

# **DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, '14**

*We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 10<sup>th</sup> Concept was read.*

DCM REPORT: Betty gave the following report: Thank you for sending me to the Area Assembly. There were reports from the Area officers, each chairperson and the DCM's from the 14 districts in Montana. All of these reports and the others sessions held over the weekend will be on the website at [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org) within the next month. Some of the business we conducted was to elect Area officers and chair persons for the next rotation starting in January. We agreed on a budget of \$32210 for 2015 which can easily be supported by group contributions of \$170 for the year. The Area will take its inventory next year and a committee is preparing the questions. We agreed on a change to the hotline section of the Policy and Procedures Manual to remove Answernet company name. This will allow the Assembly to change hotline providers should we so desire. There have been some problems with Answernet's service and most of them seem to be resolved at this time.

There will be a mini conference on November 8 at Montana State Prison. Attendees have already filled out the paperwork and have been approved. The next orientation for MSP is January 17, 2015.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved with one correction made in Corrections section. Lee G. was the one that received the books, not Charlie.

TREASURER REPORT: John sent around 2 reports. One was a year-to-date report and a monthly. Along with the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and donations, total income was \$20.00. Total expenses were \$43.85 leaving a net income of (23.85) and a total balance of \$3,274.74.

## **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 went to WATCH Monday and reported that it went well. Shad and Charlie went to Connections and Shad is at MCDC tonight. All is good. One guy that got out from WATCH and is at Castle.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported that she has been elected but does not have any information as last Correction's information and contacts are MIA. She is asking for contacts whether jail, CCP, etc. She sent around a list so that people can add institutions and contacts. Ana also has a new number and added to schedule. Gary O. is picking up books that Lee Gault dropped off. Jail also got books. We can order Corrections Kit for Ana. Robin talked to Mark J. at the jail and knows that there have been people that have been oriented and cleared but have not had a lot of attendance and could use more people to bring meetings up there. This is both for men and women. Robin reported that she will get some copies for Ana to have in her file. She is going Thursday night from 6-7:00 pm. Betty has the institution meeting schedule and last update was May of 2013 which needs to be updated. It is a list of meetings and requirements for going in there. MCDC meetings need 1 year of sobriety to bring meetings in.

LITERATURE: Shannon ran into Dan and is getting the literature order from him tonight. Betty will get new price list for books. Online. Shannon will order the Corrections Kit and be reimbursed.

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

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: Krissy had nothing to report.

HOTLINE: Nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Teryl was nominated for Alternate DCM and was elected. Secretary is still open. John was willing to stand for Treasurer. John was nominated and elected. There was a minority opinion as to the position not being rotated. But, there was no one else nominated. Charlie was nominated for Treatment and elected. Zack offered to sit for the Grapevine position, was nominated, and was elected. Betty reported that the previous Grapevine chair has not been attending and thus Zack will start position now. Betty will e-mail and work with him. Krissy has someone in mind for Secretary and will bring her in next month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Charlie reported to make sure no boxes get open prior to going to jail as otherwise they have to search each one. There was a question as to where Pink Can money goes to. Ana reported it goes to Lee Gault and she would give it to him.

### **GROUP SHARE**

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

Whitehall: Bill reported that all is well. He goes on Wednesdays and gets calls on whether there will be a Saturday night meeting. Sometimes this does not happen and sometimes it does. Slow 7<sup>th</sup> tradition for about 6 weeks, but now picking up.

Candlelight: Roxie reported that all is going well. Consistent good attendance. Roxie celebrated 33 years.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana reported nothing new to report.

Georgetown Lake: No report.

Anaconda: Lisa reported that she and Teryl went to Area and was a wonderful experience. Meetings are going well. Played games after birthday meeting. Lots of birthdays.

Control is an Illusion: Ted reported that they are open on Saturdays now. They are also having Soup days and are in the middle of finalizing Sponsorship workshop which is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November at St. Ann's. They are going to use the new AA pamphlet on sponsorship as a guideline. Flyers will be out soon.

Promises: Robin reported that all is going well. They had a potluck the last Friday of the month and had a good time. They are talking about doing that once a month and possibly having a short speaker meeting during this time.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Group:

Chef's Garden: Fred asked Charlie to be a GSR of this group. About 6-8 people that are going. Needs support. Upstairs.

Galena Street Group: Dan reported that all is well. Lots of Pre-release attendees. Good sobriety. In the black. Joey is new Secretary and she is going to start organizing birthday meetings.

Live and Let Live: Good attendance. 15-30 people. Not as many newcomers but lots of people that have come in and stayed. Bridget had 2 years. Mike had 7 months today.

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

Congrats to all the birthday people this month!! Roxie celebrated 33 years. Mike celebrated 7 months. Bridget celebrated 2 years. Tara celebrated 30 days. Pam celebrated 30 days. Matt celebrated 2 months. Danny celebrated 6 months. Trisha celebrated 6 months. Mike celebrated 4 months. Cheryl celebrated 30 days. Jeff celebrated 8 months. Mandy celebrated 30 days. Kari celebrated 8 months.

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.*