

# **DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER**

**May 13, 2015**

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

DCM REPORT: Roxie conducted the meeting as DCM. Roll was taken. An information sheet was passed around to updated contact information. Roxy and several District 71 members attended the Assembly that was held in Lewistown, MT on April 10-12, 2015. Roxy reported to the group. The Delegate, Libbie L., gave a presentation on how the Area operated. Several committees made proposals to the membership. A full report on the actions taken at the Assembly can be found on the Area website. Other business will be discussed as set forth below in this Newsletter.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved. The meeting schedule was circulated and no changes were noted. Any GSR who wants to recognize members of their group that celebrated a birthday during the month and wishes to recognize them in this Newsletter are requested to submit a written list to the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported. A financial report covering the period from April 8, 2015 to May 13, 2015 was circulated. The balance in the account is \$3534.54 which includes 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](http://www.aa-montana.org)*

TREATMENT: Charlie reported. The website for "Bridging the Gap" is up and running. Please submit contact information for anyone who wishes to be involved to Charlie. Updated information is requested. They went to WATCH and CCP. The staff at WATCH failed to mail out the list of clients leaving the facility to "Bridging the Gap" in a timely matter. There was some delay in but the problem has been corrected now. They went to MCDC on the first Monday of the month. Contact Charlie to get involved in carrying the message to these institutions. More people are needed to cover these institutions. Charlie requested that the Literature chair person put a literature rack in the aftercare room at the Butte Pre-Release Center.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported. Denny was not present. Ana, Denny, and Charlie have applications for jail. They are also available at the Alano Club. There has been some delay in getting applications approved because it is not a priority with jail personnel. A form used to qualify for visits to correction facilities was passed around. They are available on aa.org. The Chief of Police in Anaconda is still denying access to the jail for meetings. Men are needed to cover meetings at the Butte-Silver jail due the number of pods and the

fact that meetings must be held in shifts. The Corrections Workshop will be held Saturday June 20, 2015 at the Aldergate Methodist Church in Butte. The hall has been reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The workshop is free. Speakers have been selected and will be listed on the flyer. A flyer entitled "Unity in the Community" announcing the workshop will be disseminated soon. The details for the workshop are coming together. Arrangements for food and drink have been handled. The committee will meet on Sunday May 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m, at the Alano Club for anyone that is interested.

LITERATURE: Shannon reported. She has filled literature existing racks in Butte and will obtain a literature rack for the Pre-Release Center.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported. She talked to George S., the Butte-Silver Bow Undersheriff, and he stated he would look into the delay in getting jail applications approved.

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: Chrissy reported. She will get a key to the cabinet from Virginia and move forward.

HOTLINE: John reported. The current data base is up to date. A sign up sheet will be distributed to GSRs to give members an opportunity to sign up.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Correction Workshop was discussed. (See Corrections report)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The District funded the expenses for the DCM and Alternate DCM to attend the Assembly in Lewistown. As stated in the DCM full report on the activities at the Assembly can be found on the website. A special needs form can be found on the website for anyone with a disability who plans to attend future Assemblies at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown.

### **GROUP SHARE**

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

Whitehall: Bill reported that all is well. Attendance is good. The potluck speaker meeting on April 18, 2015 featuring Ralph S. from Waterloo went well. 35-45 people attended.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana reported. The meeting is still going well.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. An average of 6 people has attending the meetings. The meeting will be moved to St. Timothy's Church on the first Sunday in June. Attendance is expected to pick up during the summer.

Anaconda: Lisa reported that meetings are going well. Large group of people are in sobriety and are doing well. There are several members in early sobriety that seem to be doing well. They have a great time at birthday meetings.

Control is an Illusion: Ted reported that things are going well. Meetings have grown to 18-20 people. Tuesday is a soup meeting and 20 to 25 people generally attend. The group is considering holding another workshop probably in September.

Promises: Robin reported. Attendance is good.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Group: Group has not held meetings recently and may have disbanded.

Keep it Simple: No report.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: Roxie reported that group is awesome. 3-6 people. Real good AA.

Newscomers 123: Charlie reported. This mens meeting hosts 25 to 30 men from CCP and 5-6 men from the outside. The meeting is going well. More outside members are encouraged to attend.

Galena St.: Grant and Peggy reported. Ashley B. was elected new GSR but resigned. Attendance is picking up.

Live and Let Live: Grant reported. The group is well attended; 20-25 people, and seems to be thriving. They were able to donate some Big Books to the Galena St. Group.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Ed reported the group is doing well. The group reaches out to 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. Meeting is at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be provided when no dinner is served.

Wednesday Night Mens Group: Richard reported. The group is going well and has many long time members with long term sobriety. Prayers are requested for a couple of members experiencing health problems.

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

The following Birthdays were reported. Anaconda Group: Garr -27 years, Teryl-28 years, Billy B-14 yrs., Ryan K.- 7 mo., Jim J.- 9 mo., Pam N.-8 mo., Matt-2 mo., Butte: Charlie-6 yrs., John C.: 5 yrs.

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, June 10, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

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