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# the Westword



**January Issue/2009**

## Happy New Year !

**Intergroup**, the body that oversees the operation of the Central Service Office in Calgary, would like to wish all of our members a joyous and sober new year.

We would also like to thank everyone for their past generous financial support through the collection of the Seventh Tradition and direct group contributions.

We are enjoying a small surplus for the first three months of our current operating year which is customary for this period.

But, we had some financial difficulties prior to that. We suffered eight straight months of deficits between March and October of last year.

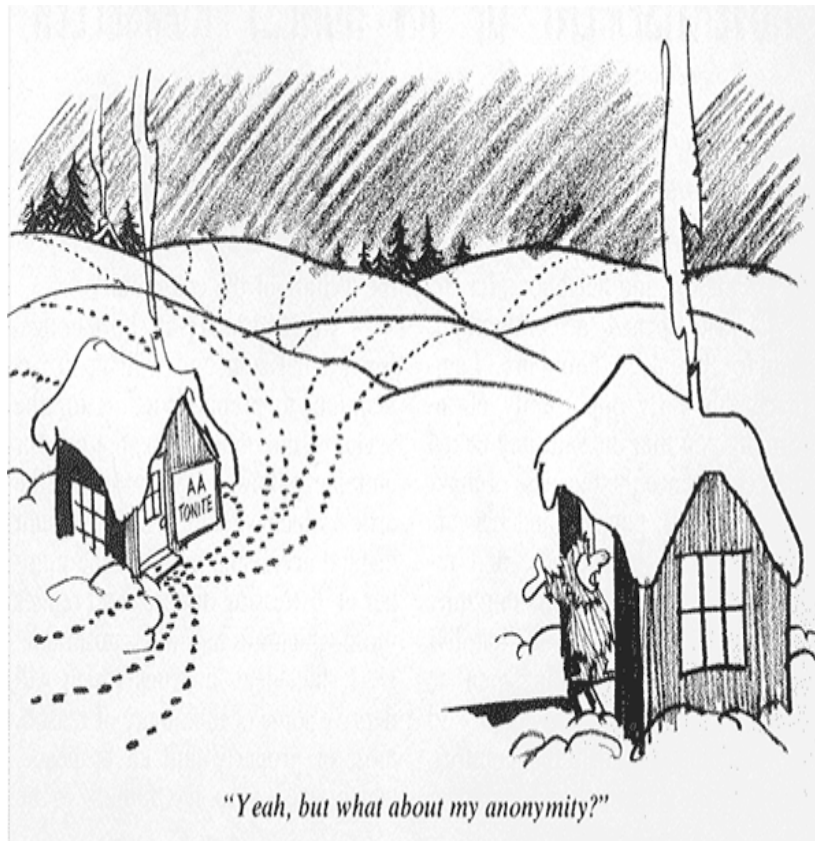
We know these are difficult economic times, but it is very important to do **all you can** to support your Intergroup so that we can avoid last year's string of deficits and maintain a healthy organization.

Intergroup Treasurer Ed K.

[aatreasurer@shaw.ca](mailto:aatreasurer@shaw.ca)

AA's Seventh Tradition:

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions"



"Yeah, but what about my anonymity?"

AA Digital Archives

*I am responsible.*

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

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Closed Sundays and Stat Holiday Weekends

# General Service Conference News

Greetings Fellow AA Members.

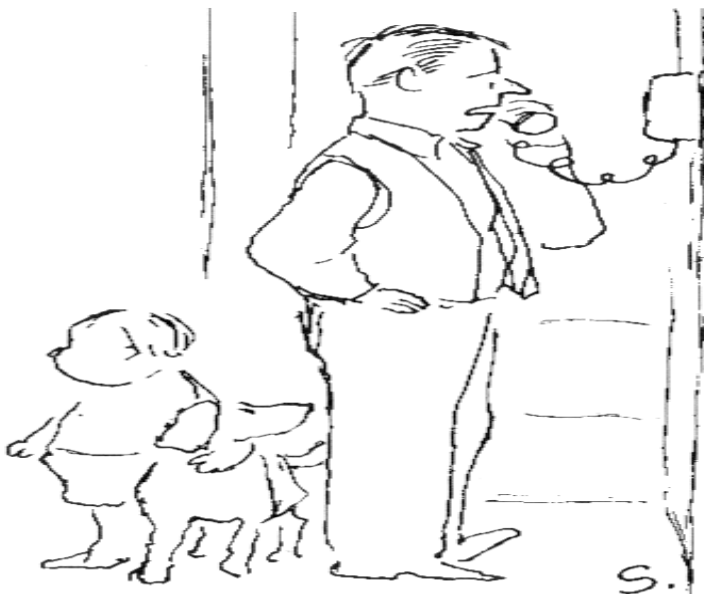
There are some very interesting (historical) developments in AA that I am able to report for you this month. The first bit of news is about our General Service Office. Many of you know that earlier this year, the general manager of the office announced his intentions of retiring at the end of 2008. There has been a long and thorough search in progress since that time and over fifty applications considered. At the last General Service Board meeting short listed candidates were interviewed and a decision was reached by the Trustees. Our new general manager of the General Service will be Phyllis H. from the Pacific Region. Phyllis will be the first woman to ever hold this position. (Unless you consider Lois and Nell Wing in the early days - keeping Bill organized at Headquarters.)

Also leaving us after many years of dedicated service is Leonard Blumenthal, Class A Trustee, who has served as Chairman of the General Service Board for 8 years. In the spirit of rotation, Leonard will vacate his position on the GSB following the 2009 General Service Conference

Alcoholics Anonymous has been incredibly fortunate to have had a man with Leonard's wisdom, talent and love volunteer so much time to us drunks.

Area 78 should be very proud of the work accomplished by this Albertan - Leonard and his wife Linda live near Rollyview, AB. Selected by his peers on the General Service Board, Class A Trustee, Ward Ewing will assume the role and the responsibilities of Chairman of the General Service Board following the 59th General Service Conference in the spring. Reverend Ewing is a resident of New York and a wonderful friend of AA - we will be well served for the next four years

DaveB- Panel58-Delegateto the General Service Conference  
Area78-Alberta/Northwest Territories



*"There's a dog and a kid following me  
around the house. Are they mine?"*

*Jack P.*

## CPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The regular meeting in January and February 2009 will be on the second Wednesday of those months. (Normally the second Thursday)

## NEW MEETINGS

**Nadzieja Polish Speaking Meeting,**  
Closed (open birthday last Thursday of the month), Mixed, Thursdays 7:30 PM, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 640 - 19 Ave. NW (enter at office door, east side)

**Just for Today Group**  
Open, Mixed, Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00 noon  
Forest Lawn United Church  
2236 - 35 St. SE (basement)

**Bow Bottom Trail Group**  
Closed, Mixed, Step, Thursdays 7:30 PM, Deerpark United Church  
27DeerpoinRd

**District 78 Speaker Meeting**  
Every second Thursday starting January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30p.m.  
Adult Day Support Room, Colonel Belcher Seniors Reside  
1939 Veteran's Way NW

## MEETING CHANGES

**Knox Knooners**  
meets weekdays noon in Central, 1st & 3rd Fridays now Slogans discussion, 2nd Friday now speaker, last Friday is birthday

The **Garnet Block** has **MOVED!**  
New address: Odd fellows' Centre  
1507-14 Ave. S.W. Downstairs

**Dalhousie Men's Group**  
Effective Thursday Jan 8,2009, group meets on Thursday evenings.

**Borderline Group**  
Meets Sundays in NW. First Sunday of the month now tradition meeting

## CANCELLED MEETINGS

**Sowers of Hope**  
Wednesdays, SW  
Calgary, AB (Until a new place can be found!)

**Ladies Living Sober**  
Thursdays, SE  
Calgary, AB

**Paliser Group**  
Thursdays, SW  
Calgary, AB

# VALUABLE 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.

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Members needed to carry the message to **Bowden Institution**.  
(Please note: Security clearance is required)

More Information: email: [corrections@area78.org](mailto:corrections@area78.org)

Members needed to carry the message to the **Remand Centre, Spy Hill Jail and Calgary Youth Offenders Centre**

(Please note: ALL THREE require security clearance & min. 1 yr. sobriety)

More Information: Grace P. (403) 698-2666

Members needed at Central Service Office as **Telephone Monitors**.  
One shift per week, Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 1:00pm or 2:00pm to 5:00pm

More Information: Greg (403) 561-6051 or Mathew (403) 777-1212

Calgary AA would like members for the **12 Step List**.

More Information: Greg (403) 561-6051 or Mathew (403) 777-1212  
or email: [centraloffice@telus.net](mailto:centraloffice@telus.net)

**Bridging the Gap** is looking for members willing to work in **NE Calgary** as well as **Centres Outside of Calgary**.

More Information: Mathew (403) 777-1212 or email: [centraloffice@telus.net](mailto:centraloffice@telus.net)

## Calgary & Area 78 Corrections Committees:

We are always in need of **any and all, current or old Grapevines**, for use in the jails of Southern Alberta. Drop them off in the special box at CSO and they will get read several more times & help inmates to find sobriety. You can also give them to your GSR to take to the CGSC meeting or Area Assembly.

## Join the Public Information Committee!:

There are many service opportunities available on this fun and exciting committee. The public information committee is dedicated to spreading word to the public about the **"solution on which we can absolutely agree and join in brotherly and harmonious action!"** (BB pg. 17)

Next meeting: Central Office - Always the LAST Wednesday of the month.

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Thank you - Westword Editor

## AA AT SCHOOL!

### New Meeting at Mount Royal College

**Friends of Bill Meeting**  
Brown bag lunch meeting  
Wednesdays noon to 1:00  
January 14, 2009  
to April 8, 2009

Room ZO13  
Lower Level, Wyckham House



### THIS MONTH IN THE AAGrapevine

This month's special section is **Treatment Centers: Getting the Message Inside**

Other highlights:

#### **Toast is Not the Issue**

*A quick inventory saves a young mother a lifetime of regret*

#### **Beginner's Meeting: The Problem Was Me**

*She came to AA to save her marriage and wound up saving herself*

#### **Fifty-Year Wonders: One of the Birds**

*A former drinker, gambler, and womanizer talks about his fifty-eight years in AA*

#### **Y.E.S.: An Archway to Life**

*She feared that college would steal her sobriety, but once she found the*

# HAPPY AA BIRTHDAY!

## DECEMBER

### Northlanders

Melodie B. - 1  
Mary Jo - 18

### Inglewood Group

Tony B. - 1

### Dalhousie Men's

Scott M.-1  
Don M.-19

### Last Gaspers

Susan C - 1

### Desperation Group

Barb W- 3  
Francis H -1  
Ken A- 1

### Glenmore Group

Lenora -26  
Lucinda -10  
Carol - 4  
Gail N- 5  
Jackie B -11  
Rick V -10  
Barry D -19  
Evren -1  
Bryan R -18  
Bill M -18

### Glenmore con't

Dallon-18  
Ryan D -1  
Sabrina S -1  
Stuart P -17  
Ginny M -10  
Wendy -3  
Brian T -1  
Jim R -10

### New Beginnings

Darcy F -1  
Scott F -1  
Sharon H. -3  
Lacy D -3  
Ken J -4  
Jim E. -14  
Juliet B -16  
Nancy R -16  
Mary Z -17 Y  
John S -19

## January

### Open Door Group

Wayne F -10

### Sunday Morn 11 a.m

Jessie C - 6

### Link Group

Don Mc -29  
Lyndon F -16  
Steve C -7  
Rob S - 1

### Northlanders

Marilyn B. - 15  
Jennifer F. - 11  
Bruce G. - 23

### Crossroads

Glenn W - 30  
George W -15

### Southland Pancake

John A - 20  
Ian M -1  
Kirstie D -1  
Steve M.- 21

### Homeward bounders

Mike D -1  
Patti D -1

### Unity Group

Andy S - 17  
Danny M - 6  
Glen U - 7  
Harvey D - 22  
Kevin L - 6

### Dalhousie Men's

Larry C.-1

### Recovery Group

Steve E - 1  
John - 1  
Don M - 4  
Frank L - 4  
Donna R - 6  
Bernie H - 7  
Marie U - 21  
Roy S - 24

### Highland Park

David D-11  
Michelle P-22  
Brian H.-26  
Al C.-40

## PLEASE NOTE:

Calgary Central Service Office is not responsible for ensuring birthday information is correct. If you have any questions or concerns regarding birthday announcement submissions please email them to:

**westwordeditor@gmail.com.**



## SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

### **Downtown Ramada Inn**

708 - 8th Ave. SW  
Breakfast - 9:00am  
Speaker-10:00am

### **Come and join us for breakfast:**

Buffet Breakfast.....\$12.00  
Healthy Start Breakfast..... \$9.00  
Toast & Coffee..... \$4.00  
Coffee \$2.00



## DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MTG.

### **Fortis Building**

North Tower  
801- 7AveSW  
8pm

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## TELEPHONE MONITORING

This is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.

- Big Book, Pg. 89

**Thank you to all who signed up as late night monitors!**  
**If you would like to serve in this capacity, please phone Greg at:**

# 561-6051

**monitorchair@gmail.com**