# The Westword

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(Closed Sundays and Stat Holiday Weekends)

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CURRENT MEETING LISTS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 2012

Check it out online www.calgaryaa.org/

## Steps, Stories and Beyond

would like to THANK EVERYONE who attended and volunteered to help make the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

2012 New Years Eve Celebration another success.

This function is based entirely on the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, once all costs were covered we are happy to announce that we are able to send Central Office \$57.00

## Post Xmas Pot Luck!

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year, I would like to thank all of you for making this past Xmas event a

Joyous party that kicked off our Christmas season. It was the thoughtfulness of the Groups stepping up with all the great food and desserts that made it all happen. I would like to also recognize the committee members who stepped up prepping the food and guiding us in the kitchen thank you Lee.M. and also Kevin.M.who worked tirelessly with our Children, they had a lot of fun with the crafts and games played. Also we are very grateful for the link group who was there to set up,tear down and clean up! The SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE meets the FIRST MONDAY of each month at central office @7pm where magic happens come and join us. YOURS IN SERVICE, Bruce .B.

# Open A.A.12 Step Meeting

For men and women who desire to stop drinking

## Punjabi/Hindi/English

When: the last Monday of each month

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Alpha House Board Room

Where: Alpha House

203 - 15 Ave SE

(Access also available at the 200 block of 17 Ave SE)

For information in Punjabi/Hindi contact

Vivek S. at 403 667 9081

For information in English contact

David B on cell 403 805 5057

david@alphahousecalgary.com

#### **Memorial**

GODWIN, Edward W. (Ted) OC August 13, 1933 - January 4, 2013

Ted Godwin, beloved husband of Phyllis, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2013 at the age of 79 years. Professor Emeritus Ted Godwin graduated from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and Art in 1955. He worked as an art director for T.V. and as a neon sign designer until 1964 at which time he began teaching at the University of Regina until his retirement in 1985. He studied with Barnett Newman, John Ferren, Jules Olitski and Lawrence Alloway at the Emma Lake Artists Workshop from 1959 to 1965. Ted achieved national recognition as a member of the Regina Five, which included Ronald Bloore, Kenneth Lochhead, Douglas Morton and Arthur McKay, following their 1961 exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada. Godwin has been exhibiting since 1955 and his works are included in many major corporate and private collections, as well as

the National Gallery of Canada, the Ontario Museum of Art, the Glenbow Museum and the CBC. In 1974, he was elected to the Royal Canadian Academy and, in 2005, was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. Godwin was also an honored recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals. Ted, who grew up playing on the shores of the Bow River, was a lifelong supporter of Ducks Unlimited and is a friend of Bill's. He had 27 years in the program. Besides his loving wife of 57 years, Phyllis, Ted is survived by his daughters Teddi Driediger and Tammi (Gerald) Shanahan and granddaughters Jessie and Larissa, his sister Dr. Ruth Godwin of Victoria, B.C., and his nieces and nephews Brenda, Brett, Grant, Sandra and Kevin. He was predeceased by his parents, and his brother Bruce. Funeral Services will be held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S Park Memorial Chapel (5008 Elbow Drive S.W., Calgary, AB) on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Lung Association (COPD research), P.O. Box 4500, Station South, Edmonton, AB T6E 6K2 (Phone 1-888-566-5864. www.ab.lung.ca). In living memory of Ted Godwin, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Haddon Rd. Movie Night, Friday January 18, 7pm "Sister Helen" 200 Haddon Rd. SW

(Upstairs) Popcorn, Fellowship, Recovery





# March 8, 9, & 10, 2013

at the

## BANFF PARK LODGE, BANFF, ALBERTA

### **SPEAKERS**

Tom I. (AA) ...... Southern Pines, North Carolina
Father Terry R. (AA) .... Los Angeles, California
Katie P. (AA) ...... Austin, Texas
Charlie P. (AA) ...... Austin, Texas
Carolyn H. (Al-Anon) ..... Calgary, Alberta

Roundups are not AA Meetings. The cost of the Roundup is paid through registration fees.

## **BANQUET & REGISTRATION**

# Banquet & Registration \$90/person

# Registration Only \$37/person

- Registration includes ALL the speakers plus Friday Night Music Jam and Saturday Night Dance (DJ), EXCEPT the banquet.
- Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance.
- Both registration and banquet tickets are available from your GSR, IG reps or AA Central Office.
- AA Central Office accepts payments by MC, VISA, INTERAC, cheques or cash. Contact Central Office at (403) 777-1212 or centraloffice@telus.net
- For more information, email: banffroundup2013@hotmail.com

## **ACCOMMODATION**

### BANFF PARK LODGE 222 Lynx Street, Banff, AB

Rooms available at:

Banff Park Lodge from \$130 Bow View Lodge from \$110 Homestead Inn from \$100

Prices do not include taxes. Accommodation must be booked directly with hotel before **February 8th**. Mention that your reservation is for the **Banff AA Roundup** to obtain a reservation at the special rates.



CONTACT THE BANFF PARK LODGE FOR DETAILS Toll-Free 1-800-661-9266 or 1-403-762-4433

#### In Brief



# CRITICAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

# MONITORS REQUIRED AT CENTRAL OFFICE

Relief Positions and Fri PM (2 pm thru 5 pm)

These commitments are at Central Office except Statutory holiday weekends when the office is closed and Saturday AM is covered by regular group monitoring.

Primary duties are answering the 12 Step phone line. This ensures, for security, that 2 people are at Central office whenever it is open.

Contact Don E Monitoring Chair @ cgigtelmonitorchair@gmail.com

The Saturday Night NE Group

2523 56 Street NE

Speaker Meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month.

# Intergroup Sunday Morning Breakfast and Speaker Meeting

Join us for good food, good fellowship and personal stories of the speaker's journey

at the

#### DOWNTOWN RAMADA INN

708 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Breakfast at 9 am, speaker at 10 am
Buffet Breakfast \$15 – Healthy Start Breakfast \$11
Toast & Coffee \$6 – Coffee \$3

7th Tradition is observed

Contact: Jim H email: cgigbrkfst@gmail.com

#### On the Horizon

#### **Area 78 Committee Meeting (January ACM)**

Calgary, AB Friday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 10pm and Saturday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 9pm. Registration opens 5pm Friday and 8am Saturday. Open to all members. Location: Bowness Senior's Centre, 6422 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. Contact Karen C @ 403-479-6883 for more information.

AA Taber Group 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Work it because you're worth it!) Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Location: Taber Civic Centre, 4720 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Contacts: Andrea @ 403-795-7316, John @ 403-634-3979, Pat @ 403-223-8035, Mickey @ 403-223-9671, Louie @ 403-382-7237.

#### From Afar

Ft St John 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roundup (We stood at the turning point) May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Meetings**

Out-of-Town: Drumheller, Saturday Morning Sunrise Group, 9:00 AM, closed, Knox United Church side door, 195 3 Ave. E.

#### **Meeting Cancellations**

SMOG Women's, Thursday, Northwest CANCELLED Grapevine, Friday, Northeast CANCELLED Thursday Afternoon Drop-in, Central CANCELLED Sundre Friday Night Ladies meeting CANCELLED Trochu, Wed PM is CANCELLED

#### **Meeting Changes**

Effective March 4, 2013. **The 272 Group's Monday Beginner's Meeting NW** will use the 4 week, 1946 AA Beginner meeting format ("Back to Basics") starting the first Monday of every month. For more information: <a href="https://www.aabacktobasics.org">www.aabacktobasics.org</a>.

**Regal Group, Thursdays, Northeast, 8:00PM** now meets at the Renfrew United Church, 956 Radnor Ave. NE.

**Morley First Light Group, Out-of-Town,** New Contact is Tom 403-881-0035.

**DALHOUSIE MENS NW** Thursday will now be a Big Book Discussion Meeting except last Thursday of the month **NORTHLANDERS GROUP NW** (birthday meeting change) Birthday meeting is now held on the last Monday of the month (formerly on the first Monday)

**WESTEND STEP & TRADITION, NW,** now meeting @ Foothills United Church, 3803 69 ST NW, Use single door labeled "food bank" on south side. Time remains 8:00 pm Saturday

WHITESHEEP MEN'S MEETING. (C) THURS 8 pm, SW, MOVED now at Woodgreen Presbyterian Church, 12777 CANDLE CRESC SW (corner of Canyon Meadows Drive and Elbow Drive) enter Main Entrance to Kids Worship Room MIDNAPORE FRIDAY, SE, 8PM, Now Open Discussion and Children are Welcome

#### **VALUABLE 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES**

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

#### **Public Information Committee**

The **Public Information Committee** is looking for support from the Calgary Area Groups for their activities to carry the word to those who still suffer. **The PI committee meets at Central Office the last Wednesday of every month at 7 pm**.

Some of the Public Information activities include:

- Preparing and/or distributing packages of pamphlets to doctors' offices, local social agencies and interest groups.
- Hosting booths at semi-annual Homeless Connect and other events in the City.
- Planning PI media placements (e.g. Transit Posters).
- Explore additional PI strategies and activities.

Many hands lighten the load so if each group could supply a representative to this committee, it would be appreciated.

If you're interested in this service opportunity please come and join us at a PI meeting.

#### **CPC Planning Meeting**

The CPC monthly meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Central Office. So please mark your dance card for that evening!

We are expanding and do need help from people who are interested in helping the professional help us.

We are currently influencing young Doctors and Nurses at both Universities and will soon be doing presentations for the Social Work faculties.

We do lots of other fun stuff too!

This format for presentations is for professionals and is different than telling our stories for Public Information. So if you're interested please come check us out!

Thanks for your service in AA - together we can do so much!

### 12th Step Late Night Monitoring

THANK YOU ALL WHO HAVE SIGNED UP AS LATE NIGHT MONITORS (11pm-9am)
AND MORE ARE REQUIRED

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY PLEASE EMAIL

The Monitoring Chairperson at <a href="mailto:cgigtelmonitorchair@gmail.com">cgigtelmonitorchair@gmail.com</a> or CALL Central Office at: 403-777-1212

If you have any articles, stories or 12<sup>th</sup> step opportunities that you would like to share with our membership, please submit them to <a href="westwordeditor@gmail.com">westwordeditor@gmail.com</a>

Your input for the design and layout of the Westword is appreciated.

#### INTERGROUP CONTACTS

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#### HAPPY AA BIRTHDAY!

(All birthday notices are entered as received on a best efforts basis and may occasionally include unintended errors.

If this is the case, let us know and we will attempt to correct them.)

DECEMBER 2012 ACTION GROUP		<b>DECEMBER 2012</b> MARLBOROUGH PARK		JANUARY 2013 DESPERATION GROUP		JANUARY 2013 MACKENZIE TOWNE GROUP		JANUARY 2013 KINCORA GROUP	
Nolan J.	1 yr	Ed D	31 yrs	Josh C	1 yr	Wayne O	1 yr	Mike O	5 yrs
				Duane K	1 yr	Lon	1 yr		
AWAKENINGS			I GROUP	Lyle K	14 yrs	Dw ayne W	5 yrs		
Geri H	1 yr	Frank M	4 yrs	Peter C	37 yrs	Colleen M	23 yrs		
Brent D	15 yrs	Eric P	22 yrs			Jon G	30 yrs	OUT OF TOWN	
Rudy N	18 yrs	Darryl D	24 yrs	FOREST LAWN GROUP					BER 2012
		Sherry H	27 yrs	Amy J	1 yr	_	INNINGS		DRIE
FOREST LAWN GROUP		RECOVERY GROUP		Brenda L	3 yrs	Danielle	1 yr	_	ROM HELL
Helmut	37 yrs			Garry Y	4 yrs	Karen	1 yr	Gino T	1 yr
Merle C	38 yrs	Jason M	1 yr	Colin W	9 yrs	Joan B	1 yr	Frank B	2 yrs
		Angela U	2 yrs	Walter C	11 yrs	Darren W	1 yr	Paulina M	2 yrs
HADDOI	-	Michael T	2 yrs	Melvin	11 yrs	Jim R	1 yr	Rod L	26 yrs
Glenn R	1 yr	Kalena H	4 yrs	Ken L	18 yrs	Don B	1 yr		
Rae D	1 yr	Jorden B	6 yrs			Daryl K	2 yrs	JANUARY 2013	
Ralf K	1 yr	Woody H	29 yrs		NM ORE	Cori C	2 yrs	AIRDRIE	
Zach F	1 yr	Marie M	36 yrs	Graham H	1 yr	Mary Jo Z	2 yrs	_	ROM HELL
Don T	2 yrs			Jen W	1 yr	Aie R	3 yrs	Ryan	1 yr
George M	2 yrs		IK GROUP	Glenn	3 yrs	Sharon H	4 yrs	Ben K	6 yrs
Adrian J	3 yrs	Jack M	30 yrs	Rachel	4 yrs	Bill T	5 yrs	Don P	7 yrs
Jesen R	3 yrs			Deanna	4 yrs	Kevin S	6 yrs	Jack J	10 yrs
Ryan H	5 yrs			Carol	8 yrs	Robin H	6 yrs		
Brett R	7 yrs	ACTIO		Gail N	9 yrs	Carol L	15 yrs	COCHRANE	
Kevin G	8 yrs	Eddie E	1 yr	Jackie	15 yrs	Nancy R	20 yrs	MONDAY NIGHT	
Rick A	8 yrs	Kevin O	5 yrs	Jason E	18 yrs	Mary Z	21 yrs		CHAPTER
Dan J	10 yrs	Tim M	6 yrs	Pat F	18 yrs	John S	23 yrs	Brent S	18 yrs
Irene R	24 yrs	Carl S	8 yrs	Dallon	22 yrs				
Dolly S	28 yrs	Dellas Z	11 yrs	David M	32 yrs	OGDEN		IRRICANA RECOVERY GROUP	
John M	28 yrs	Jerry S	32 yrs			John D	2 yrs		
		Graydon G	34 yrs		ON ROAD	Sherry F	8 yrs	Brenda L	3 yrs
HARMONY GROUP				Jason F	1 yr	Jesse D	12 yrs	Bob K	9 yrs
Stephanie M	1 yr		GHT GROUP	Len P	1 yr	Vince C	20 yrs	Dianne D	19 yrs
		Michelle H	11 yrs	Wenda D	1 yr			Wayne K	27 yrs
INGLEWOOD				Angela S	2 yrs	SATURDAY NIC		Bian H	30 yrs
Vox S	1 yr		FLECTIONS	Marc M	2 yrs	Sandra M	23 yrs	Rene R	32 yrs
		Candice E	1 yr	Susan J	2 yrs			Garry R	39 yrs
MAAT		Gaye D	<b>2</b> yrs	Tracey T	2 yrs	THE LINK		Neil R	40 yrs
Dale R	7 yrs	Jill S	<b>2</b> yrs	Louis N	6 yrs	Rob S	5 yrs	AIC	44 yrs
Ron W	9 yrs	Jeff C	<b>4</b> yrs	Dell G	24 yrs	Don Mac	33 yrs	George S	53 yrs
		Trevor J	6 yrs	Gene G	34 yrs				
		Geoff S	11 yrs						
		Wendy	20 yrs						

### **Calgary Intergroup Birthday Contributions**

CSO accepts Birthday Contributions from individual members to celebrate lengths of sobriety.

Contributions range from a penny a day to \$1.00 per year.

#### **2012 – 2013 Contributors**

Jim S 59 years, Daryl M 28 years, Mathew M 26 years, Ron W 9 years

#### **WESTWORD DEADLINES**

Calgary AA groups need to get their birthdays, meeting changes, special events and other notices into the Westword Editor or Central Office well before deadline for the coming issue Generally, the deadline for the next month's edition is the last day of the current month

The deadline for submissions for the February edition of The Westword is Sunday, February 3, 2013.

Please email any notices for the Westword to: westwordeditor@gmail.com or drop notices off at Calgary Central Office.

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