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Upcoming Events

May 20

District 51 meeting and Spring Roundup at Hope Mills United Methodist Church, 4955 Legion Road. Meeting at 1 p.m., panel at 2 p.m. and fellowship at 3 p.m. All A.A. members welcome.

May 26

Wallace B., who has 54 years of sobriety will speak at the New Freedom Group, Peace Presbyterian Church, 3203 Ramsey St. Fayetteville.

June 10

Alcoholics Anonymous turns 83 today. It was founded in Akron, Ohio, base on the sobriety date of Doctor Bob, a co-founder with Bill W.

June 16

Central Office's celebration of A.A. Founders Day will be at St. John's Episcopal Church, 302 Green

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The Common Bond

The Newsletter of the Bladen, Cumberland and Robeson Central Office

June 2018

Celebrate



Photo courtesy of Common Core

What:

A celebration of A.A.'s 83rd birthday.

When:

Saturday, June 16 beginning at 1 p.m.

Where:

St. Johns Episcopal Church, 302 Green St., Fayetteville.

More:

Info on speaker, dinner and such on Page 4.

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District 51

Spring Roundup at Hope Mills

The District 51 Spring Roundup and meeting will be hosted by the Keep It Simple group on Sunday, May 20, at the fellowship hall of Hope Mills United Methodist Church, 4955 Legion Road.

The hall is behind the church.

The District 51 board will meet at 1 p.m. in Keep It Simple's meeting room in the basement of the hall.

It will be followed by a program at 2 p.m. featuring a 12 Step discussion. Presenting the steps and the group each is a member of are:

Step 1: Rocky O, Seekers of Sobriety (SOS)

Step 2: Darlene D, One Day at a Time (ODAT)

Step 3: John B., Central

Step 4: Brenna O, Freedom in Growth

Step 5: Spencer G., New Freedom

Step 6: Sarah G., ODAT

Step 7: Johnny V., Sandalwood

Step 8: Dave C., Bare Bones

Step 9: Tami R., New Freedom

Step 10: Ann S., Spring Into Action

Step 11: Monique C., Freedom in Growth

Step 12: W.E. H, Clement.

Food and Fellowship will be at 3 p.m. and featuring a meal of chicken and BBQ. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Upcoming events

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St., Fayetteville. Beginning at 1 p.m. (2 doors down from the Central Office).

June 16-17

Area 51 (North Carolina) Spring General Assembly at North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 North Wake Forest Road, Raleigh (Exit 10 off I-440). Session begins Saturday at 12 p.m. and end Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

June 18

Deadline for pre-registration and making hotel reservations for the 71st North Carolina State Convention. The convention will be held July 19-22 at the Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Exit 10 off I-440. For more information, see flyer on aanorthcarolina.org under events.

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Sober Thoughts: Founders Day

My friend suggested a novel idea. He said, "*Why don't you choose your own conception of God?*"

That statement hit me hard. It melted the icy intellectual mountain in whose shadow I had lived and shivered for many years. I stood in the sunlight at last.

It was only a matter of being willing to believe in a power greater than myself. Nothing more was required to make a beginning. I saw that growth could start from that point. Upon a foundation of complete willingness I might build what I saw in my friend. Would I have it? Of course I would!

Bill's Story, Alcoholics Anonymous, page 12

Of Bill's experience in Towns Hospital, Tom said: "The thing Bill had was a perfectly clear case of *satori* or *somate*. You know by the fruits. The guy goes out and starts to act like an enlightened man. No one ever went further to prove it than that man did – he led a life of total service.

"It's the aim of every religion – spiritual experience."

(footnote: the characteristic Zen Buddhist teaching of sudden enlightenment, or *satori*. It is defined as the seeing of one's own "original nature.")

"Pass It On" page 302

The desire to drink was removed and never returned once I accepted Step Three – during a terrific storm in the North Pacific. After all, *you* don't have much to say about it. Lloyd's of London's definition of a master of a ship is "captain under God."

A.A. Internationalists, "Came to Believe," page 31.



Bill W.



Dr. Bob

We reacted more strongly to frustrations than normal people.

The question that might naturally come into your mind would be: "What did the man do or say that was different from what others had done or said? ... He gave me information about the subject of

alcoholism which was undoubtedly helpful. *Of far more importance was the fact that he was the first living human with whom I had ever talked, who knew what he was talking about in regard to alcoholism from personal experience. In other words, he talked my language.*

Dr. Bob's Nightmare, Alcoholics Anonymous, page 180

As Bill Sees It, page 111.

Lois and I continued to find that if we permitted alcoholics to become too dependent on us they were apt to stay drunk.

Bill W., Not-God, A history of Alcoholics Anonymous, page 43, citing various sources.

Frothy emotional appeal seldom suffices. The message which can interest and hold these alcoholic people must have depth and weight. In nearly all cases, their ideals must be grounded in a power greater than themselves, if they are to re-create their lives.

William D. Silkworth, M.D., in The Doctor's Opinion

There is a principal which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance – that principle is contempt prior to investigation.

Herbert Spencer

A.A. BIRTHDAYS

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



June 2	Sandra E. – 12	Amy P. – 6	Brandon T. – 6
Tilton T. – 13	William B. – 16	July 2	Scott D. – 18
June 3	June 16	Anne S. – 37	Donna L. – 8
Sharon C. – 10	Tim V. – 10	July 4	Mitzi A. – 36
June 4	June 17	Mercedes – 11	July 18
John G. – 6	John S. – 31	Mercedes R. – 11	Mike – 11
June 6	Allison K. – 14	Mike G. – 11	July 19
Robert B. – 9	Allison K. – 9	July 5	Ellie O. – 42
June 7	June 18	Sue S. – 12	Deb S. – 28
John S. – 31	Henry K. – 9	July 6	Kate S. – 32
June 8	June 19	Sam A. – 23	July 21
Ricky S. – 27	Charlie L. – 37	July 7	Andre C. – 11
June 10	June 20	Julie C. – 12	Bernard – 9
John D. – 7	Jerry – 30	July 8	Eric R. – 10
Bethany B. – 16	June 26	Jim B. – 31	July 24
Bob P. – 26	Don L. – 29	July 9	Delores B. – 32
June 11	Bagley J. – 12	Thurmond G. – 13	Alan P. – 2
Charles K. – 8	June 27	Greg – 10	July 26
June 12	Tom C. – 13	Rick L. – 7	Don L. – 9
Charlene C. – 10	June 30	July 10	James P. – 9
June 13	Alphonzo M. – 31	Terry C. – 12	July 31
Pete F. – 10	July 1	July 11	Peaches P. – 11
June 14	Jay S. – 12	Mike L. – 9	
Craig E. – 12			

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Speaker:

Rick of Jacksonville, N.C. (A very interesting speaker).

Dinner:

Chicken, side dishes and desserts.

Fun for kids:

Playground behind the church. Shade provided.

Win:

Raffles, including a 4G UHD TV (\$5 per ticket). Raffles for other prizes and 50/50.

Parking:

Available at the church, behind the Community Foundation building (one door down), at bank across the street. Any street parking you can find nearby.

How can I help:

First, show up. Then you can bring desserts, buy raffle tickets, get in the 50/50 and donate through Bake less Bake sale.

Here's a short run-down of items you won't make to base your or your

group's donation:
Cupcakes: 2 for \$1
Cookies: 6 for \$1
Brownies: 12 for \$3

Apple Pie: \$5
Cheesecake: \$7
3 dozen cupcakes: \$4

3 dozen brownies: \$8
2 homemade pies: \$10

2 cheesecakes: \$15

Financial Report for April 2018

Balance sheet		Revenue		Month Year		Contributions		March/April Total	
Assets		Book & Material Sales	\$896.78	\$7,165.95					
Cash - Unrestricted	\$486.04	Contributions	740.77	5,506.17	101 Big Book Study	145.15	355.64		
Founders' Day	1,390.98	Other Revenue	—	—	Agnostics & Others	0.00	0.00		
Prudent Reserve	2,500.00	Total Revenue	1,637.55	12,672.12	Bare Bones	0.00	990.00		
Total Assets	\$4,377.02	Less Cost of Sales	207.16	5,596.07	Central Group	65.89	184.24		
Liabilities		Gross Profit	\$1,430.39	\$7,076.05	Freedom In Growth	162.50	287.50		
Current Liabilities		Other Income and Expense			Fort Bragg	0.00	0.00		
Employee Tax Payable	\$106.72	Bank Service Charges		-12.00	Keep It Simple	88.41	88.41		
Sales Tax Payable	62.70	Hotline Telephone		-48.34	Principles Group	66.50	121.56		
Total Current Liabilities	169.42	Insurance/office expenses		-15.92	Spring Into Action	0.00	750.00		
Total Liabilities	\$169.42	Office Expenses		—	SOS Group	0.00	168.00		
Equity		Payroll Tax Expense		-8.87	Sandalwood Group	0.00	250.00		
Beginning equity	\$4,862.54	Postage & delivery		-2.40	ODAT	474.97	1,621.84		
Current income	-654.94	Rent		-390.83	Walking The Same Path	0.00	0.00		
Total Equity	\$4,207.60	Telephone/Internet		-121.75	Village Group	0.00	0.00		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4,377.02	Wages and Salaries		-812.00	Faithful Fivers/ Others	185.00	688.98		
		Total		-\$1,397.71	Others	0.00	0.00		
		Net Income		-\$654.94	Totals	\$740.77	\$5,506.17		