UNITY NEWSLETTER

East Tennessee Intergroup Newsletter

December 2017 Volume 12 Number 12

Intergroup Committee Elections

Elections: December 10th at 12:30pm

<u>Chairperson:</u> Chairs all meetings and is authorized to sign any banking transactions. When needed, appoints ad hoc committees and tallies votes. <u>Vice-Chairperson:</u> In the absence of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson acts as Chairperson for the monthly meetings of Intergroup Representatives. <u>Secretary:</u> Records minutes of Intergroup meetings and sends them in a timely fashion to the Chairperson, Office Manager and Newsletter. <u>Treasurer:</u> Reviews ETIAA accounting books. Ensures current financial statements and reports are available at monthly Intergroup meetings. Reviews all expenses over \$100 except previously approved or standard expenses. Signs checks as needed, usually every other week.

<u>Accessibilities Committee:</u> This group provides aid to AA members needing assistance due to various disabilities.

Spanish Speaking Liaison: Visits Latin groups and is available for phone calls from Spanish-speaking AA members.

<u>Treatment Committee:</u> Formed to coordinate the work of individual members and groups interested in carrying AA's message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings. <u>Hotline Coordinator:</u> Manages coverage and training for all volunteer hotline service workers.

<u>Website Liaison:</u> Manages the Intergroup website. <u>CPC/PI</u> (Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committees): Through **PI** service, accurate information about AA, when requested, is presented to the public. **PI** volunteers visit schools, businesses and community meetings; they serve as resources for AA

friends in the local media, emphasizing AA traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non -affiliation; they provide AA public service announcements to radio and TV outlets. **Cooperation with the Professional Community: CPC** provides information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their professions: healthcare professionals, educators, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders and industrial managers, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. CPC advises what AA is, how AA can be contacted, where AA is located, and what AA can and cannot do. Archives Committee: Members maintain and update Intergroup Archives, the repository of personal collections, manuscripts, publications, photographs and memorabilia related to the origin and development of the regional AA Fellowship. Corrections Committee: This group is aware of all regional prison/jail commitments and provides information and literature about AA to others going into all such area facilities.

<u>Outreach Committee</u>: Members visit regional AA meetings to talk about Intergroup's mission and, when needed, to recruit volunteers.

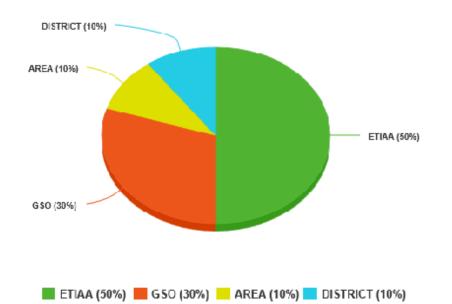
"Isn't a donation of my time and services just as important as my donation of cash? What if my home group had money for coffee, rent and literature, but no one to open the meeting and make the coffee?"

Manassas, VA July 1992

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SUGGESTED DONATIONS

from "AA's Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" Pamphlet



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THE UNITY NEWSLETTER:

- A monthly publication of East Tennessee Intergroup.
- About, by, and for members of AA.
- Opinions herein are not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Except when indicated, this publication does not imply endorsement by either AA or the Unity Newsletter.
- Delegates to the General Service Conference, April 24, 1972, agreed that the use of full names and addresses could improve communication within the Fellowship. We may use full names for AA members in service.
- To assure anonymity, it is requested that this newsletter be kept within the Fellowship.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 meets the second Saturday of the month at 11am at the Renaissance Center.

District 2 meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Mountain Home VA, Johnson City.

District 3 meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:30pm at the Morristown Group.

District 4 meets the first Sunday of the month at 2:00pm at Happy Destiny.

District 50/51 meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Intergroup Office.

District 6 meets the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the Serenity Club.

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Intergroup Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Intergroup Office at 12:30pm.

District 50/51 Treatment Committee meets 2nd Thursday at Park 40 at 7pm; includes Bridging the Gap.

INTERGROUP MOBILE EVENTS

District 50/51 Christmas Party December 2nd, 2017

Appalachian Regional Roundup March 23-25, 2018

Second Quarterly Area 64 Assembly April 6-8, 2018

Is there an AArelated event you would like Intergroup to attend? If so, please contact us: 865-522-9667 or manager @etiaa.org

Meeting Announcements

Our meeting lists have been revised. To see the most recent changes, check out our website: ETIAA.org

South Knoxville: The Flat Iron has added two new meetings. Sunday at 1pm is a closed step study and Wednesday at 7pm is a 12&12 meeting.

Lenoir City: Amor y Servico is no longer meeting.

Greeneville: The Lunch Bunch Group has added a new closed women's meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm.

South Knoxville: A new closed discussion has started at 808 Sevier Avenue. Outlaw Safe Crackers meets on Saturdays at 8pm.

West Knoxville: Sundays at Seven has moved to 805 South Northshore Drive.

Rockford: Back to Life is no longer meeting.

Sevierville: Pigeon River Club has added a Newcomer meeting on Mondays at 7:30pm.

Oak Ridge: Back to Basics meeting types have been updated.



Send us your group members' names and anniversary dates for the current month so we may celebrate with you!

<u>KODAK</u>

Mike E. 28 YRS 10/31

SEYMOUR SHARING

Bob D. 10 YRS 11/07

Melody W. 13 YRS 11/04

ROCKFORD

Michael F. 1 YR 11/2016

Renee H 28 YRS 12/3/90

PRIMARY PURPOSE OAK RIDGE

John N 13YRS

Becky M 17YRS

INTERGROUP SERVICE NEEDS

Office Volunteers

Intergroup Reps

12-Step Volunteers

Office Volunteers:

Run the Intergroup office. Answer the phone, sell big books and answer general questions.

Intergroup Reps:

Attend the monthly Intergroup meetings at 12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Bring back the information to your groups.

12-Step Volunteers: Respond to calls from alcoholics in need.

Email us at manager@etiaa.org; visit the website at ETIAA.org, or call us at 865-522-9667 to volunteer or to tell us of another service opportunity for publication here.

Would you like to submit something for the newsletter? We encourage all appropriate submissions. Email: manager@etiaa.org

Twelfth Step:

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Twelfth Tradition:

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Twelfth Concept:

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operation funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it places none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reaches all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that it's actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never performs acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Twelfth Step Prayer:

Dear God,

Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking than intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill.

Group Contribution Report for October 2017

		Jul - Oct			
	Oct 17	17		Oct 17 Jul - Oct 17	
4TH DIMENSION	0.00	666.00	LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE	53.11	209.38
AMOR Y SERVICO	60.00	60.00	MARYVILLE 12 STEP	0.00	60.00
BACK TO BASICS- OAK RIDGE	0.00	97.00	MEMORIAL RECOVERY	0.00	50.00
BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP	50.00	125.00	MONROE COUNTY	0.00	82.00
COLONIAL GROUP	40.00	70.00	MORRISTOWN GROUP	2.39	2.39
CONCORD GROUP	0.00	69.35	NEW BEGINNING- LOUDON	0.00	125.00
CONTRIBUTION JAR	5.48	48.38	NORRIS CLINTON GROUP	0.00	89.00
COOKIE GROUP	0.00	120.00	NORTH GATLINBURG GR	0.00	199.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	0.00	224.00	PHOENIX GROUP	0.00	235.80
DISTRICT 50/51	30.00	120.00	PRIME TIME	246.00	246.00
FIRST THINGS FIRST-P40	0.00	507.08	RIVERSIDE GROUP	134.74	236.86
FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY	0.00	150.00	ROCKFORD	40.00	40.00
GROUP WITH NO NAME	0.00	415.00			
HAPPY DESTINY	0.00	200.00		0.00	500.00
HIGH NOONERS-P40	0.00	393.00		0.00	100.00
ICYPAA	0.00	120.20	SERENITY SEEKERS	0.00	120.00
Individual	0.00	42.00	SERENITY SISTERS	0.00	131.40
JEFFERSON CITY UNITY	105.61	105.61	SEYMOUR SHARING	247.37	450.97
KODAK- STEPS AND TRADI- TIONS	0.00	50.00	STEPS FORWARD	55.00	55.00
KODAK-BIG BOOK STUDY	0.00	50.00	TELLICO VILLAGE	60.00	120.00
KODAK GROUP	0.00	50.00	TRI-STATE GROUP	42.63	71.15
LAFOLLETTE-THERE IS HOPE	20.00	80.00	WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP	0.00	189.75
LOUDON	150.00	150.00	WORKING WITH OTHERS	0.00	100.00
				1,342.33	7,326.32

Intergroup Minutes November 12, 2017 Open with serenity prayer Attendees: Joni Q, Rebekah R, Jim M, Bob W, Trent W, David C, Mark R, Shelly M, Louise S, Nick T, Fawn L **Prior Meeting Minutes: Accepted October Minutes** Intergroup Manager Report: Rebekah R Yearly taxes update Taxes and 501c3 status paperwork filed, waiting for paperwork to return **Renewed Business Licenses for city and county** Possible Accountant \$50.00 an hour. Trent knows someone else who might be interested Hit by a bus File Checklist of what needs to be done and how to do it in case of an emergency Color printer died Looking into a new one New Chips. Months on chips, new supplier, cheaper, less minimum order, days and months on chips Christmas Gifts for volunteers, T-Shirts printed with East Tenn Intergroup, most cost is \$150.00 Pricing markup Rebekah is going to bring in a comparison list for markups to 10%, Discount for committees if they buy materials from us **Treasurer Report: Jim M** See reports Operating at a loss so far this year, not to be alarmed about but keep in mind Group contributions are 24% less than last year to date Hotline: Jacque H Hotline doing well **Office Service Workers: Annie B** Need more volunteers, one year sobriety, 4 hour shifts 9-1 and 1-5 Website: Shelley M Website renews for 200.00 plus \$70 for etiaa.com just became available Flyers sent in for events need to be in PDF format, requirements listed on website Archives: Annie B Archives doing well, getting someone to travel to groups with Annie Accessibilities: Need Chair Spanish Speaking Liaison: Need Chair **CPCPI: Need Chair Treatment: Need Chair Corrections:** Lisa F Lisa is at the Corrections Workshop but would like to stand for this chair. Cocke County having a certification workshop November 18 at 9:00 AM at the Cocke county Jail in Newport **Outreach: New Chair Nick Old Business: New Business:** Resentment chip and visitor chip Motion to buy Resentment, Visitor and 18 Month chips Passed Keep ETIAA.com Motion to keep .com website address Passed **Medallion Prices** Tabled Rebekah will look up price comparisons Holiday gifts for office volunteers Motion for \$175.00 for Holiday gifts Passed Nominations for chairs Chair Joni O **Co-Chair** Mike A Fawn L Treasurer Mark R Secretary Hotline Jacque H Website Shelly M Annie B Archives Accessibilities **CPC/PI Robert G** Corrections Lisa F Outreach Nick T Treatment **Spanish Speaking Liaison** Meetings in South Knoxville not AA Discuss changing bylaws to reflect what actual processes are **Close with Serenity Prayer** Next meeting: 10 December 2017

District 4 Meeting Minutes

1 October 2017 @ 2:00pm Happy Destiny II 325 Whitecrest Road, Maryville TN 37801 Attendees: Charlie C. Debbie H. Rebekah R. Toby W. Leslie O. Johnny H.

Charlie C. opened the meeting with *The Serenity Prayer 12 Traditions* Read Secretary's Report: No report this month Treasurer's Report: Debbie H. to get with past Treasurer about current financial status **Elections for District Officers were due to be held – with the lack of participation the following individuals accepted positions described below. Should others be willing to step up, formal elections can be held at a future date**

Debbie H. - DCM Charlie C. – Alternate DCM Toby W. – Treasurer Leslie O. - Alternate Treasurer Johnny H.- Secretary

Group Reports:

Debbie H. GSR- **'Happy Destiny II Group''**-attendance is steady. Weekend attendance down. Saturday night Speaker Meeting needs support.

Toby W. GSR – **'The Riverside Group**'- Attendance is good.

Johnny H. GSR- **'Rockford Fellowship Group**" –Attendance steady. Group elections will be held Thursday 2 November at 6:45pm at the club. Also, the group still recovering from loss of long time member Mark M

Rebekah R. GSR- "The Colonial Group"- Attendance steady

Leslie O. - "North Gatlinburg Group" - doing good attendance picking up

Old Business:

New Business

Spring Assembly in Gatlinburg Dates: April 6,7,8 Rebekah will get speaker and redo fliers will ask/ find Spanish speaker translator for assembly – pay for their hotel? Charlie will contact Ralph J to do the Agenda; Charlie will call the hotel ALL of us ask groups to cover meals for the April Assembly – Rebekah will create a flyer to advertise this effort Motion to adjourn. Meeting closed with the *Lord's Prayer*. Next meeting will be 05 November 2017. Respectfully submitted, Johnny H Secretary

District 50/51 Minutes

6 November 2017

Attending: Trey M. DCM 51; Caitlin F. DCM 50; Frankie R. Corrections Chair; Paul W. CPC/PI Chair; Sandra visiting from So -So; Scott S. GSR Phoenix; Pam H. GSR First Things First; Karen S. Treatment Chair; Jerry H. Alt. GSR So-So; Robin G. Area 64 Treatment Chair; Ralph B. Treasurer; Karen C. Archives Chair; Leigh C. GSR Prime Time.

Opened: Caitlin F. Opened at 6:34pm with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer; Paul W. read the 12 Traditions.

Previous Minutes: We need to accept the minutes from September as well as October. September minutes motion to accept; seconded; passed. October minutes motion to accept; seconded; passed.

DCM 51 Report: (Trey M.) ETYPAA have approached him about Alcathon. No further information has been given.

DCM 50 Report: (Caitlin F.)

CPC/PI: (Paul W.) WATE TV has priced offer- 50,000 monthly clicks on in-banner digital ad and 8x late night WATE TV commercials (PSA) each week from 12am-4am for \$500. Will vote on in new business.

Archives: (Karen C.) trying to pull together all the information on archives. Phoenix group has entered a new group history.

Corrections: (Frankie R.) Always taking applications; Wants to expand into a juvenile detention. Must have 1 year; it usually takes about 9 months to get authorization to take meetings into jails; please call Frankie R. for more information - (813) 486-3085

Grapevine: (Sandra) - no report, will gather information from Assembly.

Treatment (Karen S.) Still taking in meetings to Mandela House/Bradford/Centerpoint/Great Starts; Meet 2nd Thursday of the month P40 Blue Room. Treatment will have a workshop- November 18th at 2pm at Intergroup.

Events: (Ed- not present) Christmas party December 2nd is seeming to line up well- Call Ed. to help out (865) 227-8284.

Treasurers Report: (Ralph B.) Current balance: \$1664.58

Announcements/Group News: Leigh C. with Primetime Group- Monday nights we are having a Panel Discussion meeting through the steps. Encouraging Treatment facilities to come.

Paul - ETYPAA will meet with P40 this month to discuss Alcathon.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: Motion to give Intergroup \$30 for rent. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to cut a check for \$500 for the Christmas Party. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to fund \$500 PSA for WATE TV for one month. Seconded. Passed.

*DCM 51— Robin G. *Alt. DCM 51 -- Karen C. *DCM 50 -- Jerry H.

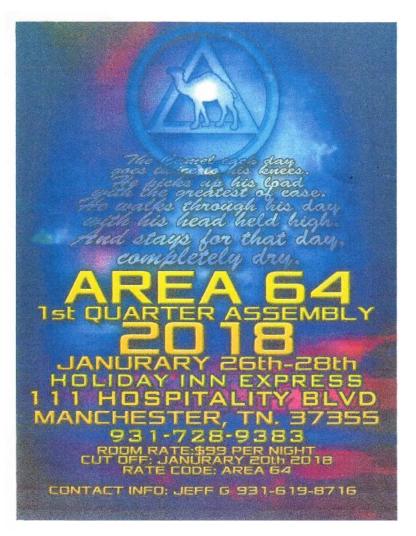
*Alt. DCM 50 — Vacant *Secretary —Vacant *Treasurer — Ralph B.

*CPC/PI — Paul W. *Corrections — Frankie R. *Treatment — Emily S.

*Archives — Vacant *Grapevine — Sandra B. *Events — Leigh C.

*Bridging the Gap — vacant *Intergroup Liaison — Trey M.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.



SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

2ND QUARTER AREA 64 ASSEMBLY

APRIL 6-8, 2018 Edgewater Hotel 402 River Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738 For Reservations call: 865-436-4151 or 800-423-9582



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ROOM RATE: \$98 PLUS TAX HOTEL REQUIRES FIRST NIGHT DEPOSIT CUTOFF DATE: MARCH 6TH, 2018 GROUP CODE: TN AREA ASSEMBLY 2018 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CHARLIE C AT 865-679-7906

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PARA OBTENER MAS INFORMACION, PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON CHARLIE C. AT 865-679-7906



CHRISTMAS DINNER

SERENITY CLUB 170 N. Jefferson Círcle, Oak Rídge

> December 25, 2017 3:00 PM

Pot luck dinner - please bring side dish or dessert to share. Turkey & ham provided by serenity club

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$3.00







Christmas Day @ Rockford Fellowship

2733 Old Knoxville Hwy Rockford TN 37853

Join us for pot luck dinner and fellowship – all groups and families welcome Monday December 25th – dinner starts at 1:30pm after the noon meeting

Bring a covered dish to pass

Please join us at the Tennessee Group, a new and exciting solutionbased closed AA meeting on Thursday Nights. Starting on January 25th 20018 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church located at 1001 Ebenezer Road. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with coffee, cookies, and fellowship followed at 7 p.m. with a 1-hour literature topic meeting. AA Birthday cake, with song and candle for each year of sobriety will be celebrated. There are numerous meeting commitments available. Come join us for this fun and positive fellowship of alcoholics. We are not a glum lot!

Tillery Ridge Apartments near Clinton Highway and Merchants, would like to offer free meeting space. If you are interested, call Stacy at 865-688-4673

MY BLOOD TYPE USED TO BE WHISKEY NEGATIVE, NOW IT'S COFFEE POSITIVE.

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One day or day one. You decide.

Intergroup Wants/Needs:

We would love a full-sized refrigerator in the IG office.

If you have items to contribute, please call us during business hours at 865-522-9667.

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