

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

April 8, 2015

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 4th 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 attended the pre-Assembly that was held in Boulder on April 4, 2015 and reported to the group. Several people representing District 71 attended the Area Assembly held on April 10-12 in Lewistown. A report concerning the Assembly will be discussed at the next District meeting. Other business was 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 to March 11, 2015 to April 8, 2015 was circulated. The balance in the account is \$3884.52 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

TREATMENT: Charlie reported. The website for "Bridging the Gap" is ready. Please submit contact information for anyone who wishes to be involved to Charlie. Updated information is requested. They went to WATCH and CCP. 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.

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. The Chief of Police in Anaconda is still denying access to the jail for meetings. At least six 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. Speakers have not been selected nor has a topic been agreed upon. More work has to be done. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m, at the Alano Club for anyone that is interested.

LITERATURE: Shannon reported. She has filled literature racks in Butte. She is making progress on filling the racks in Anaconda and Dillon and is asking local AA members for assistance. She contacted Marcy in Anaconda and Rick in Dillon. She has enough literature to fill remaining racks before needing to order more.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported. They are making progress on the Corrections Workshop. (See Old Business)

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: No report.

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) A preliminary budget of \$700.00 was approved for the workshop. We are looking forward to hearing further details and an update on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

The District will fully fund the expenses for the DCM and Alternate DCM. The District also approved a maximum scholarship of \$150.00 for committee chairs who need help in order to attend the Area Assembly. A report and accounting of these expenditures will be forthcoming.

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. They scheduled a potluck speaker meeting featuring Ralph S. from Waterloo on April 18, 2015.

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

Georgetown Lake: No report.

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. The meeting room was painted and looks good.

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.

Promises: Robin reported. Attendance is good.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Group: No report.

Keep it Simple: Ken reported. The group attendance is steady.

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.: Ken reported. Ashley B. was elected new GSR. Attendance is picking up.

Live and Let Live: Brant reported. The group is well attended; 20-25 people, and seems to be thriving. They will have a business meeting March 12.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Teyrl 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.

B I R T H D A Y S

The following Birthdays were reported. Anaconda Group: Ryan K.- 6 mo., Danny K.- 1 yr., Trisha K. 1 yr., Jim J.- 8mo., Marcy D.-18 yrs., Micalah-3 mo., Pam N.-7 mo., Ray T.-3yrs., Wanda L.-3 mo.

Twin Bridges Group: Wayne E.-14 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, May 13, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

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