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Upcoming Events

Jan 17-20

52nd Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference, Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Exit 10 on I-440. Registration. Info: www.tarheelmidwinter.com

Jan 20

District 51 board meeting at 3 p.m. at Hope Mills United Methodist Church, 4955 Legion Road, hosted by Keep It Simple group.

Jan 27

Central Group celebrates its 73rd anniversary. The event includes a speaker and food. Doors open at noon.

Feb. 2

Second annual Spring Into Action Conference at New Hope Baptist Church, 3007 Beechtree Drive,

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Speakers, workshops and celebrations

It's a busy time of year for Alcoholics Anonymous in this area with numerous events and special meetings.

The year kicks off this weekend with the Mid-Winter Tarheel Round-up at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills Hotel in north Raleigh. The event runs Friday through Sunday, and if you haven't made plans to go to it by now, you're not going. Many will not even see this article until it's over.

But hand with us, there's much

more to come.

73rd Anniversary

Central Group will celebrate 73 years of service to Fayetteville and A.A. on Sunday, Jan 27 at its home, the Alco Club at 604 German St. Doors for the fellowship open at noon. The celebration will include "Food, Fun, Fellowship and Speaker."

Come wish the group a happy birthday.

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Central Office Board

Chairman

Kate S.

Vice chairman

Johnny V.

Treasurer

Dave C.

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Bladen

Vacant

Cumberland

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ODAT

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Michael

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New Freedom

Tami

101 Big Book

Principles Group

Charles K.

Pine Run

Craig

Seekers of Sobriety

Donna L.

Spring Into Action

Anne S.

There is a Solution

Bryan Z.

Village Group

Sylvia E.

Walking the Same Path

Alexis L.

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DISTRICT 51

New officers begin terms

Monique of the Central Group was elected as the district committee member of the District 51 during the board meeting in November.

She will chair her first meeting this Sunday, Jan. 20 at Hope Mills United Methodist Church, 4955 Legion Road.

Other officers elected for the new two-year term are Brenna as assistant district committee member, Kate S., the outgoing DCM as treasurer and Amy K., the outgoing treasurer, as secretary.

The CPC chairman will be Chris D. of There Is A Solution group; Matt

was re-elected as corrections committee chairman; Scott D. of Keep It Simple was elected the Grapevine committee chairman, and Dixon of There Is A Solution was re-elected chairman of the treatment committee.

The Staying Sober group of Lumberton has moved to St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, 228 North Stage Road in St. Pauls after its meeting site was flooded out by Hurricane Florence.

While at this time, it's considered a temporary move, the group hopes to make St. Pauls its permanent home.

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Sanford, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 2-3

Area 51 (North Carolina) winter committee meeting from 11:30 a.m. Saturday to 11:30 a.m. Sunday at Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center St., Statesville, N.C. Committee members only.

March 8-10

The 31st Freedom from Bondage

— Area 51 Corrections Conference, Hampton Inn and Suites, 200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen, N.C. (Just off U.S. 15-501). Registration \$15 before Feb 22. Reservation and flyer: aanorthcarolina.org.

April 6

Central Pre-Conference, noon to 4 p.m., Southern Pines First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Ave., Southern Pines. For flyer go to aanorthcarolina.org.

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Spring Into Action

The Spring Into Action group will be holding its second annual conference on Feb. 2 in Sanford at New Hope Baptist Church, 3007 Beechtree Drive.

The Saturday event features five speakers and the group says its purpose is “for A.A. members to become more effective at living and carrying the simple A.A. message.”

It begins at 10 a.m. and ends at about 6 p.m. For lunch, food trucks will be on hand accepting cash and cards from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The presentations will last an hour with breaks in between.

The event will lead off with an address by Paige W. of Gold Rock, N.C., on “A Vision for You – Early A.A. History.” At 11:30 p.m., Jennifer D. of Wilmington, N.C., will talk about “Spiritual Awakening – The Steps We Took.” Babs G. of Charlotte, N.C., will follow at 2 p.m. with “Practice These Principles – Everywhere.” At 3:30 p.m. Angel S. of Haw River, N.C., will speak on “Carry This Message – We Can Help Others.” The conference will end with Steve M. of Southern Pines, N.C., talking about “Spiritual Entity – The Home Group.”

Corrections workshop

From March 8 through 10, the 31st Freedom from Bondage – Area 51 Corrections Conference will be in the



Pinehurst area. It will be at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen, N.C. The hotel is just off U.S. 15-501.

Registration before Feb 22 is \$15. The group code and a link for hotel reservations is at aanorthcarolina.org under events. Hotel rates start at \$102 a night, reservations deadline is Feb. 22.

The conference usually includes speakers, panels and workshops discussing carrying the message in jails and prisons and stories by those who were helped by A.A. while they were incarcerated.

If your interested in carrying the message inside the jails, or are currently involved in a prison meeting, the conference offers lots of good information.

Crystal Coast

The 11th Annual Crystal Coast Roundup will be March 22-24 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2717 West Fort Macron Road in Atlantic Beach, N.C. This is a new location for the event.

Pre-registration before March 8 is \$18, registration at the door is \$22, no charge for Alateens.

The roundup will feature 5 speakers over three days, a Step Eleven meeting, open discussion meeting, a workshop, and ice cream social on Friday night and a dance on Saturday night.

Information, including a schedule of speakers and events, how to register for the roundup and information on how to book hotel rooms is at <http://>

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A.A. BIRTHDAYS



Send your birthdays, with first name and last initial, date and first year of sobriety to bcrcentraloffice@embarqmail or commonbond2011@gmail.com.

Correction	Feb. 15
Dec. 4	Jim M. – 10
John L. – 29	Matt D. – 36
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Feb. 1	Feb. 25
Kyna O. – 17	Lupe G. – 18
Feb. 2	Feb. 28
Stacy W. – 17	Bill C. – 32
Feb. 6	March 1
Johnny H. – 13	Patricia H. – 21
Feb. 9	Elsie – 10
Jay A. – 13	March 11
Feb. 11	Joe G. – 15
Rocky O. – 45	March 27
Feb. 14	Bobbie E. – 27
Bennie R. – 20	March 28
Dick V. – 14	Doug C. – 24

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www.crystalcoastroundup.org. You can also get information by email at CCR@ec.rr.com.

Central Pre-Conference

The annual pre-conference regional meetings will be held in late March and April. The Central Pre-Conference will be in Southern Pines this year. It will be from Noon to 4 p.m. at Southern Pines First Baptist Church, 200 East New York Ave.

The Area 51 representative will share agenda items for the General Service Conference which local A.A. members will discuss that day. The sharing of views, opinions and ideas helps the district's representative let the GSC what members think about those issues.

For information on how groups in the Central Region can participate contact sinclair.davidneal@gmail.com.

The session will kick off at noon, lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., agenda item sessions will begin at 1:15 p.m., and leaders of the sessions will be report back at 3 p.m. There will also be a question and answer.

– Dave C

Sober thoughts

(Helpful quotes for the AA way of life)

Life itself cannot give you joy, unless you really will it; Life just gives you time and space; it's up to you to fill it.
— Unknown

Better by far you should forget and smile. Than that you should remember and be sad.

— Christina Rossetti

Financial Report for November 2018

Beginning balance	\$4,006.88	Expenses		Contributions		
Contributions		Checks		101 Big Book Study	145.15	355.64
Nov. 1	723.71	Payroll Tax Expense	210.24	Agnostics & Others	0	0
Nov. 8	28.37	Rent	240.83	Bare Bones	0.00	990.00
Nov. 15	3.62	Federal tax	177.78	New Freedom	25.00	25.00
Nov. 29	0.02	Sales tax	99.73	Central Group	76.83	261.07
Total	921.08	Total checks	728.58	Freedom In Growth	50.50	337.50
Sales		Debits		Fort Bragg	0.00	0.00
Nov. 8	244.68	Century Link	123.47	Keep It Simple	100.00	188.41
Nov. 15	106.14	The Latest Thing	98.40	Principles Group	0.00	121.56
Nov. 29	86.90	StraightTalk Services	48.39	Spring Into Action	250.00	1,000.00
Total	452.32	AAWS Pubs Online	593.95	SOS Group	0.00	168.00
Tax		Bank Service Charge	6.00	Sandalwood Group	0.00	250.00
Nov. 8	17.13	Total Debits	870.21	ODAT	0.00	1,621.84
Nov. 15	7.44	Total Expenses	\$1,598.79	Walking The Same Path	0.00	0.00
Nov. 29	6.08	Ending balance	\$3,632.18	Village Group	50.00	50.00
Total Revenue	\$1,224.09			Faithful Fivers	1,102.00	1,890.98
				Total	\$1,257.08	\$7,260.00