THE WESTWORD DECEMBER 2010

The Westword

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Learning about service opportunities in Calgary

"Giving back what so freely was given to us" – that was the key message behind a day long AA service seminar being held at Scarboro United Church in Calgary, Saturday November 13th.

The Big Book says, 'Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking, as intensive work with other alcoholics.' This seminar was an excellent opportunity for people new to AA, or those who have been in the program for some time to hear about service opportunities, enjoy fellowship with other alcoholics, and have a nice lunch too."

The seminar jointly sponsored and chaired by Calgary General Services Committee (CGSC) and Calgary Intergroup was an opportunity for Calgary and area AA members to learn about what service opportunities are available through individual home groups and various AA service committees. During the seminar short presentations by various committee chairpersons were made on the purpose of their respective service committees and a description of where help of AA members is needed.

"Service work is an important part of my program today." says Kris M., vice chair of Calgary Intergroup and co-chair of the seminar. "The opportunity to give back to the alcoholic still suffering keeps me humble and is a reminder of what awaits me if I chose to drink again. I am amazed by how much reward is received for the service work that I do."

As is often said at meetings, service can be as simple as helping your Home Group set up chairs for a meeting and making coffee, but from there it can also include getting involved with telephone monitoring – answering the phone when someone new to AA is looking for a meeting, getting involved as an Intergroup or CGSC representative, helping out with special events planning, working with the Public Information to better inform the general public about the AA program.

There is also opportunity to work with the Corrections Committee to chair AA meetings at local corrections facilities, to chair AA meetings at alcoholic treatment centers, to 'Bridge the Gap' by helping someone coming out of a treatment program get to their first AA meetings, to getting involved with the planning committees for Calgary and area AA Roundups.

To close off the seminar, Duane T. reviewed the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. As A.A. grew, there were concerns about which entity would have responsibility for what activities. Bill W. saw the need to "reduce to writing" his concepts of the "why" of the structure, the lessons to be drawn from experience, the relationships and, above all, the spiritual principles. The Concepts themselves are found in *The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* and in a condensed form in the AA pamphlet *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

Westword Editor

I am responsible

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

For that, I am responsible

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Sat., January 1st and Mon., January 3rd, for New Year)

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In Brief:

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 – 8th Avenue SW Breakfast at 9 am, speaker at 10 am

Buffet Breakfast \$15 – Healthy Start Breakfast \$11 Toast & Coffee \$6 – Coffee \$3

Contact: Everett W. at 403-836-1933

DAILY REFLECTIONS SPEAKER MEETING last Thursday of the month - 8:30 pm

134 Scarboro Ave. SW (United Church)

DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MEETING at 8 PM

Nexen (Fortis) Building, North Tower 801 – 7th Avenue SW, Calgary

SATURDAY NIGHT NORTH EAST GROUP SPEAKER MEETING

<u>second Saturday</u> of the month - 8:00 pm 2523 – 56th Street NE, Calgary

CPC Planning Meeting

The CPC Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month, 7 pm at Central Office.

We have made terrific strides in getting the message of what AA does and does not do for the professional through presentations to the Student Medical Doctors and Nurses.

It's time to grow! So we need people who are willing to participate on our committee to help branch out into the Clergy, Human Resources, Unions and the Legal Profession. Experience is not a requirement just a willingness to serve along with an enthusiastic team.

Let's help the professionals learn to help us, present them the information they need to be able to direct a still suffering alcoholic.

It's a pretty important service commitment! Hope to see you there!

Next Meeting: December 15

On the Horizon:

Excerpts from some of the posters at Calgary Central Office (403-777-1212) of AA groups planned events

Local:

Please see pages 4 and 5 for local events.

At Large:

Western Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (WRAASA): Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at the Langley Banquet Centre, 264th and Fraser Highway, Aldergrove; Sponsored by Area 80, 91, 78 and 79. For more info call Dan at 604-525-9379 or e-mail WRAASA2011@YAHOO.CA.

Intergroup Elections

On Monday, November 8th, elections were held to fill the Calgary Intergroup Chair positions. Calgary Intergroup is responsible for the operations and services provided by the Central Service Office in Calgary. Individual home groups have representatives that serve as Intergroup representatives making up the Intergroup body. The collective Calgary Intergroup then elects individuals to serve as chairperson of various areas of responsibility. These are the results of the Intergroup elections:

I.G. Chairperson: Harry P. Dalhousie Men's

Vice-chairperson: Kris M. Ogden

I.G. Treasurer: Jayne R. New Beginnings
I.G. Secretary: Jo-Lynn H. Step, Stories & Beyond
Public Information: Bobby A. Dalhousie Men's

Public Information: Bobby A. Dalhousie Men' After Hours Monitoring: Abby R. Desperations Westword Editor: Keith S. Action

Breakfast Chair: Everett W. Mon. Night Big Book
Special Events: Jan K. ABC (January 2011)
Liaison for GSR: Maryan Mc. Haddon Road
Archives Chair: Moe R. Dalhousie Men's

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Banff Roundup Chair: Gerry M. (previously elected)

Thanks to all outgoing Intergroup Chairs for their service and welcome to the newly elected chairs to their positions.

Harry P., Intergroup Chairperson

One of Calgary's AA Founding Supporters Passes

We have just received word that Jack Johnson passed away in Vancouver on November 8 at the age of 90 years.

Jack was instrumental in the founding of AA in Calgary 65 years ago when he arranged the first meeting in Calgary for his brother, an alcoholic, and others, even though he was not alcoholic himself. He ordered Calgary's first Big Book from New York and wrote the book "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes to the Stampede City". He later moved to Vancouver but returned in 1995 to speak at our 50th Anniversary. Jack was still active helping alcoholics and directing them to AA.

According to his son, Rod, there was only a simple graveside service for family & friends, so they did not publish an obituary. Could you please send this out to everyone on your lists and let them know. Thanks.

M.M. Calgary Central Service Office

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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

Alternate Treasurer(s) needed

Do you have bookkeeping or accounting experience? Would you like the opportunity to meet and work with members in service to AA?

Calgary Intergroup - Work with Treasurer and prepare to assume the Treasurer's role in October 2011. Two meetings per month

2011 Gratitude Roundup Committee -Work with Treasurer until June and during the June 2011 Roundup and prepare to assume Treasurer duties for the 2012 Roundup.

Reply to Intergroup Treasurer at centraloffice@telus.net or call Jayne R at 403-470-4095

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

For more information email: corrections@area78.org

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: There are many service opportunities available on this fun and exciting committee. The Public Information Committee is dedicated to spreading the 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 at Central Office — pichair.calgary@gmail.com

Calgary Archives

Please Note

Anyone wishing to donate any archival items like books, documents, pictures, etc., <u>Do Not Drop them off at Central Office</u>. Please call one of the following, and we contact you and review what you wish to donate to ensure it is archivable.

 Moe R
 Archives Chair
 403-452-9833

 Tim
 Archivist
 403-273-2846

On behalf of the Archive committee, and as your Archive Chair,

I thank you all, God Bless

Correction to:

November 2010 Meeting Directory

The **SOBER SISTERHOOD OF COCHRANE** which meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm is a closed, Ladies meeting at the All Saints Family Centre, 404 – 4 Ave. N. Cochrane, not Canmore as listed in the Nov. 2010 meeting directory.

New Meetings:

EAST SIDE NATIVE WOMEN'S GROUP: Thursdays at 7:00 pm; closed, women only, discussion; Ghost River Rediscovery Building, # 164, 3359 – 27 Street NE (children are welcome)

WOMEN IN SOBRIETY: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; closed, women, discussion; 126B Main Street Airdrie (entrance off back alley)

SMOG FRENCH GROUP: Saturday at 7:30 pm; <u>French speaking only</u>, mixed, open, French big book discussion for; 2404 Kensington Rd., NW

FRONT RUNNERS: Friday at 8:00 pm; open, mixed, gay/lesbian, beginners; 1507 – 14 Ave. NW (Hillhurst United Church)

MEMORIAL PARK MEN'S GROUP: Thursday at 7:30 pm; closed, men's step & tradition; room 3001 (3rd floor), 1213 – 4th Street SW (Sheldon Chumir Health Centre, wheel chair accessible)

SOBER SISTERHOOD OF COCHRANE: Thursdays at 7:30 pm; Closed, Ladies; (last Thursday of the month is a speakers meeting open to women only); All Saints Family Centre, 404 – 4 Ave. N, Cochrane.

HADDON'S "I AM EVE": Sundays, 12:30 pm: Open, Ladies, Discussion; Room 2001, 200 Haddon Road SW.

NEW BEGINNINGS – 11TH STEP PRAYER MEETING: (day and time change, effective January 2011) Wednesday, 7:30 pm; closed, mixed; 11625 Elbow Dr. SW (Canyon Meadows Shopping Centre, Rm. 203)

Meeting Changes:

CANMORE SUNDAY NIGHT (out of town) (new location): Sunday at 8:00 pm; meeting now at 914 – 8 Street (Main Street), Scout Hall main entrance. (downstairs)

NW CALGARY GROUP (Tuesday meeting format change): Tuesdays now Big Book study and discussion format; Thursdays is still a discussion format; Foothills Alliance Church, 333 Edgepark Blvd. NW

BASSANO, (Out Of Town) (time change): Sunday now 8:00 pm (from 7:00 pm)

TRI-CURRIE GROUP (time change): changing back to 8:30 pm from 8:00 pm Mondays; St. James Church, 5504 – 20 St. SW.

WALKING EAGLE GROUP (new location): Monday at 8:30, meeting at Sharon Lutheran Church, 210 – 10 Ave. NE. (back door).

SATURDAY NIGHT TRAIN WRECK GROUP (time change); changing to 10:00 from 11:00 pm; 4620-A Bowness Rd. NW.

AVENTA WOMEN'S TREATMENT FACILITY (time change); Sundays changing to 4:30 pm from 7:30 pm; 2201 Cliff Street SW.

OKOTOKS SUNDAY MEN'S GROUP: (temporary location change); Sundays at 8:00 pm moved to Cactus Club Salon, Bay 3, 11 Elizabeth Street, east side door (sign on door "Temporary Office United Church).

Meeting Cancellations:

STRATHMORE (out of town) NEW LIFE GROUP: Sunday at 2:00 pm at the Strathmore Hospital is now **cancelled.**

BEGINNERS TAKE 12: Monday at 8:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church is now **cancelled.**

NEW BEGINNINGS -AS BILL SEES IT: Mon. – Fri. at 6:45 am; 'As Bill Sees It' discussion; **is cancelled.**

LADIES NIORTH EAST 12 X 12: Sun. at 1:30 pm at Robert McClure Church; the meeting is **cancelled**.

OLDS THURSDAY NIGHT: Thurs. at 7:30 at Olds United Church is cancelled.

COME AND SEE GROUP: Sunday 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the meeting is **cancelled**.

DISTRICT 78 SPEAKER MEETING: Thurs., 7:30 pm at Thornhill Baptist Church, 128 Tache Ave. NW is **cancelled until a new venue is found.**

One-time Meeting Cancellations:

Irricana Recovery Group will <u>not</u> be having a meeting Friday December 24th, 2010 on Christmas Eve. This is a one-time meeting cancellation only.

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Invites You to Our Annual Festive Season,

OPEN GRATITUDE MEETING

Wednesday, December 15, 2010; 8:00 pm First Mennonite Church Basement 2600 Richmond Road SW

Refreshments & Fellowship to Follow















Forest Lawn Group New Year's Dinner and Dance

Friday December 31st, 2010 at 6:00 pm

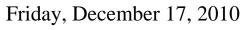
Pembrook Community Hall 6100 – 8th Avenue SE

Volunteers and donations of food, decorations, and entertainment are need

7th Tradition will be in effect

For more information contact: Brenda (403-697-7990), Buddy B. (403-285-9258), or Al

272 Group GRATITUDE NIGHT



at 7:30 pm

(one hour earlier than usual)

Northminister United Church

3311 Centre Street North Lots of Food and Sharing



The Edgemont Group

Invites you to help ring in the New Year



December 31, 2010, Open Meeting at 8:00 Dance from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am Edgemont Community Center 5311 Edgevalley Circle NW

Cost: Collection to cover expenses
Please bring finger food or munchies to share

For more information contact: Audrey at 403-241-7211

District 86 Christmas Dinner & Dance

December 18, 2010

at the

Balzac Community Hall

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner service at 6:00 pm, and dance to follow

Tickets are \$20 and children 14 and under are free

Tickets available from your G.S.R.

(Directions: Take QE2 to Balzac exit west (hwy564 exit west), cross the tracks, hall is on the left)

Dalhousie Men's Group Annual Potluck - Open Gratitude Meeting



Thursday, December 16th at 8 pm Dalhousie Community Church 5511 Baroc Rd. N.W.,

Food Contributions graciously welcomed 7th Tradition will be observed

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Spirit of Fellowship March 11, 12 & 13, 2011 at the Banff Park Lodge, Banff Alberta

PROGRAM

Friday

4:00pm Registration 6:30pm AA Meeting 8:30pm Speaker

Carla M. – AA - California 10:00 PM - Friday Night Music Jam 10:30pm – AA Night Owl Meeting

Saturday

8:00am Registration 8:00am AA Meeting 10:00am Speaker

Sarah M. – AA - California 12:30pm Al-Anon Meeting

2:00 pm Speaker

Ajit S. – Al-Anon – California

4:00pm AA meeting **6:00-7:30pm Banquet** 7:45 pm Countdown

8:00 pm Speaker

Doug R. – AA - California

10:00 PM - Dance (DJ) 10:30pm AA Meeting

Sunday

7:30am AA Meeting 7:30am Al-Anon Meeting 9:30am Speaker Eric H. - AA - Ontario

Banquet & Registration

Banquet & Registration \$85 / person Registration only \$35 / person

Registration includes all the speakers plus the Friday and Saturday night events EXCEPT THE BANQUET. Banquet seating is limited – **Banquet tickets must be purchased by MARCH 7th, 2010!**Both registration and banquet tickets are available from Central Office, Calgary or purchase through your Intergroup Representative. Banquet tickets may be purchased over the phone by calling Central Office.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND

Roundups and Conferences are not AA meetings – the cost of this roundup is paid through registration fees.

NO BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR

For Further Information on Registration Contact:

 Your Intergroup Rep Central Office at (403) 777-1212

centraloffice@telus.net

Gerry M @(403) 874-6441

Whitesheep AA Men's Group

Hosts the 14th Annual

Christmas Eve Breakfast

This event is open to family and friends
Friday December 24th

Carriage House Inn

9030 MacLeod Trail S 8:00 -11:00 AM.

Doors open at 8:00 AM Breakfast starts at 8:30 Open mike sharing @ 9:30

Tickets \$25.00 each – Available @ AA Central Office 403-777-1212
For information: Contact Gerry M. at 403-874-6441 or e-mail gmelsted@dancoequipment.com



"I liked that 'Keep Coming Back' thing he said. Must be one of Dad's friends." THE WESTWORD NOVEMBER 2010

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.)

November 2010

DAILY REFLECTIONS GROUP:

Al C. – 16 yrs. Brady W. – 14 yrs. Kenny K. – 8 yrs. Darlene D. – 7 yrs. Scott S. – 7 yrs. Brian L. – 2 yrs.

EDGEMONT GROUP:

Ray S. – 19 yrs. Marilyn L. – 14 yrs. Ken F. – 5 yrs. Jay H. – 5 yrs. Terry D. – 2 yrs.

GLENMORE GROUP:

Ken S. – 26 yrs. Scott – 2 yrs. Melanie – 2 yrs. Mike V. – 3 yrs. Lanny M. – 21 yrs. Shannon – 7 yrs. Lee – 25 yrs. Joe B. – 3 yrs. Robert K. – 6 yrs. Dee – 1 yr. Scott L. – 5 yrs.

HADDON ROAD GROUP:

Jesen R. – 1 yr.

Tim A. - 33 yrs.

IRRICANA RECOVERY

GROUP:

Peter D. – 9 yrs. Sam C. – 30 yrs.

SMOG GROUP:

Bill C. – 30 yrs. Blaise M. – 1 yr. Dorothy C. – 3 yrs. Jessica M. – 6 yrs. Laura J. – 14 yrs.

Margaret H. - 3 yrs.

November 2010 (cont.)

SATURDAY NIGHT FOREST LAWN GROUP:

Rose R. - 38 yrs.

NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP:

Liz S. – 1 yr. Ray P. – 1 yr. Bill T. – 6 yrs. Sherry S. – 10 yrs. Sandy D. – 13 yrs. Jayne R. – 18 yrs. Ellen Mc. – 28 yrs.

NORTHLANDERS GROUP:

Mike L. – 2 yrs. Fran M. – 12 yrs. Daryl C. – 1 yr. Blake M. – 2 yrs. Mark C. – 2 yrs. Jim G. – 2 yrs. Marsh C. – 32 yrs.

INGLEWOOD GROUP:

Ken A. - 1 yr.

December 2010

272 GROUP: Percy W. – 29 yrs.

AIRDRIE BACK FROM HELL

GROUP:

Rod L. – 24 yrs. Heidi – 20 yrs. William W. – 3 yrs. Dwight S. – 2 yrs. Doug C. – 2 yrs. Hugo B. – 2 yrs. Todd B. – 1 yr.

AWAKENINGS GROUP:

Rudy N. - 16 yrs.

DALHOUSIE MEN'S GROUP:

Jeff F. – 2 yrs. Sheldon – 8 yrs. Don M. – 21 yrs.

INGLEWOOD GROUP:

Tony B. - 3 yrs.

<u>December 2010 (cont.)</u> FRONT RUNNERS GROUP:

Brenda H. – 1 yr. Jason B. – 3 yrs. Jacqueline M. – 2 yrs. Kerri G. – 10 yrs. Mathew M. – 24 yrs. Travis G. – 3 yrs.

GETTING THERE GROUP:

Carolyn H. - 1 yr.

HADDON ROAD GROUP:

Dennis G. – 26 yrs. Lesley S. – 17 yrs. John F. – 14 yrs. Greg H. – 7 yrs. Betty N. – 6 yrs. Ryan B. – 3 yrs. Glenn B. – 2 yrs. Guy D. – 2 yrs. Steve G. – 1 yr.

HIGHLAND PARK GROUP:

Jean L. - 11 yrs.

IRRICANA RECOVERY

GROUP:

Bob K. – 7 yrs. Bob W. – 24 yrs. Dianne D. – 17 yrs. Chrissy M. – 6 yrs. Sean C. – 12 yrs.

MALBOROUGH PARK

GROUP: Ed D. – 29 yrs. MATT GROUP: Ron W. – 7 yrs. Dale R. – 5 yrs.

NW CALGARY GROUP:

Don M. – 21 yrs. Chuck J. – 1 yr. Trish F. – 1 yr.

EDGEMONT GROUP:

Therese D. -10 yrs. Anima K. -2 yrs.

December 2010 (cont.)

RECOVERY GROUP:

Woody H. – 27 yrs.
Norm B. – 11 yrs.
Terri-lynn S. – 7 yrs.
Dianna L. – 5 yrs.
Eleanore F. – 5 yrs.
Jordan R. – 4 yrs.
Nancy S. – 4 yrs.
Don B. – 2 yrs.
Kalena H. – 2 yrs.
David H. – 2 yrs.
Dave A. – 2 yrs.
Patrick M. – 2 yrs.
Dan D. – 2 yrs.
Jordan CR. – 2 yrs.
Mark O. – 1 yr.
Dan S. – 1 yr.

SATURDAY NIGHT FOREST

LAWN GROUP: Merle C. – 36 yrs. Helmet – 35 yrs. Darrel J. – 1 yr.

Jeff J. – 1 yr.

Steve M. - 1 yr.

Evelyn – 1 yr.

Bob S. – 1 yr.

Mark H. – 1 yr. SMOG GROUP:

Brian M. – 5 yrs. Laurie B. – 6 yrs. Suzanne B. – 1 yr. Wanda M. – 1 yr. Laura J. – 14 yrs. Jim G. – 2 yrs.

THE LINK GROUP:

Jack M. – 28 yrs. Holly S. – 11 yrs.

WEST END STEP & TRADITION GROUP:

Daryl M. - 26 yrs.

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. Any materials received after the deadline will be processed on a "best efforts - space available" basis.

The deadline for submissions for January's edition of The Westword is December 31st.

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

Telephone Monitoring

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

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