

District 91 Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2026

Attendees	<u>In Person:</u> Libby, Denise, Chris, Nancy, Patrick, Allyson, Susan, Lois, Vince, Dave, Sandy, Steve, Eli, Kathryn, Cali, Abe, Danny W., Eric H., Collin D., Jim H. <u>Zoom:</u> Zoom unavailable. District Zoom account down.	
Opening	Serenity Prayer: All Preamble: Danny Traditions: Vince Twelve Concepts: Patrick Concept of the Month (Concept 5) Presented by: Nancy S. Concept of the Month (Concept 6) June: Vince Review and approval of minutes: Susan made motion to approve minutes. Dave seconded. Minutes approved. NEXT MEETING June 28th, 2026, 3:00 pm. Kalispell Alano Club	
Committee Chair Reports		
	Archives: Going to be an archives workshop in Ennis on 6/27/26. Unable to attend due to previous commitment.	Chris M.
	Bridging the Gap: Nothing new to report except on a personal note: Our baby was born on May 13th, and we are so excited to be in this chapter of life. I am happy to continue the position as I am connected with great falls rocky mountain treatment center and also our area chair to be able to connect those getting out of treatment to someone in AA. It is truly a gift to be able to do that, and I am still able to. Attending the district meeting may be a little more challenging right now. One day at a time! Thank you!	Rhianna G.
	Cooperation with the Professional Community	Antoinette
	Corrections: Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's Inventory or business meeting. As I've shared before, my physical situation with my legs and feet limits my mobility, and sad to say the situation is worsening. If my lack of attendance or participation is a concern to the committee, I would be willing to step down if necessary. Honestly, I'm feeling some guilt, as though I am falling	Stacey W.

	short of the expectations of this position, and I'm truly sorry for that, but it really can't be helped. I am more than willing to continue with the weekly coordinating of men's and women's calendars for Friday's jail meetings, the volunteers' correspondence and scheduling concerns, and the monthly district reports; basically, doing what I'm presently doing, until my term is up at the end of the year, but I am afraid that is all I can promise at this time. So, I will leave it up to a group conscience if a change needs to be made. As for our jail meetings, they are going strong. There have been a few instances where I've had to email, or text volunteers to fill gaps in calendar, but I'm happy to say they got filled. Also, happy that some of our "snowbird" volunteers have returned to Montana and resumed their dedication to this service work.	
	Grapevine: It was a big month for Grapevine in District 91. There was an article publishing workshop both at the Spring round up and at the monthly Grapevine meeting in Columbia Falls. That meeting is at 8 PM on the second Sunday of every month at Circle Plaza in Columbia Falls. Both were really well attended. We have some really incredible assets in our district to assist with publishing articles so please make an announcement at your groups and connect me with people that are interested. I will be proposing a weekly Grapevine meeting at 8 PM in Whitefish at the Presbyterian Church on Mondays. Stay tuned.	Abe M.
	Hotline: I don't think I had any calls for this month and if I did, they were answered. Sorry it's been a hectic month with the newborn and all but don't think I had any calls. And like I said if I did, I answered them. Ty all for your understanding.	Brad B.
	Literature: The literature display tables at the Spring Roundup at the Red Lion were well attended and members who came by "the booth" were quick to get information and give information regarding our beloved AA literature and history. It was a lot of fun and thanks again to the Literature Committee members who showed up to take 1 ½ hour shifts at the event: Kelly, Noni, Billie, Stefan	Susan H.

	and Tim. We provided Treatment with books for Prerelease and that money to come out of pink can. Tobacco Valley has a book order pending our next ORDER to AAWS as we are completely out of big books, 12x12's, living sober and daily reflections. GSR's if you're the one ordering books check your book supply...we need to place an order, so we need all groups to participate to get to \$500 for free freight. Happy to be of service!	
	Public Information	Open
	Treatment: We received a letter from Pre Release Letting us know they have made AA and NA mandatory. Thus, allows them to earn the next level at their facility. There will be a lot more Men attending the Saturday 8pm meeting. Also put in a Literature order for Pre-release it should come out of pink can money. Books have been delivered already. That is all I have to report this month. Apologies for not being able to make district. At the salon with a client. See attached letter.	Tazarae
	District Intergroup Liaison: Intergroup had their business meeting on May 30th in Columbia Falls at the Senior center. The Archives position is still open. If you need meeting schedules, call Marlys at 406.471.7258. The Spring Fling in Columbia Falls was a success. Thank you, Nancy and Jill, for chairing that event. Canyon Group Big Creek campout is June 11-14. Founder's Day campout at Tally Lake is June 12-14. Emery Bay Campout is July 23-26. Check out the flyers and sign-up sheets on the new Intergroup website at FVIG.org. Thank you, Josh and John, for the useful website. Thank you, Eric, from Band of Brothers, for stepping up to chair the Emery Bay campout. Please look at the website for flyers and sign-up sheets. Last year at the campout, there were too many cars from day campers on Saturday. If at all possible, please	Sandy K.

	carpool. The July Intergroup, business meeting, which falls during the Emery Bay camp out, will be held August 1, at the Columbia Falls Senior center. Business meeting at 6:30, birthday meeting at 8 o'clock. Please take this back to your groups! The June Intergroup meeting will be on June 27 at the Columbia Falls Senior center. 6:30 Business meeting, 8 o'clock birthday meeting. Discussion regarding a disclaimer on the Intergroup website will be continued in old business June 27. The discussion will be as to if the disclaimer is necessary. Please come and join us at the Intergroup business meetings and celebrate the birthdays at 8 o'clock.	
	Zoom:	Open
Standing Committees/ Reports	Spring Roundup 2026: The 2026 Any Lengths Spring Roundup was a success. We survived. It was hard, but we made it. Life was lifey and the show went on. People died, people were being born, there were issues with situations where before there weren't even situations. The band was grinding through bass players at the rate of something like one a month, to the point of almost needing to fold. Folks were balking at the very parts of their positions that were actually the entire reasons for them standing for the position in the first place. We had folks pull out of their commitments after a year of getting established, and ones that held on but didn't show up until the final hour. There were people that came to 2 and half Committee Meetings out of 24. We had 2nd Tradition issues with folks that didn't understand the rest of the traditions. There were graduations to attend (one of which aligned with the roundup dates and kicked off the initial bass player chase.) There were print issues upon print issues. Is it Fall? Is it Spring? I dunno, The event is on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd- I'm guessing Spring.. And my personal favorite: (After the agenda is solidified and things had already gone to print.) "Hey, can our time slot happen on a different day at a different time?? I dunno, perhaps in the same time slot as dinner on a day opposite to the one we agreed to over a year ago?" Yeah totally.. No problem, "Easy Peasy" It'll be awesome. NO, sorry, That lil ship has already sailed.	Nino & Victoria

Yet...It all came together as if it had all been coming together. -

The 2026 Any Lengths Spring Roundup was incredible! As attendees arrived, Sarah W from the Canyon Group along with the Registration Team and Anthony M and the Greeters were our fellowship's first lines of contact. People were greeted with smiles and shown wonderful hospitality. Thank you EVERYONE! Folks were able to peruse the Awesome AA Literature table - Thanks to Ms. Susan H., They could check out the archives tables to learn more about local AA History- Thank you Rick! They could buy raffle tickets for a chance to win some of our amazing baskets- thanks to Antoinette, Mary, and all those amazing and generous inside contributions from individual AA members and a few of our local groups and meetings.

This really assisted in the offsetting of the event costs.

Thank you Antoinette and Mary - you both did an amazing job on the baskets, Antoinette on the raffle table and balloons, and Mary on those beautiful centerpieces for the dinner tables. -Those little camp scenes, I mean dang... Then..if our guests were feeling crafty, they could pull up a chair, grab a river rock, some paint and some paint brushes, and create themselves a recovery rock. If anywhere along the line, folks got snacky, they could just head up to the second floor and see Dave P. who was doing his best to keep folks caffeinated, hydrated, and snackified between meals. Thanks Dave. If any of the aforementioned bits of excitement caused people to need a meeting between workshops, they were able to just hit up the marathon meeting room or connect with their sponsors.

-Once the workshops got under way, things became action packed all day and ended with Live Music and Jam Session with The Burnings Desires, Thank you Winston W. and Blue Eagle Productions our Live DJ on Saturday Night. Thank you Dennis!

The Roundup Workshops throughout the weekend brought levity to learning, and experience, strength and hope was delivered. Thank you Libbie for overseeing all of the breakouts. Thank you Old Timers on the Old Timer Panel, first...well for not dyin, and second for sharing messages of hope and humor. Thank you Jerry and Alida and The Senior Recovery Tour. We appreciate you! Saturday and Sunday Mornings were kicked off by Ms. Christina R. as she led us in guided meditations, in hopes of helping us to stay grounded throughout the day. Gracias Christina! The Red Lion also survived another Roundup as well. It was interesting. I'll just stop there.

The Al-Anon Participation went very well. Their workshops and Speaker Luncheon went amazing. Thank You Ms. Arlene.

As far as the AA Speakers, these folks took stuff to a whole notha level. They carried messages of DEPTH and WEIGHT that definitely raised the bar for sharing one's story. We had Dean H, from Whitefish, a first timer from who kept it real and vulnerable, and Ralph W., and Theresa F. from L.A. who both managed to take attendees on a Road to Recovery that they had most definitely never taken. Back in Tha Day, we were part of the same home group and know that they have absolutely taken the road less travelled, to get here. 4808 Crenshaw Blvd South Central. From the hood to the woods, we came. They were phenomenal. Please, if you were unable to attend, ask someone who did. And If you're interested in hearing them, contact either Victoria or myself if you'd like to purchase recordings.

And saving the best for last- Thank you Victoria for being the best partner and co-chair I could have ever hoped for. I'm so proud of you! You navigated quite a bit of life during this whole ordeal, fiasco, blessing, service op, or whatever you might be referring to it as, today. You showed up, and you showed up, and you showed up some more. One day we even conducted an online meeting while we were huddled at the back of a concession stand at a concert, at what seemed to be the facility's one power outlet while we were attempting to charge my

	phone, and asked to stop doing whatever we were doing... We were goin to any lengths PEOPLE! They didn't know. good times.. The details of the financials will be in next month's report along with the treasurer's report as we will be having our Roundup Wrap Up Meeting soon. It will take you from the past roundup seed money that came in, payable/receivable reconciliation of the event, to the after-event splits and the seed money that will go to The Fall Roundup in Missoula for The Oct 2026 Love and Tolerance is our Code Conference. Thanks District 91 for allowing us to be of service. Respectfully, Nino and Victoria Gabaldon The End.	
Group Reports	Bigfork By the Bay May 16th, 2026, was our last business meeting held after the regular Saturday morning 9am meeting. Meetings all the same. Attendance has increased due to summer residents have returned. Our discussion about opening a Venmo account our group decided against it. Next business meeting we will discuss splits for District, Area, GSO, Area and Intergroup. Spring Assembly notes were brought to the May business meeting for discussion, notes were placed in the Bigfork by the Bay notebook for members to read at their convenience. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Lois L. GSR	Lois L.
	Canyon Group no report	Tyrone S.
	Chief Cliff Group	Open
	Columbia Falls Group My name is Katie V., and I am the GSR for the Columbia Falls Group. Here is my report for the month of May. We hold business meetings quarterly	Katie V.

	and we last met on Thursday May 14th at 7:15pm. This was an unofficial business meeting as I was giving my area assembly report since our next scheduled business meeting takes place Thursday July 16th at 7:15pm. I am currently serving as our intergroup representative. Meetings are weekly on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 8pm in the Chapel at the Vets Home in Columbia Falls.	
	Connection The connection meets on Tuesday nights at 8 PM at the big sky treatment center. We have quarterly (ask her if it's business meetings) meetings and we will have one in June. There's nothing new to report. Thank you!	Deborah R.
	Fresh Start – Dave P Rep for Fresh Start Group 6:30 am Monday thru Sunday @ Alano Club. Just my quick Report - Attendance is picking up! A good 30+ at 80% of meetings. Our business meeting had 14 folks show up. We are electing 2 new officers, Chair & Co-Chair. We are sponsoring our 11th Annual Fresh Start Picnic July 25th from Noon till 3pm at Lawrence Park in Kalispell. All are welcome!	Dave
	Girls Night Out Book Study We meet every Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 US Hwy 2 E., in Evergreen. Doors open at 5:30 pm for fellowship. We are currently reading "Voices of Women in AA: Stories of Experience, Strength and Hope." Our next book will be Language of the Heart. We are in the initial stages of planning our 3rd annual Fall Retreat, to be held in early October and open to any woman who attends the GNO meeting. Our next business meeting is on Wednesday, July 1st, after our regular meeting. We have several service positions open: Alternate GSR, CPC, Corrections, and Grapevine chairs. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.	Nancy S.
	Going to the Sun Group Things are well in the canyon. Our meeting is held every Thursday at 7pm at 215 Old School Ln. in Coram and is very well attended. We also have a potluck on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm. Our business meetings are now held on the 1st Thursday of the month shortly after 8pm.	Chris M.

	Happy Hour Group The group meets every Monday-Saturday at 5:30pm in the mural room at the Alano Club. We have "Wiener Wednesday" every 3rd Wednesday of the month, where there is hot dogs and potluck style gathering starting at 5pm, before the regular meeting time. Group is healthily attended.	Rhianna G.
	New Hope Group The New Hope business meeting was held May 7, 2026. New Hope meetings are held every day at noon and 7pm. NH needs a chairperson to cover the Speaker Seeker position. The speaker meeting is the first Saturday of every month at 7 o'clock. Antoinette will help the new chairperson. Gabby is the speaker on June 6. New Hope also needs a Grapevine Rep. Grateful to be of service, Sandy K.	Aryel M.
	Serenity Group The Serenity Group holds four meetings per week, in person M, T, F at 7 and Monday online at 7. At our last business meeting we voted by substantial unanimity to return to the original format for the Monday Beginner's Meeting. We tried a new format for about seven months and formed an ad hoc committee to assess its effectiveness. It was a great experiment which fostered home group engagement and also seemed to inspire people to consider how they shared, and whether they had fallen into a sharing rut, as some people do. All in all, a good time was had by all. See you at the Founder's Day Campout, June 12-14, unless you're going to Big Creek, in which case, have fun!	Alyson B.
	Somers/Lakeside Group permanent report: The Somers/Lakeside Group has open meetings, and anyone is welcome to attend. We meet every Monday at 7 pm in the basement of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 Hwy 93 South in Somers. Please use East entrance. Attendance has been growing over the past year with summer months seeing the largest turnout. The first Monday of the month is our 12 Step Meeting, where we read and comment on the corresponding step for that month. Meetings where a newcomer(s) may be present, we usually have a first step meeting, welcoming their presence. The last Monday of the month is our Birthday Meeting, where we acknowledge anyone who had a sobriety birthday that month and celebrate with	Open

	commemorative coins and refreshments. The other Mondays are open discussion. Meetings usually end by expressions of gratitude and a prayer.	
	Tobacco Valley Group	Deborah R.
	Whitefish Groups Whitefish Group Report for district meeting 5.30.26 • We have 2 new Entertainment chair persons who are super excited about organizing more fellowship activities. The hope is we are able to put together at least one event a month. They began with a 'Taco Night' on June 16th at Whitefish City Beach. It was a rainy evening, but we about 15 people attend and enjoyed a fire in metal 5-gallon bucket along with tacos and fellowship under the cover of the gazebo. • At the last GC meeting on May 4th we passed a motion to impose a yearlong 'sit-out' (suspension from attending WFG meetings) on a member whom we had been having safety and disruptive behavior issues for months • Meets at First Presbyterian 301 Central Ave Whitefish, MT • 3 meetings a day, 7 days a week: 7am; 12:30p, 8pm • ladies meeting on Tuesdays @ 6:30pm • men's meeting on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm • business meeting 1 st Monday of month @ 6:30pm • openers support meeting 2nd Monday of month @ 6:30pm opportunity to ask questions about things that may come up in a meeting that may be unusual or unsure how to handle.	Denise S.
	Fresh Start Attendance is picking up! A good 30+ at 80% of meetings. Our business meeting had 14 folks show up. We are electing 2 new officers Chair & Co-Chair We are sponsoring our 11th Annual Fresh Start Picnic July 25th from Noon till 3pm at Lawrence Park in Kalispell. All are welcome!	Dave P.
	Sunrise Group	Tim L.
District Reports		
	DCM Here is my district report for May. This month was all about getting the district inventory ready. I'm very	Eli S.

	happy for all who attended and I hope they bring what was discussed back to their respective groups. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend the Spring Roundup this past month but I am heartened to hear that there was a solid turnout. I have emailed our Area delegate Lisa C. about potential times that she will be available for a Delegates Day. When I hear back, I'll bring it to district, and we can plan the event.	
	Alternate DCM Nothing new to report.	Steve S.
	Treasurer – See attached Financial Report	Vince T.
	Secretary -	Kathryn L.
Old business		
	Election for Zoom Chair no one stood	
	Election for Secretary no one stood	
New Business		
	Election for PI Chair no one stood	
Next Meeting		
Closing	Motion to close by Chris and seconded by at Patrick 3:59 pm. Responsibility Statement was read.	
Attachments	Financial Report Letter from Pre-Release Center	

**District #91
Financial Report
April 30, 2026**

Bank Statement Ending Balance \$4,265.73

Outstanding Checks

#227 District #81 Pre-Assembly	(\$302.73)
#231 Danielle Keeler	(\$26.99)
EFT Harland Checks	(\$38.02)

Bank Statement Ending Balance \$3,897.99

Beginning Checkbook Balance \$4,726.26

Deposits April

Split Sunrise Group	\$220.50
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Split Tobacco Valley Group	\$150.00
Split Fresh Start	\$250.00

Checks Written April

#225 Post Office Box Rent	(\$196.00)
#226 District #91 Literature	(\$39.90)
#227 District #81 Pre-Assembly	(\$302.73)
#228 Eli S.	(\$388.23)
#229 Susan H.	(\$426.90)
#230 Alano Club Rent May/June 2026	(\$30.00)
#231 Danielle K.	(\$26.99)
EFT Harland Checks	(\$38.02)
Sub-Total Checks Written	(\$1,448.77)

Ending Checkbook Balance	\$3,897.99
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Prudent Reserve	(\$1,500.00)
Pink Can Reserve	(\$1,241.75)

Net Available Funds	\$1,156.24
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Governor Greg Gianforte | Director Eric Strauss

MEMO

To: All FRVC RESIDENTS

From: Beth and Jim *Ron*

Date: 5/6/26

Subject: Programing Change to Self Help Recovery Groups

MESSAGE

Please note the following change to FVRC program guidelines effective 5/7/26.

We started the program giving residents the option to attend self help recovery groups and unfortunately most residents are not doing this. Attending these groups during your free time is an important way to have success with recovery. Particularly if you have a charge related to substance abuse. Moving forward we will be structuring this similar to how other pre-releases operate.

If you are working towards moving up to Phase 3 you must attend a minimum of 2 Self Help Recovery Groups per week, for 4 weeks that are verified by the facilitator on the attached sheet. Residents who have been working towards Phase 3 may be eligible to "Pro Rate" this requirement for moving up with case management and treatment team approval.

If you are already a Phase 3 or 4, to maintain your current phase, you must also attend a minimum of 2 Self Help Recovery Groups per week and complete the verification form. Being on Phase 3 or 4 means that you are working your program and setting an example for others. Any current Phase 3 or 4 is expected to take on this new requirement with a positive attitude. If a Phase 3 or 4 resident is complaining about this new program requirement and having a negative attitude about it, they may be phased down. As a Phase 3 or 4, you may attend any of the in house options or attend a meeting in the community that is a pre approved by your casew^e manager, pre arranged, pass where you have your own approved transportation. *GROUP*

Attached is a list of many different types of recovery groups, and a copy of the Self Help Verification Paper. You may select which ones you prefer and you may also try different ones. There are 2 groups per week that are held in person at FVRC. Saturdays 800pm-900pm Alcoholics Anonymous, and Sundays 700pm-800pm Narcotics Anonymous, both held in the atrium. Additionally you may attend any of the virtual or online groups that are listed. To get credit for attending virtual meetings you will need to use our FVRC chromebooks to view and participate, and you must do this where a staff can see you so they can sign your verification.

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