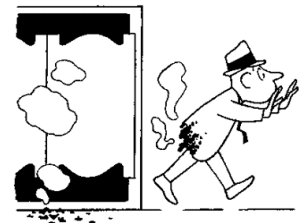
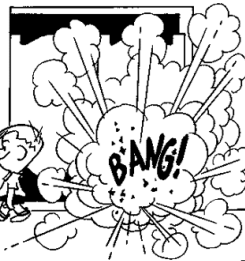
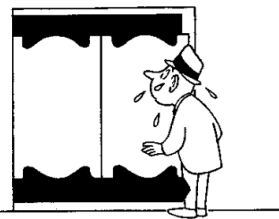


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We are sure God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free. We cannot subscribe to the belief that this life is a vale of tears, though it once was just that for many of us.

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District 81
Area 40
Spring 2015 Assembly Report

I am Brandi and I am an alcoholic. District 81 spans between St. Regis, Polson, Thompson Falls, Seeley Lake, to Missoula and everywhere in between. We hold our district meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm at The 4th D Alano Club in Missoula.

I am happy to report that district 81 is doing great. We are taking our rotation into MCDC every month. As well as bringing meetings into the detention center and 3 treatment centers. We are getting great participation from the groups on the fringe of our district boundaries.

This terms district chairs are all excited to go the distance with their positions. PI and CPC are putting together a large event in September that will be reaching out into the community educating others on what AA can do for the alcoholic. The Grapevine chair has put together a wonderful spread and plans to visit all district groups and events to get the fellowship excited about everything that Grapevine has to offer. We will be holding our annual Founder's Day celebration at the beginning of June and I will know more about that next weekend.

Spring 2016 Round Up will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula May 6th-8th of next year. The theme is "Age of Miracles". Registration will begin November 1 and will be available online with means of paying by credit card. Flyers are located on the back table.

The High Noon meeting, which has been meeting at the MCT for the last 17 years has officially moved. The group is temporarily meeting at 1st Methodist Church just down the road.

Financially we are almost solvent, but not enough to buy me a new car. I am grateful to be of service on this level and I am looking forward to walking shoulder to shoulder with everyone over the next couple of years.

YIS,

Brandi W.
DCM
District 81

District 91 DCM report

District 91 is alive and well, and we are located in the corner of Northwest Montana

We have 15 active groups and 117 meetings per week. Our District meeting is held the last Sunday of the month at 3:00pm. All District positions have been filled.

So far this year the district hosted the "Into Action Week-end" with service workshops, speakers, and of course lots of food. The Whitefish Group hosted the 27th Annual Sober Ski Week-end. at the Whitefish Mountain Resort. Upcoming events include, The Annual Spring Fling and Delegates Day in May, Lots of camp-outs beginning in June running through September. The Band of Brothers and The Flathead Valley Serenity Group will be hosting Rick C. July 2,3.&4 for The Big Book Breakdown . Our CPC committee will be hosting a luncheon and workshop for professionals in September. All flyers for events will follow. Checkout the Area Web site for more information.

We are financially sound and always looking for ways to help the still suffering alcoholic.

In Service,

Jeanie S. District 91 DCM

District 61 has a great new committee and it is an exciting time! Kelly is the trusty co-pilot that runs our District meetings efficiently and seamlessly. Thank-you to all our new District Committee chairs!

We have 39 meetings in District 61. I have been making the rounds in Helena and plan to get to the more outlying areas on summer "get in the car" road trips.

The West Central Regional Service Conference was a good weekend of sharing and doing our AA thing. Area 40 was well represented. I got to know Andrew W, the west central regional trustee from Missoula and also spent time with Phyllis H., the General Manager of GSO in New York. She was the Saturday night speaker and told her story.

Pre-Assembly was held last Saturday at the Boulder Hot Springs. Thanks to Ted O., DCM from Bozeman, for organizing it this year. Boulder Hot Springs has been a good venue for us. There were many good questions raised including "did you read the background information on that?"

The best party in AA is coming in July in Atlanta. If you can get to the International Convention, I recommend it! AAs come from all over the world. It is an experience you must not miss. However, I am going to give a plug about online anonymity from the Box 459:

"Although posting photos and videos from one's Convention experience on social media might seem to be the "easier, softer way" to tell others about it, posting anything that discloses one's membership in A.A. in a publicly accessible area of the Internet is not in keeping with A.A.'s tradition of anonymity (see "Anonymity Online," available on the aa.org website). "

I am thankful to be at the Area Assembly once again and excited to serve in my new role as DCM. Let's have a great and grateful weekend!

With love,

Rebecca S. District 61 DCM

AA in the Bitterroot is characterized by vibrant, well-attended meetings - and by some difficulty finding members to serve as GSRs and District Chairs or to trudge the road of happy destiny to Lewistown. Well, we claim spiritual progress, not perfection. And we hope that you will join us for the 40th annual Bitterroot camp out at Como Lake in June and for Norm's Picnic in August. Flyers for both events are coming soon to the Area 40 website.

In Service,

Vic M.

District 93 DCM

Hi, I am the DCM for District 71

My name is Roxie B. and I am an alcoholic.

☒ We have over 75 meetings in our district which includes the cities of Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Whitehall, Wise River, Opportunity, Philipsburg, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and the surrounding rural area (big area). I hope to visit many of these meetings in the coming months.

☒ We also have several people who take meetings into MCDC, Butte jail, CCP, START, Warm Springs, and introduce Bridging the Gap at WATCH on a regular basis. One struggle we have is finding enough people to share this responsibility so we don't risk overloading the ones who do serve. Our Grapevine Chair has ordered subscriptions to be sent to the jail to support and encourage these members.

☒ We are blessed with many individuals ready to serve and all of our District Chair positions are filled as we start this new rotation.

☒ Our CPC/PI, Treatment, and Corrections committees are working together to host a workshop on June 20 from 11-3 at the Aldergate Methodist Church in Butte. More information about topics will be coming and a flyer will be posted on the website. All those chairs are here this weekend if you have questions or comments and they are: Ana, Charlie and Peggy.

I want to thank my district and the area for giving me this opportunity to serve in this fellowship.

Thank you

Hello Area 40

My name is Dave R. DCM District 12, Columbus Mt.

District 12 covers an area from Harlowton to Red Lodge, Big Timber to Laurel.

There are 30 meetings weekly. Our District meets the third Sunday of the month.

Over the last year we have opened a District Book Store to better serve our Groups.

District 12 has two events yearly the Mid-Winter Social and Fireman's Point Campout.

The Mid-Winter Social was held in Joliet Mt. February 14 and was supported by Districts 11 & 12.

We had a Mid- Winter BBQ and Potluck Dinner, Speakers Virginia I. Joliet & Steve G.

Red Lodge did a great job sharing their experience, strength, and hope to a full house.

In August we will hold our Fireman's Point Campout, fun for the whole family.

On Friday Night the Great Spam Cook-off for all the Spam Lovers (last year we had over 40 entries). Saturday Sober Old Biker Poker Run and meeting along the Stillwater River.

BBQ and Pot luck Dinner to follow with a Fireside Speaker Meeting & a Resentment Burning.

Sometime during the weekend we will have the Delegate's Report and to close the weekend District 11 Cooks the Best Breakfast around, this you do not want to miss.

District 42 DCM Report: Brynn C.

I'm grateful to be here and sober. I am honored to be representing one of the most scenically diverse districts in all of Montana. District 42 stretches west to East Glacier Park, east to Shelby, South to Choteau, North to the Canadian border. Our district meeting is every third Sunday of the month between 3 and 5 pm at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby. Weekly our district offers thirty meetings in our combined seven communities seven of which take place in Browning's Crystal Creek Treatment Center. In the harshness of winter most communities share their concerns about struggling to consistently fill chairs at their meetings. However, communities like Conrad boast to having over twenty members in attendance.

Despite the cold winter, members of District 42 were able to get together for some fellowship. In early December we hosted a holiday dinner at the St Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, there, members of both AA and Alanon came from throughout our district to eat and listen to Karen and Dan H. of Havre speak. It was a lovely event and we hope to continue to hold it in the future.

Because of the years of dedicated service of Dwayne and Kurt our district maintains a great relationship with Shelby's medium security prison, where they take two meetings in to inmates each Sunday. Prison meetings have a consistent and growing membership. Recently, those who bring meetings to the prison attended a semi annual orientation with the Chaplin and because of their strong relations with this man, they hope to bring more trusted servants into this facility in the future. I am also happy to announce that since the fall assembly several meetings have responded to accessibility issues, moving their venues to ground level locations. Shelby's Monday night literature study has recently acquired the audio versions of most of our core pieces of literature to accommodate those with sight impairments.

I am grateful to be serving as the committee member for everyone who attends meetings in my district, but also to say that in my recent visits to meetings I am touched to witness the tireless service work of a caring, loving and truly exemplary core group of people (many who have served here in decades past). Without the sacrifices of these few, Dwayne in Choteau, Pat in Browning, Alan in East Glacier, Reid in Conrad, Bud, and Jerry in Shelby, and Mike in Cut Bank, the doors of our meetings would not have stayed open all of these years, and it is with this that I pay tribute to these people and thank them for supporting the sobriety of countless people in our district and beyond. I thank them for their trust in me to send me here as their representative. With this I would like to send my thanks and appreciation to all of the new Area chairs and those who carry the message all over the state. Thank you.

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District 72 DCM Report

District 72 comprises most of Southwest Montana, including areas from Wilsall to Cooke City on the eastern edge, Bozeman to Three Forks on the North, down to Ennis, Virginia City and West Yellowstone to the South and West. And of course all points in between. There are currently 47 groups in District 72, holding 85 meetings per week.

Our new rotation began in January, we have a lot of people new to service, and plenty of experienced GSR's and district chairs. One of the best things to see in our district is about a 50-50 split of active district members who are young people in AA and what you would call traditional aged members.

The most exciting thing going on in district 72 currently is that the joint PI/CPC committee has taken over twelfth step work at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. This group of people took on an absolutely huge task and have hit it out of the park. They are working very hard with a really steep learning curve and so far it has been a nearly seamless transition with the only issue being a mild reluctance to the change on the part of hospital staff, although I'm sure nobody in here has ever had a problem with change before. It's been great to see the hard work put out by this committee and district 72 is very proud of them all.

District 72 allowed me the opportunity to attend the WCRAASC in Norfolk NE in February, Thanks to the magic of the "hat" you'll all hear more about that from me tomorrow.

The last thing that I wanted to mention is that district 72 has formed a committee and begun work on the fall 2016 Area 40 Roundup, since it's never too early to think about a trip to Bozeman, throw September 2016 on your calendars now.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Ted O., District 72 DCM

Good morning everyone, my name is Grant and I am an alcoholic. I have the opportunity to be the DCM of District 41, voted in this last January. District 41 currently has 31 active groups, providing 87 meetings from Great Falls, Fort Benton, Lewistown, all the way to our newest meeting in Dutton, Montana. This includes 4 new meetings that are not included on our meeting schedule as of yet.

There is Mixed Nuts, a young people's group that meets on Fridays nights at 9:00 pm. They have games nights, speakers, live music and dancing for youths of all ages. This meeting is doing well and invites you to come visit.

There is the Singleness Of Purpose group that started not too long ago. They are a closed, chair lead, topic, discussion meeting. This meeting meets on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm.

Another new meeting, The New Creations group in Lewistown meets up at 7:00 pm every night of the week.

District 41s' Treatment Chair and Bridging the Gap are working closely with NEXUS to improve the AA meetings in their treatment based corrections facility, things seem to be going smoothly.

District 41 has been blessed with many new recovering alcoholics moving to the area and standing for district positions. We have lots of fresh new faces and the energy is positive and exciting. Our district meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. They are being well attended, up to as many as 18 GSR's and visitors. Some GSR's coming all the way from Lewistown on a school night!

We have recently had a few vacancies on chair positions, the P.I. and the Grapevine. However District 41 is hopeful that we shall have these filled soon.

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner, District 41 has plenty of events to fill your calendars.

Steps To Recovery group is hosting its annual Big Book Study. This year's speaker is Clancy I. from Los Angeles, CA. Unfortunately today is that day, and if you're here, well you're not there.

The annual Founders Day BBQ will be held on Saturday June 13, 2015 in the Club House at Ryan Dan in Great Falls, MT. Our Delegate Libby Lapp will be in attendance and thrilling us with her Delegate Report. But in all seriousness, Thank You Libby for your service! There will be an AA speaker, presentations from the Area 40 Archivist Earl F. (who never fails to transport us to our roots) and Area 40 Grapevine Chair Chris W., lots of food, fun and activities for all! We can't wait to see you there!

Fellowship will flourish at our annual AA Unity Campout. This is being held on June 26, 27, and 28th at the Neihart Campgrounds. There will be a flyer and driving directions posted on the Area 40 website soon.

And to recap an event from last year: Great Falls hosted the AA Fall Roundup at the Heritage Inn. It was an amazing success and good times were had by all. We are looking forward to the Spring Roundup in Helena this May.

I want to finish this up by saying a great big thank you to you all and to my higher power! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Norfolk, Nebraska this last February. What an honor to be of service to District 41. Thank you, in love and service.

Calendar of Events

Assembly Dates 2015

September 18-20

Fall Assembly
Yogo Inn - Lewistown

Area Events

July

- 2nd-4th - The Big Book Breakdown, Red Lion Inn - Kalispell
- 17th-19th - Beartooth Mountain Conference, Camp on the Boulder, McLeod
- 31st—8/2 - District 12 Fireman's Point Campout
- 31st—8/2 - Flathead Valley Intergroups Emery Bay Campout, Loops A and B

August

- 8th-9th - Hot Springs ODAT Group Campout, Rainbow Lake/Dog Lake Campground
- 21st-23rd - West Central Regional Conference, Casper, WY
- 21st-23rd - Lower Yellowstone Soberfest, Lion's Youth Camp, Glendive

September

- 11th-13th - Bridging The Gap Workshop, Park City UT
- 12th - Prison Mini Conference, Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge
- 12th-13th - Flathead Valley Fall Refresher, Creston Grange Hall, Kalispell
- 25th-27th - Western Montana Men's Retreat, Camp Paxson, 3430 Highway 12

October

- 2nd - 4th - Havre Mini-Conference, Havre
- 9th-11th - Fall Roundup, Red Lion Hotel - Kalispell

January - 2016

- 15th-17th - Rule 62 Rendezvous, Mandan ND

March - 2016

- 18th-19th - 20th Pockets of Enthusiasm, Helena

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