

The Triangle

AA Archives and Archivist

From Your Area Archives Chair

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Greetings to all AA's in Area 40 and beyond! My name is Dennis O. and I'm an alcoholic, sober since October 12, 1984. My home group is the Flathead Valley Serenity Group. I am grateful to have this opportunity to share about AA Archives, in this edition of our fine Area newsletter. (I'm sure you are noticing the great job our editor Carole is doing and how I look forward to each new issue.)

As I considered how to start this article, I recalled a sentence from Chapter 5 of the Big Book than many often refer to as they start to tell their story: "Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now." The last sentence of the forward to the Third Edition: "Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength and hope." (by telling of our stories)

When you think about it, telling our stories is at the core of how our program works. When we do our best to be truthful, accurate, and humble in our stories—and be willing to be of ser-

vice to our fellows, we place ourselves in a position to help others, help our groups, which we can stay sober without, and keep ourselves sober. So, our stories are an essential core ingredient of our fellowship. Key to the success of our program is the taking of the 12 steps, hopefully with a sponsor—who shares experience, strength and hope through personal stories—tracing exactly the same path to recovery that was blazed by the earliest members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Throughout our literature are countless stories that have been preserved for our edification. Our first publication, the "Big Book", as emphasized by the importance of our stories, has as title to Chapter One – "Bill's Story". If you took all the personal and second person stories out of our book, there wouldn't much left—and it probably wouldn't be very believable. Even "The Doctor's Opinion" has some great stories passed on to us by the great doctor, driving home his main points in a way that any alcoholic with any willingness can relate to. Read the last full page of "The Doctor's Opinion" to see what I mean. In fact,

note the full title of the book, two pages before the table of contents – "Alcoholics Anonymous, The Story of How Many Thousands of Men and Women Have Recovered from Alcoholism."

The idea for organizing an historic collection of the Fellowship's records came from co-founder Bill W. in the early 1950's. Bill was becoming increasingly concerned that "the history of Alcoholics Anonymous is still veiled in the deep fog." Knowing that the office correspondence was loosely maintained in the drawers of the General Headquarters, he set out to arrange our historic records. He personally recorded old-timers' recollections in the Akron/Cleveland area: he sent out boxes of blank tapes to others, encouraging them to record their recollections.

Bill's far reaching vision outlined an archival message that is still sound today. As he said: "Every one of the new and unexpected developments in AA has, lying just underneath, an enormous amount of dramatic incident and experience – stories galore. It isn't hard to prepare a fact sheet of what happened—that is, dates when people come in, groups started and so forth. The

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hard thing to lay hold of is the atmosphere of the whole proceedings and anecdotal material that will make the early experience alive.”

After many decades of tireless organizing and arranging, the General Service Office (GSO) Archives room was opened with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony in November 1975. Since then, the GSO archivist and the trustees serving on the Archives Committee of the General Service Board have encouraged the importance of archival service, which is vital to the survival of the Fellowship. As a result of that work, today almost all areas have archival collections and there is a significant growth at the district level. In Area 40, most districts have an archives chair with growing collections. More and more groups are now maintaining collections too. My home group has a collection of organized scrapbooks and photo albums which are fun to display at weekend speaker events and group inventories.

Historical records help us to sift through our day to day experience in recovery and reach back for shared experience from the past. As we sort out the myth from the facts, we ensure that our original message of recovery, unity, and service remains the same in a changing, growing, expanding Fellowship that constantly renews itself.

Archives are frequently associated with the past, but they are also linked with true value. We maintain records of permanent value so we can go back and consult the original sources again and again.

If you are in a group or district that doesn't have an archives—and/or no active archivist, an invaluable aid in guiding a new person in such a service position is the Archives Workbook, which can be purchased through AA World Services Literature Catalog (item #M-44I, for \$2.50 each). If your group or district wants to start an archives, I would suggest

buying several workbooks and let everyone read it, then have a discussion on just what you want to preserve, how and where to store things, etc. Try to avoid just dumping stuff in boxes or sacks with the thought that you'll organize it later. For example, it is easy to get buried in flyers, but it can be very useful in the planning of annual events, if the flyers are dated and in a 3-ring binder.

The Mission Statement of the GSO Archives can be very useful in adopting it to local group or district use:

Mission: The Archives of Alcoholics Anonymous is the repository of personal collections, manuscripts, publications, photographs and memorabilia related to the origin and the development of the AA Fellowship.

Purpose: Consistent with AA's primary purpose of maintaining our sobriety and helping other alcoholics achieve recovery, the Archives of Alcoholic Anonymous will:

- Receive, classify and index all relevant material, such as administrative files and records, correspondence, and literary and artifactual works considered to have historical importance to AA.
- Hold and preserve such material
- Provide access as determined by the archivist in consultation with the trustees' Archives Committee, to members of Alcoholics Anonymous and to those of the public who may have a valid need to review such material with a commitment to preserve the anonymity of our members.

(Adopted November 3, 2003 by the General Service Board of AA)

The Archives Workbook includes sections on the Role of the Archives Committee, the Role of the Archivist, What to Collect, Setting up a Repository, Preservation Work, Research

Work, Anonymity in Archives, Ownership of Material, Guidelines for Collecting Oral Histories, Archives Committee Activities, Various details about Archives work at GSO, Reference Information and Resources. As in all AA workbooks, guidelines are only suggested, and are based on the growing amount of AA experience.

Several years ago, I spent a lot of time researching my family histories on both my mom and dad's sides of our family. In a couple of summers, I traveled many miles, visited old homesteads, farms and cemeteries, took pictures, walked empty streets, spent time in old courthouses going through huge books of land registers, marriage licenses, etc. The goal was to learn more about my family. But the big surprise was that I came to a new and cleaner understanding of myself. Likewise when I study and research some of AA's history by digging into material that fortunately was archived for the benefit of all of us, I come to a clearer and more meaningful understanding of myself as a sober alcoholic, and gratitude just seems to well up in me as a result of my "digging". It is my wish that all of you can have similar experiences.

Not only is it fun to learn about AA history, but the more AA's who know our past—at every level from home groups to GSO—the more likely we, as a fellowship and program of recovery, will survive and flourish as the same program that has saved our lives, and has given us the "keys to the kingdom". Maintaining our Archives makes this possible.

I love you all,

Dennis O.

Archives at the Group or District Level-Our Old-timers

The whole idea of organizing stuff can be overwhelming for some people. Yet, I have had some of my most precious moments when I had the opportunity to look at collections of "organized stuff." There are many memories of serving as an Area 40 delegate that flood my heart and mind. Being in the GSO archives and taking a trip to Stepping Stones are two of my fondest.

The very idea of organizing our AA history in a collection came from one of our co-founders. Bill W. personally recorded old-timers' recollec-

tions from the Akron/ Cleveland areas. He encouraged others to do the same. Our AA history consists of stories galore. The stories-not just the facts- make our history.

How many of us first read the stories in the back of our brand new Big Book? Facts about AA in the opening pages, steps and directions for taking them, traditions both long and short are there for us. But the stories, the words that tell me the atmosphere and the anecdotes of being sick with this disease, finding a helping hand, and discovering a personal Higher Power give great hope.

These sparks of experience, strength and hope exist in the members of your group and other groups

in your district. Fan the sparks! Take a blank tape and meet with a fellow alcoholic. Record their recollections of their first meeting, an experience with sponsorship or perhaps their tenure in a certain service position. Have them write down their favorite tool or slogan in their own handwriting. Keep all these treasures together in a notebook.

When the next newcomer looks skeptical, thinking this can't really work, tell them it can and has for many years right here in this place. Share your archives of older members, still present or at the Big Meeting. Light the next fire of hope.

Robbie S., Whitefish

Electing an Archivist

At the upcoming Spring Assembly, we will be electing an Archivist. The Archivist is responsible for maintaining and adding to the Area 40 archives.

What is the Area Archives and what is its purpose? The archives is where we in AA store documents, books, records and oral histories which relate primarily to Area 40, the districts and groups within it. The reason for archives is to gather together those items which will allow us to document our history.

Alcoholics Anonymous is an odd organization, in that we do not maintain any membership lists, seldom keep records of how groups began, who started them, and how they have grown.

The Area Archivist duties include:

1. Locating our past Area Delegates and Chairmen, interviewing them with regard to their

role in our area's history, and obtain any materials they have for the archives.

2. Locating and taping interviews of old timers' memories of their groups, districts, intergroups, and area. Our AA history is in their heads. It is critical that we record it before their deaths.
3. Transcribing the oral history tapes.
4. Obtaining a complete set of minutes from past area assemblies, district and intergroup meetings.
5. Maintaining complete sets of the Triangle, district and intergroup newsletters.
6. Obtaining from area and district roundups the minutes, financial records, the program, and tapes of speakers.
7. Collecting copies of newspaper articles published in Montana about AA.
8. Obtaining a copy of all the

books and pamphlets published by Works Publishing, AA Foundation or AA World Services.

9. Collecting old directories, especially from Area 40, but also national, international, from prisons and institutions, and Loners Internationalist directories.
10. Keeping on file GSO publications such as conference reports, Box 459, and GSO quarterly reports.
11. Filing correspondence with GSO.
12. Maintaining a complete set of the AA Grapevine
13. Maintaining a catalog of the Area 40 Archive holdings.

The Archivist is the person who is charged with sorting, indexing, storing, and making these materials available. The archives are housed in the same community where the archivist lives.

If you are interested in the position, please contact an Area Committee Member.

From Your Area Delegate—Trustees' Board Meeting

Greetings Area 40:

I just returned from New York and the January meeting of the General Service Board. On the way home, I was trying to put into words the experience and what I had learned over those four short days.

The results of the meetings are written on many sheets of paper and will be available as the agenda comes out for the 56th General Service Conference coming up this April. The results of what I learned will be available in God's time as we go through this pre-Conference procedure together. Simply, I believe I am more informed and hope to be a better source of information for my Area.

We started on Friday morning at the General Service Office with orientation to the conference procedures. Presentations were given by Arnold R., Chairperson of the Trustees' Committee on the Conference, Leonard Blumenthal, Chair of the General Service Board, Tom K., Vice-Chairperson of the Trustees' Committee on the Conference, Rick W., GSO Staff serving on the Conference Desk, and Greg M., Manager of

the General Service Office. In addition, on Friday was the usual AA meeting at the office, lunch and then a few hours with the Trustees' Committee conference secretary, Gayle R., GSO staff member. I have the pleasure to serve as the Delegate Chair for the Conference Committee on Trustees for the next conference and Gayle was an invaluable source of information and insight.

Saturday and Sunday were spent in the Trustees' committee meetings. This is where the rubber hit the road. Each item was dissected, reviewed, analyzed and reviewed again for content, wording, and clarity. I was impressed with the care each item was given to be sure of its need and intent. Let me assure you, there are no "them versus us" in our Fellowship. The Trustees are appropriately named – trusted servants.

Monday was the culmination of the weekend with the General Service Board meeting. Each of the committee chairs (either a Class A– non alcoholic or Class B Trustee) gave their report from the weekend with accompanying recommendations. Very much like our Area Assembly. The recommendations were debated thor-

oughly with the end result being the establishment of the agenda for the next General Service Conference.

Of the four items Area 40 put forth to be considered for inclusion on the next conference agenda, all went forward. The two items regarding shipping & handling and discounts of our Literature will be on the Finance Committee Agenda. The item concerning additions to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" will also be on the Finance Committee agenda. The item concerning the number of odd and even panel Delegates will be on the Policy and Admissions Committee Agenda.

The weekend was an amazing process to watch and be a part of. I would enthusiastically encourage anyone who has the time, energy and resources to make your self available to be of service to our Fellowship. There is an abundance of service work available.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Scott W.

From the District 61 Archives Chair

My interest in archives began about ten years ago, when Tom W., then Archivist for the Area, asked me to type up some of his interviews. I got to type up (and listen to) the archives interviews of Louie F., Mel M., Marvin W., Faye W., and Dick S. Four of those five are no longer with us. To my knowledge, no one in Helena had conducted any archives interviews since that time, and many old timers had passed without their histories being recorded.

In the past year, Justin H. and my-

self have interviewed the following oldsters. Followed by their sobriety year and learned much of the history of Helena AA:

Robert M. (1975); Nancy T. (1978); Kathy H. (1979); Ray B. (sobered 1983); Thom K. (sobered 1974); George Mc F. (1979); Ed S. (1965); Jean O. (1973); Rico T. (1983); Cora K. (1977); Gary D. (1975); Bridget V. (1965); Dallas M. (1969); Carleen L. (1980) and Richard L. (1983).

It's been a blast, and we've got a

long list of people yet to go. Tom W. has come over from Missoula to help us learn how to do the interviews and has been a great help. We also did an archives workshop with Dennis N. and Tom W., Jean O. and Gary D. presenting.

Don't let your district history get away.

Laurie C.

If It Ain't Old, It Ain't Cool

Do you remember when you first thought about going to AA? At that moment, could you see that it held any potential for becoming a positive, enjoyable and fulfilling way of life? Do you remember when you first thought about getting into service work? Did that seem to be where "things were hap'nin'?" I remember, and the answer for me, in both cases, was an emphatic **NO!** When I first thought of Archives, two words came to mind – dusty and boring. After learning a little about the program and its history I could envision a collection of rare 1st edition Big Books, or cool old pictures, but still with dust on them, and oh yeah, boring.

Anyone who has become involved in general service work in AA has a story of how that came to be for them. I have mine, but that is for another issue of the Triangle. The one with the theme "I was tricked into service work, but I survived!" It is enough to say here that I got busy and I got better.

A few years back I was given the opportunity to serve as the Archives chair for District 61. When I assumed my duties I was given a quick tour of the District Archive which, at that time, consisted of a couple of file cabinets that were half full of material, several boxes of material needing to be filed, and a huge pile of records, reports, flyers, etc. that also needed to find a home. My first thought was "UGH! What a mess!" (Seems to me I recall saying the same thing during my first 4th step.) By the end of that service rotation, and with a lot of help from others who were also desperate enough to go to any length, all that unorganized material made it out of the piles and into the files, resulting in a safe, more complete Archive for District 61. What I got out of the deal was one of the most rewarding ser-

vice experiences I've yet had in AA.

In the process of going through the material to determine where to put it, I had the opportunity to read a ton of information about the collective experience, strength and hope of District 61, Area 40, and AA in general. The benefit this process held for me was the same that I get whenever I hear someone in the program share their personal experience, strength and hope with me. I learned about things that others before me had tried that didn't work, and things that they tried that were a great success. I learned that I can't do as much by myself as I can if I ask for help, I also learned a bit about personal responsibility and accountability, the importance of asking the guidance of a higher power, and the need for and the benefits of, reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic - the list could go on and on.

Boiled down to the basics, service work in Archives is the accumulation, preservation and sharing of our collective experience, strength and hope as a fellowship. We all know that something very important happens when we begin sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other. It is here where we identify with each other, and where we identify ourselves, as alcoholics. It is here where recovery begins.

One might ask how shuffling some old minutes and flyers around is "helping the still suffering alcoholic." The answer is simple really. Imagine what AA would be like if no one could recall what things were like 5, 10, 20 years ago? We would be constantly repeating mistakes we've made over and over again, wondering "when will we get this thing right?" Sound familiar? Many times as alcoholics we develop "burning desires" that, to us, seem to require immediate action or "big problems will result". I am as guilty of this as anyone. Our experience is what guides us in sobriety, and oftentimes, lacking sufficient experience in this new way of life ourselves, we find it necessary to rely on the experience of another who

has "been there, done that.". Our Archives provide a factual history of past experiences in the areas of treatment, corrections, literature, etc., that acts as a guide in helping us do a better job by maintaining a continuity of service to the still suffering alcoholic. Thus, we do not have to reinvent the wheel whenever we begin a new service assignment, or burning desire.

One very cool thing I realized when serving as Archives Chair was how this program can take a bunch of erratic, self-serving alcoholics and help them to become a responsible, effective and consistent fellowship of service. One of my favorite things to do in this position was to bring copies of 20 + year-old newsletters to our district meetings being held in the same month of the year that the newsletter was published in. It was amazing to see that even though names had changed, District 61 was continuing to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic, trying its best to be prudent with money, preparing for Area Assembly, discussing issues as they relate to the Traditions, etc. Somehow, by uniting together, we alcoholics have found reason to hope that where once chaos was the only reoccurring pattern in our lives, stability, consistency, and even predictability can occur instead.

Having a lot of experience is of little use to anyone but yourself, unless you share it with another person. We don't come to meetings and just sit there gaining sobriety as the dust accumulates on us. Just as we share our experience strength and hope with each other at meetings, our collective experience, strength and hope needs to be shared as well. That is the purpose of our Archive. My experience is this; service work in AA has been a positive, enjoyable and fulfilling experience, and service work in Archives is where it's hap-nin. "Pass it on."

Gerry R., Helena

GSO's Response to Area 40's Literature Proposals

At the 2005 Fall Assembly, Area 40 approved four items for consideration by the 56th General Service Conference. The four proposals were forwarded to the Conference Coordinator at the General Service Office in October. Area 40 received a reply on two of the items on December 28.

The following is a copy of the information Area 40 received from the General Service Office.

Dear Scott:

This letter is a follow-up to your correspondence dated October 17, 2005 on behalf of Area 40 requesting that the 2006 Conference consider the following proposals:

- (1) Consider the elimination of the freight charge of 10% for literature orders under \$250.00.
- (2) Consider the elimination of volume discounts on literature orders. In addition, the board reviewed an area request that shipping charges be dropped to those purchasers of less than \$250.00 or that the 10% postage and handling charge be inclusive of all purchasers".

As indicated in the Conference coordinator's letter dated October 19, 2005, your letter was forwarded to the A.A. World Services (AAWS) Board for discussion and the following is from the minutes of the December 9, 2005, AAWS Board meeting:

"The Directors expressed unanimous support for the AAWS literature pricing policy, whereby a motion was made, seconded and passed to reaffirm the AAWS Boards' policy on literature pricing, as approved on January 28, 2005, and restated below:

"The AAWS Finance Committee

recommended the 2005 budget to the Board, which approved it and forwarded it to the trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee for review. (This budget includes an increase of \$1.00 per title on books published by AAWS, except for all formats of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The price increase will take effect July 1, 2005. This budget includes a handling charge applicable to literature orders under \$250.00, effective July 1; and also includes a thorough review of General Service Board and G.S.O. expenses, with adjustments which have reduced expenses from the prior year.)"

Attached to the letter, is a document titled "A.A. Publishing: Continuing Principled and Practical Services" prepared by A.A. World Services' Publications Department that will provide an explanation for the current policy.

During the Board's discussion, it was reiterated that the AAWS Board was operating within its delegated authority to set pricing policy and that the policy reflects the spiritual basis of self-support at all levels, i.e., the cost of producing literature and providing services to members and groups. Further, the Board requested that all correspondence be forwarded to the trustees' Conference Committee including this response for discussion at their January 2006 Meeting.

The following is a copy of the previously mentioned document.

A.A. Publishing: Continuing Principled and Practical Services Background

AAWS published and distributes A.A. Conference-approved literature and service material for A.A. members and groups, and for others interested in the A.A. way of life. AAWS succeeded Works Publishing, the corporation established by Bill

W. and early members to publish and sell the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

From the early days of Works Publishing to the present, AAWS books and other literature are high quality publications reasonably priced, (1) allowing for a small profit to cover publishing costs (in line with the principle of self-support) and to underwrite a portion of services provided by the General Service Office (G.S.O.) for all A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada. Contributions by A.A. members and groups to the General Service Board continue to be the main source of funding services provided by G.S.O. Contributions have risen gradually, but not enough to come close to offsetting the increased burden created by handling and shipping expenses that have outpaced stringent cost-reduction measures instituted by AAWS and G.S.O.

AAWS looked for alternatives to increasing literature prices if other options were more practical and could achieve the necessary balance. Over the years, we encouraged A.A. groups to purchase literature through their local Area, District, Central or Intergroup Office, service offices that often purchase A.A. literature in quantity at lower costs per book or unit.

AAWS had to face the reality of the difference in costs of smaller literature orders – an average cost of fulfilling and shipping one Big Book (\$6.00) from our warehouse in Kansas City to a group in the U.S. is \$11.00 (2), while keeping in mind their fundamental responsibility of group services and self-support, as well as prudent publishing operations. In early 2005, AAWS

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recognized that, based on the inequitable cost of shipping small orders, it could no longer justify subsidizing the cost of shipping these orders when the expense that has proven to be beyond the most prudent cost controls.

Solution:

- Effective July 1, 2005 – AAWS initiated price increases of \$1.00 on all books except the Big Book.
- At the same time, AAWS instituted a handling-shipping charge of 10% to be added to all literature orders totaling less than \$250.00, with a minimum charge of \$3.00 per order.
- AAWS continues to encourage

groups to obtain literature through local A.A. offices, or, if impractical, for several groups to get together to place larger orders of \$250.00 or more that would not be subject to a handling-shipping charge, and would also realize the lower prices for quantity orders.

A.A. World Services' Publications Department is keenly aware that self-support is where money and spirituality mix and is truly interested in any suggestion to help improve services to groups and members. Daily, we are inspired by the Twelfth Step work of individual members, groups, local offices and service structures, each guided by A.A.'s primary purpose, to carry its

message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

- (1) The \$6.00 price of our Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Big Book) is comparable to a \$20.00 to \$30.00 book produced by retail publishing companies.
- (2) By comparison, an order for 100 Big Books shipped in the U.S. costs about \$50.00, or 50 cents for each Big Book.

You might be an alcoholic if..
You think your patients on the ICU ward are a little needy.

Upcoming General Service Conference

Greetings everyone:

At each General Service Conference, Wednesday morning is set aside for discussion of the workshop topic. The topic for the 56th General Service Conference is "Passing It On in a Changing World". The attendees of the Conference are broken up into groups of approximately 15 people and we spend a couple of hours discussing the topic. I recently received a copy of some questions that will be utilized to facilitate the sharing session and would like to receive your input on the questions.

1. How does a changing world affect what your group is doing today to carry the A.A. message to newcomers?
2. Bill W. originally called the Traditions "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future." How are

the Traditions fulfilling that purpose 60 years later?

3. How does your group convey that the responsibility for self-support includes giving of effort and time in addition to money?
4. What current issues do you feel affect A.A. that need to be talked about? Why do you feel they are important? What changes would you like to see as a result of these discussions?

If you choose to participate, I would like to receive your input by the Area Assembly. Again, if you so choose this may give you time to discuss the questions at your Home Group, your District and such.

The amount of time spent at the workshop has come under question lately due to the amount of time it

consumes during Conference week. However, this year's topic I believe is not only timely but has some real teeth in it. I look forward to sharing Area 40's conscience on the topic.

Thank you in advance for your input. If you choose not to have any input, that is okay too.

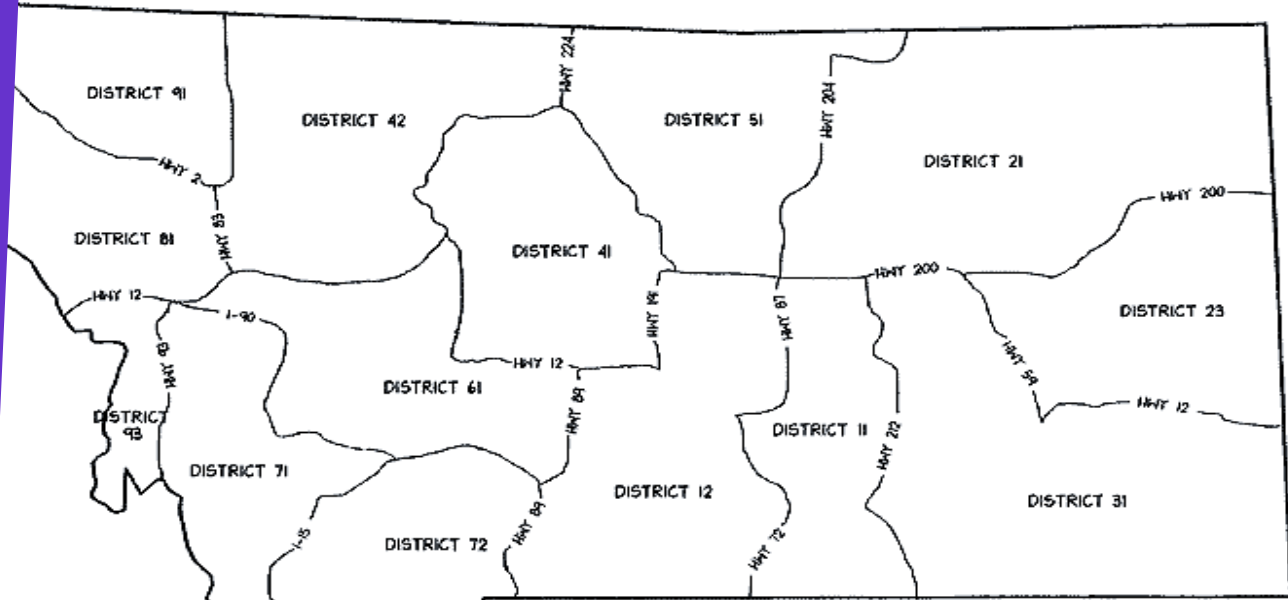
In Service,

Scott W.

Panel 55, Area 40

Overheard at meetings:

To take advantage of an "opportunity of a lifetime," you have to act during the lifetime of the opportunity .



District 11—Billings

District 12—Laurel

District 21—Wolf Point/Glasgow

District 23—Glendive

District 31—Miles City

District 41—Great Falls

District 42—Cut

Bank/Choteau/ Shelby

District 51—Havre

District 61—Helena

District 71—Butte

District 72—Bozeman

District 81—Missoula

District 91—

Kalispell/Whitefish/ Eureka

District 93—Bitterroot Valley

Triangle Tidbits

- Thanks to all of you who submitted articles for this issue of the Triangle. The next Triangle issue will be dedicated to the Spring Assembly. The Agenda of the Assembly as well as reports from the General Service Conference will be contained in the issue. If you would like to share your experience with us, please do so by submitting an article.
- The next issue will come out in mid-March. Deadline for submission of articles is March 7, 2006. Send to the address below.
- I'm still looking for "You might be an alcoholic if..." and "Overheard at Meetings" to use. Please send one in if you have one or I'll keep quoting my sponsor and the goofy people in my home group.
- If you are having an event and would like it listed, please provide the information to the address below.
- Check your subscription date located on the mailing label. If your subscription has expired, please mail \$10 to the Triangle at the address below. Checks should be payable to Area 40. If your group cannot afford the subscription, you will continue to receive a copy.
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- Contributions to Area 40 should be mailed to Area 40 Treasurer, PO Box 495, Helena, MT 59624.

You might be an alcoholic if.... A man you "dated" told you that you were more fun than a pocket full of frogs.

Calendar of Events

- **KALISPELL-Into Action Weekend- February 17 & 18**—Mary M. 862-8314, Katy H. 253-2612, Clark P 755-5294 or email: mtnmare@centurytel.net
- **MINNEAPOLIS, MN—West-Central Regional Service Conference- March 3-5**- Scott W. 238-9895 www.aamontana.org
- **BILLINGS- Pre-Assembly- March 11**- Linda B.—656-0727
- **HELENA—Pockets of Enthusiasm—March 17 & 18, 2006**—Pat K. 449-4639 www.aapockets.org
- **GREAT FALLS-Mad Hatter's Tea**-Brian M. 452-2568
- **HAMILTON-Pre-Assembly- March 25**- Mary H. 777-4226
- **GREAT FALLS- Pre-Assembly- April 1**-Brian M. -452-2568
- **LEWISTOWN—Area 40 Spring Assembly- April 8-10** - Andrew W. 777-5136 www.aamontana.org
- **BOZEMAN—Spring Roundup-June 2- 4**—Kurt W. 586-4635
- **BIG TIMBER- Beartooth Mountain Conference—June 23-25**-Jesse V. www.Beartoothmountainconference.com
- **BILLINGS—Fall Roundup—September 8-10**—Don B. 656-0727
- **LEWISTOWN—Area 40 Fall Election Assembly—September 16-17**— Andrew W.777-5136
- **KALISPELL—Fall Refresher—Oct 14-15**—Paul W. 892-0278
- **SAN ANTONIO, TX—AA's 75th Birthday Party—July 1-4, 2010**

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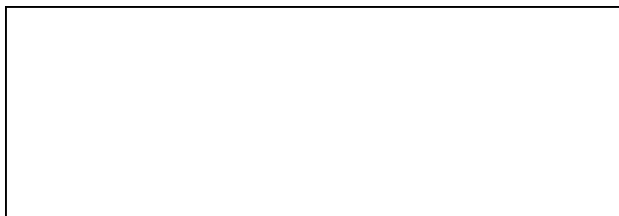
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