

Mountain Downs

December
2020

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

Central Office Positions Filled!

It seems we now have all the positions filled on the Central Office Board! At the last COR/Board meeting on November 12, John B. volunteered to be the new 12 Step Call Volunteer Coordinator, a position that has been open for quite some time. John is already working closely with Ray, the Office Manager, to update and expand the 12 Step Call Volunteer list. If you're on the list, expect a call from John. If you're not on the list and are looking for a service opportunity, information about signing up is at <https://aancmco.org/index.php/12th-step-call-volunteer/>. Thank you, John!

And it appears we have a possible candidate for a new Treasurer to start in January. Lorraine C., who has been the Treasurer for District 70, expressed a willingness to serve in this position when she was contacted during the COR/Board meeting by Sara, the District 70 Trustee. Pending likely approval at the COR/Board meeting in January, Lorraine will be the new Board Treasurer. Angie, the current Treasurer, will be working with Lorraine during the transition. Thank you, Lorraine! And a special thanks to Angie for her outstanding service as Treasurer the past two years!

COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

The next combined COR/NCMCO Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 6:00pm. It will again be via Zoom like the meeting was in November

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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Where to Find Meetings

In-Person Meetings:
All Districts



Online Meetings:
District 70



Online Meetings:
District 71



Online Meetings:
District 80



December Grapevine now available!

New NC Mountain Central Office, Inc. Profit & Loss YTD Comparison October 2020

	Oct 20	Jan - Oct 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions	38.00	567.90
Group Contributions	3,507.40	21,902.75
Individual Contributions	252.53	5,717.12
Total Contributions	3,797.93	28,187.77
Interest on Money Market	0.00	8.31
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	1,258.77	10,941.08
Shipping charged to groups	19.21	241.17
Total Sales Income	1,277.98	11,182.25
Total Income	5,075.91	39,378.33
Cost of Goods Sold		
Freight - vendor shipping	25.24	163.19
Literature & merchandise	1,077.29	9,055.61
Shipping to groups	18.66	232.41
Total COGS	1,121.19	9,451.21
Gross Profit	3,954.72	29,927.12
Expense		
CO/D70 Fall Picnic		
CO/D70 Fall Picnic Supplies	163.33	163.33
Total CO/D70 Fall Picnic	163.33	163.33
Computer, Software, IT Asst	0.00	74.89
Copier Rental	182.01	1,656.97
Credit Card Processing	0.00	527.46
ICOAA Conference	0.00	61.48
Insurance Expense	0.00	610.00
Office Expenses	14.99	197.91
Office Supplies	20.69	170.36
PayPal Fee	10.82	55.54
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary (Including Taxes)	1,200.00	14,137.63
Payroll Taxes (Company)	91.80	1,152.56
Payroll Expenses - Other	3.50	42.00
Total Payroll Expenses	1,295.30	15,332.19
QuickBooks Expenses	0.00	246.10
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.01
Rent	584.00	5,789.00
Stamps/Postage	0.00	225.70
Telephone & Internet	138.83	1,583.85
Total Expense	2,409.97	26,694.79
Net Ordinary Income	1,544.75	3,232.33
Other Income/Expense		
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	1,544.75	3,233.89

This month's Featured Section is "Remote Communities & Sober Holidays." Members share hopeful stories about helping alcoholics having trouble reaching us. Plus sober holiday stories! Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.

AAGrapevine.org



Cash on Hand as of 10/31/2020:

Prudent Reserve - \$11,084.51
 Operating Account - \$19,638.52
 Rent Deposit - \$400.00
 Petty Cash - \$50.00

Call & Visitor Log October 2020

12 Step Calls – 1
 General Info – 2
 Family Help – 3
 Meeting Info – 69
 Central Office Business – 37
 Medical/Detox – 3
 Visitors – 0
 Answering Service – 0
 Hotline Volunteers – 38 calls

Visits to aaNCMCO.org website:

Unique Visitors – 2022

Pages Visited – 6,515
 (3.2 per visit)



CONTRIBUTIONS

	Oct 2020	YTD
Anonymous		\$1.79
12 & 12 Study Group	\$4.83	\$175.47
Acceptance Group 122-477	\$409.35	\$1,451.47
As Bill Sees It Group		\$4.00
Asheville Women's BBSS Grp 703-990	\$50.00	\$50.00
At Wit's End Group	\$32.00	\$270.79
Back to Basics Grp - Weaverville 147-139		\$150.00
Big Town Group 671-200	\$265.25	\$675.11
Bill's Kitchen - Men's Meeting		\$100.00
Boondocks Group		\$92.00
Brevard Men's Group	\$250.00	\$250.00
Brevard Serenity Group 631-231		\$100.00
But for the Grace of God Group		\$41.00
Came to Believe Grp 611-288		\$40.00
Candler KISS Group 163-148		\$35.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589	\$694.10	\$1,366.00
Cedar Mountain Group 161-082		\$161.00
Cullowhee Valley Group 118-129		\$65.00
Daily Decisions 643-869		\$738.69
Day by Day Group 159-058	\$330.68	\$1,028.24
District 15	\$100.00	\$100.00
Downtown Serenity Group 702-463		\$55.24
Early Bird Group 612-780	\$142.00	\$383.00
Fellowship Group, Fletcher 655-542	\$600.00	\$1,100.00
Fireside Group 655-046		\$364.00
Good Livers 666-360		\$650.00
Grace Group 161-970		\$2,882.87
Great Fact Group - Waynesville		\$750.00
Happy Hour Group - Hendersonville 169-182		\$120.00
Happy, Joyous & Free - Columbus		\$23.00
Hendersonville Men's Group	\$125.00	\$225.00
Last Chance Group - Men's First Step Farm		\$55.00
Leicester Group 143-417		\$50.00
Liars Club		\$768.76
Library Group 672-283		\$99.00
Maggie Valley Group 158-950		\$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		\$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	\$237.00	\$616.15
New Freedom Group 700-124		\$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	\$50.00	\$350.00
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 Morning Grp 110-679		\$50.00
Steps in Sobriety Group 728-947		\$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
West Asheville Group 110-501	\$167.19	\$167.19
Women of Courage Group	\$50.00	\$440.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$3,507.40	\$21,902.75

Individual Contributions:

Anonymous	\$2.53	\$2,203.40
Alexandra		\$30.00
Annie M.		\$100.00
Ben G.		\$6.00
Beth		\$17.04
Brian F.		\$100.00
Chuck H.		\$4.83
Damon		\$5.00
Dave G.		\$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
Gordie		\$11.50
Greg		\$170.00
Hollis S.		\$3.00
Jackie		\$15.00
Jacqueline		\$36.00
Jayson		\$5.00
Jean		\$15.00
Jeffrey		\$70.00
Jessica D.		\$20.00
Jessie		\$25.00
Jill K.	\$10.00	\$45.00
John D.		\$10.00
Judith		\$100.00
Judith H.	\$50.00	\$50.00
Judy		\$100.00
Katherine H.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kay G.	\$15.00	\$45.00
Kim C.	\$80.00	\$80.00
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
Ronna		\$20.00
Sally		\$10.00
Sarah		\$120.00
Shannon K.	\$25.00	\$100.00
Sheila D.	\$20.00	\$80.00
Suzanne L.		\$50.00
Tara		\$134.52
Thomas		\$75.00
Trink		\$8.00
Valerie		\$20.00
Vigilance		\$30.00
Virginia		\$50.00
William D.	\$20.00	\$40.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$100.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$252.53	\$5,717.12

Birthday Contributions:

Anonymous		\$1.58
Angie C		\$21.00
Bob P.		\$140.00
Don B.	\$38.00	\$38.00
Gerd S.		\$12.32
Pam C.		\$74.00
Ray S.		\$36.00
Sandy F.		\$35.00
Monica G.		\$210.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$38.00	\$567.90

Mountain Doin's Subscriptions: \$0.00 \$0.00

Grand Total \$3,797.93 \$28,187.77



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:



Virtual Eastern US/Canada Forum. December 5. "2020: Experience, Strength & Hope – what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now." Registration can be accessed on the website:



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



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@aancmco.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.




The Service Express

District 70:


GSR Business Meeting – Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 10, via Zoom: 1:30-2:30pm GSR Orientation; 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 – held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 12, 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 GoToMeeting ID is 543-513-261. 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:**
Grand Central Station,
P.O. Box 459,
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

October 30, 2020

To: Current and Past Trustees, Current and Past Directors, Delegates
Current and Past G.S.O. and Grapevine Staff
Central Offices/Intergroups

Re: **General Manager, G.S.O. Position**

Dear Friends,

The General Service Board has begun the search for a new General Manager as our current General Manager, Greg T., is expected to leave us effective February 1, 2021.

Consequently, it is time to look forward to who will navigate the General Service Office through our next chapter, in order to ensure an effective transfer of responsibility.

Following are qualifications for the position:

- Ten years minimum sobriety.
- Proven leadership ability and demonstrated track record of building interpersonal relationships to advance and inspire organizational culture.
- Demonstrated executive and strategic level experience to drive the organization's mission, including leveraging technology to accomplish those aims; experience in managing organizations of comparable size and kind.
- A.A. service experience; knowledge of General Service structure and A.A. history.
- Effective communicator, both verbal and written, to work with the appropriate boards, the General Service Conference and the Fellowship at large; command

of organizational details and the ability to respond effectively to multiple constituencies.

- Demonstrated understanding of the unique nature of A.A., the structure and balances of authority in A.A. services, and the ability to work with and resolve conflicting viewpoints.

Attached is a resume form which should be completed by the candidate and sent along with his/her business or professional resume to Michelle Mirza, GM Search Committee Secretary, at mirzam@aa.org. The deadline for the submission of resumes is December 15, 2020.

The Search Committee suggests that you look for possible applicants among current and past trustees and delegates, as well as other A.A. members with substantial area and service background. All applicants will be considered by the Search Committee of the General Service Board. Applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy D." in a cursive style.

Jimmy D.
Southwest Regional Trustee
Search Committee Chair

Enclosure: Resume Sheet

Happy Anniversaries!

2nd Chance Group - Cherokee

Nat W. 12-01-2016 4 yrs

3 Legacies Group

Ryan G. 12-26-2007 13 yrs

Acceptance Group

Brady P. 12-04-2017 3 yrs

Jack K. 12-07-1982 38 yrs

Derek E. 12-09-2012 8 yrs

Judy C. 12-10-1988 32 yrs

Marileva Z. 12-14-2014 6 yrs

Bob 12-16-2018 2 yrs

Nick M. 12-19-2016 4 yrs

Jack W. 12-27-1991 29 yrs

Greg C. 12-28-2016 4 yrs

AVL Women's BBSS Group

Linda F. 12-12-1986 34 yrs

At Wit's End Group

Jaime S. 12-16-1995 25 yrs

Ryan S. 12-20-2014 6 yrs

Jody B. 12-31-2014 6 yrs

Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Steve R. 12-11-2018 2 yrs

Stacie S.J. 12-14-2019 1 yr

Shannon F. 12-15-2015 5 yrs

Tom H. 12-19-1975 45 yrs

Black Mountain Group

Sean A. 12-16-1984 36 yrs

Dean F. 12-18-2006 14 yrs

Bill C. 12-24-1989 31 yrs

Hans P. 12-26-2015 5 yrs

Jeff H. 12-31-2016 4 yrs

Brevard Serenity Group

Joe W. 12-20-2000 20 yrs

Candlelight Group

Matt H. 12-31-2015 5 yrs

Candler KISS Group

Jason H. 12-23-2015 5 yrs

Conscious Contact

Joe T. 12-08-1996 24 yrs

Mike M. 12-08-2014 6 yrs

Shannon 12-12-1998 22 yrs

Jennye J. 12-25-1985 35 yrs

Cumberland Group

Joey K. 12-08-2008 12 yrs

Lynne K. 12-16-2008 12 yrs

Carolyn B. 12-18-1993 27 yrs

Gene K. 12-22-1986 34 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Caleb T. 12-26-2019 1 yr

Tiffany H. 12-30-2018 2 yrs

Fellowship Group

George K. 12-14-1971 49 yrs

Tom G. 12-20-2016 4 yrs

Jennifer D. 12-28-2010 10 yrs

Randine A. 12-26-2017 3 yrs

Good Livers Group

Doug M. 12-01-1985 35 yrs

Alex W. 12-02-2015 5 yrs

Stephanie T. 12-04-2017 3 yrs

Ronna D. 12-07-1985 35 yrs

Judy K. 12-10-1988 32 yrs

Rebecca B. 12-10-2019 1 yr

Lydia B. 12-20-2019 1 yr

Jon P. 12-23-2003 17 yrs

Grace Group

Jim H. 12-01-1982 38 yrs

Jonathan L. 12-01-2019 1 yr

Joshua S. 12-01-2019 1 yr

Vandy B. 12-06-2018 2 yrs

James B. 12-06-2019 1 yr

Bill C. 12-07-1987 33 yrs

Mickey S. 12-09-2019 1 yr

Judy H. 12-10-1988 32 yrs

Chuck W. 12-10-2008 12 yrs

Rebecca B. 12-10-2019 1 yr

Carter M. 12-17-2006 14 yrs

Tom C. 12-25-2006 14 yrs

Ryan G. 12-26-2007 13 yrs

Carol N. 12-28-2010 10 yrs

Christa B. 12-28-2019 1 yr

Mike L. 12-29-2017 3 yrs

Happy Hour Group

Crystal A. 12-17-2013 7 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Patty W. 12-01-2007 13 yrs

David W. 12-03-1985 35 yrs

MaryJo L. 12-08-2000 20 yrs

John O. 12-14-2018 2 yrs

Chris K. 12-26-1985 35 yrs

Hendersonville Men's Group

Joe B. 12-09-1989 31 yrs

George K. 12-14-1971 49 yrs

John O. 12-14-2018 2 yrs

Robert K. 12-15-2016 4 yrs

Leicester Group

Jo R. 12-30-2007 13 yrs

Library Group

Bryan D. 12-08-2016 4 yrs

Mars Hill Group

Tammy T. 12-27-2010 10 yrs

Midday Group

John O. 12-14-2018 2 yrs

Original Way Group

Carol N. 12-28-2009 11 yrs

Serenity Seekers - Marion

Donnie D. 12-07-2019 1 yr

Total Surrender Group

Jennifer D. 12-28-2010 10 yrs

Traditional Group

Dennis T. 12-25-1980 40 yrs

United with Hope

Marlene W. 12-05-2015 5 yrs

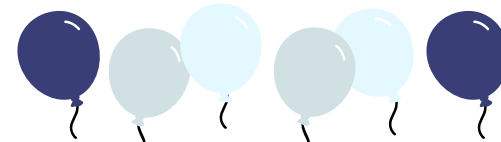
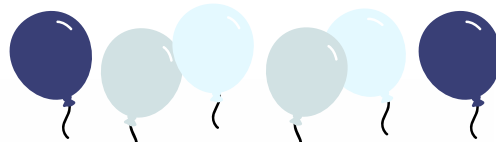
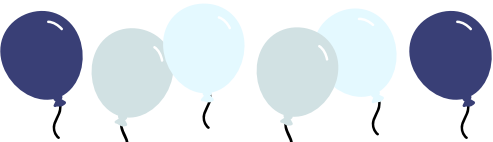
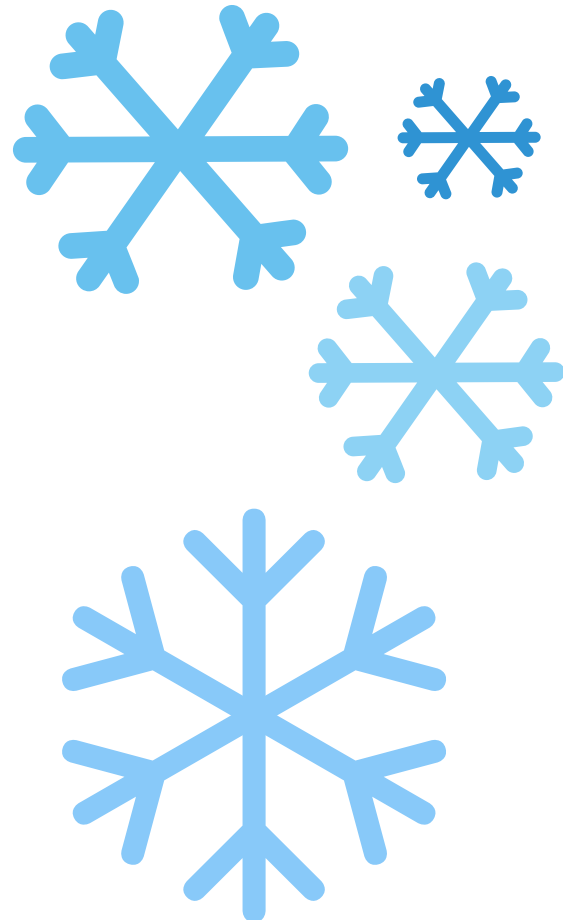
Waynesville Grace Group

Darren N. 12-09-2018 2 yrs

Chuck B. 12-18-1981 39 yrs

Paula P. 12-20-2006 14 yrs

Jim N. 12-23-1985 35 yrs



Alcoholics Anonymous®

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous!

We are happy to announce a Virtual Eastern U.S./Canada Forum on December 5, 2020: “2020: Experience, Strength & Hope - what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.”

The one-day event will feature participation from the Northeast, Southeast, East Central and Eastern Canada Regions. As with traditional Regional Forums, the day will include workshops, presentations, Q&A's, General Sharing, and much, much more!

Registration will open on November 6, 2020 and can be accessed on our website at www.aa.org.

All members are invited, so get on the virtual bus! Bring a newcomer!

In fellowship,

Sandra W.
Regional Forums



Regional Forums

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.

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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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