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Report from Area 78

Greetings fellow AA members. Following a quiet summer, with little to report on, things are starting to pick up again in Area 78.

After many years of dedicated service to Alcoholics Anonymous as Area 78 Archivist, Pierre B. has rotated on. Many thanks to Pierre for his awesome work on our behalf, he will be missed. It is sad to see Pierre go, but this does create an opportunity for someone else who is interested in our history to take on a vital role in A.A. service. The Area 78 Archives Committee will be addressing the vacancy at our Assembly in September (18,19,20). The Area is also looking for candidates interested in the Web Servant position as we work towards revamping our web presence and making better use of this great tool. It is election time again this fall and it is important that as many groups as possible are represented as we will elect a new slate of trusted servants to keep the wheels turning.

In the broader A.A. world, G.S.O. General Manager, Phyllis H., presented a report on July 30, 2009 on the current status of the negotiations with Amazon Digital Services, Inc. (A.D.S.I.) regarding the Kindle project and explained that, based on the 30-day termination clause in the contract, a request to withdraw the Big Book on Kindle from the Amazon Website had been forwarded to A.D.S.I. on July 10, 2009. The Publishing Committee unanimously agreed to support the termination of the contract with Amazon Digital Services, Inc. upon completion of the stipulated 30 day period.

At the last General Service Conference, the long awaited Videos for Young People project was given

approval to move forward to the production stage. These videos ROCK! Their creation was a long and sometimes arduous process, but well worth the effort and the wait! They will be available for purchase in early September.

Exciting things have been happening in our fellowship and I look forward to sharing much, much more with everyone at our Assembly.

Yours in service,

**Dave B. - Panel 58 Delegate, Area 78 - Alberta/
Northwest Territories**

Group donations welcomed

Any Calgary and area AA groups planning to make a donation or able to make an extra donation in support of the operation of local AA programs and services are urged to do so by the end of this month. Calgary Intergroup Committee which oversees the operation of Calgary Central Office marks it financial year end September 30. "Our goal is to strike a balanced 2009/2010 budget," says Bruce G., Intergroup chair, "Any group donations we receive over the next few weeks will be most welcome as we strive to maintain AA programs and services." Group donations can be made directly to Calgary Central Office, #2, 4015 1st Street SE, Calgary, T2G 4X7.

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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(Closed Sat. Oct. 10 and Mon. Oct. 12, 2009 for

Thanksgiving holiday weekend)

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 at 403-285-9258 or Mathew 403-777-1212 or email centraloffice@telus.net

Calgary AA members are needed for 12th Step List. For more information call Buddy 403-285-9258 or Mathew 403-777-1212 or email centraloffice@telus.net

BRIDGING THE GAP

Meeting, last Thursday of each month - 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 last 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

CAMPUS GROUP at Mount Royal University. Wednesday noon meetings resume Sept. 23. Brown bag lunch meetings, closed, mixed - 12 to 1 PM. Room Z013, lower level, Wyckham House, (west gate entrance off Richardson Way).

NORTH EAST - NEW LADIES MEETING - Starting Sept. 13, 1:30 to 3 PM, Closed, 12 x 12 reading and discussion. Robert McClure Church, 5510 - 26th Ave. NE (Beside Village Square Mall).

HARMONY GROUP, SE, Wednesdays, 7:30 PM moved to Eastside Victory Outreach Building, downstairs (1840 - 38 St. SE).

STEPS, STORIES & BEYOND GROUP, PEMBROOKE COMMUNITY HALL, 6100 - 8 Ave. S.E., Calgary. Open, mixed, Big Book - Mondays 7 p.m.

KINCORA GROUP - SYMON'S VALLEY RANCH UNITED CHURCH, 38 Kincora Rise, NW, Calgary. Wednesdays, 8 pm. Open Mixed Beginners Step and Big Book Meeting. (Talisman Group cancelled). Contact: Steve C. 403-945-3121.

Step 11 Meeting (Sought through prayer and mediation....) Open Mixed AA meeting. Prayer, Mediation, Discussion. Sundays 3:30 to 5 pm. Central United Church, 131 7th Ave. SW. Room 3 (Downstairs, enter by rear alley door) Contact John - 403-815-3393.

Language of the Heart- Readings from the book, Language of the Heart, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 am, #134, 111 -6th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB

Meeting changes

CLOSED DURING RENOVATIONS - The Glenmore Group will be closed Sept. 15, 16, 17. Meetings resume Friday Sept. 18, 2009.

Candlelight Group - Calgary - previously meeting Mondays, Now meeting Thursday, 7:30 pm, Kadilac Room, Southview Community Centre, 2020 - 33 St. SE, Calgary. Open/Mixed meeting.

LINK GROUP - Now meeting Friday at 8 PM, 134 Scarboro Ave. SW, Scarboro United Church.

New Name/Address - Midnapore Ladies Meeting now, 'Monday Night Ladies', Lutheran Church, 13811 Deer Ridge Dr. SE, Closed, Step, Discussion, starts at 7 PM.

OKOTOKS RAILWAY GROUP - Thursdays, now at 8 p.m. at The Station, 53 North Railway Street, Okotoks.

Ladies Candlelight - Okotoks - Meets Sunday (not Monday as previously noted) 8 PM, 13 Elma St. (Freemason's Hall), Okotoks. Contact Vivian 403-938-2456.

Front Runners - Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday, Central - All three meetings now begin at 8 PM. (instead of 8:30 PM).

Walking Eagle Group - no longer closed holiday Mondays - regular meetings, 8:30 PM at Knox United Church, 506 -4th St. SW.

Introductory Service Seminar



**Saturday, November 7th, 2009,
10am –4pm**

Scarboro United Church, 134 Scarboro Ave. S.W.,

Cost : \$8, (includes lunch)

Sponsored by Calgary General Service & Calgary Intergroup

**For further information contact:
Barry B. at 403-454-1875 or
Central Office 403-777-1212, aaoffice@telusplanet.net**

Calgary Intergroup Archives Committee
Annual Pioneers Dinner



Saturday , October 24th , 2009 , 5:30-10pm

Dalhousie Community Church
5511 Baroc Rd. N.W., Calgary, Alberta

Cost : \$25.00 includes dinner and refreshments

Speakers:

Flo J.-N., Crossroads Group, Maryon K., Al-Anon
Eddie A., Champlain Group

For further information contact Central Office
403-777-1212, a.a.office@telusplanet.net

Big Book studies

Anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the 12 steps and the principles of the Alcoholics Anonymous program may be interested in one of the Big Book studies being offered in different formats this fall.

Northminster United Church: A weekly Big Book study begins at Northminster United Church, Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Organizers plan to go through and "work the 12 steps as done in the Big Book." Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church located at 3311 Centre Street North. Bring your Big Book, a highlighter, pencil and note paper. For more information contact: Jim C. at 403-264-0712; Norm N. at 403-272-1935, or Don K. at 430-251-2267.

Westgate Community Hall: A weekend Big Book Study is planned for Westgate Community Hall, Oct.30 through November 1. The session runs Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 AM to 6 PM, and Sunday 8 AM to 5 PM. Tickets for the study, which cost \$30, cover all meals including breakfast, lunches and a Saturday evening BBQ. To reserve a seat call Jim B. at 403-667-3582 or Shane C. at 403-606-5275. Westgate Community Hall is located at 4843 - 8 Ave. SW, Calgary.

Bragg Creek/Camp Horizon: The 8th annual Fellowship of the Spirit "Journey through the Big Book" is being held at Camp Horizon in Bragg Creek, (35 minutes west of Calgary) Nov. 20 through 22, 2009. Guest facilitator is Bob D. of Las Vegas, Nevada. Cost is \$160 per person which includes accommodation and meals for the weekend. Deadline to register is Nov. 16, 2009. For more information contact Terry at 403-510-0495; Joanne at 403-771-2086, Ron at 403-797-1957 or Jacqueline at 403-869-4297, or visit the website:

DRUMHELLER ROUNDUP: The District 15 annual AA Roundup, will be held Oct. 3, 2009, at the Rosedale Community Hall just off Highway 10, east of Drumheller. The event gets underway at 10 a.m. with registration, followed by speakers. There is a banquet at 6 PM. Full registration, \$25. Call Harry T. 403-820-9873, Brian at 403-664-3807

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 Building, North Tower

801 7th Ave. SW, Calgary

Service opportunities

- The Calgary Gratitude Roundup will hold it's first planning meeting for the 2010 conference Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at Calgary Central Office. Any Calgary and area AA members interested in helping out with the event are urged to attend. Planning meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month.
- Volunteers and speakers are needed for the 2010 Banff Roundup planned for March 12 to 14. For more information contact Margery K. at 403-228-0339.
- Calgary Dream Centre is looking for sponsors for men in lockdown. If you can help call D'Arcy at 403-730-8755.

Cancelled meetings

Sarcee Group - Monday and Thursday meeting in SW Calgary.

Count Your Blessings Group - Saturdays NW, Huntington Hills Com. Assoc.

As Bill Sees It - Friday, 8 pm, side door of hall south of Air Museum, 1601 - 21 Ave. Nanton. Open, mixed.

Come & See Group - Sundays, St. Joseph Church, NW.

Portal Group, Wednesdays 8 PM, Central, are now cancelled.

9th Tradition - Thursday N.E. Calgary, closed until a new meeting place is found.

Talisman Group - NW, Wednesday, now cancelled. See Kincora Group under New Meetings.

CPC PLANNING MEETING

Regular meetings of the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee are held the second Wednesday of each month at Central Office. Next meeting:

October 14/09, 7 PM

New committee members and more group participation is always welcome.

HAPPY AA BIRTHDAY !

JULY/09

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Ray I. - 33 years

CROSSROADS GROUP

Flo J. - 41 years

Audrey C. - 17

Steve. M. - 31

UNITY GROUP

Chuck B. - 11 years

Colleen C. - 9

Joanne G. - 21

Katherine B. - 13

Jill B. - 2

GLENMORE GROUP

Stephanie - 1 year

Angelia- 1

Diana - 1

Steve - 1

Helena -1

Trent - 1

Aimee - 4

Lynn - 4

John - 20

AUGUST/09

MATT GROUP

Kristen B. - 1 year

AWAKENINGS

Bob J. - 22 years

NEW BEGINNINGS

Jolena F. - 1 year

Don M. - 4

Allison F. - 7

Andre P. - 9

Dave H. - 9

Lise W. - 9

Cheryl B. - 11

Maryanne S. - 14

Kimberly S. - 16

NORTHLANDERS

Paul F. - 2 years

Briana D. - 2

Bronwyn - 1

GLENMORE GROUP

Trent S. - 1 year

Stephen L. - 1

Bradley G. - 1

Rachelle - 2

Lisa - 2

Ryan - 2

Eric M. - 4

Chris G. - 5

Lonny L. - 7

Isabelle - 17

Joni P. - 18

Marvin - 30

CROSSROADS GROUP

Bonita N. - 27 years

UNITY GROUP

Dave S. - 1 year

Darren H. - 2

Karen C. - 20

Wayne T. - 6

DALHOUSIE MENS

(MovieHouse) Bob J. - 31 yrs.

272 GROUP

Gary L. - 19 years

SEPT./09

INGLEWOOD GROUP

Joe F. - 20 years

GETTING THERE GROUP

Dean C. - 2 years

James W. - 1

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP

Maureen D. - 27 years

272 GROUP

Larry C. - 14 years

DALHOUSIE MENS

Doug C. - 2 years

Gary C. - 4

Dandy Don D. - 10

MATT GROUP

Sharon D. - 20 years

Sherry F. - 19

OPEN DOOR GROUP

Albert D. - 10 years

BORDERLINE GROUP

Wendell P. - 8 years

RECOVERY GROUP

Louise M. - 20 years

JC - 5

Jim H. - 3

Callie M. - 3

Greg K. - 2

Heather R. - 2

Bill O. - 2

Eric V. - 2

Monika B. - 2

Prasod G. - 1

Dave F. - 1

Sherrill M. - 1

Gerry H. - 1

Len L. - 1

Josh E. - 1

Ryan H. - 1

NORTHLANDERS

Terry D. - 11 years

HOMEWARD

BOUNDERS

Sheila P. - 7 years

Doug W. - 7

Paul M. - 19

AIRDRIE COUNTRY

Bill F. - 40 years

Rick - 12

Ed R. - 7

(Sept. 24 is cake day)

OCT./09

DESPERATION GROUP

Al F. - 24 years

Allana C. - 10

Caeser O. - 6

Ciel S. - 17

MATT GROUP

Charlene S. - 5 years

Dawn S. - 6

Kim M. - 7

Ross M. -48

Monitors needed for late night calls

The Calgary Intergroup Telephone Monitoring committee needs volunteers to take on late night telephone monitoring shifts between 11 pm and 9 am. Admittedly it isn't a very busy shift, says Buddy, Telephone Monitoring Chair, "but it is important that the voice of AA be there if someone needs help". The monitor can have late night calls directed to their home phone or cell phone next to their bed. "Even if there are only one or two calls a month, it is important that our phones are covered 24 hours a day," says Buddy. If you can help call Buddy at 403-285-9258.

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:

403-285-9258

or Central Office at

403 -777-1212

monitorchair@gmail.com

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