- 8:15AM - Steps 10&11**  
**Mr. Bob D. Of NV - 9:45AM - Step 12**

Round Up T-Shirts are \$12.00 or 2 for \$20.00 & Will Be Available for  
Pick-Up Upon Arrival.  
Sizes May Be Limited On Site.

## 1st Annual - Appalachian Regional Roundup - Johnson City, TN

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____	Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name On Badge: _____	Name On Badge: _____
Number of T-shirts: _____ Size(s): _____	Number of Registrations: _____ Total: _____
Scholarship Contribution \$ _____	Lend a hand to those unable to pay the registration fee.



# **54th** **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

IWC is a closed conference for women in Alcoholics Anonymous

is coming to:

**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**February 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Speakers ♥ Panels ♥ Workshops ♥ Banquets ♥ Tours**

For more information or to register on-line  
[www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

**♥ REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 3550 ♥**

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# Oak Island Lighthouse Retreat

Great Recovery & Fellowship  
 Good Speakers and Meetings  
 Small/Intimate Group (about 200)  
 Low Key atmosphere by the Sea.



*Fellowship and Serenity at the Sea*  
**May 11, 12, 13, 2018**

**Two Night Registration • \$180.00 per/person - double occupancy includes five meals • 3 AA Speaker meetings • Al-Anon Speaker meeting**

- Ice Cream Social • Music • All Meetings

*Register and Pay On-line - Secure PAYPAL*

**[www.oakislandlighthouseretreat.com](http://www.oakislandlighthouseretreat.com)**

**3-Day Registration - \$30.00 per/person • No Meals**  
 Includes all meetings & functions for the weekend

**Speakers :** Jan P. - Charlotte, NC AA (Friday Night ) • Peggy H. - High Point , NC AFG (Saturday Morning)  
 David W. - Wilmington, NC AA (Saturday Night) • John B. - Kernersville, NC AA (Sunday Morning)

*After April 15, 2018 Late registration/room call Charlie 910.512.0970 • Assist for on-line registration/pay call Sara 914.417.7009*

**Mail In Registration - Fill out for EACH person you are registering - Overnight Stay or 3-Day Registration**  
**Cut out form and mail (with your payment) to Oak Island Lighthouse Retreat, PO Box 235, Oak Island, NC 28465**

REGISTRATION TYPE		# PERSONS	TOTAL \$
Complete Plan - \$180.00 or Deposit of \$90 Per Person			
3-Day Registration - \$30.00 Per Person			
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			

  

Name 1 _____	M	F	Name 2 _____	M	F
Address _____			Address _____		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____			City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
Phone _____			Phone _____		
Email _____			Email _____		
Name Tag _____			Name Tag _____		
Special Request: (Roommate, etc.) _____					

**Overnight Registration:** Lodging is motel-style. Friday check-in is at 4 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. First meeting is 8 p.m. Deposits are non-refundable after May 1st. Advance payment of Day Registration fee is encouraged as meeting space may be limited. **Make Checks Payable to: Oak Island Retreat**

The 68th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous

# Area 51 • WNC Pre-Conference

*“AA - A Solution for All Generations”*

WNC AA and our Area 51 Delegate need your input on the issues facing the General Service Conference each year when they meet in New York to discuss the future direction of our Fellowship. At this Western Pre-Conference our Delegate will meet with us to hear our views on a number of items up for review and supplied to us from New York via an Agenda of Topics.

Please complete the registration form below and join us, just as other members across the country are joining their Area Delegates, in this critical participation in AA service. Everyone needs to be heard if we are to be relevant in facing the challenges of the future.

**April 7th, 2018 (Saturday)**

**First Baptist Church / Fellowship Hall**

312 Fifth Ave. West, Hendersonville, NC 28739

**11am Registration • Lunch at 12 • Program 1-4pm**

**Free Registration & Lunch • Free Parking**

**PRE-REGISTER NOW!** (so we can order lunch  
and set-up the room)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail Registration to NCMCO - 70 Woodfin Pl. - Suite 206  
Asheville, NC 28801 - ATTN: "Pre-Conference Committee" or  
Email your registration information to: [info@ncmco.net](mailto:info@ncmco.net)

**Background Materials will be available at PreCon for each Committee**

WNCYPAA PRESENTS  
1ST ANNUAL  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**POTLUCK DINNER**

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Acton United Methodist Church

171 Sand Hill School Road

Asheville, NC 28806

DINNER AT 7 PM

SPEAKER AT 8:30 PM

JOE F. FROM NEW JERSEY

PIE-IN-THE-FACE  
AUCTION

POT O' GOLD  
GUESSING CONTEST

Please bring a dish to share  
if you can

\$5 Suggested Donation





# FLINT RIVER ROUNDUP

HAPPY, JOYOUS AND FREE

**MARCH 9th, 10th and 11th, 2018 Hilton Garden Inn, 229-888-1590, Roundup HQ, Albany, Ga. - Room Discounts apply for reservations made by 02/17/18, for FRR Blocked Rooms-Please use the local Hilton number: 229-888-1590.**



**Come Share Your Experience, Strength and Hope at the 21st Annual Flint River Roundup. It's going to be a terrific Weekend of workshops, guest Speakers and recreation. We keep the coffee flowing, hospitality room at its finest, and don't miss Johnny's Fish Fry on Saturday.**

For more information please go to website:

**FlintRiverRoundup.Org** or

Your respective **Contact below:**



**GA: (229) 246-7933 Cissie F.**

**GA: (229) 883-0017 HarryB.**

**FL: (850) 933-8848 DebbieC.**

**FL: (850) 216-1985 Tom G**

**AL:(334) 702-4063 MaryJ AL: (334) 791-6123 Larry K.**



**Friday, March 9th :**

**Noon** - Registration Table Opens at the Hilton Garden

**7:30 PM** - Scott L. (Nashville, TN)AA Speaker)

**Friday Evening: Ice Cream Social and Raffle**

**Saturday, March 10th :**

**9:30 AM** - Kent C. (Sandusky,OH)AA Speaker

**11:30 AM** - Linda L. (Nashville,TN) Alanon Speaker

**1:00 PM - Fish Fry**



**4:00 PM** - Scott L. (Nashville,TN) Workshop

**7:30 PM** - Bob D. (Las Vegas, NV) AA Speaker

**Saturday Evening: Ice Cream Social, Raffle**

**Sunday, March 11th:**

**9:30 AM** - Speaker Panel (Questions/Answers)

**Registration for the Flint River Roundup is \$20 per person. This covers all scheduled events, including the ice cream social. To register for the conference, please complete the registration form at the bottom of the flyer and mail it, along with your payment to:**

**Flint River Roundup  
P.O. Box 72007  
Albany, GA 31708**

**Please PRINT:**

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

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