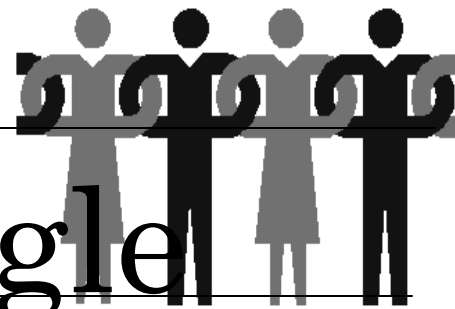


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My name is Andrew W and I am an alcoholic. I am privileged to serve as your Delegate for a little while longer. Wow. It is amazing to me that two years have passed since our last election assembly. I have enjoyed this election assembly tremendously.

After our Spring Assembly, I went back to New York for the 58th General Service Conference. This was my second GSC and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I felt right at home and, once again, very well prepared for the conference. The process we have in Area 40 of going over the GSC agenda items at our pre-assemblies and Spring Assembly makes for a well-informed delegate. Thank all of you who participated in this process this past spring.

The theme of the 58th GSC was "Communication and Participation: The Key to Unity and Self-Support." The conference was held April 27 – May 3, 2008 in New York City at the Crowne Plaza, Times Square. Being at my second conference felt like going home again. It was great to see all of the Panel 57 delegates, the trustees, and the staff members I met at last year's conference. It was also a pleasure to welcome the Panel 58 delegates as well.

Voting members at the conference included 93 delegates from across the U.S. & Canada, 23 trustees and directors, and 16 GSO & Grapevine Office staff members. The average age of the delegates was 54 with the oldest being 74 and the youngest 40.

Once again my committee assignments were a primary assignment on the Finance Committee and a secondary assignment on the Archives Committee. You'll probably here a little more about items from these two committees compared to the other committees because of that.

I hope you all have a copy of the Final Conference Report (the one with the brown cover). I could spend days pointing out interesting, funny, and useful items in this report but in the interest of time, I will point out a few selected items that stand out to me.

1. On page 9 you will see a listing of all the Conference Advisory Actions. These are the recommendations that came out of committee and were passed by the full conference. I will point out several of these items.

a. The one FLOOR ACTION that we passed (though we had 15 floor actions altogether) was to undo one of our earlier actions. We did this not because we were against the previous action but because it did not warrant being an Advisory Action. We did not want to trivialize that process.

b. Under Agenda, #2, the theme for the 2009 General Service Conference be: "Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action." I like this theme and hope we all continue to carry A.A.'s message with enthusiasm and gratitude.

c. Under Finance, #6, you'll see the item that was also on our agenda today. The Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee met in August and appointed a subcommittee to come up with appropriate wording and background material to send out to the fellowship in its request for sharing. Hopefully something will be sent out after the next GSB meeting in October. I will then send it out to all of the DCMs in Area 40 to share with you. You can then send any sharing on the subject back to me.

d. Under Policy/Admissions, #13, the Conference delegated authority of site selection of the GSC to GSO, including the possibility of holding the conference outside of New York City. Simply put, we may be priced out of New York.

e. Under Public Information, numbers 14, 15 and 17, concerning the public service announce-

ments. We approved a new P.S.A., "I thought", and its tracking, but also decided to annually assess the need for a new P.S.A. A motion to start a new P.S.A. failed. We are going to take a break for a year and then see.

f. The report from the treasurer of the General Service Board, Vincent K, starts on page 13 and gives a good summary of the financial status of the GSB. On page 14, in the second paragraph in the second column, Vincent summarizes the growth in contributions and thanks the fellowship. Staring in the last paragraph on that page, Vincent raises a concern about the Grapevine.

g. On page 16, in the second paragraph, an equation actually makes into our Final Report. The physicist in me was so happy.

h. On page 20, in a presentation on "Leadership in A.A.: Building Communication", the delegate from Southeastern Michigan, Bob C., points out potential pitfalls and abuses with email communications among delegates. I was glad to see someone address this head on. It is particularly dangerous to believe an email discussion involves all of the delegates and it an appropriately place to debate matters affecting A.A. as a whole.

i. On page 26, Trustee-at-Large Dorothy W. related some information on the first General Service Conference in Mongolia. The discussion on groups "having" to contribute money to their GSO and then rethinking that decision is gratifying to see. We can always examine our decisions in light of the traditions.

j. On page 33, in the fourth paragraph, the Chair of the A.A.W.S. Board reports that distributed 1,127,310 Big Book units (in all formats). That's great. It was a big deal when the one-millionth Big Book was published and now over a million are published each year.

k. On page 40, in a list of Grapevine Subscriptions by state and province, you can see that the number of subscriptions in Montana went up by 64 from 595 in 2007 to 659 in 2008.

l. On page 48, third paragraph, in the Finance and Budget report, Vincent K talks about the contributions of groups and A.A. members for the last several years relative to the amount spent on services to the fellowship. This type of information might be useful for your discussions on self-support. For another take, you can also read the presentation on Self-Support on page 23.

m. The Additional Committee Considerations are listed on page 65. I'd like to point out a few of these.

n. The third bullet under Archives starts a list of ways to creatively make A.A.'s archives more readily available to the fellowship.

o. On page 67, the fourth bullet under P.I., I'd like to echo my continued enthusiasm for this project. Anytime we can get more of us thinking about how we can carry A.A.'s message, I

think it's a good idea.

p. On page 67, the last bullet under International Conventions and Regional Forums, it is suggested that areas consider extending one-day service events into two-day events with the inclusion of a Local Forum. The idea behind Local Forums is discussed on page 54, the second paragraph in the second column, by G.S.O. staff member Rick W. writes.

The full list of Floor Actions is on page 69. You can see that for many of these we used a new tool, the motion to recommit. That means these items will be sent back to committee.

These are just some of the many items of interest in the report.

Since the conference, it has been a busy summer. Since going to New York, I have had a chance to see many of you around Area 40. I gave my first delegate's report on the conference at the Spring Roundup in Helena. The next day I went up to Victor to give my report at a District 93 meeting. On a Wednesday evening, June 4, I gave my delegate's report in Great Falls for District 41. The next two reports I gave were on June 7 at the Grapefest in Helena for District 61 and at a campout in Dillon for District 71. It was so cold in Dillon that we moved indoors for my report that night. I gave my report at a Founder's Day celebration in Bozeman for District 72 on June 14. I gave my report in Kalispell for District 91 on June 29. In August, I once again gave my report in the A-frame at the Lower Yellowstone Soberfest in Glendive for District 23 and swung by Miles City to give my report at a District 31 meeting. My most recent report was at a District 11 meeting in Billings on September 13. I'll be giving my report again next week at the Roundup in Kalispell; there will be video. I want to thank all of you who hosted me at these events. A.A.s in Montana do hospitality very well.

At the end of last month a few of us from Area 40 were able to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane, Washington. It was a pleasuring seeing some of the Trustees and non-trustee directors, the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members, the Pacific Region delegates, as well as AA members from our neighboring area, Area 92 Eastern Washington, the hosts of the event.

I want to thank this Area 40 Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve this rotation with you. I want to thank my wife, Sherry, for the time and attention that I was able to devote to my responsibilities as delegate.

Last year I felt like I was given a gift in that I felt like I had plenty of time for my responsibilities as delegate. It was a wonderful gift. This year, due to changes at my work and illness of friends and colleagues, it has been a busy year for me at work in addition to my responsibilities as delegate. And it's still okay. Well, you might want to ask my wife about that. The privilege of being delegate has been a responsibility and a gift. I have once again learned a new perspective in AA and a new appreciation for carrying the message, one alcoholic to another, in our groups and service work at the local level. I hope that what we do in general

service continues to make that possible. Thank you all for this tremendous opportunity.

Yours in love and service,
Andrew W
Area 40 Delegate

From your Area Chair...

My name is Carole and I'm an alcoholic. Because of God. Alcoholics Anonymous, and sponsorship, I've been sober since June 24, 1989. I presently have the honor of serving as your Area Chair and Alternate Delegate.

It's hard to believe that two years have passed since I was elected Area Chair. I have loved this service commitment and would highly recommend it.

Since the Spring Assembly, my Area Chair activities have been quiet. Of the 14 districts, I had visited 13 prior to the Spring Assembly. I am planning to complete my visits in October by visiting District 21.

I received a few agenda items and with the help of Andrew and Scott, I put together the agenda before you.

This afternoon we will be conducting elections. I have placed copies of the Area's Policies and Procedures on the Districts' tables. If you are considering standing for a position and haven't already done so, please review the expectations of the position you are considering. I would also suggest that you visit with the person who currently holds the position at the break. Being well informed of the responsibilities and expectations prior to standing for a position has served me well. To whom much is given, much is expected.

I would like to take a moment to thank this body. The people serving in this rotation, you have been remarkable. The respect shown to each other especially when disagreeing proves that the 36 spiritual principles of AA work. Thank you for your service to AA.

Welcome to those attending their first Assembly. Past Delegates Maryann and Ed are with us today. Maryann was Chair and Ed was Delegate at my first Assembly nearly 20 years ago. Thank you for being here with us.

The West Central Regional Service Conference will be held in Casper, Wyoming February 27 – March 1, 2009. This is the closest it will get to our Area until 2011 when we host this annual event. So mark your calendars.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve.
Carole B - Alternate Delegate/ Area Chair

From your Triangle Editor...

Good Morning, my name is Raymona K and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety birthday is Nov. 7, 1986.

This has been a difficult summer for me as I have recently

gone through a divorce, hence the name change. In addition to that change in my life, I am also in the process of moving.

What does this have to do with being the Triangle Editor? Well, I'll tell you. For those of you who might be interested in standing for this position, please consider taking this responsibility on after this assembly instead of waiting until Jan. The reason being, it would cost the Area too much money to temporarily move the bulk permit for mailing this publication. I am in the process of trying to find someone to continue to process it out of Columbia Falls after my move, but am not finding many willing volunteers. I would love to continue my rotation and finish the year out but if a replacement for taking on the mailing process cannot be found, the early assumption of this responsibility is an option to take under consideration. I have three more issues to produce by year's end.

Other than my personal life getting in the way of my service position, the Triangle has been coming along. I am still undertaking to update the mailing list. Paula H has made this much easier in her district by emailing me a full list of meetings being held with addresses included. I would appreciate it if the rest of the district would consider doing the same for either me or my replacement.

Knowing where my life would take me during my rotation, I am not sure I would have been so eager to take on this monumental responsibility. It has been much more than I originally anticipated. On the other hand, it has also been a wonderful experience and I don't think I would have traded taking a turn on the Area 40 panel. My fellow panel members have been very supportive and encouraging. It has definitely been an opportunity for personal growth as well as growth in my sobriety. Rest assured, I am fully aware that I am not ready to sit on this panel again at this moment in time. I had considered weather or not to stand for another position, but I think it best if I take a year or two to get my life back in order.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be of service and I thank everyone for their patience, tolerance and love in my obvious bumble through this job. It was very humbling. I look forward to serving at the Area level again in the future and am relieved to have almost completed this rotation.

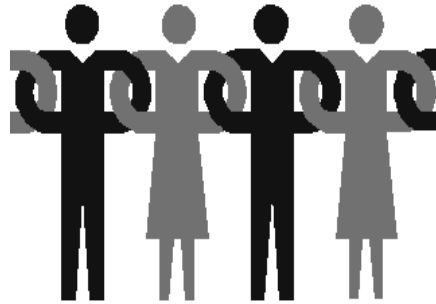
Please consider what I mentioned previously, if not taking the Triangle on at an earlier date, perhaps through word of mouth, I might be granted the grace to complete my term with help from my fellow alcoholics seated here at this assembly from District 91.

There are some extra copies of past issues of the Triangle on the very back table for those who would like to take some home.

Yours in Service
Raymona K - Triangle Editor
Panel 58

Area CPC Chair and Archives Reports

My name is Terry S. I am an alcoholic. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your Area 40 CPC Standing Committee Chair for this rotation. Since the spring assembly, I have participated in 3 service events.



On May 18, I presented a CPC workshop following the District 91 business meeting. Thank you, Jewel Lea G and April A and others for the opportunity and the welcome.

On June 21, I participated in District 41's annual Founders Day celebration, giving a CPC presentation and later sharing my story. Thank you, Patty and Fred C and Mary S and others for the invitation and the hospitality.

Both these AA events were lively, filled with AA members interested in, often excited about and unified in recovery and service.

On August 20 - 22, I helped with District 71s information table and presentation to the first State of Montana Drug Court Conference, attended by judges, staff and related professionals involved in our state's initial efforts to implement a new approach to folks with legal problems arising out of alcoholism as well as drug abuse. Thank you, Peggy H and Rick P and many others, for including in that effort.

At the information table and in the presentation we gave, the sober, enthusiastic AA-ers found professionals who wanted to know who we are, how to contact us, and what we had to offer to the folks with alcohol problems they are sending to us and willing to continue to send to us. I am especially grateful to Scott W as well as Rick and Peggy. Thanks to their insights and efforts, they provided those professionals with information and answers to their questions that stayed within our Traditions. We did good work!

AA has helped sustain me over much of the past 13 months. I hope I have been of service to Area 40 and

the Fellowship, as we continue to share recovery with still suffering alcoholics. I know that you have cared for me during an unexpected and difficult time of transition. It deepens both my debt to and my appreciation of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for sharing my life and our recovery.

Good Morning, my name is Conrad M and I am an alcoholic. Thanks to a AA and a loving God that works overtime, I have not had to take a drink or abuse drugs since December 6, 1996.

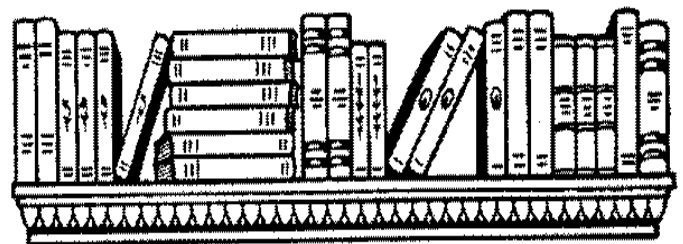
This being Fall Assembly and an election year means my term as Archives/Structure chairperson is quickly nearing an end. If you think you want to be my replacement, catch me anytime with any questions. Maybe I will be able to answer them. One thing I have enjoyed while being archives chair is reading the archives news letter marking and learning things like history of the responsibility statement, the origins of the Serenity Prayer, that Bill did write chapter 8 - "To the Wives" and no, he never did want to change the word "rarely" to "never" in chapter 5.

This weekend the Archives/Structure committee has 4 agenda items that we will review consider, evaluate and discuss if you want to be a part of then please join us in the Kendall Room.

In Service,

Conrad M

*This being Fall Assembly
and an election year ... "*



Literature and Archivist Reports

Hello, my name is Linda B and I am the Literature Chair for this rotation. As I was preparing for this assembly, I am amazed at how fast this rotation has gone. That is because being involved with literature is one of my favorite things to do.

One of the agenda items is a question about updating our AA literature. I thought I knew how this process worked, but decided to call Eva S at the General Service Office. We had a lengthy conversation and as always, more was revealed. I could hardly get a word in edgewise because of the passion I heard in her discussing "how it works". Our committee will have the opportunity to discuss and review some interesting items this assembly. We will look at literature available in the electric format on the aa.org website and discuss and review the outcome of our last assembly agenda items.

As always, in last rotation assemblies, we will look back at what we have accomplished and help prepare for the next rotation. It is important that we leave our policy and procedure document updated and revised, if needed, to better help our area officers and committee chairs perform their elected tasks.

We will be having our elections and they are always exciting. I look forward to seeing the next humble servants take their positions. I believe my job is to pass the baton (in this case, a truck full of literature) to our next elected chairperson.

I want to take this moment and welcome all newly elected GSR's and DCM's for the next rotation. Please ask questions. I have the new service manuals for sale at the literature display table for \$2.50. Everyone should have one of these,

the information they contain is on how our structure works effectively.

I would like to thank this assembly and all those who have



contributed to the health and welfare of Area 40. I have been one of those people in AA that has been somewhat of a service junkie. In being of service to others, I have been given the gifts of friendship, fellowship and love. In gratitude and love, thank you for allowing me to be your Literature Chair for the last two years.

Yours in Service,
Linda B

To: Outgoing Area 40 Committee Members,

Thank you for your willingness to serve Area 40 and the still suffering alcoholic during these last two years, both have benefited greatly from your efforts.

As you rotate out of your position, I encourage you to contact your successor and communicate to them all the pertinent facts, details and duties of your position to help them do a better job when they assume it. Ensuring continuity of service is the final duty you are charged with.

"Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to ensure that the program of AA remains available to those who seek it."

Also, please remember to forward any documents and records not passed on to your successor to me at the address above for safekeeping. Area 40 depends upon it's trusted servants to provide it's Archive with records of their service activity.

Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to ensure that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous remains available to those who seek it. I wish you all the best as you rotate on in service, whenever that might be, and look forward to seeing you again, as we "trudge the road" together.

Yours in service,
Gerry R
Area Archivist



DCM Reports

Hi, my name is Mary and I am an alcoholic and the DCM from district 41, Since we met last, district 41 has been busy. Many groups and committees have been carrying the message of AA, through various events and through new meetings. Andrew W. came to our district meeting and gave a report of the General Service Conference in New York and sat through our business meeting.

Our Support your Services Committee held its annual Founders Day Picnic and Service Workshop at Ryan Dam and Terry S. from Helena gave a talk. There was a good showing along with great food and fellowship. Several district members attended the Area 40 Workshop in Lincoln and that fired up those in attendance. It was well worth going to and thanks to Area Chairs who showed up with well prepared information. After those events, it seems summer flew by. District 41 is gearing up for our next CPC luncheon which will be held in October. We have invited Curt K. from Helena to be a main speaker and we hope to get about 30 professional folk from Cascade County to attend. This will be the 2nd luncheon organized by the same CPC chair and will be even more fantastic than before. We are electing our trusted servants at the October district meeting and we are out announcing and encouraging fresh participation. There have been several new meeting times on Sunday and an additional early morning meeting. I am proud to say that Steps to Recovery has an American Sign Language interpreter each Thursday 5:30 meeting. There have been up to 5 deaf or hard of hearing persons at one time so far! Attraction not promotion is working! Several meetings and groups have closed due to poor attendance but as one door is closing there are always new opportunities for each and every one. Thanks for letting me serve.

Mary S
District 41, DCM
Great Falls



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Greetings from District 72! My name is Lori F and I am an alcoholic. On June 14th, we welcomed our Delegate, Andrew W to Bozeman to report on the General Service Conference. He didn't seem at all intimidated by the three past delegates in attendance. Andrew's report was followed by a sharing session featuring some local old-timers and a potluck barbeque.

We started our rotating out-of-town district meetings on May 31st in Ennis, followed by Manhattan in June, Gardner in July and Livingston in August. We held elections in July and much to my surprise and delight, we filled all of our officer and committee chair positions in one meeting! Unfortunately, the newly elected DCM, who was also our Round Up committee chair, recently had to resign. We elected a

new Round Up committee chair in August and we hope to elect a new DCM or Alternate DCM at our September meeting next weekend.

There is some interest in the District in preparing a submission for the AA Young People's Video Project. Our special Events committee chair is

hoping to get a video day organized soon as the General Service Office indicated that they are still accepting videos.

Upcoming events include a CPC Luncheon on October 28th and a GSR School in October or November. Arch W, the new Round Up chair, and his committee are hard at work planning the Fall 2009 Round Up. It will be October 2nd through 4th, 2009 at the Gran Tree Inn in Bozeman.

The groups in the District have purchased thousands of dollars of literature this rotation. Our Literature committee is currently looking at the feasibility of increasing our inventory and perhaps having a store of some kind.

Group contributions are a bit down this year, although approximately 50% of the groups have been able to send 7th Tradition support to the district. We have also had good attendance at District meetings - even



"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

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this summer!

Our Finance committee will present a preliminary budget, or “spending plan” as our Treasurer re-named it, for our October District meeting, with the goal of having a final budget passed for 2009 by our last meeting on December 13th, 2008. During this process, I like to remember the Responsibility Declaration: “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

When my name came out of the hat and I was elected DCM two years ago, I was blessed to inherit a district that had a strong foundation and framework built by many past trusted servants. I also had the help of a great group of folks serving as District officers, committee chairs, and GSR’s. I am grateful to all the people, past and present, who had a hand in making my job much easier.

It’s hard to believe that the end of this two year rotation is in sight. I have found that at my age, time seems to fly whether I’m having fun or not! All kidding aside, I have enjoyed serving District 72 as DCM,, and I hope that I have contributed even a fraction of the amount of spiritual benefits have received. Abraham Lincoln once said, “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.” I suspect that there have been several times in the past two years when I have removed all doubt - but those instances have reminded me to be humble and have caused me to re-explore the traditions and concepts. I have learned a great deal more from my mistakes than from my successes, and I have learned to trust the informed group conscience.

Lori F

District 72 DCM



*Abraham Lincoln once said,
“Better to remain silent and
be thought a fool than to
speak out and remove all
doubt.”*

Good morning, District 81 is represented today by more than half of its registered groups. It is a joy to see the excitement for service grow in the District. This is due, I believe, to the GSRs going back to their groups after Area Assemblies with an energy they had not had before they came. Dedication to the program is exhibited by people willing to serve as GSRs and Committee chairs despite their house burning down and severe

illness in the family. GSRs come regularly to District meetings from Polson, T Falls, Plains, Frenchtown, and Ronan. In addition, I think I can safely say that all of our District Committee chairs have been filled for the next rotation! (One chair is yet to

be elected, but we have a candidate.) I read in the Grapevine this month that “Service is the core of sobriety; the key to feeling we belong.” I truly believe it.

We have 36 groups in Missoula and 90 meetings per week. Our newest groups are a Beginner’s group and a group at Valor House, a home for homeless Vets in Missoula, and additional meetings in Thompson Falls and St Regis.

District 81 had a great Founders’ Day. We started the day with a panel of past DCMs. Our recent past DCM, Julie R, came all the way from Boise, ID to be with us. The panel went back to 1989. Then we adjourned to a local park for a potluck and our annual softball game. Also in June, the T Falls group hosted their second annual potluck. In August we held a movie night with popcorn and soft drinks. Our Delegate, Andrew, spoke about the General Service Conference. Thank you, Andrew. Afterwards, we saw the movie, My Name Is Bill W.

The Phone Committee has been hard at work, updating the phone list and discussing alternatives to

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the 888 service. The Archives Committee has continued to go through a massive amount of material, and has continued transferring speaker tapes to CDs. PI is expanding its sphere of influence to truck stops and the court house. People are stepping up to fill the commitments of the CPC, Treatment, and Corrections committees.

Our summer out-of-town meeting was held in Thompson Falls this year. We were treated with a yummy potluck and got to meet in the air-conditioned Senior Citizen Center! Thanks to the wonderful folks in Thompson Falls.

Upcoming events:

Halloween Party in October
Thanksgiving potluck on Thanksgiving Day
Christmas potluck Christmas Day New Years marathon
Various Round-Up fundraisers

As a friend of mine has said: "I never willingly take on a service position, but I always benefit greatly from them."

I am so glad to be of service,

Paula H
DCM
District 81

Greetings from Flathead Valley Intergroup!

The Flathead Valley Intergroup represents the AA groups throughout District 91. Our monthly newsletter and business meeting minutes are mailed to groups from Elmo to Eureka and any others who request it. Each group in the valley is entitled to one representative to Intergroup.



We continue to provide the answering service and meetings lists to help carry the message and let folks know where AA meetings are and why we're here. The answering service continues to field 50 - 100 calls per month, either providing meeting information or connecting the caller with a recovering alcoholic. Fortunately, we're still able to effectively make a direct contact between the alcoholic in need and one in recovery. We updated our meeting schedules about every 4 months and the website is updated weekly or whenever changes and additions become know. This year, our website has generated over 150 hits per month and continues to provide as much information as we have concerning upcoming events and the most up to date meeting changes.

"I never willingly take on a service position, but I always benefit greatly from them."

We have moved our meeting place from the Alano Club in Kalispell back to Columbia Falls at the Steelworker's Union Hall. The experiment to entice more of Kalispell groups into increased participation and representation hadn't worked all that well for a year so we moved back North. Participation always increases during the winter and dwindles off during the summer months.

Our annual campout was really well attended this year at Emery Bay Group Sites over the weekend of the 8th of August. Speakers meetings were excellent, as were meals and discussion meetings. We provided the meats for the meals and subsidized rental of spaces for that event.

The annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held the 29th of November, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, at the Stillwater Grange Hall. Intergroup will provide the turkeys, potatoes and gravy and the rest of the meal is potluck. As with all of our potlucks, we never lack food. All AA's and their families are invited to participate. We combine the festivities with our monthly valley-wide Intergroup Birthday meeting and most

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likely, a dance following that. Y'all come, if you're in the area.

We again plan to host the 2009 New Years Eve Alkathon at the Alano Club in Kalispell. Our entertainment committee has plans for one speaker meeting and potluck or other special event per month during the winter. The two or three that we had last year were well attended. Food seems to help generate attendance.



Registration forms are in the back of the room.

It will be a great time. I hope to see you all there!

Yours In Service,
Paula H
DCM
District 81

We continue to have liaison representation at District meetings and Area Assembly, and many of our folks are involved in helping with the 2008 Round Up next weekend in Kalispell. Y'all come!!

Yours in service,
Alida Wright, Chairman, Flathead Valley Intergroup
PO Box 2543
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE REMAINING TRIANGLES FOR VOLUME 16

"The mailing address for the last two issues of the Triangle HAS CHANGED..."

Greetings Triangle subscribers and recipients... It is rare that you will find a notice in these publications directly from your Triangle Editor. Current circumstances warrant just a short note from me regarding the two remaining editions of the Triangle due out this year.

I had originally settled on moving within the state of MT but have since changed my move to the greater Seattle area. The mailing address for the last two issues of the Triangle **HAS CHANGED!!!** All mail will need to be mailed to the new address as we welcome our new Editor out of Shepherd, Cleve Wilson.

In her infinite wisdom, our Area Chair, Carole B. came up with a plan to coach Cleve on the last two issues of this year in order to prepare him for the responsibility of the next rotation. This also alleviates the need for the transfer of the Area Laptop from out of the state. Please be patient as this transition takes place. Also, pass the word around to other groups to be sure new and renewed subscriptions are mailed to the correct address. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service -
Raymona K - Triangle Editor - P58

~~Spring 2009 RoundUp Report~~

District 81 will host the Spring 2009 RoundUp at the DoubleTree Hotel in Missoula on April 24-26. AA and AI-Anon speakers have been confirmed and meals chosen. Highlights are Friday night ice cream social, Saturday night dance, drum ceremony, yoga, golf tournament, marathon meeting, old timers' meeting and serenity walk. Child care will be available.

There have been several fundraisers to help keep the cost of the RoundUp down. They are a fun and games picnic in June, a prom in September, a auction and benefit concert this Saturday, movie night with popcorn and soft drinks. Missoula's District 10 AI-Anon held its annual Summer Sweet Tooth Sensation, and gave the proceeds to the RoundUp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Havre Mini Conference - Havre, MT - October 3 - 5

Last Chance Recovery Group - 10th Birthday Celebration (see flyer on web) - Helena, MT

Serenity Group's Fall Refresher - Kalispell, MT - Fair Grounds - October 18 - 19

Women's Recovery Weekend - Flathead Lutheran Church Camp - Lakeside, MT - October 24 - 26

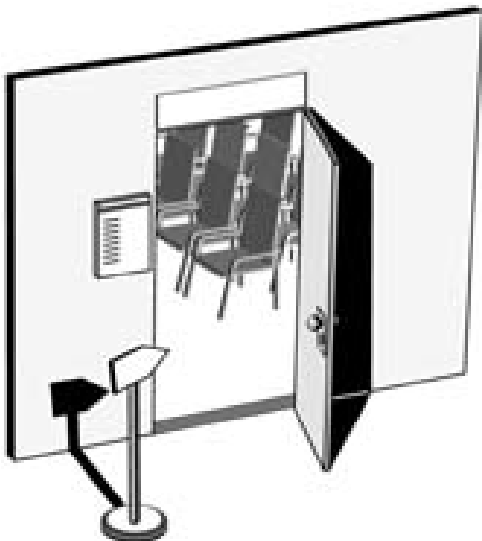
Fall Men's Retreat - Abba's Haven (NW of Billings) - October 31 - November 1

Attitude of Gratitude - Red Lion Inn - Helena, MT - November 22

Flathead Valley Intergroup Thanksgiving Feast and November Birthday Meeting - Stillwater Grange Hall - Reserve Street - Kalispell, MT - November 29, 2009

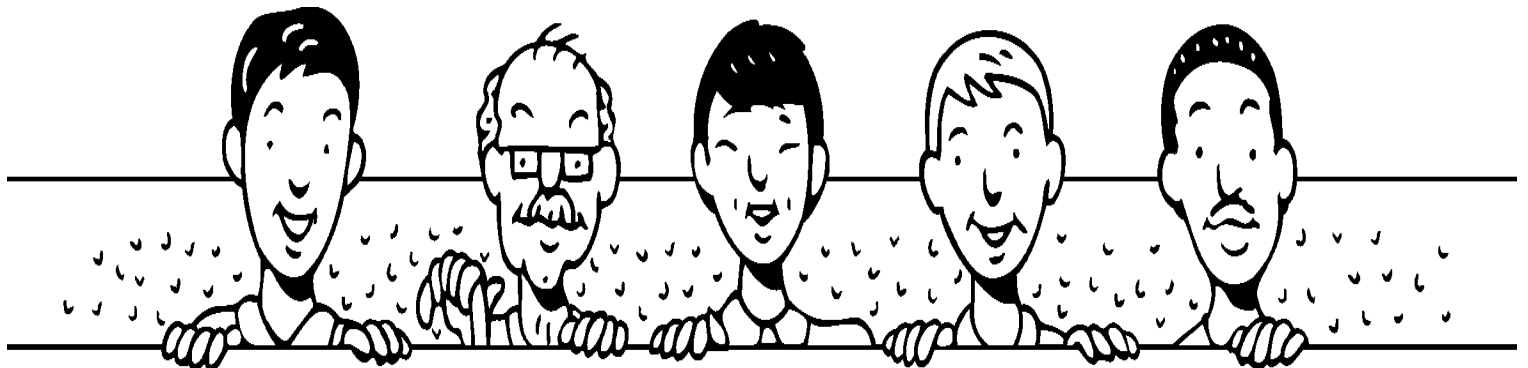
Intergroup Christmas and New Year Eve alcathon - Kalispell, MT - Dec. 25 and 31st. - Kalispell Alano Club

April 2009 - Spring Assembly & Spring Round Up - Keep watching for more information!



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