

The Triangle Newsletter



TO ALL MEMBERS

Greetings On Our 10th Christmas

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Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World.

How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing it's full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings!

And so,-- Merry Christmas to you all-- from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

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Final Delegate Report 2015/2016

Greetings Area 40 from your soon to be Area Advisor. But until the end of December I am still the delegate, and will serve until the last day is through. I can tell you that this has been quite a ride, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I have tremendous gratitude for you all and have been honored to be your servant for these last two years.

The summer and fall were busy. I loved every mile that I drove this year across our beautiful state (bout 6000 of them). Coming to see all of you has been the highlight of this service position. The Montana scenery is a bonus for sure.

I hope that you gained information and understanding of all that goes on at the General Service Conference, and that you were informed of the agenda outcomes. If not, ask your GSR or DCM to get you a copy of all those reports. I hope that you've been informed of all the cool things that Area 40 and our Districts are doing for the sake of the still suffering alcoholic. If not, again contact your GSR or DCM, they'll let you know.

Remember to check the website, Sooooo much info available at our fingertips. The Meeting Lists are a vital link and the Calendar and Flyers are popular, but we also have all our Assembly Minutes, Policies and Procedures, Forms and Documents there for anyone to check out anytime.

As per my style, I would like to close with a quote from our AA literature. (The longest sentence ever written I think) It describes how I feel about service and my role as your delegate.

From the 12 X 12 page 124-125

...True leadership, we find, depends upon able example and not upon vain displays of power or glory.

Still more wonderful is the feeling that we do not have to be specially distinguished among our fellows in order to be useful and profoundly happy. Not many of us can be leaders of prominence, nor do we wish to be. Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God's help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the well-understood fact that in God's sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given surely brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self-constructed prisons, the surety that we need no longer be square pegs in round holes but can fit and belong in God's scheme of things---these are the permanent and legitimate satisfactions of right living for which no amount of pomp and circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes. True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God.

Thank you for walking humbly with me under the grace of our Gods. I will never forget it.

In Love and Service,

Libbie L Panel 65 Delegate

WEBMASTER REPORT

Greetings Area 40, my name is Brandon and I am an alcoholic. Currently have the pleasure of serving Area 40 as your webmaster. Since May 1st we have had 97,000 page views on our website. The vast majority of these (82,000) have been to our online meeting lists. This section of our website continues to be the most viewed section. It is extremely important that we keep these lists as updated as possible. DCM's please let me know if you have any issues with getting these meeting lists updated.

Since the last assembly, 44 e-mails have come in from people reaching out for the hand of A.A. The vast majority of these were individuals looking for help on getting to their first meeting. I want to thank everyone I reached out to for their help on assisting these individuals.

This summer I spent quite a bit of time getting our online Triangle subscription program up and working. We had some issues with PayPal changing around the backend of their system that we use to process payments. Without going into boring tech details, it caused quite the headache. I am glad to say that the PI committee and the Triangle editor will get to view this new online subscription system during the committee meeting. With the approval of the committee, this system will go live shortly after this assembly. The price for paying for your Triangle subscription online is \$10.61 – the increase in price over the normal \$10 is to off-set the cost that PayPal charges to process the payment. You do not need to have a PayPal account, PayPal will allow you to pay with a credit card without having to create an account.

Members within Area 40 continue to submit items for the Calendar of Events – please keep these coming in. I love to see what is happening in / around Area 40, and it is also our second highest viewed page on the website.

Districts are also continuing to send in meeting minutes, district events, etc., to be posted on their respective mini-sites. For those who may be unfamiliar, each district has a mini-site available to them. Simply send me an email (webmaster@aa-montana.org) to get items added to your mini-site.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity serve Area 40 as your webmaster.

Calendar of Events

Assembly Dates 2017

February 1st
Spring Assembly
Agenda Items Due

April 7-9
Spring Assembly
Yogo Inn - Lewistown

July 1st
Fall Assembly
Agenda Items Due

Date to be announced
Fall Assembly
Holiday Inn - Great Falls

Events

March 2017

3rd-5th - Annual Whitefish Sober Ski - Whitefish Mountain Resort - Whitefish

3rd-5th - 2017 West Central Regional Service Conference - Radisson Hotel - Cheyenne, WY

17th-18th - Pockets of Enthusiasm - First Presbyterian Church - Helena

May 2017

19th-21st - 2017 Spring Roundup - Big Horn Resort - Billings Resort - Billings

District 72 - DCM Report Ted O.

Greetings from District 72. Our district encompasses Gallatin, Park and Madison counties. There are currently 55 active groups in District 72, holding 84 meetings per week, everywhere from Wilsall to Cooke City and West Yellowstone to Three Forks. District 72 holds its monthly business meeting the last Saturday of the month at 5pm at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman. It's been a busy summer in District 72 with many meetings filled to capacity with the extra influx of visitors to our area from all over the country and the world.

We were graced with the presence of Area delegate Libbie L. for her report on August 13th, and like just about everything else that has gone on in District 72 this year I was out of town, but the reports I received are that it was well attended and a great time for everyone.

Our corrections and treatment committees are as usual very busy, holding meetings at Montana State Prison, Gallatin County Detention Center, Watch, MCDL, and the riverside treatment facility.

District 72 held elections for the upcoming rotation at our July business meeting and I'm happy to report we have filled nearly all of the positions. It is great to watch so many people step up to be of service to the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Ted O.

District 72 DCM

District 12 - DCM Report

I'm Dave R. DCM District 12, Sobriety Date is May 18th 2008. It is with great sorrow that I will not be giving this report after Dave O. again after today, he will rotate out and I too with a little luck. District 12 has 9 active meetings from Harlowton, Laurel, up to Red Lodge and towns in between. We hold our District meetings at the laurel Home Group the third Sunday of every month. We struggle with attendance but we still get our events done.

Our events are the Mid-Winter Social and Fireman's Point Campout. The Mid-Winter Social in February was the largest to date and had Great Attendance from District 11. If this happens again we'll be looking for a larger place. August is our annual Fireman's Point campout. Friday night we started

off the event with the 4th annual SPAM Cook Off and had over 60 entrees, you would not believe the dishes that people come up with. Louis P. was our Camp fire speaker from N.H. Saturday was the SOB run with Bob M. memorial at Woodbine Falls and back to a BBQ potluck. Dave L. of Kentucky was our fireside Speaker for the evening. Both of the speakers did a great job of sharing their experience, strength, and hope. We wrapped up the event with District 11 cooking Breakfast for everyone. Thank you Dave O. and the crew!! We closed with Libbie L. giving the Delegates report to a large crowd.

Being DCM has been one of the greatest things I have done in my sobriety, service to one's group, District and Area is what has kept me sober for the last 8 years and hopefully many more to come. I have many new friends now from all over Montana.

Thank you all for helping me stay sober. Dave R.

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