

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

September 14, 2016

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 9th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Teyrl conducted the meeting. Roll was taken. An information sheet was passed around to update contact information. Contributions to the Area have been slow and the groups are requested to increase contributions, if possible. The GSO in New York is experiencing financial problems and needs support. The Area Assembly will be held in Lewistown on September 16, 17, and 18. At least four members of our District will be attending.

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 are 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 \$4066.75 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: Charlie resigned. Bill reported. Bridging the Gap is going well. Ed M. agreed to help out at least until the elections.

CORRECTIONS: Denny reported. There are not enough people volunteering to bring meetings in to the jail. Currently, there are no meetings being conducted on the men's side. Judy is the only one bringing meetings to the women. She really needs help. Please contact Judy at 490-6517. Although there has been neglect and delay on behalf of the jail personnel in the past, applications can be approved. Please fill out and submit your application to Denny and he will personally walk them through the process. Please try to inspire members of your group to participate (Thursday Night) or we may lose this opportunity for valuable service. The incarcerated alcoholics really appreciate the meetings.

LITERATURE: Judy reported. She is working on literature boards. She will check existing literature racks.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported. She did not hear anything from Butte High School. Butte Central wanted to combine information and presentations with Mariah's Challenge Program.

GRAPEVINE: Bill reported. He has been somewhat inactive in July and August. The Promises group ordered a Grapevine subscription. Bill is willing to assist any of the groups with Grapevine orders.

ARCHIVES: Dan reported. Virginia has some more material and Dan will make arrangements with Virginia to obtain and inventory the material in her possession. Dan will be resigning his position as Archive chairman because he has been appointed alternate DCM.

HOTLINE: No chair person report. It was reported that a woman attempted to reach someone on the hotline in Butte and no one answered. We need more women to sign up for the hotline. It is possible that calls are being ignored as nuisance calls because the number (406) 248-2337 is unfamiliar. Identify it on your caller ID.

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

Teyrl was appointed temporary DCM. Dan H. was appointed temporary alternate DCM. They will serve until January unless they are re-elected in October.

NEW BUSINESS

The sum of \$300.00 was approved as an advance for Teyrl to attend the Area Assembly in Lewistown. Elections for all District service positions will be held in October. Whoever is elected in October will officially begin service in January. The following people were nominated for election to the following Chairperson positions: Treatment: Ed M., Alternate DCM: Dan H., DCM: Virginia C., Archives: Jon M., Literature: Judy J., P.I./C.P.C.: Laura H., Treasurer: Tom R., Secretary: Tom J., Corrections: Barbara N., Hotline: Miles F. Anyone wishing to nominate additional candidates prior to the election next month may do so by contacting Teyrl.

GROUP SHARE

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

Phillipsburg: No report.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: No report.

Georgetown Lake: No report.

Anaconda: Elisheva reported. Meetings are going well. They have quite a few newcomers. A pot luck picnic meeting is scheduled for the last Saturday of the month at the meeting room.

Control is an Illusion: Denny reported. The attendance has been down during the summer, but is starting to improve.

Promises: Jon reported. Attendance at this meeting is approximately 15 people. CCP people attend on odd numbered days. They also do "Back to Basics" on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Keep it Simple: Craig reported. Good meeting. There are usually 15 to 20 people in attendance. They have been getting some out of town visitors during the summer.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: No report.

Newscomers 123: Dan reported. This is a men's meeting. Good meeting with 20-25 CCP clients attending. 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. There will be a Speaker Meeting September 29, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Live and Let Live: Grant reported. Good meeting. There are usually 20-30 in attendance. They have a candy dish.

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

Ladies Night Out: Laura reported. The meeting could always use more support.

Sunrise Group: Miles reported. This is a small group with 5 to 15 people usually attending.

B I R T H D A Y S

The following Birthdays were reported for August:

Anaconda Traditions Group: Elesheva-4 years, Pam-2 years, Josh-11 months, Micalah-11 months, Brett-10 months, Joe-7 months, JJ- 2 months.

The next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month, October 12, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

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