

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

October 12, 2016

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 10th 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 was held in Lewistown on September 16, 17, and 18. Teyrl issued a comprehensive report on the Assembly and passed copies around to those attending the District meeting. Some of the highlights follow. The Spring Assembly will be held in Lewistown, however, the 2017 fall Assembly will be held in Great Falls. New chairpersons were elected. Money was approved to send the Area Archivist to the International Archivist meeting. The financial situation concerning the GSO was discussed at length. The 2017 fall Roundup was at Fairmont was hyped and well received. More issues were reported in Teyrl's well written report. You can receive a copy by contacting Teyrl. The full Assembly report will be available soon on the Area website: www.aa-montana.org

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 \$3787.75 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: Ed M. reported. Ed requested a list temporary sponsors to assist with the Bridging the Gap program and to take meeting to treatment centers. Pomeroyal F. agreed to assist Ed.

CORRECTIONS: Denny is in Chicago undergoing medical treatment. His prognosis is good but prayers would be appreciated. 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 meeting 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. 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. Gary O. reported that AA meeting have been suspended at the Start Program due to non AA related issues.

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

P.I./C.P.C.: No report.

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.

ARCHIVES: Dan reported. Dan talked to Virginia and 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. Teyrl reported that John C. is resigning but is available to work with new chairperson. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held for all District service positions. Those elected will officially begin service in January. The following people were elected the following Chairperson positions:

DCM: Virginia C., **Alternate DCM**: Dan H., **Treatment**: Ed M., **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., **Grapevine**: Bill. New chairpersons are encouraged to solicit help AA members and to form committees in order to do the best job possible.

The group had an extensive discussion about contributing District funds to GSO. It was determined that GSRs would bring the issue back to their groups and it would be revisited 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: No report.

Georgetown Lake: Ed reported. Great meeting. There will be no more meetings at St. Timothy's. All meetings will be at 200 Harp Lane. Summer and winter meeting times will remain unchanged.

Anaconda: Ryan reported. Meetings are going well. A pot luck picnic meeting is schedule for the last Saturday of the month at the meeting room.

Control is an Illusion: Tom reported. The attendance has been down. The group could use need more support.

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: Ken reported. Good meeting.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: No report.

Newscomers 123: Miles 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. Outside support is appreciated. The Speaker Meeting September 29, 2016 went well. Barbara was elected secretary. The group is now self-supporting.

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

Promises: Dan-33years.

The next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month, November 9, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

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