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Upcoming Events

Jan 18:
BCR-CO council meeting
6:30 p.m. at Central Office
board room, 310 Green
St., Fayetteville.

Jan 29:
The Central Group will
celebrate its 66th Anniver-
sary starting at 1 p.m. For
details see page 2.

Feb. 15:
BCR-CO board and coun-
cil will meet at 6:30 p.m. at
Central Office, 310 Green
St., Fayetteville. The ses-
sion will make decisions on
a Founders Day event. See
page 3. The council will
also meet on **March 21**.

Feb. 18-19:
State Winter Committee
Meeting, North Raleigh
Hilton.

March 16-18:
Freedom from Bondage,
Area 51 Corrections
Conference, Days Inn, Off
Highway 1, Southern Pines.
Registration \$12. Room
reservation deadline, Feb.
27. Flyer at
www.aanorthcarolina.org.

March 18:
District 51 will meet at 2
p.m. The location to be
determined.

The Common Bond

The Newsletter of the Bladen, Cumberland, Robeson Central Office

January 2012

Many work together to help close the loop

About June of 2011 a call came in from Monarch, which runs an inpatient crisis treatment center, contracted by Southeastern Regional Hospital, seeking help starting a meeting at its facility.

The caller's name was Kim Basnight. Kim talked with Rocky, the BCR-CO chairman. Rocky, realizing that the BCR-CO lacked a committee to deal with this and that District 51 has such a standing committee, referred it to me by email.

He asked to be updated and that I "close the loop" with him when we had completed our action.

When I, as District 51 Committee chair, received the request to cooperate, I contacted Kim on at least two occasions to determine the crisis center's sincerity, and commitment to us placing a meeting in her facility.

Carl S., chairman of District 51 submitted this article on the joint effort of the BCR-CO and the district organization.

We discussed AA's cooperation vs. affiliation policy, what exactly her population was, what its need was as she saw it. We discussed a proposed agreement and what each party (both AA and her facility) could agree to.

One thing in particular she needed was that recovered alcoholics interacting with her patients must sign a privacy/nondisclosure statement.



After assuring her of our commitment and understanding of Monarch's needs, I referred this action to our Cooperation With Professionals/Public Information/Institutions Committee (CPC/PI,I Committee) chaired by Charlotte along with some names and contact information for key group members in and around Lumberton.

I also contacted a trusted servant in the fellowship who works in Lumberton – Robbie R. – and asked if he would act as point/ombudsman for Charlotte. He agreed.

Next, Charlotte worked with Kim, Robbie and various members of Robeson County groups – including Fairmont, I-95, and Easy Does It – to determine which groups could and would support this meeting for the long haul.

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BCR-CO**Board**

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Rocky O.
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Central Group turns 66



The Central Group will be marking its 66th anniversary on Sunday, January 29, with a speaker food and fellowship.

The celebration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Alco Club, home of the Central Group, on German Street in downtown Fayetteville.

The speaker will be Tom I. of Southern Pines.

Many AAs in this area know of Tom's work with prisons and helping prisoners overcome alcoholism and addiction.

For more information, contact the Central Group.

New Raeford AA group holds its first meeting

On January 6, more than 2 dozen people gathered in the basement of Raeford's Methodist Church to start a new AA meeting in Hoke County.

Raeford and the county had been without an AA meeting for several years. A joint effort by District 51, which includes Bladen, Cumberland and Robeson counties, and District 52, which includes Moore, Hoke, Lee, Richmond and Scotland counties, helped to organize the new group.

The districts decided to join forces because alcoholics from Hoke County

often travel to meetings in the Southern Pines area and Fayetteville.

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Fridays at the Methodist Church on Main Street, which some observed is right next to the Hoke County Jail. The meeting entrance is off the parking lot in the back of the building.

Rock of the Sandalwood Group (910-286-5495) and Audrey (910-308-2446) of the Bare Bones Group are the District 51 contact people for the new group.

Rock will serve temporarily as the group's chairman.



Make contact with the BCR-CO

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Closing the loop

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After a period of about two months or so, a well-defined response to the original request from Kim was developed. This involved a lot of coordination between AA groups in Lumberton and the district team of Robbie and Charlotte.

So by the end of October a functioning, well-supported and organized meeting had begun to reach out to Alky's in Crisis in Lumberton.

The loop has been closed with our first contact responder – Rocky of the BCR-CO.

Many actions, of all involved, have been left out for the sake of brevity and clarity of our cooperation. No one involved would claim to be a hero in this; just recovered alcoholics carrying



the message.

Your BCR-CO and your district committees are here for the traditions. They are here to assist you, your groups and those we would serve for our Principal's glory. For we are agents-all, so that none must suffer without the hand of AA being there.

All of you can help in our next endeavor.

Contact your general service representative and/or your BCR-CO Council member so that you too can participate in a tale of two organizations and help us in the future to close the loop!

BCR-CO groups asked for decision

Founders Day meeting set

The BCR-CO Board of Directors and Council will hold a joint meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 to decide on whether the Central Office will coordinate a Founders Day event on June 10.

BCR-CO chairman Rocky asked members of the council to ask each group if it wants the celebration and to decide what kind of support they would be willing to provide.

Rocky emphasized that the Central Office acts as a coordinator for the annual event and does not put it on. He noted the Central Office is operated according to the groups' wishes. The council made of a representatives

from each group and acts as its legislature, deciding all matters.

Rocky noted that the office operates on donations from the groups, which so far are only covering daily operating expenses.

The council was presented with a number of options on where to hold and how to fund this year's event. One plan would move the celebration to Paradise Acres, Other options include parks and facilities throughout the three counties. One proposal was to sell dinner tickets (or plates) to cover the cost of the food. That is estimated at \$8 per plate.

State corrections meeting in March

Freedom from Bondage, the annual Alcoholics Anonymous Area 51 conference on corrections will be held March 16-18 at the Days Inn off U.S. Highway 1 in Southern Pines.

Those interested in working with institutional meetings in the North Carolina Department of Correction will find the workshop insightful.

The conference will include panels, workshops and speakers on working with inmates. It will also include its traditional "Sweet Thangs," which features desserts and fellowship.

The registration fee is \$12. Checks should be made payable to CFC and mailed to 18 Jones Wood Court, Wendell, NC 27591. A flyer with a registration form can be found on the Area 51 website: www.aanorthcarolina.org. Cut-off date for reservations is February 27.

A.A. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Jan. 1 Bill B. – 11 Dorothy C. – 11 Joe V. – 9	Jan. 9 Jennifer B. – 14 Sam C. – 5	Jan. 17 Marcia R. – 21	Feb. 11 Rocky O. – 38
Jan. 2 Deb F. – 23 Ike – 4 Stuart P. – 7	Jan. 10 Clark B. – 24 Joseph F. – 5	Jan. 20 Mike S. – 4	Feb. 14 Bennie R. – 13 Dick V. – 7
Jan. 4 Adam J. – 7 Larry H. – 4	Jan. 11 Andrea HR – 33 Mary Catherine – 10	Jan. 21 Mark B. – 9	Feb. 15 Jim M. – 3 Matt D. – 29 Tomie Ann – 6
Jan. 5 Sammy W. – 16	Jan. 13 Brenda F. – 4	Jan. 22 Linda G. – 3	Feb. 25 Lupe G. – 11
Jan. 6 Teresa V. – 5	Jan. 14 David C. – 18	Jan. 23 Carey D. – 7	Feb. 28 Bill C. – 25
Jan. 7 Patti F. – 17	Jan. 15 Lauren B. – 12	Jan. 25 Amy A. – 9	March 1 Elsie – 3
Jan. 8 Angie G. – 24 Bob H. – 10 Jim B. – 25 Jim H. – 3 Mark M. – 3 Megan A. – 3	Jan. 16 Alvin M. – 11 Kristin G. – 7 Louise G. – 27 Randy W. – 33 Wayne J. – 14	Jan. 30 Daniel M. – 16 Dawn M. – 3	March 10 Crystal J. – 4
		Jan. 31 Dunkin K. – 31	March 11 Joe G. – 8
		Feb. 1 Kyna O. – 10	March 15 Ben. C. – 4
		Feb. 2 Stacy W. – 10	March 27 Bobbie E. – 20
		Feb. 6 Johnny H. – 6	March 28 Doug C. – 17
		Feb. 9 Jay A. – 6	

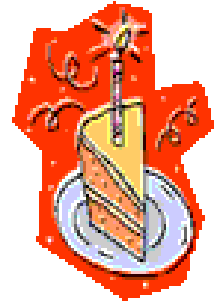
Celebrate with us, it's a piece of cake

Would your group like to add your members to our birthday celebration list?

Just email your information to com-mobond2011@gmail.com.

Include name (but not full name), sobriety date and year they became sober.

This information will go into a master list (and will do the math on which birthday it is).



Sober thoughts

(Helpful quotes for the AA way of life)

A pencil parable:

A pencil maker told the pencil 5 important lessons before putting it in the box:

1. Everything you do will leave a mark.
2. You can always correct the mistakes you make.
3. What is important is

what is inside you.

4. In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings which will only make you better.

5. To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

Every work of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.

– D.L. Moody

Happiness exists when the things we believe in are consistent with the things we do.

– Unknown

BCR-CO Financial Report for December

Beginning Balance	1,462.74+	Chargeback – stop payment	29.40-	Kiss GRP	320.00
Contributions	59.40	Chargeback fee	7.00-	Little GRP	67.00
Sales	161.86	Total expenses	588.51-	Men of Sobriety Mtg	320.00
Tax	14.67	Ending Balance	1,108.44+	ODAT	2,177.88
Total Deposits	234.21+	Contributions		Principles GRP	239.12
Forward Balance	1,696.95			Sandalwood	500.00
Expenses				SOS GRP	131.00
Cumberland Com. (rent)	240.83-	Bare Bones	Nov. Dec.. YTD	Spring Into Action	250.00
Wilmington Intergroup (chips)	146.60-	Camp Ground	20.00 20.00	Faithful Fivers	
U.S. Postal Service (stamps)	8.80-	Central GRP		Michael R. (thru 2/28/13)	20.00 185.00
Century Link (Office phone)	106.64-	Freedom In Growth		Jim B. (thru 5/31/12)	60.00
Straight Talk (Hotline)	48.91-	Fort Bragg		Allen G. (thru 5/31/12)	27.10
		Keepin It Real			