

June 4th, 2015

The June 4th District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity

Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions.

There were 16 G.S.R.'s present representing their groups, and 12 committee members / chairs present. The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Concept 6 was read by Lonnie M.

Archives: Claudia B.

I attended area assembly in Lewistown and learned a lot at the Area Archives Committee meeting.

- we need to include the area archivist on our district email list so that he can keep copies of our District minutes (cmttee reports, financial reports)
- I need to get in gear to be collecting all flyers, event info, etc for our District Archives
- cautionary tale - District 11 ended up losing a large portion of its archives because at one point their archivist was keeping archives in their home - archivist then disappeared and along with him, the archives also disappeared - good to keep archives in an office/district central location

District 61 is the proud recipient of a first edition of "As Bill Sees It"! District Archivist Earl passed the book on to Claudia at area assembly. Apparently someone had left the book in a plastic bag hanging from door of the Wilson House. There was no indication of who left the book or who might have owned it in the past. An AA member gave it to Earl for safe-keeping and Earl has passed it back to us in Helena as this is where it has shown up. Thank you, Earl! and Thank you to the person who left it at the Wilson House.

Laurie C. arranged for Claudia and Laurie to interview Dot C. and Keith B. of the Wednesday Night Step Study meeting at the First Baptist Church, Warren and 8th, Helena. We recorded that interview Weds May 6th just before the meeting and with some of the group members present too Dot and Keith shared wonderful experience strength and hope with us and many great stories about Helena AA's first members and history. Thank you Dot and Keith! and Thank you, Laurie for making it happen!

I have been feeling a little overwhelmed by the scope of work needing to be done at the District Archives... We have many years of archives still in boxes and need to transfer those records to files in filing cabinets. We also have lots of oral histories to organize and make accessible. Lots to do!

We also desperately need a little more room in the Lit office - eeeeeek. I have secured a small filing cabinet (free) that we can use, but we need to find a space for it. I will arrange to meet with Karla and hopefully we can figure something out.

In the meantime, I think it would be good to see if we can form an archives committee. This would be a great help. Please mention it at your groups and tell people they can call me for any info on what volunteering might entail. Even if people can just lend advice that would be good.

Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.

The first Attitude of Gratitude planning committee meeting was held May 28th, 5:30 PM at the Staggering Ox. Patricia H and I were present. Vonda D joined us as a representative of AI-Anon on the banquet committee.

The current chairs filled for the Attitude of Gratitude committee are:

- Treasurer – David
- Raffle - Dave
- Banquet - RJ
- Workshops Patricia

The committee needs chairs for the following positions

- Facilities
- Registration
- Secretary
- Hospitality
- Greeters
- Flyer

The facility, registration and secretary chairs are critical positions that need to be filled ASAP.

GSR's please inform your groups of the need for volunteers for the 2015 Attitude of Gratitude. Alcoholics wanting to be of service or been told to be of service can contact Mike D at 422-3252 or email dmv321@bresnan.net.

At our first meeting we discussed the timeline of tasks that need to be completed. Ideally we want the flyers for the 2015 Attitude of Gratitude to be distributed no later than mid-September. To do the flyer we need to know a few minor details – like speakers, workshops, menu, costs, and registration information. To fill in those minor details, the committee needs help. The Roundup is over – so new service opportunities await those alcoholics who want or need to enhance their recovery. Again GSR's pass the word at your groups.

One detail the committee does know is the date. Mark your group calendars for November 21, 2015 for the 2015 Attitude of Gratitude.

The Attitude of Gratitude committee regular monthly meetings will be the last Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM at the Wilson House. Therefore, the next AOG meeting will be on June 24th.

Corrections: Shawn N.

Dave C. - L & C County Jail Needs new volunteers, scheduling at the next meeting

Tina O.- L & C County Jail (women) all's well. Misty J approved to by the CC to take meetings into the jail

Dale K.- Boulder Jail All's well

Larry B- Helena Pre-Release- could always use more volunteers

Nikia G- P & P- needed to step down due to his schedule. Need to fill this position

Gary E- MSP- Alberto approved 5-6 on the roster

Please discuss the pink Can with your groups.

CC meetings are Open and all are invited. Thanx to all for such a great Corrections/Treatment Workshop

Next CC meeting July 6th, 530 pm at the Wilson House

Cooperation W/ the Professional Community (CPC) : Ralph S.

No Report Received

Grapevine: Bill P.

Provided Grapevine Info at the May Roundup

Grapefest is June 20th at the Wilson House

Bridging The Gap: Patricia H.

I met with the Director of the SUDS treatment center at the VA, Carl Schipps, we talked about how we could get the patients at the center informed about what AA and BTG are. We decided that I would bring in a panel to one of their group sessions consisting of four AA members and the AA members would share their experience, strength and hope. I will then explain the BTG program, we will have time for Q & A from the patients. Workshop is set for Wed June 10th 530pm.

I gave a short talk at the Treatment & Corrections Workshop on the BTG program. Monday June 1st I went to Warm Springs to give a BTG presentation.

Literature Store: Karla F.

The literature store, with both the 2015 Round Up and the Corrections workshop, was a nice increase of book sales this month. We brought in \$658.45 for the month...I want to thank the volunteers who helped out at both functions and who continually work every Saturday to make sure the store runs smoothly, thank you all again.

Mega committee: Bill G.

Our 8th Annual Corrections & Treatment Workshop held on May 30th, 2015 was another success. The food was great, thanx to Tom D, Patricia, Barb S. and the Greeters Tina S. and Tim S and the entire Mega Committee. Thanx to Shawn N and Terry S for Handling Registration. Gerry R and Nick M. set up the tables and chairs.

The Professional panel and the AA panel were awesome. It was an emotional and spitual experience once again. It seems that every year this just keeps getting bigger. The event took in \$945.00 after all expenses, the MGC is happy to contribute \$393.00 to D61. Pretty sure we had over 100 attending the MDC Workshop.

I have been fortunate enough to have been apart of all eight workshops from planning them as a committee member to serving as the MC. Can't wait for the next one... Thanx for letting me serve.

Public Information (PI): Ken D.

All routes for filling the Literature racks are filled and new meeting schedules have been printed.

Treasurer: Eric G.
Report for May 2015

Beginning Bank Balance	797.88
Income	528.75
Group Contributions	550.00
Other Income	80.06
Total ALL Income	1158.61
Expenses	1198.34
Ending Bank Balance	758.35
Prudent Reserve	900.00
Interest	.34
Total Prudent Reserve	900.34
Total District Funds	1658.69

Treatment: Justin H.

No report Received

Roundup: Tracey R.

The Roundup was a great success and I would like to thank all who helped along the way! We had a total of 318 registered, 141 registered the day of and 177 pre-registered. There were 232 AA registrations, 69 AIAnon registrations, 3 Alateen registrations, and 14 "other" registrations.

We brought in a total of \$7525 from registration, \$216.55 from coffee donations at the event, \$334 from the AA raffle, \$347 from the silent auction, and \$169 from the 50/50. Additionally I would like to thank District 61, AIAnon District 11, Early Bird Breakfast, Saturday Morning Men's meeting, and Free for Lunch for "sponsoring an urn" to help us offset the cost of coffee. Our total expenses for the event were \$10,791.04, total income from the event, which includes registration, raffle, coffee donations, 50/50, silent auction, \$1500 seed money, and District 61 funding was \$16,183.10, providing a profit of \$5392.06. \$2506 of this will go back into District 61 as this was money loaned to the Roundup to pay for speaker costs and facility deposit, leaving \$2886.06 to pass on to the next Roundup committee for seed money. The next Roundup will take place in District 91, Kalispell. We will give District 61 a check for the entire \$5392.06 and then have our District treasurer cut a check in the amount of \$2886.06 to District 91. We have a detailed, month by month, account of all of our expenses and income, as well as registration which I will give to our Archives chairperson for our records, as well as passing on to the next Roundup Committee.

Some lessons learned from this Roundup:

- Reserve speaker rooms ASAP, the hotel dropped our block of rooms and we had to put the speakers in Jorgensen's and the Area Archives chair in the Barrister bed and breakfast.
- Have one point person for that communicates both AA and AIAnon requests to the hotel.
- Check to see if there are other events going on in the state prior to choosing a weekend.
- Considering that we did have such a substantial profit I would have not asked groups to "sponsor an urn", however I would much rather make too much of a profit than be short!
- Most importantly: relax and trust that all will be taken care of!

Workshops: Gerry R.

I continued to participate on the Treatment/Corrections workshop last month and attended the workshop itself last weekend. As with any service work I've done in AA, the experience was fun and fulfilling. It was great to see all the participation from, by my count, at least four districts other than ours. As always, it was a great event.

The corrections chair, Shawn and I have had a couple conversations about format and venue for another Corrections related workshop that would respond to requests from other districts on how they might improve relationships with their local correctional personnel and facilities. It may result in something done at the Area Assembly if it comes to fruition.

May was a slow month otherwise, which is fine with me as other areas of my life tend to get a bit busy during that month. I'll be working on developing the proposed Archives and PI/CPC workshops during June. Anyone interested in helping out?

As always, what a joy to be sober today, and what a privilege to be of service. Thank you for both.

District Committee Member (DCM) – Rebecca S.

There is not a lot to report this month. I did make it to a couple new meetings to say hello and touch base. The Spring Round up was great. Good job everyone! The Corrections workshop was held and Shawn and crew did a great job on that as well. I had a conflict, but heard good things!

Grapefest is coming up on June 20, but as usual in the summer months, I will be unavailable. Have a great time. Libbie will be here for her delegate's report.

I am looking for plane tickets for Atlanta and hope to see you all there. Look for the Montana flag during the big meetings.

That's it! Rebecca

Questions for committee members:

Group Reports and Announcements:

Recovery Speaks Line up for June 2015

June 5	Tracey R	Valley Big Book Group
June 12	Kelly B	Fireside Group
June 19	Patricia H	Last Chance Recovery Group
June 26	Russ N	Fellowship Group

Want to share your story- Contact Bill C.

Old Business:

Election of Alternate DCM- No volunteers at this point.

New Business:

Election of Alternate DCM.

The June 4th 2015 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:25pm.

The July D61 business meeting will be held on Thursday July 2nd 630pm.