

# **DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, '13**

*We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 5<sup>th</sup> Concept was read.*

DCM REPORT: Betty passed around a card that she received from the Delegate.

SECRETARY REPORT: Shannon gave a receipt to John for copies. Betty pointed out an error under new business on the last report. Benny Goodman Park was typed as Betty Goodman Park. The correct name is Benny Goodman Park. There was a motion to approve minutes and minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that with the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, we had a total income of \$16.00. We had total expenses of \$471.24 which leaves us with a net income of \$455.24. It was also reported that Round-up owes District 71 \$100 for seed money. John also provided a financial year to date report.

## **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: Brent reported that they had 3 guys that were released to Butte from treatment centers. They had a big group out at Watch. Shay also gave another case of books to Brent to take out. Gary has been taking a meeting to Warm Springs. Changed time to morning meeting at 9:00 am in Support Building on Wednesday.

CORRECTIONS: Shay gave Brent a case and 6 books to Charlie to take into CCS. Lee ordered a case of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and a case of Daily Reflections to take out to Watch. Both Garys from Anaconda are taking meetings out to Start. Shay attended a meeting at Warm Springs on Tuesday night and said it was a good experience.

LITERATURE: No report.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Ken reported that he has been doing a lot of reading on his new literature position but hasn't made contact yet and is still trying to gain a better understanding of position. He does have some ideas as to what he is going to do. He is hoping to be able to go into the high schools and the middle school.

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: No report.

HOTLINE: John reported that he made a new hotline form with a description and procedure added to it. He would like everyone to take the forms back to groups and get them filled out by only “new” people and asked that volunteers write legibly on the forms. Betty noted that the hotline number is not the number that will show up on caller ID. The number they call on the hotline list is correct but caller ID number that will show up on phone is 406-248-2337. John will change this on the form and bring it to next meeting.

ROUND-UP: Peggy reported that they are still unsure about coffee but are thinking about getting mugs and charging a \$1.00 a cup if they buy the mug. They plan to also put out baskets for donations. Registration will be around \$35 per person. There probably won't be an ice cream social. Virginia had called the banquet director at Fairmont and they will put up more chairs on Friday night so that there will be room for 500.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Betty reported that there are outdated flyers and such on the Area website. There was a discussion about what should and what shouldn't be put on the mini website. Outdated flyers and other outdated materials will be removed from the site and any updates that are needed will also be addressed (ex. Gary agreed to update an institution schedule). Peggy noted there will be a new meeting put on mini website. It was suggested that 6 months of Newsletters be kept up on the site. There were also financial reports on there that were from around 2009. It was suggested that financial reports not be put on website. Charlie asked if Delegates picnic will be on website. Betty noted that we can put it on both Area and mini. Roxie brings in flyers of events and announced that there are many events, campouts, cookouts, etc. on Area website in Calendar of events. Betty also noted that District 61 has a Corrections Treatment Workshop on June 8<sup>th</sup> and Roxie did bring flyers for that. Betty suggested going to this workshop. Roxie also asked about the Delegates picnic and where it was determined that it would be held. Teryl noted that Benny Goodman Park was reserved for August 3<sup>rd</sup> all day. Betty asked what we wanted to do in terms of food. Last year District provided the main course was provided and there was a potluck. They cooked for about 60 people and it was a good turnout. We will need a flyer and Betty asked if someone could get details together to organize or how would we like to do it. Times were discussed. It was proposed that we will eat at 1:00 and Sharon will speak at 2:30pm. Beverages were discussed and coffee, soda, and water will be provided by District. Kevin offered to do the flyer. Flyers will be sent out with the Newsletter. Rick also shared that he followed up on Answernet and got as much information as possible. Betty passed this onto the Area P.I. chair as this is the contact person for Answernet.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Roxie reported that when they were at the Assembly, she sat in on a DCM meeting and they were discussing how they were closing meetings at assembly with the “I am Responsible” pledge. She suggested this being possibly read at end of District meetings in substitute of the Lord's Prayer. Many were opposed. Betty noted

that there is some information on AA website and history of Responsibility Pledge which is quite interesting. It was written in 1965 by an AA trustee at the convention. She also noted that there is information on the history of reciting the Lord's Prayer at end of meetings. Other Districts are reportedly looking at using the "I am Responsible" pledge. Betty shared that she would like to recite the "I am Responsible" pledge. No motion was made during this meeting. Betty reported that a DCM for another District is looking at doing an inventory and asked if any other Districts have done so. Gary noted that he will look to see if he has any forms or guidelines on this. Peggy reported that she did call Answernet and they noted that they had all the information up to date. Joe reported that he will do flyers for the Delegate's Report picnic. Gary asked about Leggat meeting being changed on schedule but it was noted that the group does not want it changed.

### **GROUP SHARE**

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

Galena Street: Brent reported 30-40 people every night and that the group is broke, but meetings are good.

Whitehall: Peggy said going good. Last meeting was 12 people upstairs in big room.

Anaconda Traditions: Teryl reported that things are good.

Newcomer's 1-2-3: Charlie noted that Connections are in front room of Leggat. 12 people. 3 or 4 guys visit on Friday. Club floor should be done in the next couple of days. \*Done as of this report.

Sunrise: 17-25 people and doing really good.

Dillon Wed. Big Book Study: Could use support but doing good.

Twin Bridges Candlelight: Awesome attendance and going strong.

Melrose: Up and running and people showing up every week.

Ladies of the Evening: 18 women last week. Doing good. Making a \$40 contribution to District tonight.

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

No birthdays reported this month, but congrats to all that may have celebrated  
May birthdays!

Our next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next  
month at 7:10 p.m.

*We closed with the Lord's Prayer.*