

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

January 13, 2016

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 1st Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Roxie conducted the meeting as DCM. Roll was taken. An information sheet was passed around to update contact information. Roxie reported that John C. was resigning as Treasurer of District 71. John has served for several years. We are grateful for John's service, thank him and wish him well. Roxie went on to review the qualifications for Treasurer and requested that nominations be submitted at the next meeting in February.

SECRETARY REPORT: Tom reported. Minutes approved. A meeting schedule was circulated. Changes will be incorporated into the current schedule. Any GSR who wants to recognize members of their group that celebrated a birthday during the month and wish to recognize them in this Newsletter are requested to submit a written list to the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: Roxie reported. John contacted her and reported that the balance in the checkbook is \$3206.38 including a prudent reserve on \$850.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contact information for committee chairs can be found on our A.A. schedule.

Times and places for correctional/treatment meetings can be found at www.aa-montana.org

TREATMENT: No report.

CORRECTIONS: Teryl reported for Ana. Ana and Bill were absent because they were celebrating their anniversary. Ana is waiting to hear from Jay Grant concerning posting applications for members to attend meetings at the Pre Release Center on the web site. She is also waiting to confirm times and dates. Tentatively, men's meetings will be scheduled on even days and women's meetings on odd days mirroring the days each gender are allowed to attend meetings at the Alano club. Interested members will probably be required to get a background check costing ten dollars. She got Big Books to Charlie for 'Back to Basics.'

LITERATURE: Judy reported. Judy distributed a price list for ordering AA books and literature. The price list demonstrated that the District could save money on price and shipping costs when large quantities were ordered. She is going to develop a flyer to be distributed to AA groups explaining the benefits to ordering in volume through the District and requesting feedback. The District proposes purchase books and literature quarterly.

P.I. /C.P.C.: No report.

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: Chrissy has moved and is no longer Archives chairperson. Charlie was going to contact Chrissy and get the Archives information including computer files. GSRs should offer this opportunity to be of service as Archives chairperson to interested members of their groups. Computer skills would

be helpful to the successful applicant. No action was taken on this issue this month. Hopefully, this position can be filled soon.

HOTLINE: No report. Tom explained how the hotline works. A statewide number is called then the call is routed to a member in the area identified by the caller. The list of volunteers is submitted to the service. This list should be updated. The District is only billed if it exceeds a certain number of minutes used on the hotline calls. Generally, the maximum number of minutes has not been reached.

OLD BUSINESS

Teryl's name has not been substituted for Elizabeth (Betty) on the bank account. This action will be finalized when a new Treasurer is elected. See Archives report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about starting a new meeting at the Forensics Unit that is going to be moved to Galen from Warm Springs. A DOC volunteer form would probably be necessary for outside participation. Tom stated he would investigate it. The District agrees to be supportive.

GROUP SHARE

All times and places of A.A. meetings are listed on our meeting schedule.

Whitehall: No report.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: No report.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. Attendance has down a little during the winter. The meeting has moved to Ed's property for the winter.

Anaconda: Lisa reported. Meetings are going well. They had a great New Year's Eve party including a meal, games, and a meeting.

Control is an Illusion: Tom J. reported. Lunch is provided every Tuesday at the meeting. Attendance usually varies from 12 to 20 people.

Promises: No report.

Keep it Simple: Ken reported. Attendance is usually 15 to 20 people. The group is presently trying to fill the positions of Secretary-Treasurer and Alternate GSR.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: Roxie reported that group is awesome. Attendance is down during the winter. Real good AA.

Newscomers 123: No report.

Galena St.: June reported. Alcoholics from the Butte Pre-Release Center are welcomed at this meeting, men on odd numbered days and women on even numbered days. The group is hosting a speaker meeting on February 6, 2016. Meetings could use outside support.

Live and Let Live: Dan reported. Great meeting.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Roger reported. The group reaches out to 35 to 40 WATCH guys and people living at the Castle (sober living). They will only have dinner on the first Tuesday of the month instead of every Tuesday. Snacks will be provided when no dinner is served. However, they are having more meals during the summer, but no specific schedule has been established. Meeting is at 7:00 pm. Christmas dinner was served on December 22.

Wednesday Night Mens Group: Richard reported. The meeting is going good. Attendance has been up.

Ladies Night Out: Judy reported as temporary GSR. Teresa moved to Idaho. A new GSR will be elected soon. The meeting is getting going well, last week they had 18 women attend, The meeting could always use more support.

B I R T H D A Y S

The following Birthdays were reported:

Anaconda Traditions Group: Howie-40 years, Chuck-35 years, Bob S.-32 years, Logan-1 year, Matt-10 mo., Rod-6 mo., Terry- 5 mo., Micalah- 3 mo., Josh-3 mo., William-1 mo.,

Happy birthday to all our birthday people this month! The next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month, February 10, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

We closed with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.