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Interviews, documents help record Calgary AA history

A committee dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Calgary needs the help of long-time AA members, as well as city and area groups.

The Archives Committee is interested in talking to any AA member in Calgary and area who has been involved with the program for 30 years or more, says Tim H., chairperson.

"We want to talk to these early members about their history of sobriety and the early days of AA in Calgary," says Tim H. "The first AA meetings were held in Calgary in 1945 - 63 years ago. It is important that we document the experiences of these first members so we can create a record of how AA has evolved in Calgary and area over the years."

The Archives Committee wants to record interviews with early members to create an oral history. A list of 30 questions has been prepared to serve as a guide for the interview. Anyone able to help can contact Tim H. to arrange a time and place for the interview. Contact Tim H. at 403-273-2846 or 403-294-8518 or email at calgaryintergrouparchives@gmail.com. Along with interviews, the Archives Committee is also looking for old and new documents from AA groups.

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Last Call...

Anyone planning to attend the 2009 Banff Roundup has only a couple days left to make up their mind as the 36th annual event gets rolling Friday, March 13 at 4 pm.

Tickets for speaker sessions will be available at the door, however, anyone planning to attend the Saturday evening banquet should call first, as very few seats remain, says Alison R., Banff Roundup Committee chair.

The annual Roundup which runs March 13 to 15 at the Banff Park Lodge attracts about 400 registrants with about 200 of those attending the banquet. Speaker session registration is \$30, while registration with dinner is \$75. Registration opens at 4 pm Friday and Saturday at 8 am For ticket information call Alison R. at 403 252 6912.

I am responsible

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

For that, I am responsible

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Office Hours:

Mon. to Thur. 8:30 am- 1 pm; 2 - 5 pm

Fri. 8:30 am -5:30 pm; Sat. 9 am- 1 pm

Closed Sundays and Stat Holiday Weekends

(Office will be closed April 10 & 11/09 for Easter)

VALUABLE 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics” - Big Book Pg. 89

Members are needed to carry the message to Bowden Institution. (Please note: Security clearance is required) For more information: email corrections@area78.org

Members are needed to carry the message to the Remand Centre, Spy Hill Jail and Calgary Youth Offenders Centre (Please note: all three require security clearance and minimum one year sobriety) For more information call: Grace P. 403-698-2666.

Members are needed at Central Service Office as telephone monitors. One shift per week, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm or 2 pm to 5 pm For more information contact: Buddy or Mathew 403-777-1212 or email centraloffice@telus.net

Calgary AA members are needed for 12th Step List. For more information call Buddy or Mathew 403-777-1212 or email centraloffice@telus.net

BRIDGING THE GAP

Thursday March 26, 2009, 7 pm Central Office - All groups are urged to send a representative to learn about the vast number of service opportunities available. We also can attend district or group business meetings to give DCMs/GSRs a presentation on BTG program details. Chairing positions at treatment centers currently available to individuals or groups. Your help is needed. Please contact Cheryl at: cheryl.k@shaw.ca for further information.

Bridging the Gap is also looking for members willing to work in NE Calgary as well as centres outside of Calgary. Contact Mathew at 403-777-1212 or email: centraloffice@telus.net .

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. Meetings are the Wednesday of every month- Central Office - pichair.calgary@gmail.com

OLD GRAPEVINES NEEDED

Calgary and Area 78 Corrections Committee is always in need of current or old Grapevines. Please drop them off in a special box at Central Office and they will be read several more times and help inmates to find sobriety.

New meetings

The Bridge, Saturday 10 am,- St. John Lutheran Church, main entrance, 204-6A St NE, closed mixed, Step & Tradition.

As Bill Sees It - Friday, 8 pm, side door of hall south of Air Museum, 1601 - 21 Ave. Nanton. Open, mixed. Contact Heather E. 403-601-6967.

Saturday NE Group- Speaker Meeting March 14, 2009, 8 pm, 2523 56th St. NE. Speaker Maggie P. (Little Princess)

TGIF - Okotoks Open, Mixed, Big Book discussion, Friday 8 pm, Okotoks Alliance Church North, (rear). Call Gloria H. 403-933-3319.

Campus Group - Mount Royal College - (formerly Friends of Bill W. Meeting) Brown bag lunch meeting Wednesdays 12 noon to 1 pm until April 8, 2009. Room Z013 Lower Level Wyckham House (use college west gate).

Just for Today Group

Open, Mixed, Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 noon, Forest Lawn United Church, 2236 - 35th St. SE (basement)

Bow Bottom Trail Group

Closed, Mixed, Step. Thursdays 7:30 pm, Deerpark United Church, 27 Deerpoint Rd.

District 78 Speaker Meeting

Every second Thursday starting Feb. 5, 2009, 7:30 pm, Adult Day Support Room, Colonel Belcher Seniors Residence, 1939 Veteran's Way NW

Resumes sought for COMC post

Calgary AA members with some type of business background or skills, with at least two years sobriety, are urged to send in their resumes to fill an upcoming vacancy as a member-at-large on the Central Office Management Committee (COMC)

In keeping with the rotation of AA service work, a spot on the six member board which oversees the management of the Calgary Central Service Office, will be vacant this spring.

The COMC is a committee appointed by Calgary Intergroup which provides management policies, procedures and strategic planning for Central Office, it oversees hiring, and it provides sound financial, operating and personnel management advice to Central Office and Intergroup.

The ideal candidate should have a business, financial or human resources background. COMC members have a vote at their regular closed monthly business meetings. The chair of the committee is elected from the members-at-large. The members-at-large serve a two year term with an option for another two-year-term.

For more details on the post or to submit a resume contact AA Central Office at 403-777-1212 or centraloffice@telus.net .

Donations needed for Stampede barbecue

Plans are well underway for the 2009 Intergroup Stampede Barbecue to be held July 12, 2009. The Special Events Committee advises that cash donations from the AA community would be greatly appreciated to help cover the cost of renting facilities, equipment and buying food and other supplies. Call Central Office at 403-777-1211 if you wish to make a donation, and anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the event should contact committee chair Sarah P. at 403-671-3046. "The event attracts hundreds of member and is a great opportunity to experience the benefits of fellowship and unity in the AA program," says Sarah P.

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The documents can be anything related to AA such as collections of minutes from AA group meetings, posters regarding events and photographs. All will be stored and preserved by the committee. Tim H. says the committee is also interested in receiving, on an ongoing basis, posters and notices of events such as Roundups, group events such as anniversary and potluck dinners. "All this material helps us to create and build on the history of AA in Calgary," he says.

Meeting changes

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

The Garnet Block has moved. New address: Oddfellows Centre 1507-14 Ave. SW, Downstairs.

Dalhousie Men's Group- Northwest, 8 p.m. Thursdays (meeting move from Friday to Thursday)

Borderline Group - Meetings Sundays in NW. First Sunday of the month now tradition meeting.

Okotoks Monday Night Group now at the Freemason's Hall, Elma Street; Ladies Candelight Group moving to Freemasons' Hall, Elma Street starting April 5; and Railway Group now meeting at the Performing Arts Centre, corner Elma St. and Centre Ave. Same times, same days.

Cancelled meetings

SMOG Group - NW, Mon & Wed. 7:30 pm, and Sat. 11 am, all meetings, until new meeting place is found.

University Group - NW, Tuesday, Last meeting Feb. 24, 2009.

Sowers of Hope -Wednesdays, SW, cancelled until a new location is found.

Ladies Living Sober - Thursday SE

Palliser Group - Thursdays SW

Chestermere Group - Sundays

Passages....

Following are names of past and current Calgary and area AA members who recently passed away:

Gerry B. - in Calgary, Nov. 30/08, age 72.

Len R. - in Calgary, Dec. 17/08, age 83.

Bob H. - in Swift Current, Sask, Dec. 20/08, age 73.

Don H. - in Calgary, Jan. 1/09

Rob O. - in Calgary, Jan. 23/09, age 49.

Tony M. - member of MAAT group, in Victoria, B.C. February 1/09, age 66.

(Please forward any notices your group would like to have included in Westword to westwordeditor@gmail.com or call Central Office at 403-777-1212. Please include name of home group if possible.)

Sunday Morning Breakfast

DOWNTOWN RAMADA INN

708 - 8th Ave. SW

Breakfast at 9 am, speaker at 10 am.

Buffet Breakfast \$12 - Healthy Start Breakfast \$9

Toast & Coffee \$4 - Coffee \$2

DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT

SPEAKER MEETING - 8 PM

Fortis Buidling, North Tower - 801 7th Ave. SW

Westword Deadline

All submissions to be included in any upcoming editions of the Westword Newsletter should be sent to westwordeditor@gmail.com or dropped off at Central Office not later than the last day of each month. Anything sent past this deadline May Not be received in time to be included in the next edition.

Thank You - Lee H. Westword Editor - 403-815-0380

Coming events...

CPC PLANNING MEETING

Regular meetings of the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee are now being held the first Wednesday of each month at Central Office.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 7 PM

New committee members and more group participation is always welcome.

Front Runners Calgary

Sober & United Roundup

May 29, 30, 31, 2009

Hillhurst United Church

1227 Kensington Close NW

Calgary, AB

Registration \$60 includes banquet, speaker program only is \$30. For information contact Krista O.

sober.and.united@gmail.com or call 403-481-0340.

Okotoks Monday Night Group

10th Annual Campout

Hogg Park on the Highwood River

July 10, 11 and 12, 2009

Camping cost \$15/site/night

Saturday pot luck supper \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Contact: Ivan at 403-803-8255; or

Archives needs woodworking skills, old Grapevines

The Calgary AA Archives Committee would like to hear from any AA members in city and area who might be able to donate their woodworking talents to build portable display cases for AA records and other materials.

"We need two display cases that can be used to transport perishable archives materials to Roundups and other meetings," says Tim H, archives committee chair. "I have a design and specs I just need to find someone with woodworking skills." The display cases need to

be large enough to hold materials, yet small enough for one person to move and manage.

Also the Archives Committee is looking for copies of August 1961, August 1965, and February 1974 Grapevines and any issues of Grapevines prior to 1956 for the archive collection. If you can help with any of these projects contact Tim H. at 403-373-2846 or 403-294-8518 or email: calgaryintergrouparchives@gmail.com

HAPPY AA BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY/09

NEW BEGINNINGS

Chris T. - 4 yrs
Desirae S. 3
Noella S. 2
Bill S.- 3
Jack S.- 3
Sally R. - 2
Sheryl M. - 11
Myles P. -11
Ted V. - 25
Teresa G. - 10

FEBRUARY/09

NEW BEGINNINGS

Jason - 1 yr.
Jim S. - 1
Hayley T. - 1
Pauline L. - 3
AnnaMarie W.- 4 yrs
Kelly K. - 6
Roxanne M. - 7
Linda G. - 9
Vivian C. - 16
Joan B. - 17

GLENMORE

Gerry S. - 50 yrs
Jason L. - 1
Tanya S. -2
Gale - 19
Paul M. - 20
James R. - 5
Lyle Mc. - 14

SUNDAY MORNING

Cheryle F. - 4 yrs

MIDNAPORE

Brian K. - 17 yrs
Peter A. - 14
Margrit P. - 12 yrs
Perry H. - 9
Tom C. - 8
Katherine J. -3
Dan C. - 1

HOMEWARD BOUNDERS

Patrick P. - 6 yrs
Ken C. - 4
Janice S. 1
Darlene P. - 9

NWCG

Patricia C. - 20

MARCH/09

MIDNAPORE

Jack B. - 48 yrs
Gerald B. - 17

SUNDAY MORNING

John H. - 37 yrs
Crawford - 12
Ray W. - 14
Colleen H. -20

CROSSROADS

Linda D. - 4 yrs
Yvonne O. -17

272 GROUP

Dale K. - 11yrs
Garth B. - 1
Yvan E. - 26

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES

Karen - 11 yrs
Iris - 5

INGLEWOOD

Paul K. - 3 yrs
Laura S. - 4
Leslie A - 24

DALHOUSIE MENS GROUP

Harry P. - 28 yrs

BORDERLINE GROUP

Keith G. - 1 yr
Kenton L. - 2

FRONT RUNNERS GROUP

Krista O. - 1 yr
Theresa K. - 1
Ron D. - 1

RECOVERY GROUP

Todd M. - 1 yr.
Dean G. - 1

Lyle B. - 1

Garrett - 1

Jason S. - 1

Adrian M. - 5

Carla T. - 19

Wally P. -22

NWCG

Doug H. - 21 yrs
Dan L. - 2

MAAT GROUP

Linda L. - 34 yrs
Bev C. - 32

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Chris B. - 1 yr.

APRIL/09

MAAT GROUP

Len B. - 41 yrs
Ron D. - 15

TELEPHONE MONITORING

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SIGNED UP AS LATE NIGHT MONITORS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY, PLEASE CALL...**Buddy** AT:

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28th Annual

Calgary Gratitude Roundup

Speakers:

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Myers R. AA
Lewisville Texas

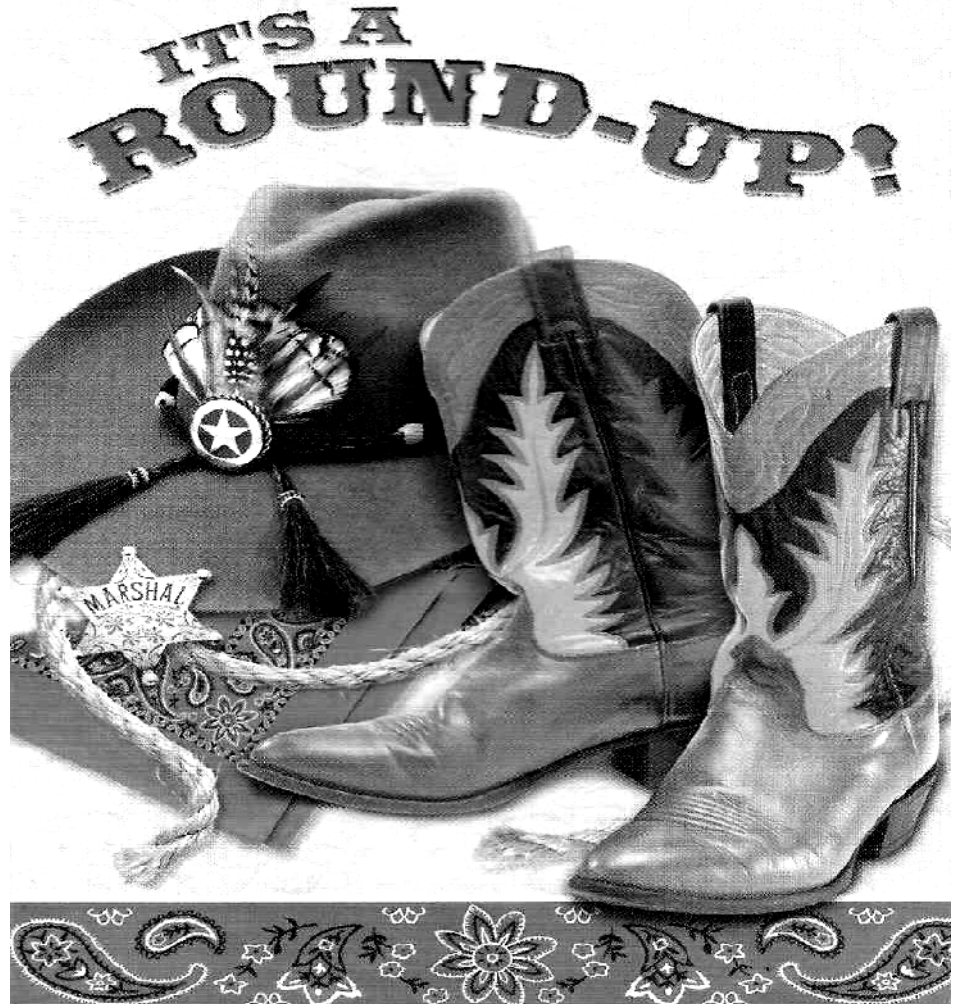
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**For further information contact: Central Office
403-777-1212 aaoffice@telusplanet.net**

**Registration is \$20.00 which includes 2 Dances
Registration & Buffet Banquet is \$58.00
(Limited Banquet Seating)**