UNITY NEWSLETTER(/

East Tennessee Intergroup Newsletter

November 2017 Volume 11 Number 11

Intergroup Committee Elections

Nominations: November 12th at 12:30pm 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.

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

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

Treatment Committee: 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 commu-

nity meetings; they serve as resources for AA friends in the local media, emphasizing AA traditions of anonymity, singlelness 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. <u>Corrections Committee:</u> 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.

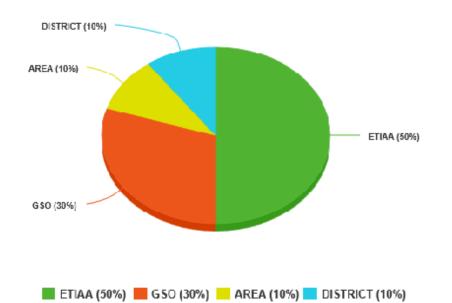
"Isn't a donation of my time and services just as important as my donation of cash? What if my home group had money for coffee, rent and literature, but no one to open the meeting and make the coffee?"

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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- 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 Thursdays at Park 40 at 7pm; includes Bridging the Gap.

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INTERGROUP MOBILE EVENTS

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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

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.

Oak Ridge: A new closed discussion meeting has started at the Serenity Club. Happy, Joyous and Free meets at Noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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

MARYVILLE 12 STEP

GREG H 4 YRS STEVE M 5 YRS ROCKFORD SHANNA C 10/13/08 9YRS DAN V 10/15/03 14 YRS DOUG R 10/6/98 19YRS

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

Eleventh Step:

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Eleventh Tradition:

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Eleventh Concept:

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Eleventh Step Prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace! That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek to comfort rather than to be comforted. To understand, rather than to be understood. To love, rather than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one **f**inds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

Group Contribution Report for September 2017

	Sep 17	Jul - Sep 17
4TH DIMENSION	666.00	666.00
BACK TO BASICS- OAK RIDGE	97.00	97.00
BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP	0.00	75.00
COLONIAL GROUP	0.00	30.00
CONCORD GROUP	0.00	69.35
CONTRIBUTION JAR	15.16	42.90
COOKIE GROUP	120.00	120.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	224.00	224.00
DISTRICT 50/51	30.00	90.00
FIRST THINGS FIRST-P40	507.08	507.08
FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY	0.00	150.00
GROUP WITH NO NAME	195.00	415.00
HAPPY DESTINY	200.00	200.00
HIGH NOONERS-P40	0.00	393.00
ICYPAA	0.00	120.20
Individual	0.00	42.00
KODAK- STEPS AND TRADITIONS	0.00	50.00
KODAK-BIG BOOK STUDY	0.00	50.00
KODAK GROUP	50.00	50.00
LAFOLLETTE-THERE IS HOPE	20.00	60.00
LUNCH BUNCH- GREENEVILLE	59.22	156.27
MARYVILLE 12 STEP	0.00	60.00
MEMORIAL RECOVERY	0.00	50.00
MONROE COUNTY	52.00	82.00
NEW BEGINNING- LOUDON	0.00	125.00
NORRIS CLINTON GROUP	89.00	89.00
NORTH GATLINBURG GROUP	0.00	199.00
PHOENIX GROUP	235.80	235.80
RIVERSIDE GROUP	0.00	102.12
SATURDAY MORNING SERENITY	500.00	500.00
SERENITY IMPROVEMENT	0.00	100.00
SERENITY SEEKERS	0.00	120.00
SERENITY SISTERS	0.00	131.40
SEYMOUR SHARING	0.00	203.60
TELLICO VILLAGE	0.00	60.00
TRI-STATE GROUP	28.52	28.52
WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP	0.00	189.75
WORKING WITH OTHERS	0.00	100.00
	3,088.78	5,983.99

Intergroup Minutes October 8, 2017

Open with Serenity Prayer

Attendees: Joni Q., Lisa F., Fawn L., Annie B., Robert G., Mike A., Jim M., Bob W., Bill B. Prior Meeting Minutes: September Minutes approved

Intergroup Manager's Report: Rebekah R.

Office Managers Convention missed due to family emergency. Ticket will be refunded. Working on yearly taxes++

New Grapevine book, "Voices of Women in A.A." is now in stock

Campout sales netted about \$350.

First mailing from new email service went well but many recipients are not clicking through to the newsletter,

Attended the Metropolitan Drug Coalition's Recovery Fair. Handed out lots of meeting lists.

Updated job description and created a list of 2017 accomplishments.

Treasurer Report: Jim M.

Profit and Loss: September 2017 net income \$886.34. Year-to-date net \$178.97.

Profit and Loss: Comparison of 2017 with 2016 YTD is at -94.2% due to increases in most expense categories.

Financial Committee status: see New Business

Hot Line: Jacque H. Not present, no report submitted.

Office Service Workers: Annie B.

Backup coverage personnel no longer available. More coverage is need for all shifts. More volunteers are seriously needed.

Website: Shelley M. Not present; no report submitted.

Archives: Annie B.

New bookcases are here.

Still working on cassette-to-CD conversions of speaker tapes.

Accessibilities: Need chairperson

Spanish Speaking Liaison: Need chairperson

CPC/PI: Need chairperson. (Robert G. and Tara ? expressed interest)

Corrections: Lisa F.

Sept 30 Corrections Workshop was very successful.

Reimbursement requested for conference in Cookeville on 10/7/17 sponsored by District 9/Area 64. Many more books needed for distribution to new contacts. Suggested was having new contacts query their District Offices for contributions.

Outreach: Steve T. Not present; no report submitted.

Old Business

Rebekah's Evaluation done by committee of persons present at this meeting. Approved a pay raise.

New Business

Financial Committee status. Acting chairperson of this group resigned from committee due to conflict of interest. Motion to disband the current committee was approved. New committee to be considered.Review of intergroup Bylaws relating to the nomination and election of new officers and chairpersons due at next meeting. Nominations are needed for:

Officers Committees

Chair	Hotline	Spanish Speaking Liaison	Treatment
Co-Chair	Website	CPC/PI	
Treasurer	Archives	Corrections	
Secretary	Accessibilitie	s Outreach	

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 12 at 12:30pm.

District Minutes 50/51

11 September 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; Darlene So-So; Rick Boyd GSR Sat. Morning Big Book Opened: Trey M. Opened at 6:32pm with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer; Read the 12 Traditions.

Previous Minutes: Previous minutes accepted as written.

DCM 51 Report: (Trey M.) Post conference report attended on Saturday. Prime time still having trouble with flooding of treatment facilities.

DCM 50 Report: (Caitlin F.) Attended several groups. Phoenix group is now an official groupsent in new group and new GSR forms. Went to post conference report on Saturday. This is what I learned: 1.)Less groups are contributing money but the ones that are contributing are contributing more money. 2.) Profit was 1.5 million- most of which was invested in retirement funds to meet legal requirements. 3.) \$7.27 per member annually would cover most costs for each member. 4.) There are 41.5% of groups sending money to GSO. 5.) \$1 in 1939 = \$17 today. 6.)We need to decrease costs to increase productivity and save money. 7.) Online contributions are most cost effective over mailed envelops or check donations (saves a lot a money). 8.) Any groups that can do online donations should. 9.) Grapevine subscriptions have decrease but cost has increased. 10.) PI/Grapevine approved to create YouTube and Google for NP with disabled comments. 11.) 2017 Survey is on hold until issue of gender question is resolved.

CPC/PI: (Paul W.) We have booth at TVA&I Fair. It is checked on daily, it appears that we have some action. WATE offered a price to run a PSA on their news app that is moving PSA playing automatically until you click on it. Waiting for prices. Will wait on pricing.

Archives: (Karen C.) Not doing good at getting out to groups. Karen will be rotating out.

Corrections: (Frankie R.) Workshop 09/30 1:00pm at Intergroup; Heather from A64 and a judge from Blount Co. will be speaking; Frankie will not be rotating out.

Grapevine: (open) no chair- no report

Treatment (Karen S.) Status-quo treatment workshop Nov. 18th 2pm Intergroup. Karen will be rotating out.

Events: (Ed- not present) Christmas party December 2nd - Call Ed. to help out (865) 227-8284. Bridging the Gap: vacant / need chair.

Announcements/Group News: ETYPAA has Halloween party Oct. 21st at Park 40.

Serenity Sisters is having workshop on service following the 5:30 meeting this Wednesday. Prime Time group could still use support from sober alcoholics with time, especially on Monday nights.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: Motion to donate extra money to Intergroup. Amended to read "Contribute money." Discussion. Failed based on current finances. Discuss with groups to contribute more to Intergroup to help keep hotline and serves offered by intergroup alive.

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

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

District 50/51 Minutes

2 October 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: Trey M. Opened at 6:35pm with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer; Frankie R. read the 12 Traditions.

Previous Minutes: Tabled until next meeting when minutes are available.

DCM 51 Report: (Trey M.) Caitlin and I are doing a workshop Wednesday after Serenity Sisters.

DCM 50 Report: (Caitlin F.) I have re-written a letter to the Trustee's and Board regarding the lawsuit; please email <u>knoxaainfo@gmail.com</u> for a digital copy emailed or mailed to you or your group. We will talk about endorsing this letter by the district in new business. I went to Nashville to speak this month. It was a great trip; it was a wonderful opportunity to learn about how our presence in service impacts people we don't even realize. I haven't had much with District 50 since last meeting.

CPC/PI: (Paul W./ Pam H.) We had the unmanned booth at local fair this past month. It was checked on daily and seemed to have visitors often. All pamphlets for professionals and medical personnel were taken from racks and most AA at a Glance were taken. It was a successful event. Metropolitan Drug Commission had a Recovery Fair the following week. There was a large recovery network present; halfway houses; lots of meeting schedules were given out. Almost everyone there came by the A.A. booth and stopped to show thanks. 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. Please discuss with groups. Will Vote on next month.

Archives: (Karen C.) trying to pull together all the information on archives and lay it out for whoever takes chair next. Corrections: (Frankie R.) Workshop this past Saturday. We had about 35-40 people. It went really smoothly; good workshop. Jam packed with information. A couple of applications filled out. Came in under budget on workshop. Wants to expand into a juvenile detention.

Grapevine: (open) no chair- no report

Treatment (Karen S.) Stopped going into Renaissance Treatment Center because owners are currently being indicted for running a "pill mill." Another meeting on 19th October. Clients also seemed dis-interested. We have currently opened up communication with Cornerstone Treatment. Still taking in meetings to Mandela House/Bradford/ Centerpoint/Great Starts (maybe pause on taking into Great Starts); Meet 2nd Thursday of the month P40 Blue Room. Treatment will have a workshop- ETYPAA will be helping with workshop (chili cookout) - 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. ETYPAA (East Tennessee Young Peoples of A.A.) will meet Oct. 8th at Intergroup at 6pm. ETYPAA is having Halloween Party Oct. 21st at Park 40; Jimmy W. (Chattanooga) will be speaking at 8pm. Flyers available at Intergroup.

Treasurers Report: (Ralph B.) Current balance: \$2,014.58 Announcements/Group News: ETYPAA has Halloween party Oct. 21st at Park 40. Monday night women's meeting at P40 has asked to merge with Serenity Sisters Wednesday women meeting. 2nd Wednesday month is group business meeting. Serenity Sisters is having workshop on service following the 5:30 meeting this Wednesday. Prime Time group could still use support from sober alcoholics with time, especially on Monday nights. Two hour group conscious coming up this Thursday to discuss the possibilities outlined.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: Motion to endorse and send AA Lawsuit letter to Trustee's/Board/ GM at GSO. Seconded. Passed. Motion to write two checks for \$250 each for DCM 50/51 for 4th Quarter voting assembly Seconded. Passed Motion to give Intergroup \$30 for rent. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to suspend the rules.

*DCM 51— (Sequoia hills west/should be GSR or chair first) Robin G. Nominated - will let know later; (currently Vacant)

*Alt. DCM 51— Karen C. volunteered, seconded/passed. {New Alt. DCM 51 Karen C.}

*DCM 50 — Jerry H. Nominated - Accepted, seconded, passed. {New DCM 50 Jerry H.} *Alt. DCM 50 — Vacant *Secretary — Vacant. *Treasurer — Ralph B. will stay and serve *CPC/PI — Paul W. will stay and serve *Corrections — Frankie R. will stay and serve *Treatment — Scott S. Nominated and will think on it (Currently vacant) *Archives — Vacant. Grapevine — Sandra B. volunteered { Sandra B. New Grapevine Chair}

*Events — Vacant. *Bridging the Gap — vacant *Intergroup Liaison — Trey M. Volunteered {Trey M. New Intergroup Liaison}

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.



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THANKSGIVING DINNER November 23, 2017 Karaoke from 2:00 - 6:00 PM Dinner - 3:00 PM

POT LUCK DINNER - PLEASE BRING SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

TURKEY & HAM PROVIDED

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$3.00

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.





Thanksgiving Day @ Rockford Fellowship

2733 Old Knoxville Hwy Rockford TN 37853

Join us for Potluck dinner and fellowship – All groups and family members invited

Thursday November 23rd – dinner served at 1:30pm

Bring a covered dish to pass



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING IN SUPPORT OF AREA RECOVERY!



Watauga Presbyterian Church 610 Watauga Ave. Johnson City, TN (entrance is to the rear of building)

Barbeque & Fixin's at 6:30pm Bring a dessert or snack if you like

\$5.00 Suggested for Dinner & DJ

Speaker 7:30pm Gretchen S. Music 9:00 - 12:00am, provided by DJ Jerome

Sponsored by The Unity Group with all proceeds to support the Appalachian Regional Roundup

For Info Call (423) 200-0025

TREATMENT WORKSHOP & CHILI COOKOFF

when November 18th 2pm

WHERE Intergroup Office 5833 Clinton Highway, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37912

TREATMENT MEETINGS

Learn how to bring AA meetings into treatment centers

SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE

The importance of carrying the message into treatment centers

BRIDGING THE GAP

Learn about Bridging the Gap and how you can help.

CHILI Cookoff

Bring your batch of chili and/or vote for your favorite one

PANELISTS

Robin G., Area Treatment Chair Ben R., from the Tri-Cities Area

Intergroup Wants/Needs:

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

We need a color all-in-one printer.

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

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