

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

October 9th, '13

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 10th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Welcome to the newcomers at district meeting. Your participation is key to the effective functioning of the service structure at district, area, and GSO.

Our district was represented by 5 people at the fall assembly. Here are some of the items discussed. Bridging The Gap contacts are working well and it was clarified at this Area Assembly that contacts from both Treatment and Corrections will use the same database. The Triangle, which is the Area Newsletter, is sent to all groups whether they pay for it or not. There are 8 newsletters per year and they are sent to each group's primary contact; usually that's the GSR. Groups are asked to be self-supporting and pay the \$10 per year subscription. (There are some Triangle subscription forms on the counter with the flyers. If you are not getting the Triangle for your group, please fill out and send in a form.) There are 246 groups in the Area that receive the Triangle and 9 groups have paid for them. We can do better with self-support and I suspect that a lot of groups do not know about the subscription fee.

We reviewed the Area budget for next year which is set up with the same committee system we have at district. There are some yellow envelopes with mailing labels in them for you to take to your group. Area 40 budget would be fully funded if each group contributed \$115 in the year.

The Area Assemblies have been at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown for decades. There is a concern about lack of space for committee meetings and accessibility for those with special needs. After much discussion, it was agreed to have an ad hoc committee research other places for Area Assembly meetings.

Thanks for supporting me to attend Area Assemblies; I appreciate it.

SECRETARY REPORT: Updates to contact list and attendance are being taken. Minutes approved.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that Live and Let Live, Promises Group, and Keep It Simple donated to District this month. Along with their donations and the 7th tradition, total income was \$336.09. There were no expenses this month, leaving District a net income of \$336.09. District thanks the groups for their contributions.

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: No report.

CORRECTIONS: No report.

LITERATURE: Dan reported that he has not yet done inventory but will have this put together for next month. He attended Area assembly and has some forms for updates to any group changes that GSRs can bring back to their groups.

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

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: Virginia reported that she went to Fall Area archives committee. She attended as a voting member for archives. Some things discussed were considering Pink Can request fund for Grapevine. They voted that structure and policy should be sent to Corrections chair. The Pink Can is collected by District and cannot be a part of AA. It was also voted in to form an Ad Hoc committee to determine where Area should relocate to that has more handicap accessibility.

HOTLINE: John will report next month. He is collecting the hotline sign-up sheets.

ROUND-UP: Virginia reported that the committee is moving along and going well. Flyers were taken to Area and Dan gave the report at Area. They are still looking for committee volunteers as all positions are filled but could use extra help. They meet on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 6:00pm at St. Ann's. Dan read the Round-up committee report that he read at Area 40. Scholarships will be

requested for Round-up as well and it is up to groups to give their own scholarships to home group members. GSRs are encouraged to bring this up at their business meetings. It was also encouraged to document the names of those that are receiving the scholarships so that they can be checked off when they come in for the Round-up.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that there are job descriptions that have been made for District chair positions. It was discussed in past meetings that if people don't show up 3 months in a row, the position is open due to lack of attendance. There was a concern about committees such as P.I./C.P.C. not showing up. The grapevine position was voted open last meeting. There were a couple of new people in attendance tonight that voiced interested in these positions and they each shared their service history. The P.I./C.P.C. position duties were described and the possibility of voting someone in for this position was mentioned as well. Betty reminded everyone that Area is also a support for any committees if anyone needs suggestions or further job descriptions, etc. It was suggested that talking to Ken and asking him if he wants help with this position or if he would like someone else to take this position would be appropriate. This was also suggested for the Grapevine position as the current chair has reportedly not been informed of this position being voted open due to lack of attendance. Thus, any voting was tabled and we will have this discussion next month based on what Kenny and Joe say. There was a group discussion about the importance of commitment, accountability, and responsibility. It was suggested that co-chairs for District positions would be very helpful as one could attend if another could not. The importance of taking the initiative to call and find someone to attend for you if one is unable to fulfill his/her responsibility to attend a meeting. There was also an emphasis on the importance of taking the initiative to step down from a position if one finds that they can't do the job for one reason or another. It was emphasized that that is also being responsible.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a new meeting at Georgetown on Sundays at 6:00pm that will be moved to 5:00pm for daylight savings. Teryl will get the address to the secretary to update the meeting schedule.

Upcoming Events:

- AA & Al-Anon Attitude of Gratitude Celebration. November 23, 2013 at the Colonial Inn. There will be speakers, workshops, banquet, and fellowship. Call Connie to volunteer or for more information. 465-7533
- Common Ground 2013. October 19th at 3:00pm in Helena, MT. 311 Power. Al-anon speaker: Barb Q. AA Speaker Sid G. This is a potluck and the Last Chance Recovery Group is celebrating 15 years.
- Flathead Valley Serenity Groups 19th Annual Fall Refresher, "Our Solution In Action". October 19th and 20th, 2013 at Eastside Grange Hall, Hwy 35, Creston, MT. Workshops, speakers, potluck, and entertainment. \$15 registration fee for the entire weekend. Scholarships available.

GROUP SHARE

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

Promises: Meeting may be moving back into Leggat the 1st of November. The meetings have been small as there are so many people from uptown area that attend.

Galena Street: This group will now be doing Big Book study groups 2 days a week on Tuesday and Thursday night at 8:00 pm at the Alano Club.

Anaconda Traditions: There are 14 meetings a week at the same location. Some groups are larger than others (up to 15 attending). Birthday meetings are pretty packed. Tom is BBQ guy every month. The meeting celebrates birthdays and gratitude.

Opportunity: Group is meeting on Tuesday in the Community Club and they also eat there. About 8 of the guys are from the WATCH program. They also come to Wednesday and Friday meetings.

Newcomer's 1-2-3: CCP Corrections group is in the Leggat. There are about 12-13 in attendance and the group is alive and well. Group is alive and well.

Sunrise: There are 25-30 people and attendance is increasing.

Live and Let Live: Walt reported for Krissy. Group is alive and well. It has grown over the past year and is averaging 28-35 people at meetings.

Dillon Wed. Big Book Study: Doors are open, coffee is on, and can use all the support it can get.

Twin Bridges Candlelight: There is strong attendance and group gets people from out of town.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Group is doing well. They are getting a lot of people coming in in comparison to last year. They get a lot of visitors that come in from out of state. There is not a whole lot of structure. They are meeting tonight about an upcoming pot luck.

Melrose: Group tried to get a meeting started on Sunday nights. This is slow going and seasonal and will go through the end of October until April.

Warm Springs Group: Going good.

Balderdash Meeting: This meeting is just getting started. There are people coming from out of town and can use support. It is at 8:00 on Tuesdays.

B I R T H D A Y S

Dan D. celebrated 30 years. Mike B. celebrated 8 years. Roxy celebrated 32 years. Missy K. celebrated 26 years. Bridgett celebrated 1 year. Jennifer celebrated 2 years. Mary H. celebrated 34 years. Congrats to all that celebrated 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 Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.