

Mountain Doin's

**MAY
2021**

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 Open Positions

**Central Office is still looking to fill three Board positions:
Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.**

Listed below are the responsibilities and requirements for each position.

If you are interested in a position, please attend the May 13th virtual COR/Board meeting or email **info@ncmco.net**.

Newsletter Editor

- Has overall responsibility for the monthly Mountain Doin's newsletter. (See below regarding purpose, content and distribution.) The editor may be reimbursed for publishing expenses.
- Attends Board and General Committee meetings as a voting member.
- Shall have at least three years of continuous sobriety.
- The suggested term will be three years.
- Purpose:
 - Inform the Groups and members of information and events in all Districts in the service area of the Central Office.
 - Provide interesting and thought-provoking articles pertaining to the fellowship and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - Provide a platform for members to express their ideas and opinions.
 - Inform Groups and members of Central Office events and other information that benefits them
- Content: Monthly Central Office Financial Report
 - Anniversaries submitted by groups
 - Group contributions
 - Calendar of Group/District functions or Activities for the month and coming months
 - District information area to be used at each District's discretion
 - Contributions by individual members, Groups, and Districts including: articles, humor, upcoming events, reports of past events, any information thought important
 - Adheres to Central Office Policy on Anonymity
- Distribution:
 - Print (temporarily suspended during pandemic)
 - Electronic: Converted to Adobe PDF; uploaded to the website with the link e-mailed by Office Manager to each subscriber requesting electronic service, at no charge

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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.

Webmaster:

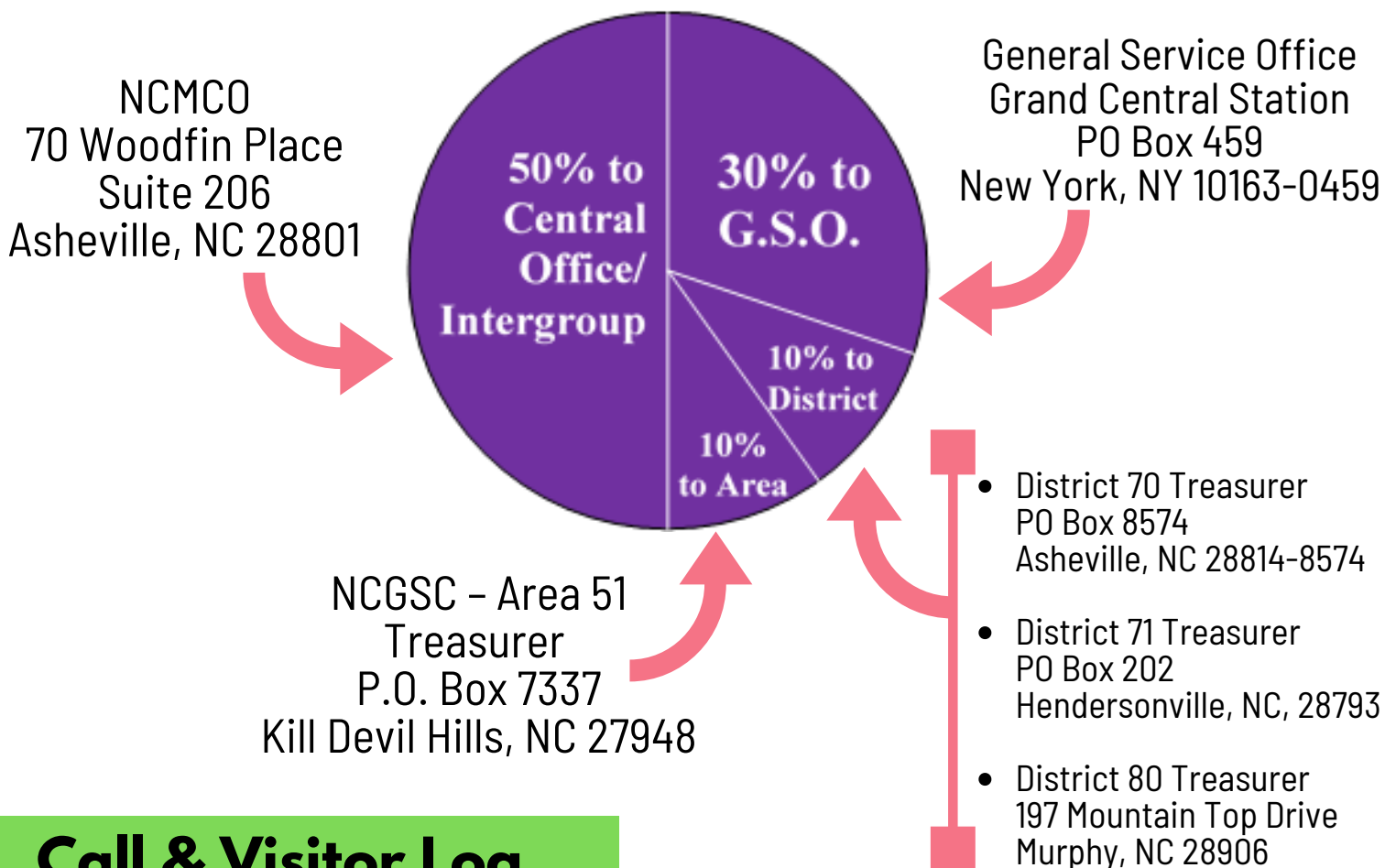
- Has responsibility for publishing and maintaining the Central Office website www.aancmco.org in accordance with Central Office policies. The webmaster may be reimbursed for publishing expenses.
- Attends Board and General Committee meetings as a voting member.
- Shall have at least three years of continuous sobriety.
- The suggested term will be three years.

How ARE we "Self-Supporting?"



Suggestions & Addresses for sending donations to the A.A. Service structure*
Revised for 2021

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



Call & Visitor Log March 2021

12 Step Calls - 10
General Info - 1
Family Help - 0
Meeting Info - 58
Central Office Business - 49
Medical/Detox - 0
Visitors - 0
Answering Service - 0
Hotline Volunteers - 31 calls

Visits to aaNCMCO.org website:
Total Visits- 1575
Pages Visited - 17,433 (~11 per visit)

May Grapevine now available!



This month's Featured Section is "Our Twelve Steps." AA members share inspiring stories of experience and hope about how the Steps changed their lives.

COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

The next combined meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 6:00pm. It will again be via Zoom. All AA members are welcome to attend but only Group CORs may vote. We are in need of a new treasurer, webmaster, and Mountain Doin's Editor. For updated meeting information check the website: www.aaNCMCO.org. COR/Board meetings are held every other month on the odd-numbered months.

Cash on Hand as of 3/31/2021

Prudent Reserve -
\$11,089.09

Operating Account -
\$17,105.83

Rent Deposit - \$400.00

Petty Cash - \$50.00

Where to Find Meetings

Where and When:
Printable Meeting
Guide, all districts



Online Meetings:
District 70



Online Meetings:
District 71



Online Meetings:
District 80



Profit & Loss YTD

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2021	JAN - MAR, 2021 (YTD)
Income		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions		109.87
Group Contributions	2,151.82	6,749.34
Individual Contributions	458.55	1,665.86
Total Contributions	2,610.37	8,525.07
Interest on Money Market		1.79
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	1,167.59	2,312.34
Shipping charged to groups	15.30	72.05
Total Sales Income	1,182.89	2,384.39
Sales of Product Income	50.05	50.05
Total Income	\$3,843.31	\$10,961.30
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods	0.23	0.23
Cost of Goods Sold	51.25	51.25
Freight - vendor shipping	55.56	94.79
Inventory Shrinkage	-0.13	-0.12
Literature & merchandise	957.88	1,864.96
Shipping to groups	14.35	67.61
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,079.14	\$2,078.72
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,764.17	\$8,882.58
Expenses		
Copier Rental		
Copier - monthly fee	158.81	476.43
Total Copier Rental	158.81	476.43
Fire Inspection (good for 3yrs)	26.25	26.25
Office Expenses	14.99	44.97
Office Supplies	2.99	2.99
Office Supply items	11.59	21.21
Sales Tax on Supplies	0.21	0.21
Total Office Supplies	14.79	24.41
PayPal Fee	13.10	51.82
Payroll Expenses		5.25
Gross Salary (Including Taxes)	1,260.00	3,780.00
Payroll Taxes (Company)	96.38	296.72
Total Payroll Expenses	1,356.38	4,081.97
Rent	584.00	1,752.00
Stamps/Postage		2.90
Telephone & Internet		
Office Telephone/Internet	104.98	314.94
Web Expenses		17.99
Total Telephone & Internet	104.98	332.93
Total Expenses	\$2,273.30	\$6,793.68
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$490.87	\$2,088.90
NET INCOME	\$490.87	\$2,088.90

CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Contributions:	Mar 2021	YTD
3 Legacies Group 709-522	\$125.00	\$125.00
At Wit's End Group		\$22.00
Big Town Group 671-200		\$116.00
But for the Grace of God Group 629-162	\$10.00	\$10.00
Cashiers Valley Grp 122-589		\$163.89
Cedar Mountain Group 161-082		\$100.00
Conscious Contact Group - Asheville		\$343.00
Daily Decisions 643-869		\$500.00
Day by Day Group 159-058		\$241.47
Grace Group of Asheville 161-970	\$1,389.00	\$2,216.55
Hendersonville Men's Group		\$125.00
Liars Club	\$271.00	\$555.00
Library Group 672-283		\$75.00
Middy Grp (Hendersonville) 143-420	\$75.00	\$75.00
Recovery by the River 674-892	\$151.82	\$151.82
Serenity Service Group 110-498	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sisters of Sobriety (H'ville) 715-661		\$205.71
Skyland Big Book Group 693-372		\$100.00
Sober Sisters - Flat Rock		\$120.50
South Asheville Literature	\$30.00	\$30.00
Steps in Sobriety Group 728-947		\$42.90
Sunlight of the Spirit Group 727-048		\$183.00
Traditional Group 110-499		\$300.00
Waynesville Grace Group 110-692		\$520.00
Women's BBSS Group - Hendersonville		\$177.50
Women of Courage Group		\$50.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$2,151.82	\$6,749.34

Individual Contributions:

Anonymous	\$16.85	\$33.85
Bob P.		\$100.00
Brad S.	\$12.71	\$12.71
Charles M.		\$100.00
Chris M.		\$100.00
Cythera W.		\$14.44
Dylan J.		\$9.83
Gerd S.		\$300.00
Jean R.		\$10.00
Jessica D.		\$10.00
Jill K.	\$50.00	\$50.00
Katherine H.	\$20.00	\$60.00
Kay G.	\$15.00	\$45.00
Kathleen L.		\$6.01
Margaret N.	\$70.00	\$70.00
Marsha P.	\$25.00	\$50.00
Mary "Kelly" M.	\$50.00	\$50.00
Nat C.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Penny M.	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sara D.		\$100.00
Shannon K.	\$25.00	\$75.00
Sheila D.	\$20.00	\$60.00
Shelley F.		\$2.00
Steven M.	\$3.99	\$3.99
Suzanne L.	\$50.00	\$125.00
Tara B.		\$93.03
Tom W.		\$20.00
Wm "Pat" D.	\$20.00	\$60.00
William R.		\$5.00
In Memory of B.G.	\$10.00	\$30.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$458.55	\$1,665.86

Birthday Contributions:

Anonymous		\$27.87
Angie C		\$22.00
Bruce		\$3.00
Jill H.		\$18.00
Judy M		\$39.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$0.00	\$109.87

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

Grand Total \$2,610.37 \$8,525.07

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!

\$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





\$5
\$5

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)

Birthday Contribution Envelopes are available for free at Central Office.

We also have envelopes for Birthday/Anniversary Contributions to the Central Office!

Stop by the Office to pick up envelopes for yourself or your group members. Or call us (828-254-8539) and we will mail envelopes to you. We thank all the A.A. members and groups who donate so generously!

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 or shipping!

Special Meetings and Events

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

Ongoing... District 71 Virtual Book Study. The AA Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W. 2018-2020 Edition. Reflecting actions of the 2018 General Service Conference. Open to all AA members! 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:30 – 11:30 am. Zoom ID: 839 998 9177. See website for more information.

Freedom From Bondage Conference, which is normally scheduled for March, will not occur due to COVID restrictions. If conditions improve, they will try to have a shortened program later in the year. Keep checking the Area 51 website for updates:

CPC-PI Workshop. May 2, 2:00–4:00pm. Hosted by Area 51. Zoom Meeting ID# 656 316 7536
Passcode: 924686. (see flyer) For more information contact Jon T. – cpc@aanorthcarolina.org

Area 51 Spring Committee Meeting and Assembly. May 21-22. For more information see website:

Food & Fellowship Event. May 23. Hosted by District 70. Tacos at 12:00pm; Speakers at 1:00pm. Asheville Rec Park, 75 Gashes Creek Rd – by WNC Nature Center. (see flyer)

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:





The Service Express

District 70:


GSR Business Meeting – Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 16th via Zoom: 2:30-3:30pm. The link is on the www.ashevilleaa.org calendar. 


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 – Joe L. is Committee Chair. Contact him 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, Matt M, 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.


There is no Women's Chair at the moment; position needs to be filled. 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, May 8th, 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, July 18th, 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. 

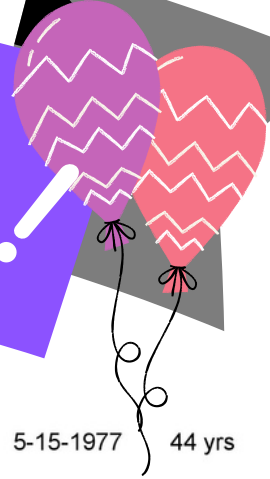
There is a concern about the lack of 12-Step Call Volunteers, especially in some of the more remote parts of Western NC. The Murphy Central Office only covers a small area. And while the NC Mountain Central Office covers all of Districts 70, 71 and 80 there is a shortage of volunteers on the 12-Step 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, July 8th, 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! 



Happy Anniversaries!



Acceptance Group

Jennifer E.	5-26-2013	8 yrs
Jim S.	5-28	

Around the Room Group

Hugh H.	5-11-1978	43 yrs
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At Wit's End Group

Graham G.	5-15-2014	7 yrs
Margaret E.	5-15-2015	6 yrs
Scott A.	5-23-2014	7 yrs

Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Doug C	5-20-2014	7 yrs
Michaeline W	5-28-1998	23 yrs

Black Mountain Group

Joyce W.	5-04-2014	7 yrs
Mark T.	5-10-2008	13 yrs
Jimmy L.	5-25-1985	36 yrs
Bryan B.	5-28-2014	7 yrs

Brevard Serenity Group

Bunny F.	5-07-2014	7 yrs
Ana E.	5-13-2018	3 yrs
Karen C.	5-24-2014	7 yrs
Kat F.	5-27-2018	3 yrs

Candler K.I.S.S. Group

Jon M.	5-31-1983	38 yrs
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Conscious Contact Group

Deidre	5-03-1976	45 yrs
Dylan H.	5-05-2016	5 yrs
Margaret E.	5-15-2015	6 yrs

Cumberland Group

John R.	5-03-2016	5 yrs
Lee R.	5-08-1992	29 yrs
Rusty M.	5-10-1983	38 yrs
Graham G.	5-14-2014	7 yrs
Tom H.	5-27-2006	15 yrs
Beth H.	5-28-2012	9 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Corey F.	5-03-2017	4 yrs
Eric L.	5-28-2019	2 yrs

Fellowship Group

Pedro E.	5-05-2016	5 yrs
Walter T.	5-06-1978	43 yrs
Norman F.	5-08-1985	36 yrs
Barbara	5-15-2017	4 yrs
Raymond Y.	5-19-2010	11 yrs
Susan S.	5-27-1988	33 yrs
Gail R.	5-29-1994	27 yrs

Good Livers Group

Larry	5-01-2016	5 yrs
Christine G.	5-07-2000	21 yrs
Marianne K.	5-09-2011	10 yrs
Shirley E.	5-27-1985	36 yrs
Phillip K.	5-28-2011	10 yrs

Grace Group

James B.	5-01-2020	1 yr
Erin C.	5-05-2017	4 yrs
Lisa S.	5-06-2019	2 yrs
Danny D.	5-08-2006	15 yrs
Arlie S.	5-12-2012	9 yrs
Heather W.	5-12-2020	1 yr
Pete S.	5-15-1977	44 yrs
Graham G.	5-15-2014	7 yrs
Ed H.	5-20-2005	16 yrs
Lorin K.	5-23-2019	2 yrs
Charles W.	5-24-1997	24 yrs
Shirley E.	5-27-1985	36 yrs
Mark T.	5-28-2019	2 yrs
Garrett C/	5-30-1993	28 yrs
Kerry S.	5-29-2009	12 yrs
Mike H.	5-30-2015	6 yrs
Sarah Mc	5-30-2016	5 yrs

Happy Hour Group

Nancy K.	5-21-2019	2 yrs
Michael N.	5-24-2002	19 yrs
Nick	5-26-2018	3 yrs
Buzz H.	5-29-2008	13 yrs

Hendersonville Men's Group

David L.	5-07-1991	30 yrs
Gary C.	5-07-1992	29 yrs

Library Group

Michael B.	5-09-1986	35 yrs
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Mars Hill Group

BJ T.	5-11-1989	32 yrs
Stephen C.	5-23-2011	10 yrs

Marshall Group

Pete S	5-15-1977	44 yrs
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Phoenix Group

John M.	5-09-1991	30 yrs
Roger D.	5-13-2001	20 yrs
Anny B.	5-17-1988	33 yrs
Bryan B.	5-28-2014	7 yrs

Practicing Principles Group

Paula B.	5-11-2001	20 yrs
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Serenity Seekers - Marion

Cheryl	5-08-1996	25 yrs
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Serenity Service Group

Eric C.	5-05-2017	4 yrs
Cecilia M	5-20-2017	4 yrs
David R	5-21-1977	44 yrs

Total Surrender Group

Bill W.	5-01-2003	18 yrs
Al M.	5-01-2016	5 yrs
Matt W.	5-07-1989	32 yrs
Lee R.	5-08-1992	29 yrs
Dawn Celeste L.	5-12-2009	12 yrs
Dave C.	5-13-2002	19 yrs
Dipak	5-16-2019	2 yrs
Chris W.	5-18-2003	18 yrs
Dan V.	5-22-2017	4 yrs
Kit R.	5-26-2013	8 yrs
Susan S.	5-27-1988	33 yrs
Gail R.	5-29-1994	27 yrs
Blair J.	5-31-2011	10 yrs
Natalie W.	5-31-2010	11 yrs

United with Hope Group

Trish	5-01-2018	3 yrs
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Waynesville Grace Group

Marcia U.	5-02-1996	25 yrs
Jim L.	5-04-2019	2 yrs
Cathy S.	5-06-1996	25 yrs
Marsha B.	5-10-1976	45 yrs
Madalyn S.	5-14-1976	45 yrs
Ruth G.	5-28-2014	7 yrs

West Asheville Group

Kelly C.	5-15-2020	1 yr
Debbie S.	5-25-2020	1 yr
Tim B.	5-26-2020	1 yr



District 71
Presents a new virtual
book study

The
A.A. SERVICE MANUAL

Combined With

TWELVE CONCEPTS
for WORLD SERVICE

by Bill W.



2018-2020 Edition

REFLECTING ACTIONS OF THE
2018 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Open - Anyone may attend

The 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month @ 10:30 -11:30 AM

Join us!!

Zoom ID# 839 998 9177, (Password: 71)

AREA 51 PRESENTS



CPC-PI WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 FROM 2:00 PM-4:00PM, EDT

HOSTS: JON T., CPC COORDINATOR, MARTY M., PI COORDINATOR

CO-HOST: DALE L., DCM D-71

AGENDA: CPC-PI SERVICE HISTORY

BUILDING A TEAM

ANONYMITY

WORKING WITH CLERGY

FORMAT: SERVICE INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Q&A

ZOOM MEETING ID# 656 316 7536

PASSCODE: 924686

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6563167536?pwd=ZmZlY3dKZU5MNllhR0xydjFZK3RDQT09>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JON T. cpc@aanorthcarolina.org

Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting May 21-23, 2021

THE HILTON RALEIGH NORTH HILLS
3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

ADVANCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Deadline for Reservations: Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Group Code: AREA51

Group Name: Area 51 General Service Spring Assembly

Room Rates: \$129.00 Single/Double, \$129.00 Triple, \$129.00 Quad

Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]

Internet: Link for direct reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/ypjymjkq>

Internet: Link for hotel information: www.northraleigh.hilton.com

For Best Results:

- Reserve as soon as possible and definitely before the deadline. Please note, once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely there will be other rooms left in the hotel.
- Using the direct reservation link will ensure the contracted rate and apply to the room block.
- **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**
- If you reserve by phone, be sure to specify the group code "AREA51" and the group name "Area 51 General Service Spring Assembly."
- If possible, call the Hilton Raleigh North Hills directly at 919-872-2323 during business hours Monday through Friday. This gives you the best chance to speak with a reservations clerk at the hotel. At other times - when the hotel clerks are busy -- calls to this number may be transferred to a regional reservations center.
- Always be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with room rate or availability, please contact the Area Chair at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

**Thank you for your service and support of Area 51. See you at the
Spring 2021 Committee and Assembly!**

Why Staying at Our Host Hotel is Important

A Message from the Area 51 Chair

The hotels that host Area 51 events typically charge for meeting space based on how many guest rooms our attendees occupy. For every Assembly, Committee Meeting and Convention, Area 51 has a contract that specifies the number of guest rooms the hotel will “block” for our use. If we fill at least 85% of our room block, our meeting space is *free*. Otherwise, we are charged on a sliding scale according to how far short of the 85% mark we fall.

Free meeting space is what Area 51 budgets and what we usually achieve. However, more than once we have come up short and paid a steep price. The chart below shows the meeting space charges we could incur for an event if we fail to meet our room block. ¹

Event	Room Block ²	Sliding Scale of Meeting Space Charges Based on % of Room Block Filled				
		85-100% [◆]	75-84%	65-74%	55-64%	< 55%
Assembly (Raleigh)	277	\$0	\$4500	\$5800	\$7500	\$10500

¹ To date, we have never filled less than 75% of our block.

² Expressed as “room nights”. A room night is one night’s stay in one room. For example, 31 rooms booked for 2 nights each would yield 62 room nights.

Area 51 makes every effort to negotiate the most favorable room rates possible. But budget hotels don’t have the kind of meeting space we require, and as the chart above shows, meeting space in higher-end hotels is expensive. The willingness of individuals to attend Area events and to book their rooms at our host hotel is essential in making Area events affordable at all.

So please attend the Area events you can, and stay at the host hotel using the group code and name whenever possible. Though rooms there may be more expensive than at nearby budget hotels, please consider the additional cost it as a contribution to Area 51—a small sacrifice for our “common welfare,” which really must come first if we are to continue meeting and working together to fulfill our Primary Purpose as an Area.

“I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

Thank you for your service in Area 51!



A.A. DISTRICT 70 EVENT

MAY 23

food & fellowship



TACOS @ 12PM
beef, chicken or vegan

SPEAKERS @ 1PM
experience, strength & hope

FREE

ASHEVILLE

REC PARK

75 GASHES CREEK RD
(WNC NATURE CENTER)