

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

April 12, 2017

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 4th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Dan H., alternate DCM conducted the meeting. Roll was taken. Virginia gave the DCM report. She reported on the Area Assembly that took place on April 7-9, 2017. The Delegate's report that sets forth all of the issues that were discussed by the various committees and the issues brought to the floor of the convention are available at www.aa-montana.org. Jerry R., the Area 40 delegate will be available on July 15, 2017 for the District 71 "Delegates Day." The time, place and remaining details will be discussed and hopefully resolved and the next District meeting.

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 \$3149.07 including an \$850.00 prudent reserve.

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: Ed reported. He will meet with MCDC on the first Thursday of the month to facilitate involvement in the 'Bridging the Gap' program. The program is being coordinated through Area in order get temporary sponsors for different destinations in the state. Ed is enthused about the prospects for providing a bridge to AA clients in MCDC.

CORRECTIONS: Ryan reported. He learned a lot at Area. Details of the discussions at Area will be available of the website. Ryan is also available to discuss what he learned.

LITERATURE: Judy reported. She learned a lot at Area. Details of the discussions at Area will be available of the website. Judy is also available to discuss what he learned.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Laura reported. She has compiled a list of professionals and will send them a letter informing them about AA, available literature etc. She is going to become familiar with the duties of this position. She will start filling literature racks. Robin volunteered to help Laura. She will seek reimbursement for any expenses. She attended Area and learned a lot. Details of the discussions at Area will be available of the website. Laura is also available to discuss what he learned

GRAPEVINE: Bill reported. Bill is willing to assist any of the groups with Grapevine orders. Bill passed out Grapevine order forms and encouraged groups and individuals to subscribe. Bill attended Area and gave a long report on committee activities. Details of the discussions at Area will be available of the website. Bill is also available to discuss what he learned.

ARCHIVES: Jon and Virginia reported. Jon obtained the material from Virginia. Ann's. Jon also obtained some material from Peggy and will inventory it. Jon requested \$100.00 to purchase totes in order to organize all of the archive material. The money was approved. Virginia attended the Area Assembly. Details of the discussions at Area will be available of the website. Virginia Judy is also available to discuss what he learned.

HOTLINE: Miles reported. He is registered in the system and is ready to go. Miles distributed applications. Anyone who is interested in taking hotline calls, please contact Miles. There are 60 people that have signed up to answer the hotline. Miles again gave out the number (406-208-2337) that a call will come in to a hotline volunteer. The number should be flagged so it can be answered and not ignored as a nuisance call.

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 event featuring a presentation by Earl F., Area 40 Archives chairman was held on April 1, 2017 and by all accounts was a success. Jon broke down the expenses for the event. There was a balance of \$160.66 left from the \$600.00 advance which was returned to the District. Expenses included flyer, food, drink, hall donation and speaker expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Delegates Day will be held on July 15, 2017. Ryan was elected to replace Barbara as Correction Chairman. Discussion of the proposed district inventory was delayed until next month.

GROUP SHARE

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

Phillipsburg: No report.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Jim reported. Things going well. They usually have about 8 people in attendance. There is an AA literature rack in place at the local hospital but it is being used by other entities. Jim will get some literature from Judy and stock the rack.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. Attendance has picked up.

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 will have a speaker's meeting on April 23, 2017 at noon.

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: Rick reported. Meeting is going well.

Twin Bridges: No report.

Newscomers 123: Dan reported. CCP clients are now allowed to attend the meeting. They have had more outside AAs but 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 May 7, 2017.

Live and Let Live: Grant reported. Good meeting. There are usually 20-30 in attendance. Big Books and 12x12s are provided to newcomers. Business meeting is the first Monday after the second Wednesday of the month.

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. Only six WATCH clients are being allowed to attend the meeting.

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: Tom reported. Breakfast meeting with about 20 plus in attendance.

B I R T H D A Y S

The following Birthdays were reported for March:

Anaconda Traditions Group: Billy-31years, Sarah O.-28 years, Laura I.-20 years, Matt P.- 11 years, Boyd-9 years, Keith M.- 7 years, Jen W.-5 years, Big Ed-5 years, Michael- 1 year, Wanda L.-8 months, Dan W.-6 months, Anna-4 months, Phil L.-3 months, Joe W.- 3 months, Kari- 2 months, Burt- 2 months, Matt J.- 1 month, Ron W.- 1 month

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