

District 12

Unity News

February 2018



AA Thought for the Day

February 11, 2018

How We Recovered

Further on, clear-cut directions are given showing how we recovered.

These are followed by forty-two personal experiences. . .

Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be

persuaded to say, "Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing."

- *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 29

Thought to Ponder

God grant that AA may ever stay simple.

AA-related 'Alconym'

W O R K = What Our Recovery Knows.

I am responsible . . .

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.**

And for that: I am responsible."

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FUTURE DISTRICT MEETING DATES

MARCH 11th, 3:00-4:00	HOPE VALLEY, HICKORY
APRIL 8th, 3:00-4:00	QUEEN ST CLUB, MORGANTON
MAY 13th, 3:00-4:00	CALDWELL HOUSE, LENOIR

Attendance Report January 2018 District Meeting

Marty M. – Twin City Group, DCM
Lory D. – District Secretary
Ken F. – Cookies on the Table, GSR
Dean K. – 5:30 Group, Treasurer
Steve C. – High Noon Group, GSR
Robert R. – Corrections Facilities Coordinator
Chad R. – Keep It simple, GSR
Bill C. – Twin City, GSR
Harry – Un Nuevo Dia, GSR
Debbie G. – WFG Tuesday, GSR, Alt DSM
Gary G. – Keep It Simple, Visitor
Jonathon L. – Gimme Shelter, Visitor
Byron P. – Gimme Shelter, Burke LCM
Dustin C. – Gimme Shelter, GSR
Andrea P. – Step Children Step Study Group, GSR
Donna M. – Forever Newcomers, GSR
Mary M. – Brown Bag Group, GSR
Eric F. – Caldwell Discussion, GSR, Caldwell LCM
Lee W. – Cookies on the Table, Webmaster
Ray C. – New Hope Group, Alt. GSR

Secretary Report – January 2018 District Meeting

The District 12 meeting was held at the Queen Street Center in Morganton. There were 18 voting members. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

SECRETARY – Lory read last month's minutes, which were accepted.

TREASURER – Dean reviewed the treasurer's report for December and the year, which was accepted.

DCM – Marty informed the group the Western Area 51 Pre-conference flyers were available, and explained what happens at the conference. He talked about the Committee meeting he and Debbie will be attending, and reviewed some of the agenda issues to be discussed. He also made available new literature catalogs.

ALT DCM – Debbie asked the group to think about utilizing a "digital basket" for donations at some of the larger gatherings. She also asked about interest in the district sponsoring workshops (one on anonymity?); a motion for this workshop was made and approved.

LCM BURKE – Byron reported that the Queen Street Center sponsored an evening and morning Christmas Eve and Christmas Day special meetings for people needing places to go and to not be alone. Mary stated she is starting a new meeting at the Catholic Church, dates and times to be determined.

LCM CATAWBA – Chris B. was absent.

LCM CALDWELL – Eric stated that all the meetings he has attended are doing well. The Monday night Serenity Sisters meeting has stopped; Steve will take it off the listing.

CFC (CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COORDINATOR) – Robert reported that there was a Christmas party at the Hudson Prison with pizzas and a speaker. He stated that the Caldwell Sheriff's Department would love to host meetings, but presently they have no space. They hope to remedy soon. Burke County had no meetings recently due to weather, holidays, etc. He is hopeful for tomorrow night.

CPC/PI (COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION) – Keith was absent.

TFC (TREATMENT FACILITIES COORDINATOR) – Marty talked about still needing a coordinator, that there is still one Saturday a month not covered. Home groups can check to see if interested in covering.

REGISTRAR – Currently open. Debbie is covering, and she shares that a new women's group is listed (Growth, Gratitude, and Grace – Thursdays, 7:00 pm, St. Albans Church).

PUBLICATIONS – Steve stated that he added the new group listed above to the Where and When, and has also added Spanish speaking groups and the Spanish hotline. He stated that the group form does not have a place for "type of group", and that needs to be emailed to Debbie when turned in.

GRAPEVINE REP – Lynn was absent.

WEBMASTER – Lee recommended moving the website to a new server; motion was made and approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Marty reviewed the open positions.

NEW BUSINESS - Dean suggested the church be reserved for June 9th for Unity Day; motion was made and approved. He stated the church apologized for the lock and youth basketball issues. There is an excess of money over the prudent reserve; motions were made and a final decision of \$750.00 to both Area and GSO were approved.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Western Pre-conference – April 7th, 2018, First Baptist Church/Fellowship Hall, 312 Fifth Ave. West, Hendersonville, 28739

Area 51 Spring Assembly – June 16th – 17th, 2018, Hilton Hotel, N. Raleigh/Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

71st North Carolina State Convention – July 19th – 22nd, 2018, Hilton Hotel, N. Raleigh/Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Treasurer's Report January 2018 District Meeting

	2017	YTD	
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Operating Cash - Beg of Period	\$ 1,911.62	\$ 3,700.83	\$ 3,700.83
<u>Normal Contributions</u>			
5:30 Group	270.00	77.00	77.00
Alexander Group	80.00	20.00	20.00
Basic Book Study	175.00	-	-
Brown Bag Bunch	230.00	-	-
Come Alive Group	237.64	-	-
Cookies on the Table	250.00	-	-
Corinth United Group	150.00	-	-
Forever Newcomers	374.00	-	-
Gimme Shelter	76.00	-	-
High Noon	775.00	-	-
Keep it Simple	310.00	30.00	30.00
Living Sober	75.00	-	-
New Beginnings (Dissolved)	156.00	-	-
Primary Purpose	175.00	81.00	81.00
Saturday Night Group	70.00	-	-
Saturday Night Speaker	235.00	-	-
Serenity Sisters	388.86	-	-
Step Children Step Study	170.00	-	-
Twin City Group	436.00	-	-
Valdese Discussion Group	210.00	100.00	100.00
West Union Group	125.00	-	-
Women's Gratitude Group	155.00	-	-
Total Normal Contributions	5,123.50	308.00	308.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
Answering Service	745.50	62.50	62.50
Bank Charges	37.76	-	-
CFC	100.00	-	-
Committee Travel Expenses	1,509.84	-	-
GSO	500.00	750.00	750.00
Internet Service	-	207.63	207.63
Area 51	-	750.00	750.00
Literature	37.84	-	-
Publications	134.52	-	-
Total Expenses	3,065.46	1,770.13	1,770.13
Operating Cash - End of Period	\$ 3,969.66	\$ 2,238.70	\$ 2,238.70
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<u>Special Events Activity</u>			
Contributions/Seed Money	1,070.20	-	-
Expenses (FUMC)	(1,339.03)	(300.00)	(300.00)
Balance for Special Events	\$ (268.83)	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
TOTAL CASH	\$ 3,700.83	\$ 1,938.70	\$ 1,938.70

NOTE: The District Committee has determined that \$1,200 of the Operating Cash, also included in TOTAL CASH above, should be maintained as a Prudent Reserve.

Addresses for Donations

DISTRICT 12: Dean Koenig
812C Wynnshire Drive Hickory, NC 28601

AREA 51: NCGSC - Treasurer, PO Box 1181 Burlington, NC 27216

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE:

A.A. World Services, Inc., P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163 (212) 870-3400

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP NAME. **ALSO REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR GROUP NAME ON THE CHECK.** IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT, PLEASE STATE SUCH AND BE SURE TO INCLUDE A RETURN ADDRESS. THANKS IN ADVANCE!!

For New Groups and Group Changes

Address to send Registration Forms to:

District 12 Registrar
206 West G St
Newton, NC 28658

GROUP SERVICE No. _____

DATE: _____

DELEGATE AREA No. _____

DISTRICT No. _____

No. OF MEMBERS: _____

OLD INFORMATION

GROUP NAME: _____

Group Meeting Location: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

MEETING DAY

MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT | SUN

MEETING TIMES

____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (G.S.R.)

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

ALTERNATE G.S.R. or MAIL CONTACT (Please check one ✓)

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

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Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

If the Group is to be listed in the Directory, please provide a telephone number and mailing address for the G.S.R., Alternate G.S.R., or Group contact. Listing in the Directory is for Twelfth Step referral and/or for meeting information. The G.S.R.'s (or other contact) name and telephone number will be included in the Directory with the group's name and service number.

OK TO LIST IN THE DIRECTORY? Yes No

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. Membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group they have no other affiliation." — Tradition Three (the long form)

"Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose — that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." — Tradition Five (the long form)

"Unless there is approximate conformity to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group... can deteriorate and die." — Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 174.

THREE WAYS TO RETURN THIS FORM:

Postal Mail to: A.A. World Services, Inc.
Grand Central Station
P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163

By Fax: 212-870-3003 (Attn: Records)

E-mail: records@aa.org

District 12 Correctional Meetings

Caldwell County

Caldwell Correctional Center ("Hudson") (828) 726-2509
480 Pleasant Hill Road, Lenoir, NC 28645
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm-Pleasant Hill Group



Catawba County

Catawba Correctional Center ("Newton") (828) 466-5521
Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

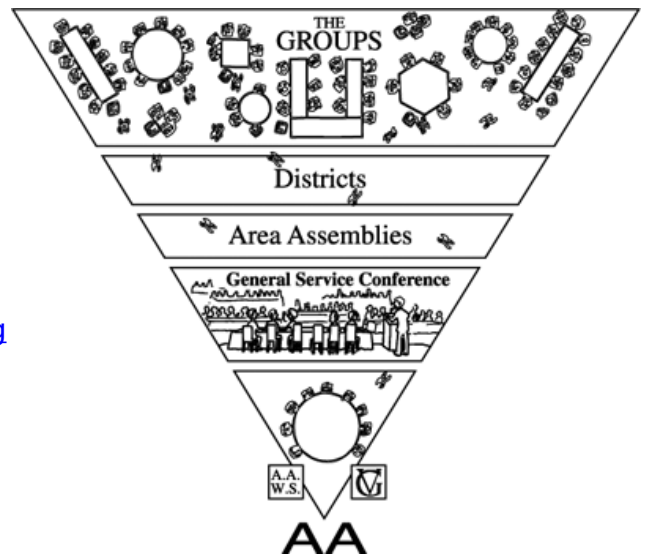
Numbers and Contact Information

AA District Website: <http://www.ncd12aa.org>

HOTLINE NUMBER 1-877-960-4785
ESPAÑOL - 828-291-8465 or 828-238-7349
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(Debbie G. Temp)



***** Treatment Facilities Coordinator Position Open *****
Currently Seeking Volunteers

Corrections Article for Volunteers

We have a urgent need for support in the area correctional facilities. At this time there are a total of 4 volunteers for the Caldwell unit, 2 for the Catawba Unit and none for the Burke Units. Actually the Burke units do not have any active meetings so that is an urgent need for some folks to get that going again.

The process for volunteering is simple. Fill out an application and mail it to the facility you want to volunteer at. It can take several months to be approved so be patient. The general guidelines are not to have any pending legal charges and be off any probation or parole supervision for 12 months. One year sober time is also suggested.

For the official NCDOC application form, email Jim F. at CFC@ncd12aa.org

or download the form: http://ncd12aa.org/DC345_1.pdf

Link to AA pamphlet http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-5_CarryingtheMessagCF.pdf

What can you do if you cannot volunteer or have other issues?

- 1: Offer to speak at a correctional setting. (You can go in one time a year as a visitor.)
- 2: Volunteer to be a temporary contact upon an inmate's release and take them to their first outside A.A. meeting.
- 3: Provide the correctional facilities, with their permission, with DVDs of A.A. material.
- 4: Donate the price of a Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve to your local corrections committee, as well as back issues of the Grapevine and A.A. Conference- approved literature.
- 5: Correspond with an inmate through the Corrections Correspondence Service.
- 6: Support your district, area or intergroup/central office correctional facilities committees. Participate in correctional facilities workshops

Remember—when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there—FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE. They can not have a meeting without a volunteer present. One is all it takes.

If I can be of any assistance you can email me at CFC@ncd12aa.org

I can tell you I have been volunteering for the past 9 months and it has been one of the most rewarding of my AA experiences.

Jim F.