

EAST August/September 2018 TENNESSEE Volume 42, Issue 8 and 9 **INTERGROUP** UNITY NEWSLETTER

Steps:

Eighth: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Ninth: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Traditions:

Eighth: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Ninth: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept:

Eighth: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Practice These Principles.. Tradition Eight

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?

2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others? 3. Do I sometimes try to get some rewardeven if not money-for my personal AA efforts?

4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?

5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?

6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?

7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition-How It Developed?

Concept:

Ninth: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Prayers:

Eighth: "We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes."

(p. 76 BB)

Ninth: God give me the strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the consequences may be. Help me to consider others and not harm them in any way. Help me to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. Help me to not repeat such behaviors. Show me the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindliness, and Love and help me live the spiritual life. AMEN.

(p. 78-80 BB)

...Tradition CHECKLISTS **Tradition Nine**

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA? 2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative? 3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program-even if no one makes me do so-with a sense of personal responsibility?

4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?

5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?

6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?

7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully-and profit thereby-when the time comes?

8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 meets 11 a.m. on the second Saturday at the Renaissance Center, Kingsport, TN.

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

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

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

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

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

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Intergroup Committee

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

District 50/51 -**Treatment Committee**

meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Park 40; includes Bridging the Gap.

UNITY NEWSLETTER

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



Submit AA Anniversaries to: Newsletter Coordinator, newsletter@etiaa.org Please use the following format:

First full name
Last name initial
Birthday month
Number years

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Would you like to submit something for the Newsletter? **Is your group celebrating any Birthday/ Anniversaries? Are you? **Do you have AA-related question and/or "Myth" that (ETIAA) East Tennessee of Alcoholics Anonymous can answer for you? **Is there an "In Memory" group member to be recognized? **We encourage all appropriate submissions by sending them to:

Newsletter Coordinator, newsletter@etiaa.org

NEW MONTHLY ARTICLE

"MYTH BUSTER"

Why does Intergroup have such a large prudent reserve?

We currently have a prudent reserve of \$10,000. That money is an estimated 6 months expenses for the Intergroup Office. We operate in cash so, essentially, we could gather our belongings and walk out the door if anything were to happen regarding the Intergroup Office, but we would still be responsible for the balance of our lease. Our officers have signed a personal guarantee for our lease and we want to make sure they are covered in the event we must break it. Per GSO, a suggested prudent reserve for central offices, intergroups and area committees should be one-to-12 months operating expenses, depending on local needs. Our last move cost approximately \$4000, including first/last rent, signage, construction of two walls, phone/internet deposit and supplies. If we need to move again (we hope not!), we will need that cushion. Also, our prudent Reserve is relatively small compared to other intergroups and some club houses.

Sources:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-3_selfsupport.pdf https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-02_centralorinter.pdf

MOBILE

INTERGROUP

When should we come to visit your group?

Recovery Resource Fair September 13, 2018 Central United Methodist Knoxville TN

Serenity In The Smokies September 14, 2018 Carson Springs Conf Ctr Newport, TN

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Great Smoky Mountain Recovery Campout September 15, 2018 Greenbriar Campground Gatlinburg, TN

Post Conference Report September 22, 2018 Renaissance Center Kingsport, TN

Primary Purpose Anniversary Celebration Serenity Club Oak Ridge, TN

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District 4 Picnic October 7, 2018 Maryville, TN

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

We're on Facebook

ETIAA has a private FB group. If you would like to join, call the Intergroup Office: 865-522-9667

We'll be happy to add you to the group.



# **INTERGROUP SERVICE NEEDS**

Want to get involved and do rewarding service work? Currently there are many Service Work opportunities available at Intergroup.

**24/7 Hotline Volunteers:** Volunteer monthly, bi-monthly or weekly. Answer the phones when the office is closed.

Current shift opening: Thursday Nights 5pm-9am 12-Step Volunteers: When someone calls the office/ hotline for help and the hotline worker cannot easily help, we try to hook them up with a person of the same sex as geographically close to them as we can. That way, it's more convenient if you plan to hook up at a meeting. Callers usually need to be 12-stepped, are new to the area, need directions to local meetings, etc. This is separate from the Hotline and you can put stipulations on the type of calls you are willing to receive. To serve, contact Jacque H., Hotline Coordinator.

Or visit the website at ETIAA.org,

Or email us at manager@etiaa.org,

Or call us at 865-522-9667.

**Office Workers:** Answer the phones, complete sales and keep the Intergroup Office open.

**Mobile Intergroup** - Service workers for Intergroup Mobile events needed also.

**Events & Workshop Committee Chairperson** - We want to have some fun events! Plan and coordinate events.

Intergroup Committee Co-Chairperson - Chair the monthly Intergroup Meeting when Chair is unable to attend.

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

**Outreach Committee:** Visit meetings and talk to groups about Intergroup.

We are looking to fill the above positions. The term of office, qualifications and duties are on the website:

http://www.etiaa.org/service/

Members interested in any of these positions should attend the next meeting of Intergroup at 12 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month at the Intergroup office at 5833 Clinton Highway, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37912. 865-522-9667

# How can groups participate?

To help support AA's essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the basic group expenses have been taken care of (for example, rent, refreshments, AA literature, Grapevine literature, local meeting lists, GSR travel expenses to attend service functions) and a "prudent reserve" has been set aside to cover any emergency contingencies that might arise, the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following AA service entities.

 The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies and serving as a link between the area delegates and the GSRs.

 The area committee, which coordinates vital AA activities over a broad geographic area, sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference, holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship, and provides information at all levels of service.

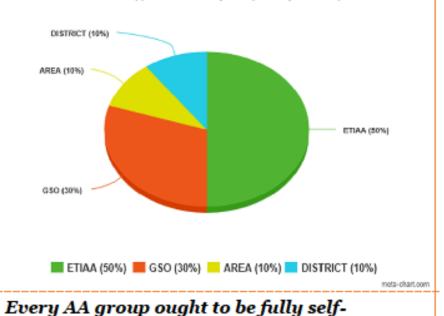
 The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries, coordination of group activities, AA literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.

 AA's General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of AA information, communicating with members and groups around the world, publishes AA literature, and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested in AA.

[Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix. Go to www.aa.org/assets/en\_US/f -3\_selfsupport.pdf].

# 7 TH TRADITION SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

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



# supporting, declining outside contributions.

# **Contribution addresses**

ETIAA East Tennessee Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous 5833 Clinton Highway Suite #202 Knoxville, TN 37912 865-522-9667 www.etiaa.org

General Service Office Grand Central Station P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163 <u>www.aa.org</u>

Area 64 Assembly 'NEW ADDRESS 2500 Murfreesboro Pike I Suite 105, Box 235 Nashville, TN 37217 I www.area64assembly.org (

District 1 Treasurer Stephanie H. 2213 Pendragon Rd Kingsport, TN 37660

District 2 Treasurer PO BOX 1872 Johnson City, TN 37605

District 3 Treasurer John H. 1466 Darbee Dr. Morristown, TN 37814

District 4 Treasurer PO Box 264 'NEW ADDRESS Alcoa, TN 37701

District 6 Treasurer Richard B. 105 Mariner Point Clinton, TN 37716

Districts 50/51 Treasurer PO Box 27264 Knoxville, TN 37917

## JUNE/JULY GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

If you belong to one of the groups that is able to contribute to Intergroup through AA's Seventh Tradition, would you check on your group's contribution at the next business meeting? If your group has any concerns that need addressing, let us know. If desired, we would love the chance to address them and possibly attend your business meeting. **\*NOTE:** *East Tennessee Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous fiscal year runs July -June. July 2018 began the "new" fiscal year.* 

|                                    | Jun 18       | Jul '17 -<br>Jun 18 | Jul 18         | YTD            |                                    | Jun<br>18 | Jul '17 -<br>Jun 18 | Jul 18 | YTD      |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| 4-WAY GROUP                        | 0.00         | 25.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | LUNCH BUNCH-                       | 10        | oun ro              | 00110  | TTD      |
| 4TH DIMENSION                      | 0.00         | 2,125.00            | 0.00           | 0.00           | GREENEVILLE                        | 76.26     | 484.48              | 44.69  | 44.69    |
| 501 Group                          | 0.00         | 60.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | MARYVILLE 12 STEP                  | 0.00      | 154.40              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| AA ASSEMBLY                        | 0.00         | 2.12                | 0.00           | 0.00           | MEMORIAL RECOVERY                  | 0.00      | 150.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| AMOR Y SERVICO                     | 0.00         | 60.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | METRO GROUP                        | 0.00      | 750.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| BACK TO BASICS-                    |              |                     |                |                | MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S                 | 200.00    | 450.22              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| OAK RIDGE                          | 0.00         | 272.22              | 0.00           | 0.00           | MONROE COUNTY                      | 0.00      | 197.12              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| BACK TO BASICS-<br>SWEETWATER      | 0.00         | 180.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | MORRISTOWN GROUP                   | 0.00      | 2.39                | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| BIG BOOK RECOVERY                  | 0.00         | 157.88              | 39.00          | 39.00          | NEW BEGINNING - LOUDON             | 0.00      | 350.00              | 150.00 | 150.00   |
| BIG BOOKS STUDY P40                | 0.00         | 0.00                | 180.67         | 180.67         | NEW PATH                           | 0.00      | 200.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| BLOUNT COUNTY GROUP                | 0.00         | 175.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | NEWPORT GROUP                      | 0.00      | 200.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| COLONIAL GROUP                     | 0.00         | 170.00              | 50.00          | 50.00          | NORRIS CLINTON GROUP               | 0.00      | 264.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| COLONIAL HEIGHTS                   | 0.00         | 25.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           |                                    |           |                     |        |          |
| CONCORD GROUP                      | 0.00         | 69.35               | 0.00           | 0.00           | NORTH GATLINBURG GR                | 0.00      | 1,030.63            | 296.50 | 296.50   |
| CONTRIBUTION JAR                   | 13.44        | 105.37              | 3.34           | 3.34           | OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE                | 0.00      | 145.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| COOKIE GROUP                       | 120.00       | 600.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | PHOENIX GROUP<br>PRIMARY PURPOSE-  | 0.00      | 235.80              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| <b>CORRECTIONS DIST 2</b>          | 0.00         | 0.25                | 0.00           | 0.00           | OAK RIDGE                          | 0.00      | 201.05              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| COURAGE TO CHANGE                  | 0.00         | 224.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | PRIME TIME                         | 120.00    | 466.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| COVER TO COVER                     | 0.00         | 253.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | PRINCIPALS BEFORE<br>PERSONALITIES | 0.00      | 50.00               | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| DISTRICT 50/51                     | 30.00        | 390.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | RIVERSIDE GROUP                    | 0.00      | 722.97              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| DOWN BY THE RIVER                  | 100.00       | 100.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | ROANE COUNTY UNITY                 | 0.00      | 150.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| FIRST THINGS FIRST-P40             | 471.35       | 1,304.47            | 0.00           | 0.00           | ROCKFORD                           | 0.00      | 90.00               | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| FLATIRON<br>FOUNTAIN CITY SERENITY | 0.00<br>0.00 | 0.89<br>450.00      | 0.00<br>150.00 | 0.00<br>150.00 |                                    |           |                     |        |          |
| FREE AT LAST                       | 0.00         | 50.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | RULE 62<br>SATURDAY MORNING        | 0.00      | 0.22                | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| GREEN PASTURES                     | 0.00         | 0.00                | 250.00         | 250.00         | SERENITY                           | 0.00      | 1,100.00            | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| GROUP WITH NO NAME                 | 0.00         | 889.11              | 231.08         | 231.08         | SERENITY IMPROVEMENT               | 0.00      | 300.00              | 150.00 | 150.00   |
|                                    | 0.00         | 900.00              | 250.00         | 250.00         | SERENITY SEEKERS                   | 0.00      | 120.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| HAPPY HOUR                         | 0.00         | 500.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | SERENITY SISTERS                   | 0.00      | 277.40              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| HAPPY, JOYOUS AND FREE             | 0.00         | 30.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | SEYMOUR SHARING                    | 0.00      | 965.17              | 225.10 | 225.10   |
| HEART TO HEART                     | 0.00         | 1,000.00            | 0.00           | 0.00           | SOBER PRIDE                        | 0.00      | 200.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| HIGH NOONERS-P40                   | 0.00         | 393.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | SOBRIETY SOCIETY- SO-SO            | 0.00      | 92.50               | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| ICYPAA                             | 0.00         | 120.20              | 0.00           | 0.00           | STEPS FORWARD                      | 0.00      | 165.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| Individual                         | 59.18        | 1,228.05            | 465.00         | 465.00         | SUNDAYS AT 7                       | 0.00      | 285.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| JEFFERSON CITY UNITY               | 0.00         | 167.32              | 0.00           | 0.00           | TELLICO VILLAGE                    | 0.00      | 240.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| KODAK - BIG BOOK STUDY             | 0.00         | 100.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | TRI-STATE GROUP                    | 25.00     | 148.04              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| KODAK - STEPS<br>AND TRADITIONS    | 0.00         | 100.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | TRUDGING THE ROAD                  | 42.11     | 108.92              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| KODAK GROUP                        | 50.00        | 200.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           | TURNIP PATCH                       | 0.00      | 57.39               | 74.98  | 74.98    |
| LAFOLLETTE-<br>THERE IS HOPE       | 20.00        | 240.00              | 20.00          | 20.00          | WEST KNOXVILLE GROUP               | 0.00      | 481.19              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| LENGUAJE DEL CORAZON               | 0.00         | 75.00               | 0.00           | 0.00           | WORKING WITH OTHERS                | 0.00      | 300.00              | 0.00   | 0.00     |
| LOUDON                             | 0.00         | 250.00              | 0.00           | 0.00           |                                    |           | 23,947.12           |        | 2,580.36 |
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### **INTERGROUP JULY-AUGUST MINUTES**

#### Intergroup Minutes July 8, 2018

Open with serenity prayer

Attendees: Joni Quick, Fawn L, Nick T, Louise S, Dave C, Jacque H, Mark R, Lisa F, Bob W, Steve T, Annie B

Prior Meeting Minutes: Accepted June Minutes.

Intergroup Manager Report: June 30 was end of Fiscal year. Mobile IG update: Summer Splash Picnic did well \$300. Need MI Coordinator.

Proposal for replacement tablet. Consider changing IG Office Hours. Proposed Sponsorship Meet and Greet. Planning for Roadmap to Recovery Workshop for October 26/27/28. Discuss Office Manager Compensation Process. Proposed Service Work "Job Fair". Want to set a date for September 8. Proposed AA Myth Buster Column for RB and Newsletter

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> Fawn L, Accountant Update See Reports <u>Hotline:</u> Jacque H Hotline Need someone for Thursday Night

2 people covering until the end of August. 10 new people added to 12 step call list 2 people updating the 12 step call list.

<u>Office Service Workers:</u> Annie B Struggling to keep office open for the total hours due to lack of volunteers. Need afternoons covered Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

<u>Archives:</u> Annie B Need to find a place to put the junk that seems to accumulate in the space. Hoping to bring mobile archives to Kingsport with MI.

Website: Shelley M Nothing to report.

Accessibilities: Need Chair.

Spanish Speaking Liaison: Need Chair.

CPCPI: Robert G Nothing to report.

Treatment: Michelle M Nothing to report.

**Corrections:** Lisa F Going to jails weekly and meeting with 10-15 women. Getting a list of halfway houses for women due to being asked for recommendations. Stepping down from district 3 corrections chair, commitment met.

**<u>Outreach:</u>** Nick T Getting around to all the groups, huge undertaking, could use help to visit groups. Would like names and numbers of people who will work with others.

Events: Need Chair.

#### Old Business:

•IG Meeting Time Motion to leave meeting as it is Passed.

•By-laws revision Will vote on accepting corrected bylaws in August

•National Corrections Conference: Ticket \$507, Hotel ~\$260 or ~\$130 split, Per Diem \$59 per day or \$177, Registration \$30, Dinner \$40, Max \$1014 Min \$707

#### New Business:

•New Tablet Motion to authorize up to \$100.00 to buy a Kindle Fire **Passed** 

•Hours Change Motion to table Passed

•Create a budget for conventions Tabled

•Compensation for office manager Motion to do the same way it was done the last 2 years. **Passed** 

#### **Close with Prayer**

Next meeting: 12 August 2018

#### MEETING August 12, 2018

Open with serenity prayer

**Attendees:** Joni Quick, Shellie G, Rebekah, Fawn L, Nick T, Louise S, Dave C, Jacque H, Mark R, Lisa F, Bob W, Steve T, Annie B, Robert G, Barb S, Shelly M

Prior Meeting Minutes: Accepted July Minutes Intergroup Manager Report: Taxes Update Working on it, have to November to file them. Over \$50,000.00 more forms. Mobile IG update, many upcoming events. Welcome Home Dinner 8/11, GSMRC and Serenity in the Smokies September 14 & 15, MDC Recovery Fair 9/13, Post Conference Report 9/22, District 4 Picnic 10/7. Two new MI Coordinators Shellie and Beth. Replacement tablet arrived. Reset Office Tablet. Sponsorship Meet and Greet Started August 4. Planning for Roadmap to Recovery Workshop for October 26/27/28, discuss in new business. Proposed Service Work "Job Fair", want to set a date for November 10. Please take Service Work flyer back to your groups. Proposed AA Myth Buster Column for FB and Newsletter. Online store update, but ceased working online store, since now have to charge taxes makes it too difficult to manage. Need electrical outlet repair, light repaired and door for closet.

Treasurer Report: Fawn L Accountant update see reports, financially we are sound

**<u>Hotline:</u>** Jacque H Someone working on 12 step call list, Jacque working on organizing it. Four new volunteers that can do the hotline. Two ladies took over Thursdays and will continue after the end of August.

<u>Office Service Workers:</u> Annie B New woman in training, new man in training, Clay will train him.

<u>Archives:</u> Annie B Need to find a place to put the junk that seems to accumulate in the space.

<u>Website:</u> Shelley M 2300 visitors to website. Most got there by google search. Largest group age 25-34, 54% men 46% women. <u>Accessibilities:</u> Need Chair.

Spanish Speaking Liaison: Need Chair.

**<u>CPCPI</u>: Robert G** Missed meetings due to medical issues. Going to make a presentation to the patient advocates Methodist Hospital in Oak Ridge. Doing well in visiting meetings.

<u>Treatment:</u> Michelle M Michelle moved back to San Antonio for 6 months to take care of her dad.

**<u>Corrections</u>: Lisa F** Going to jails weekly and meeting with 10-15 women. Went to Jefferson County jail, and new sheriff in Sept. Hopefully to get in then. Possibility to get into Sullivan County by the district. Celebrate Recovery is in some jails.

**<u>Outreach</u>: Nick T** Getting around to all the groups. Got to Lafollette. New meeting Daily Reprieve in-depth book study in Maryville and Rockford, could use help to visit groups.

#### Events: Need Chair. Old Business:

By-laws revision, motion to approve changes, **Passed** Office Hours Change Motion to leave hours as they are, unless

Annie suggests we change it. Passed

Create budget for conventions. Tabled to be covered in budget process. **Passed** 

#### New Business:

Motion to approve Roadmap to Recovery Workshop. One day, Saturday October 27. Up to \$300.00 approved **Passed** Propose \$10.00 budget for Sponsorship meet and greet, first Saturday of the month 9-11 AM **Passed** 

Motion to cover travel expense for Corrections Chair to take a meeting to jails for 3 months. We also will answer the concerns expressed by Primary Purpose Oak Ridge by letter and visit to the group conscience meeting. **Passed** 

Motion to start a myth busters column in the newsletter **Passed** Close with Prayer. - **Next meeting:** 9 September 2018

# DISTRICT 50/51 JULY-AUGUST MINUTES

#### July 2, 2018 Meeting

Attending: Jerry, Paul, Sheldon, Janaye, Fawn, Sandra, Natalie, Jacque, Krisa, Taylor, Angela, Robin

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made around the room.

A motion was made by Jacque to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Krisa. The motion passed unanimously.

**Robin District 51** reported that Park 40 is going to be undergoing some renovations for a while in July and August so some meetings will be held at other locations. The post conference report was held here on June 8<sup>th</sup> and was very informative and well attended. Robin will be attending the assembly in Memphis in July. Robin can be reached at

#### robingavilan@gmail.com and/or 865-438-3571

Jerry District 50 reported that the post conference report given by our delegate was awesome! He is not satisfied with what happened at the conference regarding the litigation (as in, nothing much happened at all). "The God Word" pamphlet was approved to be published. He will be attending the next assembly in Memphis in a couple of weeks. The Founder's Day picnic was a huge success. We raised \$274.50 for assembly. Jerry made a motion that we take the left over proceeds from district and use it for the 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Assembly. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The monies will need to go through district and then be redistributed to the assembly fund. Jerry can be reached at

#### jerrythebman@yahoo.com and/or 865-719-0308.

**<u>CPC/PI</u>** Paul said nothing to report. Trey said that AA has decided to use Google for non profit and it should move AA as a search word, up in the rankings. There are now PSA's on You Tube. AA will have a Linkedin page for CPC. There will be no comments allowed.

#### Archives Report Not present.

Corrections Report Not present.

#### Grapevine Report Sandra said nothing to report.

**Treatment Report** There is a new treatment chair Lee Smith. The Tennessee Meeting will be taking two meetings into Cornerstone of Recovery and they will have a liaison come to the treatment meetings. The treatment committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at Park 40 in the Blue Room. **Events Report** We currently have no chair. The Host Committee is looking to do a bowling tournament and pancake breakfast (in September or October) as fundraisers for the assembly.

#### Bridging the Gap Report John not present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The next assembly is in Memphis July 13 – July 15. Hilton Memphis. The GSMO will meet on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am at Tyson Park (big parking lot next to Concord). They will be taking a canoe trip down the Little River.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> (per Nicole via Robin): After paying for one DCM trip for the assembly, we have \$747.54 in checking. Please remember, if donating to the assembly, please note on check what it is for. Nicole can be reached at <u>Nicole.carman@comcast.net</u>

**OLD BUSINESS** Still need to encourage groups to participate in the assembly. We still need someone to sponsor dinner on Friday and breakfast on Sunday. **NEW BUSINESS** Janaye made a motion that the New Path group host the Christmas Party again this year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Trey asked if we wanted to sponsor a booth at the TVA & I fair. This first year we did it, we had a manned booth and it did not go so well. The second year was unmanned and it went a lot better. The cost is \$380 for the booth. Everyone is being encouraged to take this information back to their groups and get their input to see if they want to be a part of it. A motion was made to table the discussion of the fair until the next meeting. Angela brought up that we are asking for more and more money from our groups to fund district, assembly, etc. and what should be our priority. A discussion was had.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with The Serenity Prayer.

#### August 6, 2018 Meeting

Attending: Karen C, Jacque, Sandra, Marybeth, Pam, Katie Johnson, Fawn, Rick B, Karen F, Jerry H, Paul W, Frankie R, Sheldon G, Trey, Angela, Robin The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made around the room.

A motion was made by Jacque to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Pam. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was also made to accept the minutes as written. It was seconded and passed unanimously as well.

**Robin District 51** A motion was made at the last assembly to dispense of the part of the Grapevine called AA At Large (they gray pages). Robin will be glad to send you a copy of the motion if you would like. We are still working on preparations for the first quarter assembly that will be held in Knoxville January 2019. Reminder that tomorrow is the last day to get the discounted room rate for the State Convention. Fliers were passed out for the pancake breakfast that will be held on November 3rd at Trinity United Methodist Church from 9am to 11am. (Thanks Clara!) This is a fundraiser for the first quarter assembly in Knoxville. Robin can be reached at:

#### robingavilan@gmail.com and/or 865-438-3571

Jerry District 50 Reminder: The October assembly will be an inventory assembly. Jerry has a power point that was given by the treatment committee at the last assembly. They are revamping "What AA Is & What It is Not". He believes that the consensus regarding AA At Large (the gray pages) is that most people want it removed. Trey encouraged people to take it to their groups so that they we can vote on it at the next assembly. Jerry can be reached at jerrythebman@yahoo.com and/or 865-719-030 CPC/PI Paul said nothing to report. Trey stated that he has a list of the questions that are going to be asked at the next assembly during the inventory. Area 64 voted to apply for our own Google nonprofit. The emails will be for standing committees only for each district. Trey stated that he would like to see us form a committee to compile a list of all professionals in the area. Archives Report Karen: She shared that there is nothing new and is still working to get group histories.

<u>Corrections Report</u> Frankie: He stated that he is always looking for new applicants. He shared that applications (to work in corrections) could be found at the Intergroup office or by contacting Frankie at 813-486-3085.

<u>Grapevine Report</u> Sandra shared that she would like to go to each group and try to get every group to have their own Grapevine representative.

**Treatment Report** Fawn shared that the meetings that are being take into Bradford, Kingston Academy and Great Starts are all doing well. She doesn't know if the meetings at the Mandala House will survive as there are rumors that it is closing. Bridging the Gap is doing well. The Tennessee Group Is supposed to have a liaison coming to the treatment committee meetings, as they are taking a meeting into Cornerstone. Jacque will check with someone at the Tennessee Group to see what the status is.

Events Report We currently have no chair.

Bridging the Gap Report John not present but Fawn reported that it is going well.

**Treasurer's Report** (per Nicole via Robin): We have \$1084.45 in checking, butJerry still needs to be reimbursed \$284.26 for the last assembly. Nicole can bereached atNicole.carman@comcast.net

**OLD BUSINESS** It is too late to decide on setting up an AA booth at the fair. The deadline for a booth is past and gone. Hopefully, we can set one up next year.

**NEW BUSINESS** The treatment committee needs to get a check for \$150.00 to buy pamphlets (this money has already been approved and allocated). Paul brought up that The So So is going to present to Area 64, a registration and roll call structure change to make the secretary's job easier and to eliminate the big "sign in book" at assemblies. The idea is to make the process a lot more fluid.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with The Serenity Prayer.

# **DISTRICT 6 JULY-AUGUST MINUTES**

#### July 7, 2018 Meeting

In attendance: Sandy W, DCM, Tara H, Richard B, Joan S, Lynnette B, Steve T

Sandy W. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Richard B. read the Twelve Traditions.

<u>Secretary Report:</u> was submitted for review. Richard B. made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Sandy W. seconded. **Motion passed.** 

**Treasurer Report:** Richard B reported that there were \$35 in donations to the District with no expenses for the month. Sandy made reservation for 3rd Quarter Assembly and was told room block was full and charged an additional \$34 a night. Richard made a motion that District pay for the additional expenses (Room & gas). Joan S. seconded. **Motion passed.** 

**Group Reports:** <u>Norris-Clinton: Tara H.</u> reported a steady attendance. <u>Primary Purpose: Joan S.</u> stated that Saturday meetings are growing, M, W. & F are steady with Tues & Thurs. getting better. Sunday slowly growing. <u>Happy, Joyous & Free: Tara H.</u> stated that Wednesday is most attended. The first eat and speak went well. <u>Back to Basics:</u> there has been discussion about women's meeting starting up again at 5:30 pm on Friday. Saturday 10:00 am meeting has good attendance. Noon meeting numbers are down. <u>Norris: Tara reports still small group, could use support, Sunday, 7:00 pm. LaFollette: Steve T.</u> reports moving along. <u>St. Mary's Oak Ridge: Lynnette</u> stated she attended and group is still meeting. **Public Information:** Tara stated that Robert is waiting for

contact from Patient Advocate at Methodist Medical Center. Sandy W. to take information to Family Clinic in Oak Ridge.

**Corrections:** Sandy W said things are going well with the women and correspondence. Visitation is limited and they are exploring ways and materials for step work. One problem is there appears there is no home plan with release from jail. Sandy having difficult time finding contact information to be able to come to jails. Steve offered a contact number for Lisa who does Corrections work. **DCM:** Sandy W sent reports from Business meeting in New York. She will bring report. She also brought meeting list for club house in South Knoxville.

**<u>Old Business</u>**: District picnic on August 11, 12:00-4:00 Steve T. to take picnic flyer to Intergroup. Discussion held and plans made regarding details of picnic.

**<u>New Business</u>**: Members from District 6 plan to visit St. Mary's group on July 17 at 7:00 pm.

Richard B. made a motion to adjourn at 11:15.

Seventh Tradition - \$15. Next District meeting will be on August 4 at 10:00 am at the Serenity Club in Oak Ridge. Respectfully submitted,

Joan S., Secretary

#### August 4, 2018 Meeting

In attendance: Sandy W., DCM, Tara H., Richard B., Joan S., Lynnette B., Steve T., Robert G.

Sandy W. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Tara H. read the Twelve Traditions

<u>Secretary Report:</u> was submitted for review. Richard B. made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Robert G. seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Richard B. reported that there were \$60 in donations to the District with \$30 expense for literature bought and donated to LaFollette Group. Steve T. reported that the money was spent well on pamphlets and other literature. Richard B. commented on District funds being used to help service committees within the district. Sandy W. made a motion to accept Treasurer's report as submitted. Tara H. seconded. **Motion passed**.

**Group Reports:** Primary Purpose: Richard B. stated that Saturday evening meetings are growing. Joan S. talked about <u>Primary Purpose</u> Anniversary Party on September 17 at 5:30 meeting. It will be an eat and speak meeting. <u>Happy, Joyous & Free:</u> Tara H. stated Friday meetings picking up. Next speak and eat will be on September 19 (noon) with snacks. Business meeting is held on 1st Wednesday, monthly, for 30 minutes. <u>Norris Group:</u> Tara reported group needs support. Meets on Sunday at 7:00 PM at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris. <u>Norris-Clinton Group</u>: doing well. <u>LaFollette Group</u>: Steve reported that there are several new members with group meeting nightly at 7:00 & Saturday morning 10:00 for Joe & Charlie meeting. <u>St. Mary's, Oak Ridge</u>: Robert G. stated support is needed.

**<u>Public Information:</u>** Robert hasn't heard back from Patient Advocate at Methodist Medical Center. He will try again to see if interest is there.

**Corrections:** Sandy W. said things are going well with the women and correspondence and new correspondence has begun. Lisa F. is Intergroup Correction Chair and may be possible resource contact for certification courses for bringing meetings into jails.

**DCM:** Sandy W. couldn't attend Assembly, due to illness. Sandy mentioned that the motion to remove Alcoholism at Large from back of Grapevine magazine failed.

<u>Old Business</u>: Arrangements for District picnic were finalized.

**New Business:** Members from District 6 plan to visit Happy, Joyous & Free Group on August 22, noon meeting. Richard B. made a motion for District 6 to allocate \$100 to be used for literature for Public Information Committee that will be distributed. Tara H. seconded. **Motion carried.** 

Richard B. made a motion to adjourn at 11:15.

Seventh Tradition - \$16. Next District meeting will be on September 1 at 10:00 am at the Serenity Club in Oak Ridge.

Respectfully submitted, Joan S., Secretary

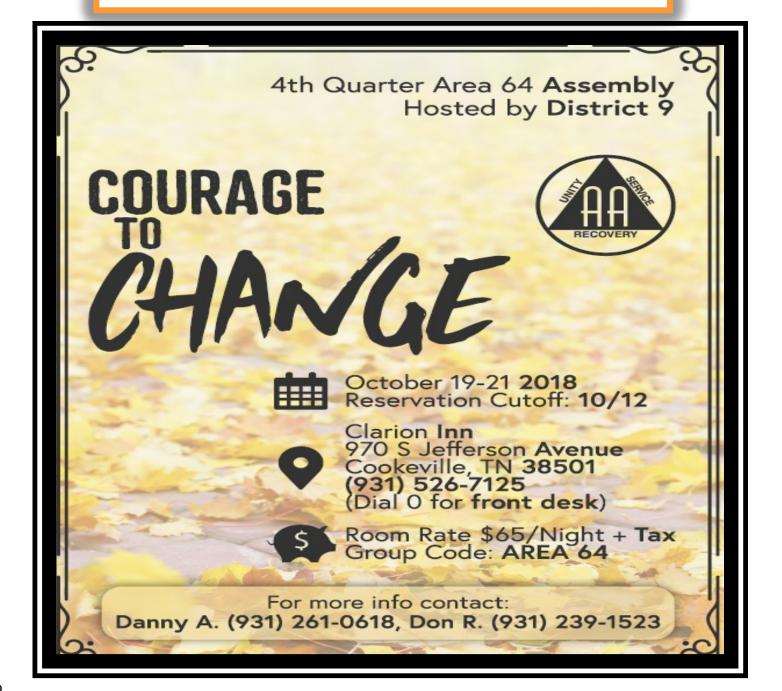
# **UPCOMING AA BUSINESS**



2018 POST CONFERENCE REPORT BY JON PHILLIPS AREA 64 DELEGATE TO NY

| DATE:       | September 22, 2018                            |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| TIME:       | 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM                           |  |  |  |
| PLACE:      | Renaissance Center, Room 314<br>Kingsport, TN |  |  |  |
| WHO:        | Districts 1, 2 and 3                          |  |  |  |
| Please RSVP | to Barb S. (423-276-8737)                     |  |  |  |

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# **AVAILABILITY & MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### AVAILABLE MEETING SPACE:

**Flat Iron IV Clubhouse** at 5929 Chapman Highway has meeting space available, Rooms are \$15/hr. Contact Yank at the Flat Iron (865)579-5854 or (865)230-6577

### **MEETING TIME CHANGE:**

**5:30 UNITY Group** at the Flat Iron has changed the last Saturday of the month Speaker & Birthday Celebration from 5:30 to 7pm. The Survival Group outdoor Fireside Meeting will continue at 8pm, weather permitting.

### **NEW MEETINGS:**

**Clinton: Solutions Group,** 400 N Hicks St, Clinton, TN 37716. Meets on Thursday at 8:00pm.

West Knox Group ~ Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919. Meets Wednesdays at 7pm. Meeting is open literature discussion. Enter at back door and knock if it is locked. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK are allowed in.

### **NO LONGER MEETING:**

**South Knoxville Group** meeting on Sunday at Nazarene Church, 3400 Sevier Ave has been cancelled.

Lafollette Monday night meeting has been cancelled.

Tuesday night BB Study at Recovery Central is no longer meeting.

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Patrick ("Mike") Rinehart, 82, of Seymour, passed away quietly at home Thursday, July 26, 2018. He was loved and respected by many friends. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mike was a beloved and devoted friend of Bill W. for over 36 years.

He is survived by his fiancé and devoted friend, Melody Williams; special friend, Sandy Perryman; and cousin, Sandra Cardoza of California.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to benefit the family.

Service arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Atchley Funeral Home, Seymour. Online condolences may be made at (www.atchleyfuneralhome.com)

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