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Delegate's Update - Andrew W.

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An update from your Delegate

I spent a week in New York, April 20 – 28, at the General Service Conference (GSC) as the delegate for Area 40. It was my first GSC and it was a great experience. I enjoyed myself and felt very well prepared for the conference. I hope by now that GSRs have received a copy of Box 459 that discusses highlights of the GSC. I won't go into details about the conference here (I'll do that in my delegate's report).

Speaking of my delegate's report, I hope I get a chance to see many of you around Montana this summer. I have already given four delegate's reports on the GSC, at the Spring

Roundup in Butte on May 18, in Eureka for District 91 on May 19, at the Grapefest in Helena on June 2, at a campout in Dillon on June 3, and at Founders Day in Missoula on June 9. I will be giving my report at a number of places across Montana this summer. I hope to see many of you in my travels this summer. Here is a list, by district, of when I am scheduled to give my delegate's report:

District 11 Sunday, August 12 (place to be determined)
 District 12 Saturday, August 11, Fireman's Point campout
 District 21 *Nothing scheduled yet...*
 District 23 Saturday,

August 18, Lower Yellowstone Soberfest in Glendive
 District 31 Sunday, August 19, Miles City
 District 41 Saturday, June 30, Founders Day in Great Falls
 District 42 Saturday, July 28, Lake Francis campout
 District 51 Saturday, July 21 (place to be determined)
 District 61 Saturday, June 2, Grapefest in Helena
 District 71 Sunday, June 3, Barrett Park campout neat Dillon
 District 72 Saturday, July 14 (place to be determined)
 District 81 Saturday, June 9, Founders Day in Missoula

Special points of interest:

- Briefly highlight your point of interest here.

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CPC Activity Update Response, Area 40

You requested sharing of experience in reaching out to black/ African American clergy and other professionals that serve the black community. The context of

the request is the tragically low percentage of black AA members in the USA and Canada according to our 2004 Membership Survey. I have made the request to our Districts, and will

share responses.

According to government census data, Montana's population (around 946,000 people state-wide) is 90.9% white, .4% black, 6.4% American Indian and

District 91
Sunday, May 19, Eureka
District 93
Sometime during the week
end of August 4-5

Some (but not all) of these events have a flyer posted on the Area 40 web site (on our calendar page),

www.aa-montana.org. Feel free to come to any of these that you want to. You can also talk to the DCM of a district for more information about the event in that district.

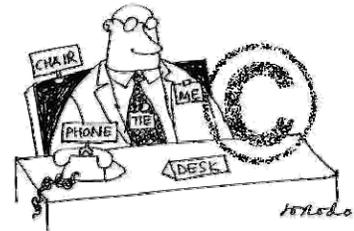
It is not too early to start planning a trip to the West Central Re-

gional Forum. The 2007 West Central Regional Forum (WCRF) will be held September 7 – 9 in Omaha, Nebraska. The WCRF is held every two years and rotates around the eight areas in the West Central Region. This is an opportunity to meet folks from the General Service Board, the General Service Office, and the Grapevine staff. It is a chance for anyone to ask questions and enhance communication between A.A. members, the General Service Board and GSO and Grapevine staff. There is no registration fee for this event. You can find more information about this event, including a

registration form, by following the links from the Area 40 web site, starting at our calendar page.

Yours in love and service,
Andrew W

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CPC Activity Update Response, Area 40 (Cont. from page 1)

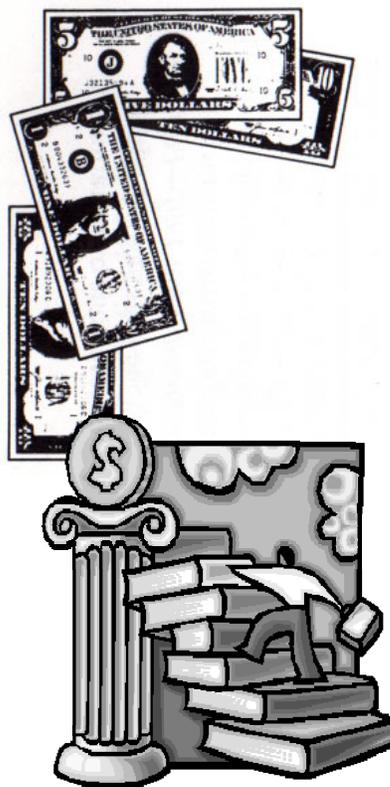
Alaska Native, .6% Asian, and 1.5% mixed race. There may be little to no outreach by our local Districts and their Groups to professionals dealing with the black community. There just isn't much of a black presence in Montana. There may be some information forthcoming from (what we consider to be) our larger cities.

I expanded the information request to pose the same question for our largest racial minority in Montana, Native Americans. I will forward any information I receive about outreach in either category.

Would you please keep me in the loop on responses you receive? Perhaps some of our Districts and Groups will find ideas we can adapt from what is happening elsewhere.

Yours truly,
Terry S
Area 40 CPC
Standing Committee Chair

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A Message from your area Treasurer...

Dear Area 40 Officers and Committee Chairs...

I have sent out an Acrobat (pdf) version of the May 31 financials for The Area, including detail of Pre-Assembly expenses. (I have the same information in four separate Excel documents if any of you are unable to access the pdf version.) Please consider the budget questions listed below. You will each be asked to submit a proposed budget for your committee or project to me sometime later this summer -- more details to come.

Beyond simply being informed of the current status of our finances, many of you have the task of developing your committee's part of a budget to be submitted for approval at the Fall Assembly. One useful resource will be to look carefully at your actual spending in 2007 versus the budget that you started the year with.

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Which of your activities or expenses have the highest priority? What financial resources should be included in the 2008 budget to be sure that the needs of Area 40 are being met by your committee? Your task will be to submit a draft budget for your committee or project to me later this summer (again, I'll get back to you regarding the deadline). The Finance Committee will then review all the various requests and suggest a proposed budget to be considered at the Fall Assembly. As you will notice from the statements, the Area has used most of its operating reserve in the first five months

of 2007. The required boost in the Prudent Reserve to over \$15,000 played a part in reducing the operating reserve, but more importantly, group contributions have not kept pace with our spending. The Area's spending is heavier at the beginning of the year because of the Pre-Assemblies and the General Service Conference. The rate of group contributions may increase in the next few months. It's difficult to predict. Without knowing how group contributions will come in over the next few months, I would now predict that Area 40 will need to lower its budget for 2008 by several thou-

sand dollars. We should each be thinking about the Area's priorities and discussing options within our home groups, Districts, and around the Area. The more thoughtful discussion generated about the Area's service priorities BEFORE the Fall Assembly the better.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about these financial statements, the budgeting process, agenda items you are proposing, or anything else related to Area 40 finances.

Yours in service,
Curt K
Area 40 Treasurer

District News

District 72 meeting schedule change...

The Tuesday Night at 8 group is moving! The New meeting place is The Journey Church Office
851 Bridger Drive, Suite #4
Bozeman, MT - This change is as of June 2007. For directions, contact Becky W

District 12 Invites you to...

"District 12 invites you to the Fireman's Campout and Barbeque" - "Fishing, Floating, Fellowship"

The Fireman's Campout and Barbecue
August 10 - 12
Fishing, Floating and Fellowship on the Stillwater River
Speakers will be Andrew W and



Bert E. Andrew, as you know, is your Area 40 Delegate and will give his Delegates report and Bert E is from Red Lodge with 41 years sobriety. Talk about an OLD TIMER!!!! For more information, contact Dave R or Steve G

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, August 11, Fireman's Point campout

Saturday, August 18, Lower Yellowstone Soberfest in Glendive

August 31, September 1 & 2, 24th Annual Ray of Hope Camporee - Flathead Lake

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7 - 9, West Central Regional Forum, Omaha, NE

Saturday and Sunday, September 22 & 23, Fall Assembly, Area 40 - Yogo Inn, Lewistown, MT

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 28 - 30, Fall Roundup, Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT

Thursday through Sunday - October 25 through 28, 17th Annual Native American Indian Convention, Billings, MT

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - October 26, 27 and 28, Women's Recovery Weekend, Lutheran Church Camp, Flathead Lake, MT

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