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South Central MT Intergroup Report

South Central Montana Intergroup meets monthly with the IGR's of our groups to get a good feel for the AA Community that we serve & support, we are currently meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month @ 1:30 pm. Following the monthly District 11 meeting. A representative of Intergroups Operating Committee attends both the District 11 & 12 meetings on an alternating basis to keep the lines of communication open and be of service when at all possible.

There are currently 29 groups between the 2 Districts, with 166 meetings per week total.

Over the last year one group disbanded, but another group formed to keep the totals static. Intergroup maintains the meeting list and prints anywhere from 3000-4000 copies per year. They are distributed by the IGR's and additional copies are kept in the Bookstore.

We publish our monthly Newsletter and distribute copies to all the groups and Districts.

The Newsletter is a convenient forum for any group or District to advise the AA Community of upcoming events by including flyers. The Newsletter routinely includes the minutes of our meetings as well as the Area events Calendar, Service opportunities within Intergroup, as openings

become available and any changes to the meeting schedule prior to new meeting lists being printed

The Bookstore is fully stocked with Conference Approved literature, and is staffed every Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00 pm, with volunteers from the groups.

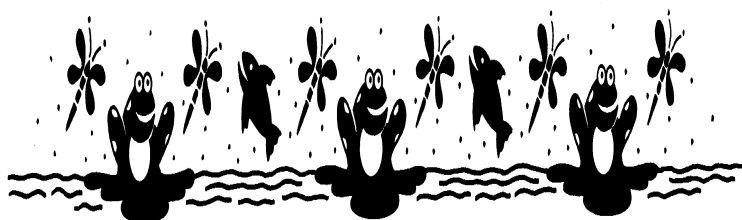
Special Events have allowed us to bring the AA Community together in the spirit of Fellowship and have a joyous time celebrating Recovery. Participation in these events has been wonderful and a great time was had by all. Scheduled events that occur annually are Founders Day Celebration, Holiday Party, Cooney Campout (IG), Fireman's Point Campout (Dist12) and Mid-Winter Social (Dist 12).

We are still maintaining an active Hotline number, until such time as the Area Toll Free number takes over.

Yours in Service
Philip G.
South Central Montana
Intergroup Chair

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District 81 Report to Area 40, Spring 2008

Greetings from District 81, Missoula to Polson, Seeley Lake to the border with Idaho. We've added a couple of new meetings since September. We now have 90 meetings each week and 33 registered groups. The Polson area has started an Intergroup.



soups 4B's style and an AA and Al-Anon speaker.

Jeanenne F. gave a workshop on how to form and use committees the hour before District meeting in February. It was a well-attended meeting, and many of the committee chairs have put the info into practice.

District 81 has been pretty stable these last few months. We have only one opening, that of Scheduler. District archives are being organized as never before. Larry M. of Plains is putting tapes onto CDs as well as reducing the amount of duplication. We are very grateful to Larry for all his and his committee's work.

"I am beginning to hear rumblings from different groups on the cost of phone service to District 81"

I am amazed at the number of activities that have taken place in our District since we last met. We had a Halloween Bash in October; a delicious Gratitude turkey dinner hosted by the Silvertip Group in

November; the Missoula Group held the Thanksgiving Day potluck. The Christmas potluck with AA and Al-Anon speakers was hosted by the Sunday Morning Speaker Group. There was a Women's Holiday brunch in December. The Thompson Falls Group hosted a potluck Christmas party too. Marathon meetings were led by the High Noon Group New Year's Eve and day. The Missoula Women's Group hosted a women's conference, Strengthening Our Sobriety, in February which was well attended. Also in February, a Valentines potluck fundraiser for the Spring 2009 Round Up was held. The potluck featured a couple of

I am beginning to hear rumblings from different groups on the cost of phone service to District 81. It is running an average of \$30 more per month than last year, and, like Area, District is needing to cut expenses. Also we are hearing from the Al-Anon information line that they have been getting calls from people wanting information about AA. It seems people cannot get through to the AA hotline. Our Phone Committee Chair, Ruth, investigated and reported that if two calls come in at the same time, one will not be answered unless we give Qwest more money.

In March, we held a Pre-Assembly. Two people from District 91 and three from District 93 came. Eleven Area Officers and Chairs and nineteen GSRs, Committee Chairs and others were in attendance. While I appreciate the interest of Area, it has become obvious that the amount of time, effort and money Area is expending at Pre-Assemblies is not prudent. However, District 81 does think Pre-Assemblies should continue. The GSRs appreciate the opportunity to be informed prior to the Assembly, and the Committee Chairs were overwhelmingly enthusiastic at the chance to meet their counterparts at Area as they, for the most part, do not get to attend Area Assembly.

The Spring Round Up 2009 Committee has selected a date, April 24-26, 2009; a place, the Doubletree; and a

theme, "Standing in the Sunlight of the Spirit." The committee is looking into a number of different activities for the conference. Flyers are available at the back of the room.

Upcoming happenings:

Round Up fundraiser rummage sale after the Sunday Speaker Meeting, date to be announced

Round Up fundraiser movie and popcorn night, date to be announced

Founders' Day – past DCM workshop, picnic and softball tournament, June 14

In cooperation without affiliation, Al-Anon Round Up fundraiser, "Sweet Tooth Sensation," Saturday, July 12. Potluck, speakers, and sweet auction.

Yours in love and service,
Paula H. DCM



Area 40 – DCM report for district 61

District 61 includes the towns of Lincoln, White Sulphur Springs, Townsend, Boulder and Helena.

We have added a handful of new groups in District 61 since the Fall assembly putting our total active group count over 30 holding over one hundred meetings a week starting as early at 6:30am in the day.

I have been continuing to visit groups during the second half of my rotation as DCM and I am glad to report that we have a healthy, diverse and active AA community in our district.

All of our district committee chairs positions are currently filled and we routinely have around 30+ people between committee chairs, GSR's and visitors at our monthly district meeting which is held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Baptist Church on the corner of 6th

and Warren in Helena.

Since the Fall Assembly we have held the following events in District 61:

The Attitude of Gratitude was held at the Colonial Inn on Saturday

November 17th. As always it was filled with meetings, fellowship, great speakers, and good food. There were approximately 200 in attendance

We held a District 61 Christmas Party. Our committee's enthusiasm was great, but our attendance was low and we will be reevaluating if we hold this event this year.

Our 2nd annual Corrections/Treatment workshop for professionals was held on April 5th. We had around 100 in attendance with a third of them being from the professional community. After last year's great success it seems

hard to believe but the success year even outpaced last year's event, (it is true that things do keep getting better and better)! One reason for this was that the entire event was put on this year by the committee itself, (organizing, decorating, and even the luncheon itself), and in all these areas' it was top notch.

There were great speakers from both the AA and professional panels along with a question and answer session at the end. Much of which was centered on the **decision by the ninth circuit court that the corrections community could no longer force people to go to AA**. The end result of this "outside issue" is that the correction and treatment communities are now more than ever in need and wanting our support.

Ongoing:

We continue to host the AA hotline at the district level along with the 1-888 number until we can gracefully shut down the local number.

- Our committees continue to;
 - oHold and participate in various workshops around the district on alcoholism,
 - oBring meetings into the jails in our district,
 - oSupport AA at the prerelease, MCDC, WATCH and bridging the gap,
 - oAttend to the archives of the district, and

Staff a district literature store which is open every Saturday from 11:30 until 1:30.

Up coming events in District 61: The Spring Round Up will be held in Helena May 16 – 18th of 2008 at the Colonial. The Friday night AA speaker is Kyra S. from Helena and for Al-Anon Sandy G.. On Saturday the Al-Anon speaker is Pauline W. from Kentucky, Fred B. from Butte is the AA Native American speaker and, Bobby C. from Philadelphia will round out the evening. Francine W. from Mill Valley, CA is the Sunday morning speaker. It will be a

great time and I hope to see all of you, and allot more, in Helena this May for the 2008 Spring Round-Up.

Our annual Grapefest is scheduled for June 7th with Andrew our Area delegate giving his delegates report there. Stay tuned to the website for further details on this event.

The Last Chance Campout will be June 20th - 22nd at Vigilante Campground. We have several other groups sponsoring picnics events for later this year so keep checking the Area website for details.

The second annual district 61 motorcycle trek is scheduled to leave Helena the morning of July 11th and return to on the 13th. We will be headed back to the Yaak valley and on to Sandpoint ID. Contact me if you want further details on this event.

Last but by no means least - After all of this we continue to be financially sound in District 61.

In conclusion Thank You – to all the groups in District 61 and especially to our committee chairs, Rick W.- Archives, Answering Service-Rolf S., Attitude of Gratitude-Terry S., Corrections-Paul S., Grapevine-Huck S., Literature-Kyra S., PI-Lance S., CPC-Mark C., Treatment-Mary S., Workshops-Tom F., Alternate DCM-Tom D., Secretary-Shawna H., Treasurer-Betty P., and our Roundup chair Bryan S. for helping make all of this possible.

Sincerely,

Tim M.

District 61 DCM



Flathead Valley Intergroup Report to Area Assembly – April 13, 2008

Greetings from Flathead Valley Intergroup:

Flathead Valley Intergroup represents the AA groups throughout District 91. Our monthly newsletter and business meeting minutes are mailed to group reps from Elmo to Eureka and any others who request them.

We provide the answering service and district-wide meetings list to help carry the message and let folks know where our meetings are and why we're here. The answering service handles 50-100 calls per month, either providing meeting information or connecting the caller with a recovering alcoholic. We update our meeting schedules every 4 months, printing 1500-2000 each time. This year we've added a website to our informational repertoire, the address of which is aa-nw-mt.org. The website generates nearly 150 hits per month and is beautifully maintained by our web magician with a plethora of timely information concerning upcoming events and contact links.

The annual campout was well attended last year, as usual. The campout this year will again be at Emery Bay on the east shore of Hungry Horse Reservoir the weekend of August 8-10. We've scheduled speakers for Saturday night and Sunday morning and discussion meetings throughout the weekend.

The Intergroup Newsletter provides a roster of campouts and activities as we know about them throughout the summer. If you have an activity, picnic or campout throughout the year that you'd like us to know about, send the information to the address below.

Our annual Thanksgiving feast, valley wide sobriety birthday party and dance night was a big deal with lots of folks, lots of food and lots of fellowship. That celebration will be happening again this year, the Saturday night after Thanksgiving, November 29th, at the Stillwater Grange Hall and you're all invited if you're in the valley that weekend.

The 2008 New Year's Eve Alkathon that we host was also well attended at the Alano Club in Kalispell.

Our entertainment committee has become increasingly active this year, hosting a St. Pats potluck and speaker meeting and our upcoming 'Cinco de Mama' Mexican food theme potluck and speaker meeting the Saturday night before Mothers' Day at the Alano Club, starting at 6:00 pm.

We've moved our meetings to the Alano Club in Kalispell, and continue to meet the last Saturday night of the month...business meeting at 6:30, birthday celebration at 8:00 pm. The move has been pretty seamless, and participation on the part of more groups seems to have increased.

We continue to have liaison representation at district meetings and at Area Assembly and are involved in helping with the 2008 Round-up in Kalispell.

Yours, In Service,
Alida W. Chairman,
Flathead Valley Intergroup



Area 40 Triangle Editor Report 2008 Spring Assembly

Hi, my name is Raymona C. and I am an alcoholic. Welcome everyone to the 2008 Spring Assembly. I am grateful to be here in the company of so many wonderful people. I thank you all for your cooperation and participation with me as your Triangle Editor.

I would like to share with you what my goals for the remainder of my term as Triangle Editor are. First, I hope that everyone is enjoying their publications. I am working harder this year to be prompt and put the Triangle out in a timely fashion. It is also my goal to pass on to the next editor an updated mailing list and some written suggestions for publishing our Area 40 newsletter. As a goal to make sure the mailing list is updated, I encourage those of you who are here to see me and either verify or update any information for your group. I also am in need of information regarding specific groups in the area and will do my best to make contact with people this weekend to seek this information out. I was able to get some updates of info during the pre assemblies in Missoula and at Boulder Hot Springs.

While I was at the pre assemblies, I tried very hard to pay attention to the issues at hand and one of which that caught my interest was the topic of "self supporting through our own contributions" at any level. An area that this seems to be lacking is the Triangle. There are over 230 groups in Montana, all of which receive the Triangle paid or not, due to a past action at a previous assembly. While I agree that each group should indeed receive the Triangle, I would like to see it become more self-supporting. Out of the 230 plus groups, only about 75 - 80 are current in their payments for subscriptions. This is roughly 35%.

Willing to go to Any Length

September 26 - 28

Red Lion Hotel

Kalispell, MT

Fall Refresher

October 18 & 19, 2008

Kalispell, Montana

Flathead County Fairgrounds

Country Kitchen

**For other events
happening in Area
40, go to**

Www.aa-montana.org

Please be considering your desire and ability to stand for a position on the Area 40 panel. Come to the Fall Assembly prepared to present your service history and why you wish to stand for a particular position.

If you like writing, creating and dedication to quality work, you might consider standing for the position of TRIANGLE EDITOR!



Area 40 Triangle Editor Report 2008 Spring Assembly (cont.)

Each issue your group receives is marked on the mailing label as to the date the subscription expires or if it is already expired it says "Expired". I included an article to this effect in the last issue of the Triangle. If it is being read, this article reached some people. However, I encourage all of you to check the mailing label on your groups issue and see if you need to update your subscription status. In addition, I understand that there are groups who may be unable to pay for a subscription due to low 7th Tradition intake. If you are aware of any such group, and would like to pay for a subscription for them, please feel free to do so. However, if you choose to pay for another group's subscription, please indicate this when sending a payment so that their mailing label will reflect the status of the subscription.

Subscription money for the Triangle may be mailed to the post office box as listed on the subscription form on the back of each issue of the Triangle or to Curt, our Area Treasurer. If you need either address, please see one of us some time this weekend. If every group that is able actually kept their subscription current, money received would go directly to supporting the Triangle as apposed to expenses coming out of the general funds being sent to Area 40. The cost is a mere \$10 per year.

As the result of all this talk about self support, I personally, have made a conscious effort to increase my 7th Tradition contribution to \$2.00 each time instead of only \$1.00. The cost of everything is rising and in order to keep up, I am willing to increase what I put in the basket. I challenge all of you to do the same.

Thank you for letting me serve.
Raymona C.
Triangle Editor - Panel 57

Area 40 Workshops

Mark your calendars and plan on attending one or both of the upcoming Area 40 Workshops. Members of the Area 40 Committee will be making presentations at:

Lincoln Community Hall on **July 12**
from Noon to 4pm (already passed)

Joliet Community Center on **July 26**
from 10 to 3pm

Fliers for both events are available on our website at www.aa-montana.org or contact Scott Weiss at 406-670-4094

UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Flathead Valley Intergroup
Campout, Emery Bay**

August 8 - 10

Hungry Horse Reservoir

**25th Annual Ray of Hope
Camporee**

Labor Day Weekend

August 29 - 31

**Camp Marshall on Flathead
Lake**

Last Call Camp Out

September 5 - 7

Tally Lake Pavilion

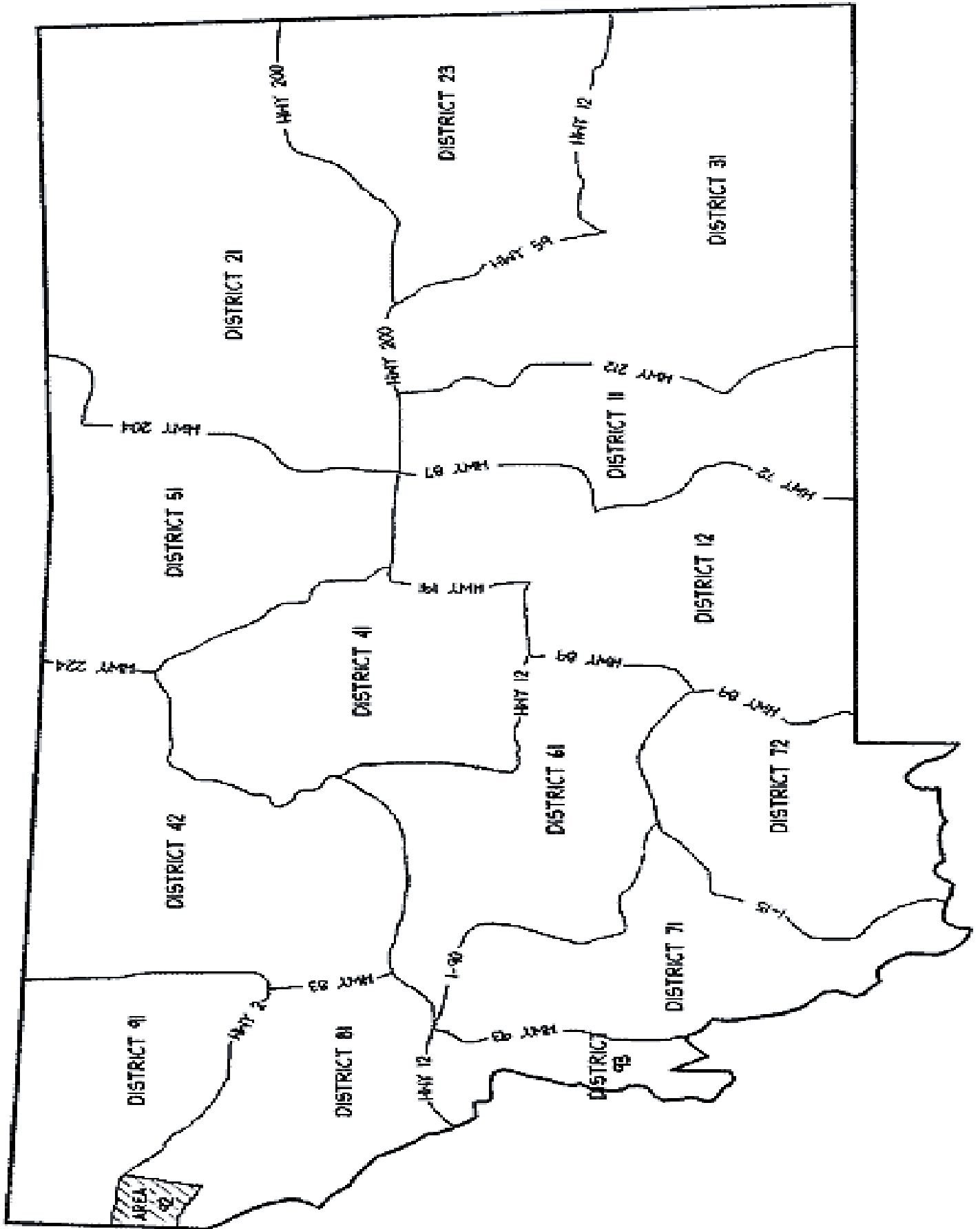
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Area 40 Fall Assembly

September 13 & 14, 2008

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