

Mountain Doin's

828-254-8539

Central Office is still staffed
Mon-Fri 10am-1pm
but not currently open
to visitors.

Call or email with
any questions.

info@ncmco.net

**November
2020**

Central Office Open Positions

The Central Office Board has two open service positions. Elections will be held at the next COR/Board meeting on November 12 (See details below.)

Below are the responsibilities and requirements for each position. If you are interested, please attend the November 12 virtual COR/Board meeting.

Treasurer (2-year term; beginning January 2021)

- Having charge and custody of all funds of Central Office.
- Accuracy of all financial records of Central Office.
- Receipts and disbursements as approved by the Central Office's various committees.
- Arranges for preparation and filing of all required tax returns.
- Prepares an annual financial report.
- Prepares monthly financial report and presents it to the Central Office Board and COR General Committee.
- Attends Central Office Board and General Committee meetings.
- Shall have at least five years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.

12-Step Call Volunteer Coordinator (3-year term; position has been open for quite a while)

- Has responsibility for maintaining the 12-Step Call Volunteer list, with help from the Office Manager.
- Recruits new volunteers.
- Interacts with Office Manager to provide the Office, Answering Service and After-hours Hotline Volunteers with updates to the 12-Step Call Volunteer list. Shares responsibility with NCMCO to ensure appropriate rotation of calls to 12-Step volunteers.
- Attends Board meetings as a voting member.
- Shall have at least three years' continuous sobriety at the time of taking office.

COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

The next combined COR/NCMCO Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 6:00pm. It will again be via Zoom like the meeting was in September.

For updated meeting information check the website:
www.aanCMCO.org.

COR/Board meetings are held every other month on the odd-numbered months.

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**In-Person Meetings:
All Districts**



**Online Meetings:
District 70**



**Online Meetings:
District 71**



**Online Meetings:
District 80**



New NC Mountain Central Office, Inc.
Profit & Loss
 September 2020

	Sep 20	Jan - Sep 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions	13.26	529.90
Group Contributions	1,228.70	18,395.35
Individual Contributions	458.51	5,464.59
Total Contributions	1,700.47	24,389.84
Interest on Money Market	0.91	8.31
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	529.72	9,682.31
Shipping charged to groups	15.29	221.96
Total Sales Income	545.01	9,904.27
Total Income	2,246.39	34,302.42
Cost of Goods Sold		
Freight - vendor shipping	0.00	137.95
Literature & merchandise	439.98	7,978.32
Shipping to groups	13.19	213.75
Total COGS	453.17	8,330.02
Gross Profit	1,793.22	25,972.40
Expense		
Computer, Software, IT Asst	0.00	74.89
Copier Rental	158.81	1,474.96
Credit Card Processing	5.30	527.46
ICOAA Conference	0.00	61.48
Insurance Expense	610.00	610.00
Office Expenses	14.99	182.92
Office Supplies	0.00	149.67
PayPal Fee	19.00	44.72
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary (Including Ta...	1,200.00	12,937.63
Payroll Taxes (Company)	92.40	1,060.76
Payroll Expenses - Other	3.50	38.50
Total Payroll Expenses	1,295.90	14,036.89
QuickBooks Expenses	0.00	246.10
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.01
Rent	584.00	5,205.00
Stamps/Postage	0.00	225.70
Telephone & Internet	161.83	1,445.02
Total Expense	2,849.83	24,284.82
Net Ordinary Income	-1,056.61	1,687.58
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Bank Service Charge repayment	0.00	7.00
Total Other Income	0.00	7.00
Other Expense		
Bank Service Charges	0.00	7.00
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	-1.56
Total Other Expense	0.00	5.44
Net Other Income	0.00	1.56
Net Income	-1,056.61	1,689.14

November Grapevine now available!

This month's Featured Section is "Our Twelve Traditions" with stories by AA members about AA's Traditions. Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.



Cash on Hand as of 9/30/2020:

Prudent Reserve - \$11,083.57
 Operating Account - \$17,418.91
 Rent Deposit - \$400.00
 Petty Cash - \$50.00

Call & Visitor Log September 2020

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12 Step Calls – 4
 General Info – 0
 Family Help – 9
 Meeting Info – 53
 Central Office Business – 41
 Medical/Detox – 0
 Visitors – 0
 Answering Service – 0
 Hotline Volunteers – 36 calls

Visits to aaNCMCO.org website:
 Unique Visitors – 841
 Number of Visits – 3,474 (4.1 per visitor)
 Pages Visited – 12,015 (3.5 per visit)



CONTRIBUTIONS

	Sep 2020	YTD
Anonymous	\$1.79	\$1.79
12 & 12 Study Group	\$5.32	\$170.64
Acceptance Group 122-477		\$1,042.12
As Bill Sees It Group		\$4.00
At Wit's End Group		\$238.79
Back to Basics Grp - Weaverville 147-139		\$150.00
Big Town Group 671-200		\$409.86
Bill's Kitchen - Men's Meeting		\$100.00
Boondocks Group		\$92.00
Brevard Serenity Group 631-231		\$100.00
But for the Grace of God Group	\$7.00	\$41.00
Came to Believe Grp 611-288	\$40.00	\$40.00
Candler KISS Group 163-148		\$35.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$671.90
Cedar Mountain Group 161-082	\$20.00	\$161.00
Cullowhee Valley Group 118-129		\$65.00
Daily Decisions 643-869	\$500.00	\$738.69
Day by Day Group 159-058		\$697.56
Downtown Serenity Group 702-463		\$55.24
Early Bird Group 612-780		\$241.00
Fellowship Group 655-542		\$500.00
Fireside Group 655-046		\$364.00
Good Livers 666-360		\$650.00
Grace Group 161-970		\$2,882.87
Great Fact Group - Waynesville	\$100.00	\$750.00
Happy Hour Group - Hendersonville 169-182		\$120.00
Happy, Joyous & Free - Columbus		\$23.00
Hendersonville Men's Group		\$100.00
Last Chance Group - Men's First Step Farm		\$55.00
Leicester Group 143-417		\$50.00
Liars Club	\$298.00	\$768.76
Library Group 672-283		\$99.00
Maggie Valley Group 158-950	\$49.62	\$117.17
Maple Grove Group 121-212		\$26.25
Marion AA Group 110-621		\$200.00
Marion Noon AA - Serenity Seekers 663-204		\$150.00
Mars Hill Group 130-895	\$100.00	\$189.00
Marshall Group 100-489		\$100.00
Midday Grp (Hendersonville) 143-420		\$436.00
Monday 6:00 Open Meeting		\$27.82
Mountain View Grp (Highlands) 110-598		\$379.15
New Freedom Group 700-124	\$20.00	\$20.00
Newland Serenity (Linville Mtg) 117-577		\$100.00
Out to Lunch Bunch		\$500.00
Phoenix Group 697-148		\$100.00
Recovery by the River 674-892		\$127.40
Rule 62 Group		\$168.00
Safe & Sound 645-654		\$301.94
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting		\$375.00
Saturday Solutions		\$250.00
Serenity Service Group 110-498		\$300.00
Sober Sisters - Flat Rock		\$280.07
South Asheville Literature		\$137.50
Sojourners' Home Group		\$40.00
Spiritual Fitness Group 720-419		\$56.00
Spruce Pine Saturday Moming Grp 110-679		\$50.00
Steps in Sobriety Group 728-947	\$86.97	\$177.83
Surrender Group - Black Mountain		\$300.00
The Meeting		\$100.00
The Principles Group 675-162		\$14.00
United With Hope Group 719-052		\$150.00
Waynesville Grace Group 110-692		\$1,130.00
We Think Not Group 700-411		\$284.00
Women of Courage Group		\$390.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$1,228.70	\$18,395.35

Individual Contributions:

Anonymous	\$10.68	\$2,200.87
Alexandra		\$30.00
Annie M.		\$100.00
Ben G.		\$6.00
Beth		\$17.04
Brian F.	\$100.00	\$100.00
Chuck H.	\$4.83	\$4.83
Damon		\$5.00
Dave G.	\$50.00	\$200.00
David		\$25.00
Douglas G.		\$10.00
Dr. L.		\$500.00
Edie		\$30.00
Edward		\$100.00
George P. & Mary S.	\$100.00	\$100.00
Gordie		\$11.50
Greg		\$170.00
Hollis S.	\$3.00	\$3.00
Jackie		\$15.00
Jacqueline		\$36.00
Jayson		\$5.00
Jean		\$15.00
Jeffrey		\$70.00
Jessica D.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Jessie		\$25.00
Jill	\$10.00	\$35.00
John D.	\$10.00	\$10.00
Judith		\$100.00
Judy		\$100.00
Kay G.	\$15.00	\$30.00
Laura		\$10.00
Leslie		\$203.00
Malcolm		\$25.00
Marjorie		\$20.00
Marsha		\$100.00
Marty		\$250.00
Mike		\$1.83
Pam		\$8.00
Ronald H.	\$10.00	\$10.00
Ronna		\$20.00
Sally		\$10.00
Sarah		\$120.00
Shannon	\$25.00	\$75.00
Sheila	\$20.00	\$60.00
Suzanne L.	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tara		\$134.52
Thomas		\$75.00
Trink		\$8.00
Valerie		\$20.00
Vigilance		\$30.00
Virginia		\$50.00
William D.	\$20.00	\$20.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$90.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$458.51	\$5,464.59

Birthday Contributions:

Anonymous	\$0.94	\$1.58
Angie C		\$21.00
Bob P.		\$140.00
Gerd S.	\$12.32	\$12.32
Pam C.		\$74.00
Ray S.		\$36.00
Sandy F.		\$35.00
Monica G.		\$210.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$13.26	\$529.90

Mountain Doin's Subscriptions:

	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Grand Total

\$1,700.47 \$24,389.84



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

The Birthday Plan

Contributions to G.S.O.

For many years, A.A. members have celebrated their sobriety by sending a contribution to the General Service Office. Your birthday (or anniversary) money helps to support G.S.O.'s services to members and groups throughout Canada and the U.S., to ensure that the A.A. message is carried around the world. The services that G.S.O. provides the A.A. groups cost more than \$6 per member per year. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. You may request these Birthday Contribution Envelopes (FR-5) from G.S.O., for yourself or for your group, at no charge. (Reprinted from Box 4-5-9 Vol. 62, No.1 / Spring 2016)

You can contact our central office to pick up Birthday Contribution Envelopes: (828-254-8539)

You can also give directly to GSO at contribution.aa.org

We thank all the A.A. members and groups who donate so generously!

Special Meetings and Events

***NOTE:** Many events are being cancelled. For the latest updates please check the specific event websites or Central Office:

Biarritz International Virtual AA (Zoom) Convention: Experience, Strength and Hope. January 22-24. See website for information and registration:

NC Area 51 Conferences and Events:
www.aanorthcarolina.org

Area 51 Virtual Fall Committee & Election Assembly Meeting. October 31-November 1. See website for Log in and Password:

GSO in New York: www.aa.org

For events around the country and the world, as well as great articles and information, go to: www.aa.org and Box 459 Bulletin Board:

Does Your Homegroup Accept Online Contributions?

The Meeting Guide App now can directly link to your homegroup's Venmo, CashApp, or PayPal accounts in order to keep us self-supporting through this time of virtual meetings. To update the app with your group's info, please email the District 70 Webmaster at webmaster@ashevillaa.org, giving the following information:

- Name of your group
- Day and time of your meetings
- Direct links to payment centers



\$5



\$5

NCMCO COVID-19 Anniversary Special

Hey! We all miss the conviviality, companionship, and colorful imagination (?) involved with celebrating sobriety at meetings. But times are what they are. And we're finding new ways to do happy, joyous, and free.

Know someone who's having an AAnniversary but can't attend face-to-face meetings? For \$5, we'll send them a greeting card with a medallion commemorating their years of sobriety. We'll even include your message on the card.

Email: SPECIAL@aanmco.org for details

Need to order or pick up supplies for your group?


Call (828) 254-8539 during business hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00am–1:00pm or email your order to: info@ncmco.net

We'll be happy to arrange for pickup (by you!) or shipping.


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The Service Express

District 70:


GSR Business Meeting – Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be Sunday, November 8, via Zoom: 1:30-2:30pm GSR Orientation w/ Alt DCM Steve R. and LCM Bruce A.; 2:30-3:30pm GSR Business Meeting. The link will be on the www.ashevilleaa.org Zoom meeting calendar before the meeting date. 


District Service Committees – If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions, please attend the next GSR Business Meeting (see above). You can also reach out to District Service Committee Chairs (listed under each committee) to find out how you can be of service.


Treatment Facilities Committee – Ian O. and Zack are Committee Chairs. Contact them at treatment@ashevilleaa.org to volunteer for service at ADATC, Neil Dobbins, Montford Hall, Copestone, Pavillon Treatment Center and the Veteran's Administration. It's all about bringing the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an A.A. group. Here is a link for the Treatment Committee flyer: 

"Bridging the Gap" (with treatment facilities) – If you are interested in this service, please contact the BTG Chair, Kathleen, at bridgingthegap@ashevilleaa.org. A new "Treatment Facilities Service Display" is in the works. For information on Bridging the Gap, visit the website: www.btgww.org 

Corrections Committee – At the moment, no volunteers are permitted to go into the jails or prisons. Contact the Corrections Chairs through the District 70 website for updated information.


Women's Chairs are Denise J. and Casey - contact at women_corrections@ashevilleaa.org. Men's Chair is David J. – contact at mens_corrections@ashevilleaa.org. Here is a link for the Corrections Committee flyer: 


The **Buncombe County Detention Facility** has varying needs of support for meetings inside the jail. Here is a new application for volunteering at BCDF:  Any AA member wanting to volunteer at BCDF needs to be referred or recommended to service by a local Corrections Chairperson or current jail volunteer. This will provide an umbrella of order and accountability with whomever enters the building with the organization.

CPC/PI Committee – These are two separate service committees – "Cooperation with the Professional Community" and "Public Information". The CPC committee visits schools, businesses and community meetings to speak about AA. Volunteers for area events are needed for health clinics and DUI classes to name a few. The PI committee provides accurate A.A. information to the public and media when requested. Here is a link for the CPC/PI Committee flyer: 


Literature and Grapevine Committee – Debra J. is the chairperson. Contact her at literature@ashevilleaa.org to volunteer. The focus is to assure that A.A. literature and Grapevines are available to all groups, service meetings, and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. workshops, these volunteers help A.A. members and other committees to carry the A.A. message through our literature.


District 71:

GSR Meeting – Normally held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be Saturday, November 14th, 9:30am via Zoom. Check their website for meeting updates and links:  The District Service Committees meet in conjunction with the GSR meeting.


Transylvania County Jail and the Henderson County Detention Center are currently not allowing AA meetings to be taken into the facilities. Check the District 71 website for updates: 

District 80:

GSR Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 17, 1:30pm. It is currently scheduled to be a hybrid meeting with a physical meeting place as well as Zoom capability for those uncomfortable with in-person attendance. The physical location will be the Meridian Behavioral Health, 44 Bonnie Lane, Sylva. Check their website for meeting updates and links: All interested A.A. members 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: 

Appalachian Community Services Center located at 91 Timberlane Rd, Balsam, has A.A. meetings are every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 pm and every other Saturday at 5:30pm, with one volunteer allowed in per meeting. If you would like information about volunteering, please contact Carl I. by calling or emailing Central Office – 828-254-8539; info@ncmco.net

Murphy Intergroup Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 5:00pm, and will be held virtually. (The link will be provided in the December Mountain Doin's.) Office business will be discussed. All groups are encouraged to send a representative. The Murphy Central Office is in need of volunteers in all areas! 

**Please direct all
communications to:**

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

October 7, 2020

Dear friends and trusted servants,

I am writing to inform you that the General Service Board has authorized a drawdown of \$1.5 million from the Reserve Fund by A.A. World Services, Inc. to cover cash flow requirements in the 4th quarter of 2020.

Note: This will put the Reserve Fund balance at approximately \$13.1 million, which reflects a level of approximately 7.8 months of office operating expenses. (The Reserve Fund calculation is based on recent actual operating expenses.)

Evaluating the finances and cash flow, even with the continued increase in Seventh Tradition contributions, we still expect a decrease in income from last year of more than \$2 million, which creates this immediate cash flow pressure.

Previously, in May, A.A.W.S. drew down \$3 million to address the sudden emergency situation related to the severe drop in revenue we saw in March and April. Also, over the summer we refunded nearly \$4 million for 2020 International Convention registrations.

Note: We received \$972,000 as an advance against our International Convention insurance claim to recover lost income, and we expect the balance of the claim to be paid out very soon.

Since May—through September—the groups have responded with breathtaking generosity in their Seventh Tradition contributions, which have ensured continuation of services to the Fellowship. For six months (March through August), our publishing revenue was well below budgeted levels, but September saw a positive uptick in literature sales. Not a trend yet, but very encouraging. We have cut expenses in as many key areas as possible, without affecting quality of literature production or delivery of services.

The office presented a reforecast 2020 budget to the Board in August, and we are constantly updating and reporting financial results to the trusted servants with fiduciary responsibility for the operating corporation. We have begun work on the 2021 operating budget, with three quarters of 2020 actual results now available.

And, at the direction of the Board, we wanted to share this latest information with you.

Sincerely yours, in service to A.A.,



G. Gregory Tobin
General Manager



Happy Anniversaries!

2nd Chance Group - Cherokee

Thomas C. 11-24-2013 7 yrs

3 Legacies Group

Wayne D. 11-09-1970 50 yrs

Acceptance Group

Todd B. 11-12-2017 3 yrs

Tony B-K. 11-12-2017 3 yrs

Jimmy M. 11-14-2014 6 yrs

Debbie S. 11-19-1992 28 yrs

Sarah-Helen 11-21-2008 12 yrs

Phyllis N. 11-24-1989 31 yrs

Zack P. 11-24-1988 32 yrs

Hayle B. 11-25-2016 4 yrs

Elise 11-27-2016 4 yrs

Around the Room Group

Patrick T. 11-05-2015 5 yrs

Perry H. 11-25-1980 40 yrs

Black Mountain Group

Anne O. 11-06-1979 41 yrs

Todd C. 11-11-2013 7 yrs

Phillip R. 11-12-2017 3 yrs

Andrew C. 11-12-2018 2 yrs

Nicole P. 11-16-2018 2 yrs

Eddie W. 11-29-2017 3 yrs

Conscious Contact

Kay G. 11-05-1984 36 yrs

Rebecca B. 11-17-1990 30 yrs

Debbie S. 11-19-1992 28 yrs

Patricia S. 11-25-2013 7 yrs

Jennifer V. 11-28-2004 16 yrs

Cullowhee Valley Group

Becky L. 11-24-2015 5 yrs

Cumberland Group

Marianna K. 11-20-2015 5 yrs

Stephen D. 11-28-2013 7 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Fred S. 11-01-2001 19 yrs

David A. 11-08-2017 3 yrs

Fellowship Group

Margaret D. 11-01-2016 4 yrs

Jill R. 11-03-1985 35 yrs

Jan J. 11-04-1982 38 yrs

Joy P. 11-04-2010 10 yrs

David S. 11-06-1986 34 yrs

Gregory S. 11-07-2016 4 yrs

David A. 11-08-2017 3 yrs

Devin S. 11-13-2008 12 yrs

Jon L. 11-17-2015 5 yrs

Al L. 11-18-1988 32 yrs

John H. 11-23-1982 38 yrs

Jennifer V. 11-28-2004 16 yrs

Good Livers

Steven M. 11-04-1994 26 yrs

Suzanne 11-14-1986 34 yrs

Belinda 11-18-1988 32 yrs

Laurie S. 11-19-2011 9 yrs

Grace Group

Sarah P. 11-05-2016 4 yrs

Jane M. 11-06-1999 21 yrs

Andrew S. 11-10-2017 3 yrs

Troy S. 11-12-2012 8 yrs

Chuck E. 11-26-2011 9 yrs

Happy Hour Group

Jim S. 11-08-2015 5 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Kim M. 11-05-2010 10 yrs

Alison G. 11-11-1988 32 yrs

Jan M. 11-19-1990 30 yrs

Chris G. 11-25-2006 14 yrs

Sue H. 11-28-2014 6 yrs

Hendersonville Men's Group

Jim R. 11-06-2018 2 yrs

Library Group

Elizabeth P. 11-03-2019 1 yr

Mars Hill Group

Heather M. 11-10-2018 2 yrs

Tony V. 11-14-1974 46 yrs

Marshall Group

Leslie S. 11-10-1981 39 yrs

Carolyn 11-20-2004 16 yrs

Riverside - Last Chance Group

Lance W. 11-06-2013 7 yrs

Midday Group

Paul B. 11-07-1979 41 yrs

Mission Group

Debbie N. 11-06-2017 3 yrs

Practicing Principles Group

Julia S. 11-27-1986 34 yrs

Serenity Seekers - Marion

Jessie M. 11-09-2019 1 yr

Michael S. 11-09-2019 1 yr

Total Surrender Group

Derry O. 11-05-2012 8 yrs

Rachel K. 11-08-2015 5 yrs

Jenny G. 11-09-2016 4 yrs

Daryl C. 11-17-2015 5 yrs

Denise K. 11-28-1983 37 yrs

Traditional Group

Michael W. 11-06-2009 11 yrs

Sarah C. 11-13-2013 7 yrs

Ed F. 11-25-2013 7 yrs

Paul S. 11-26-2012 8 yrs

United With Hope Group

Paul W. 11-27-1984 36 yrs

Waynesville Grace Group

Chad M. 11-04-2013 7 yrs

Dennis A. 11-04-2005 15 yrs

Debbie C. 11-05-2013 7 yrs

Paula B. 11-05-1995 25 yrs

Brad 11-07-2013 7 yrs

Julie S. 11-08-2002 18 yrs

Martha F. 11-11-1986 34 yrs

Alison W. 11-15-1994 26 yrs

Beverly M. 11-17-2008 12 yrs

Pete S. 11-17-2016 4 yrs

Cathy S. 11-18-1999 21 yrs

Mike S. 11-28-1994 26 yrs

Elizabeth S. 11-30-2011 9 yrs

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Experience, Strength, and Hope

22-24 JANUARY 2021

**2nd International Virtual AA (Zoom) Convention
organised by the BAB Anglophone AA Group, Biarritz, France**



ENJOY AA FELLOWSHIP, AL-ANON & YPAA PARTICIPATION

TALENTED SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

RECOVERY AND ECONOMY

NO TRAVEL, NO HOTEL, NO RESTAURANT, EXPENSES

FANTASTIC VALUE AND GREAT SHARING

<https://aavirtualconventionbiarritz.com>

Subject: BTG Experience | Experiencias con Uniendo las Orillas | Expériences avec Favoriser le rapprochement
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:40:21 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Groupservices

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General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

Dear A.A. friends,

Warm greetings from the Treatment desk at your General Service Office, and we hope that you are doing well during this challenging time. We need your help.

In today's world, alcoholics from all walks of life participate in, or are confined to many types of Treatment, Correctional, Medical, Therapeutic, Crisis or Community settings. They all leave that place at some point, but some are looking for an A.A. contact to help them get involved and become a part of the A.A. Fellowship to maintain their sobriety on the outside.

Would you please share your experiences with Bridging the Gap (BTG), or some type of Temporary A.A. Contacts, which might be included in the development of a BTG Workbook and AA Guidelines on BTG?

If you have experience and call the temporary A.A. contacts by another name, then we want to hear from you too.

Ways to pass on your experience to tf@aa.org:

- Typing it up in an email
- Recording a voice memo from your smart phone
- Sharing the Audio portion from a videoconference recording of local sharing (such as zoom meeting)

Please send your sharing as soon as possible, or before December 15, 2020.

Sample questions that might help to spark some sharing:

1. Due to the pandemic, what has changed for carrying out BTG service? Have you been able to adapt BTG? Has it help you start BTG near you?
2. Communication with professionals at settings – Can you share any samples that have been effective?
3. How do you experience the Traditions applying to BTG service work?
4. Does your BTG committee participation in a Group Conscience with a Central Office or Intergroup, General Service District or Area Committee?
5. How do you coordinate and find Volunteers? What has worked the best for you? What has been the biggest challenge? Anything to avoid?
6. Where/how do you ask for volunteers? Announcements? Flyers? Newsletters? Private Social

- Media Page? Workshops? Any samples to share?
7. What are your suggestions?
 8. How did you get started with a BTG committee?

Thank-you!

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Estimado A.A. amigos,

Un cordial saludo desde el despacho de Tratamiento de su Oficina de Servicios Generales, esperamos que se encuentre bien durante estos tiempos difíciles. Necesitamos su ayuda.

En el mundo actual, los alcohólicos de todos los ámbitos de la vida participan o están confinados a muchos tipos de tratamientos, correccionales, médicos, terapéuticos, de crisis o comunitarios establecimientos. Todos abandonan ese lugar en algún momento, pero algunos buscan un contacto de A.A. que les ayude a involucrarse y a formar parte del compañerismo de A.A. para mantener su sobriedad en el exterior.

¿Podría usted compartir sus experiencias con Uniendo las Orillas (Bridging the Gap (BTG)) o algún tipo de servicio de contactos temporales de A.A., que podrían incluirse en un libro de trabajo de BTG o pautas de A.A. sobre BTG?

Si usted tiene experiencia y el servicio de contactos temporales de A.A. tiene otro nombre, también queremos saber de usted.

Formas de transmitir su experiencia a tf@aa.org:

- Escribiendo un correo electrónico
- Grabando un mensaje de voz desde su teléfono inteligente
- Compartiendo la parte de audio de una grabación de videoconferencia de uso compartido local (como una reunión de zoom)

Envíe su experiencia lo antes posible o antes del 15 de diciembre de 2020.

Ejemplos de preguntas que pueden ayudar a fomentar el intercambio de experiencias:

1. Debido a la pandemia, ¿qué ha cambiado para realizar el servicio BTG? ¿Ha podido adaptar BTG? ¿Le ha ayudado a iniciar BTG cerca de usted?
2. Comunicación con los profesionales en los establecimientos: ¿puede compartir alguna muestra que haya sido eficaz?
3. ¿Cómo experimenta las Tradiciones que se aplican al trabajo de servicio de BTG?
4. ¿Su comité BTG participa en una Conciencia de Grupo con una Oficina Central o Intergrupo, Distrito de Servicios Generales o Comité de Área?
5. ¿Cómo coordina y encuentra voluntarios? ¿Qué le ha funcionado mejor? ¿Cuál ha sido el mayor desafío? ¿Algo que evitar?
6. ¿Dónde y cómo solicita voluntarios? Anuncios o flyers? Boletines informativos ¿Página privada de redes sociales? ¿Talleres de trabajo? ¿Alguna muestra para compartir?
7. ¿Cuáles son sus sugerencias?
8. ¿Cómo empezó con un comité BTG?

¡Gracias!

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