

The Triangle Newsletter

Post Area 40 Fall Assembly Issue

The Fall Assembly was held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown from Friday night September 18th through Sunday.

There were approximately 100 voting members in attendance along with at least two dozen other members of the fellowship. We heard reports from all the DCM's throughout our Area along with the standing committees.

A new position to help the Area webmaster was created and we conducted an Area Inventory. Abridged reports from the assembly that were available at press time are included in this issue.

"There is a tendency to label everything that an alcoholic may do as 'alcoholic behavior.' The truth is, it is simply human nature ... Emotional and mental quirks are classified as symptoms of alcoholism merely because alcoholics have them, yet those same quirks can be found among nonalcoholics, too. Actually they are symptoms of mankind."

William Duncan Silkworth,
MD, January 1947
"Slips and
Human Nature"
*Best of the
Grapevine, Vol. 1*



"Of course, you're the only one who can say whether or not you're an alcoholic."

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"At the beginning we sacrificed alcohol. We had to, or it would have killed us. But we couldn't get rid of alcohol unless we made other sacrifices. Big shotism and phony thinking had to go. We had to toss self-justification, self-pity, and anger right out the window. We had to quit the crazy contest for personal prestige and big bank balances. We had to take personal responsibility for our sorry state and quit blaming others for it."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,
January 1955
"Why Alcoholics
Anonymous Is Anonymous"

*The Language
of the Heart*

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Next Issues topic - Gratitude!!

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Area 40 Webmaster Fall 2015 Assembly Report

For those who may be unfamiliar with our website, I encourage you to visit aa-montana.org and browse around. There are easily accessible meeting listed (by city), a calendar of events happening in and around Area 40, as well as past minutes from the assemblies, Triangle newsletters (past and present), and contact information for both Area committee chairs and DCMs (emails only).

The BTG online program continues to be strong, with 355 volunteers registered in 12 districts. Our 888 volunteers tip the scale and over 1,000 members registered to take calls coming into our Area Hotline. Currently we have 864 meetings across our Area on the website (Libby MT is included but is not in Area 40)

In service, Brandon M - Area 40 Webmaster

Area 40

Corrections Report

I made a big book order spent \$2,532.60. Went to the Helena Roundup and was able to get books sent to places all over the state. Two weeks later I was back in Helena for a Corrections and Treatment Workshop. Was able to get more books out from there. The Montana State Prison Meetings are being well attended by the Inmates. We just started being able to have the High side Meetings every other week. On September 12th we had our 2nd Mini Conference at the prison. Lee G our last Area Corrections Chair is working closely with the Prison to get these things done. I would like to thank all Area AA members for their Pink Can Donations that let us make sure that books are there for the Inmates that need them. Right now we have \$3019.14 and I will be making another book order so if you need or are going to need some soon let me know this weekend. Just a reminder to make the checks out to Area 40 Inc. Mail them to Po Box 851 Darby, MT 59829.

Grateful to be of Service to you
Area 40 Correction Chair - Jay T

Triangle

Year To Date 1,832 issues of the Triangle have been produced and mailed to groups and individuals per the published schedule.

Since the Spring Assembly, the number of paid subscriptions to the Triangle have gone up from 14% to 18%. The fact that more groups are contributing to the Triangle is I believe, not only a positive financial indicator but also one of support for its existence.

The cost per issue including production, mailing, returned mail fees and the costs for the editor to attend Area, minus subscription income, amounts to approximately \$1.03 per copy.

To those groups that have sent in a voluntary subscription fee, "thank you". To those that have not, please do. To everyone out there, please send in your articles, comments and concerns to be published in the Triangle.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Tim M. - Triangle Editor

Alternate Area 40 Webmaster

Duties

- Attend Area Assemblies if Webmaster is unable to attend.
- Acquire familiarity with Webmaster duties, to assume them as required.
- Should Area 40 Webmaster be unable to perform duties, take over through the next assembly, with Area Committee authorization.
- Perform technical tasks and other work as assigned by the Webmaster.
- Attend Area Assemblies at Webmaster's invitation, with approval of Area Chair (expenses paid), otherwise may but is not required to attend at his or her own expense.

Requirements for this position:

- Alternate Area Webmaster must have the requisite technical proficiency in order to support the following types of technologies: PHP, MySQL, Javascript, JQuery, CSS, HTML, Webfonts, Media Queries, Google Analytics, Git, Bitbucket
- Familiarity with Area 40 Policy and Procedures

Selection:

- Chosen by Webmaster, usually after elections at the Fall Election Assembly, selection subject to PI Committee approval (by substantial unanimity) before end of the third full month after the selection.

Calendar of Events

Assembly Dates 2016

February 1st
Spring Assembly
Agenda items Due

April 8-10
Spring Assembly
Yogo Inn - Lewistown

July 1st
Fall Assembly
Agenda items Due

September 16-18
Fall Assembly
Yogo Inn - Lewistown

Events

October

30th-1st - 24th Women's Recovery Weekend - Flathead Lutheran Camp - Flathead Lake

November

3rd - 1728 Group 12x12x12 Grapevine - Great Falls

21st - 61st Attitude of Gratitude, Red Lion Colonial Inn - Helena

December

4th-5th - 28th Annual 1st Saturday - Big Horn Resort - Billings

January - 2016

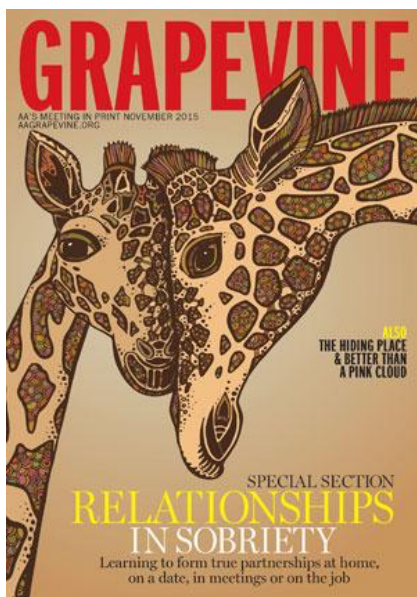
15th-17th - Rule 62 Rendezvous - Mandan North Dakota

March - 2016

18th-19th - 20th Pockets of Enthusiasm - First Presbyterian Church - Helena

May - 2016

6th-8th - 2016 Spring Roundup - Holiday Inn Parkside - Missoula



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