

# **DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER**

**February 08, 2017**

*We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 2nd Concept was read.*

DCM REPORT: Virginia conducted the meeting. Roll was taken. She has been keeping up with e-mails from Area 40 and other DCMs. She plans to visit as many groups as possible, introduce herself and invite members to the District meetings. The Pre-Assembly will be held on March 18, 2017 at Boulder Hot Springs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Spring Assembly will be held from April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, MT. The Spring Round-Up will be held on May 19-21, 2017 at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, MT. Check the Area 40 website ([www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org)) to for other upcoming AA events.

SECRETARY REPORT: Tom reported. Minutes approved. A meeting schedule was circulated. Changes will be incorporated into the current schedule. Any GSR who wishes to recognize members of his or her group that celebrated a birthday during the month in this Newsletter is requested to submit a written list to the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: Tom reported. He handed out a statement for the month that reflected a balance of \$3521.07 including an \$850.00 prudent reserve. Tom passed out a report on group contributions to the District. The report caused some discussion.

## **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](http://www.aa-montana.org)*

TREATMENT: Ed reported. Things are going well. They have collected 3 pages of names. They have visited CCP in Butte and the WATCH program and gave out names and numbers for temporary sponsors.

CORRECTIONS: No report.

LITERATURE: Judy reported. She created some information boards that can be used at all AA functions. She ordered \$111.00 worth of literature out of the \$200.00 that was previously approved. She obtained a book covering AA Guidelines for District Service. It will be useful in defining the duties of District Committees.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Laura reported. She is going to become familiar with the duties of this position. She will start filling literature racks.

GRAPEVINE: Bill reported. Bill is willing to assist any of the groups with Grapevine orders. Bill will contact Area Grapevine chairperson to obtain a display for the 2017 fall Roundup. Bill plans to coordinate with Judy (Literature Chair) to place Grapevine information in literature racks.

ARCHIVES: Jon reported. Jon talked to Virginia and will make arrangements with Virginia to obtain and inventory the material in her possession. The material can be stored at St Ann's.

HOTLINE: Miles reported. He contacted Jon C. with regard to setting up the hotline. He now has access to the website and is ready to go. Miles distributed applications. Anyone who is interested in taking hotline calls, please contact Miles.

ROUNDUP: District 71 will host the 2017 Fall Roundup on October 13, 14, and 15, 2017. A separate Roundup report will be made available by the Roundup Committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The group discussed why contributions to District 71 were light and in some cases non-existent. Various reasons were offered. A motion was made and approved to bring the following questions to each group: What can the District do for your group? What is your group's position on contributions to the District? Does your group understand what District does? How does your group view the District and does your group have any suggestions to improve the way the District functions? In response to these questions an ad hoc committee was formed to come up with ideas. The committee will try to plan an event to communicate with GSRs and individual AA members concerning District.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The issue of moving the situs of the Area Assembly for Lewistown to Great Falls will be decided at the upcoming Area Assembly. The District authorized Virginia, the DCM, to vote to move the location to Great Falls. Proposed District inventory questions were distributed and will be discussed at a later meeting.

### **GROUP SHARE**

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

Phillipsburg: Boyd reported. They may start a closed noon meeting.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Jim reported. Things going well. They have about 8 people and have a difficult time contributing to the District. The group would like to get an AA literature rack to place in the local hospital.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. Attendance is down but it will pick up when the weather gets better.

Anaconda: Ryan reported. Meetings are going well. A pot luck birthday meeting is held the last Saturday of the month at the meeting room. They have a meditation meeting on Sunday. They have a speaker's meeting once per month.

Control is an Illusion: Tom reported. The attendance has improving. Lunch is provided on Tuesdays.

Promises: Jon reported. Meeting going well. CCP clients are now allowed to attend the meeting.

Keep it Simple: No report.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: No report.

Newscomers 123: Dan reported. CCP clients are now allowed to attend the meeting. They could use more outside support.

Galena St.: Laura report. The meeting hosts clients from the Pre-Release Center, men on odd numbered days and women on even numbered days. Outside support is appreciated. They will have a speaker meeting on February 19.

Live and Let Live: Grant reported. Good meeting. There are usually 20-30 in attendance. Big Books are provided to newcomers.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Ed reported. Good meeting attended by Castle residents and WATCH clients. A meal is served on the first Tuesday of the month.

Ladies Night Out: No report.

Sunrise Group: Miles reported. The meeting is stable but could use more support.

Deer Lodge Group: No report.

Hope Group: Jon reported. Breakfast meeting with about 20 plus in attendance.

## **B I R T H D A Y S**

The following Birthdays were reported for February:

Promises Group: Jon M.-10 years. No other birthdays were reported.

The next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's School on the second Wednesday of next month, March 8, 2017 at 7:10 p.m.