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Upcoming Events



October 26-28:
Area 51 Fall Election Assembly, Holiday Inn Bordeaux & Convention Center, Fayetteville. While only DCMs and GSRs can vote at the meeting, all A.A. members are allowed to attend.

November 18:
District 51 committee meeting. 3 p.m. Upstairs of the Alco Club on German Street.

November 22:
Thanksgiving Day: Check with your home group as some may suspend regular meetings for the holiday. As the day approaches special AA events around town may be planned.



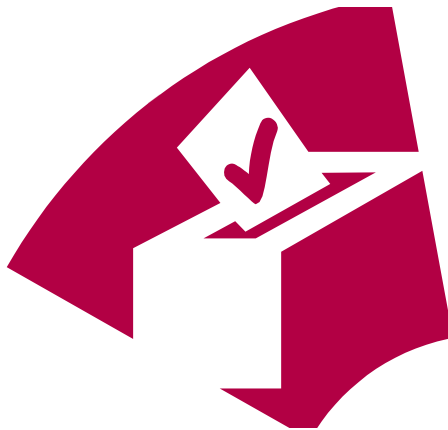
November 28:
BCR-CO council meeting and election of officers. Chairman and Founders' Day chairman to be chosen. Board room, Green Street, Fayetteville.

The Common Bond

The Newsletter of the Bladen, Cumberland, Robeson Central Office

October 2012

BCR-CO nominees



The two nominees for Chairman of the Board of Directors are:

Ray V., 25 years sober, who is a member of the One Day At A Time Group and Tom Mc., 8 years sober, who is a member of the Central Group. The election will be at the Nov. 28 council meeting, which will be at 6:30 p.m. at the board room on Green Street.

Donnie W. to step down as office manager; successor sought

Office Manager Donnie W. is resigning Dec 31. Anyone interested in this position can pick up an application from the BCR-CO office during office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Duties and responsibilities are available at our office. All completed applications must be returned by Nov. 1 for consideration at the November meeting.

Officers elected at District 51 meet

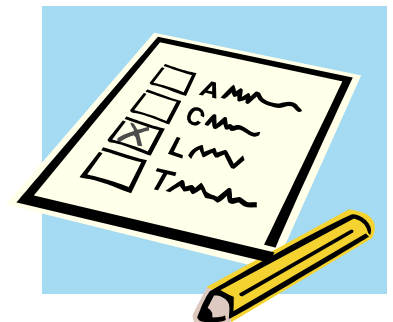
The District 51 committee elected new officers during a meeting at Hope Mills United Methodist Church on Sept. 19. The election was the main business at the meeting that was part of the Fall Fellowship that was hosted by the Keep It Simple group.

Since current officers John B. as District Committee Member (the committee's chairman) and Dave C., the treasurer retained their positions for a 2-year term. Both came to those positions to fill unex-

pired terms in the past year – John B. in May and Dave C. in March.

Chrystal J. was elected secretary. Chrystal filled for the secretary since May, but was only promoted to the position at the election. Scott D. was elected alternate DCM when other expected candidates

failed to show for the meeting. John B and Chrystal J. are members of the Central Group. Dave C. is a member of the Bare Bones Group and Scott has been serving as the



Unity Group's GSR.

The committee's next meeting will be Nov. 18 in the upstairs of the Alco Club.

BCR-CO Board

Chairman
Rocky O.
Vice chairman
Duncan K.
Treasurer
Dave C.
At-Large members
Bladen
(Open)
Cumberland
Mike E.
Robeson
Thomas E.
Office manager/secretary
Donny W.

Council

Central Group
Tom Mc.
Sandalwood
Tom C.
Back to Basics
Dan. A
Bare Bones
Carl S.
ODAT
Beverly R.
Fort Bragg
Andrea HR
Freedom in Growth
Darlene D.
Principles Group:
Carolyn L.
Hope Mills:
Dana R.
Little Group
Cass C.
Keeping It Real
Jacquie H.
Spring Into Action
Tommy R.
Pine Run
Craig
S.U.R.E
Jeff

Services

Hotline
Chrystal J.
Webmaster
Jim H.
Common Bond editor
Dave C.



When Is Breaking Your Anonymity Not an Anonymity Break ?

(This is an excerpt of an article in Box 459 Vol. 58, No. 3 / Fall 2012; Page 1)

While much has been written in A.A. literature about anonymity, including in a General Service Conference approved pamphlet called "Understanding Anonymity," communications coming into the General Service Office from members of the fellowship suggests that there remains a great deal of misunderstanding about this "spiritual foundation of all our traditions." What follows are just a few examples of the types of inquiries and some of the responses from A.A. literature.

Q. "We have a member who moved from somewhere else and he is using his last name in meetings. What should we say to this person who is breaking the Tradition of anonymity?"

A. A.A.co-founder Bill W. wrote in "The Language Of The Heart" (pg-15) that "It

should be the privilege of each individual A.A. to cloak himself with as much personal anonymity as he desires. His fellow A.A.s should respect his wishes and help guard whatever status he wants to assume." It is thus up to each individual how anonymous he or she wishes to be, at any level below that of the public level. Giving your last name in an A.A. meeting is not "breaking" A.A.'s Tradition of anonymity.

In fact, the author of an article in the February 1969 Grapevine magazine attributed the following to A.A.'s other co-founder, Dr. Bob, regarding personal anonymity and the Eleventh Tradition:

"Since our tradition on anonymity designates the exact level where the line should be held, it must be obvious to everyone who can read and understand the English language that to maintain anonymity at any other level is definitely a viola-

tion of this tradition.

"The A.A. who hides his identity from his fellow A.A. by using only a given name violates the Tradition just as much as the A.A. who permits his name to appear in the press in connection with matters pertaining to A.A.

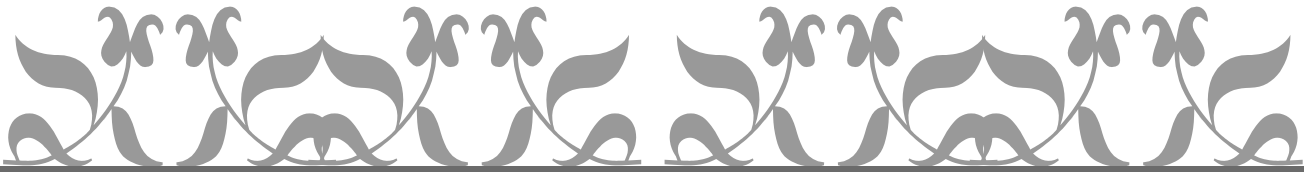
"The former is maintaining his anonymity above the level of press, radio, and films, and the latter is maintaining his anonymity below the level of press, radio, and films — whereas the tradition states that we should maintain our anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." ("Dr. Bob and The Good Old Timers," pp. 264-265)

The article this excerpt is taken from continues. You may read it in the referenced edition of Box 459 on line. If enough responses are received by commonbond2011@gmail.com we will print the remainder in the November issue. — **Reported by Carl Anonym**

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A remembrance of Lacie T.

**Celebrated Loss for our
recovery community
Lacie C. Tew,
August 3, 2012.**

Lacie was a co-founder of the Maranatha Ministry House for recovering women. A volunteer at Myrover-Reese Fellowship Home and served on the Board of Directors.

He also served as the President and Board of Director for the Alco Club Inc.

Lacie most special and loving accomplishment was 38 years of continuous sobriety, service work in his home group (Central Group) and working with newcomers.

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**The Message from Lacie:
“Do not drink- Go to meet-
ings- Get Responsible”
Roby R.**

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Lacie T. I already wish we had you back.

I first met Lacie in October 1991 at the ALCO Club when I'd just come to town for the first time in sobriety.

Just having moved to Fayetteville after retiring and knowing no one, not knowing where any meetings were. I

found German Street with a lot of difficulty. Kind of hidden.

Anyway I walked into the ALCO Club and met Lacie, who was tending bar. I got a cup of coffee and Lacie struck up a conversation with me. We talked a while about unimportant things; the weather perhaps, the city, some of his past and mine.

Then we got down to some serious business. That is where the meetings were in town. He gave a panoramic of meetings in Fayetteville – German Street, McPherson Church Square, Cape Fear Mental hospital, Fort Bragg, etc. – and how to get to them. He told me what kind of meetings they were and when they met. Just what I – lonely, out of place, displaced from my Home Group for the second time in 18 months – needed. Yes, just what a lonely alky in recovery needed, contact with a fellow alky.

We ended up talking about shoes — of all things — and we both seemed to relish this human connection. Over the years we've run into each other from time to time and each time, the connection was renewed. He went to the hospital and I visited him there. When he came

out we went to a number of meetings in St. Paul where I was trying to start a meeting. I'd drive and we'd talk on the way and back.

So many memories and now the shoes are empty and we must fill them. He'd want it that way. He'll keep an eye on us from heaven and every now and then he'll turn and look over his shoulder and say to St. Peter; hey this one needs a little help over here.

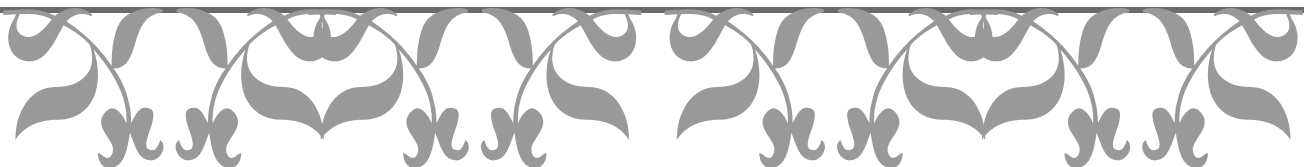
And when I get to heaven we both can meet again and have that conversation, again, about where the good meetings are and about empty shoes which need filling.

I will miss him and I ask his blessing on us to carry on.

Carl S.

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Lacie had a gift of looking at you and making you feel uncomfortable at first. He could see past your bull and lay bare the truth. You either loved him or hated him ... he had a habit of telling the truth of a matter as he saw it. Lacie will be missed however without a doubt he is with the Father ... may he rest in peace.

Chris and Izzy



A.A. BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1
Kelly C. – 5
Mike S. – 5
Oct. 2
Al S. – 24
Beth D. – 29
Oct. 4
Zack O. – 3
Oct. 8
Sandra M. – 5
Oct. 9
Robert I. – 3
Oct. 16
Milton S. – 6
Sue R. – 27
Oct. 18
Don Z. – 28
Pete P. – 4
Oct. 19
Elisha – 5
Mike P. – 27
Oct. 20
Jay O. – 7
Chris D. – 4
Chris W. – 3
Oct. 21
Stanley E. – 12
Oct. 22
Kasey R. – 4
Oct. 25
Joe H. – 6
Oct. 26
Kelly M. – 4

Celebrate with us

Would your group like to add its members to our birthday celebration list? Just email your information to commobond2011@gmail.com.



Include name, sobriety date and year he or she became sober. This information will go into a master list (and will do the math on which birthday it is).

Mike R. – 8	Carl S. – 26
Oct. 28	Wade S. – 13
Frazier S. – 8	Nov. 16
Oct. 30	Kathy E. – 32
Ernest S. – 7	Nov. 18
Nov. 2	Dan – 14
Harvey G. – 27	Nov. 19
Tom L. – 16	Audry C. – 14
Nov. 5	Julie S. – 27
Ray V. – 16	Nov. 21
Nov. 6	Gary M. – 8
Jeff W. – 22	Nov. 24
Nov. 7	Jeff W. – 22
Jed T. – 8	Nov. 25
Nov. 8	Wanda P. – 18
Nov. 10	Nov. 26
Crystal – 7	Bryan L. – 21
Nov. 11	Nov. 26
Joseph M. – 45	Daniela D. – 5
	Johnny F. – 8



Share your gratitude

It worked well last year, so we'll try again. We will have a gratitude list in November's issue. Please tell us in one short sentence what you are grateful for. Include your Home Group's name. First name and last initial are also appropriate. Email to commonbond2011@gmail.com or mail to the Central Office at 310 Green St. Fayetteville, NC 28301 by Nov. 1.

Sober thoughts

(Helpful quotes for the AA way of life)

Here's a philosophical question. I've had a personal disappointment. Everyone tells me I'll feel better with time, but I'm not so sure. Do you think it's true that time heals all wounds. ANSWER: No I don't. I think that time heals many wounds, but others get infected. So the wise person will take the trouble to keep that wound clean and covered for a while.

– Marilyn Vos Savant

BCR-CO Financial Report for August

Beginning Balance	2,721.94+	Expense: Debit	Principles Grp	60.00	0	205.00					
Date Contrib	Sales	Tax	Total	8/13 Straighttalk (hotline cell)	48.91	Spring Into Action	0	250.00	950.00		
8/1	383.40	6.72	0.44	390.12	8/14 CenturyLink office phone	95.87	SOS Gp	0	125.00		
8/2		287.20	20.11	307.31	8/24 Wal-Mart Office Supplies	17.62	175.00				
8/14		144.24	10.09	154.33		162.40-	Sandalwood Grp	180.00	0	680.00	
8/21	70.00	115.77	8.10	193.87	Balance	2,129.09+	Unity grp	0	0	100.00	
8/22	101.38	25.20	1.76	128.34	Founder's Day contributions	1,009.20	ODAAT Grp	0	383.40	1,194.69	
8/27	131.87	11.88	0.83	144.58	Ending balance	3,228.29+	Birthday contributions	2011	2012		
8/29	125.00	14.00	0.98	139.98	Contributions	July	Aug	Year			
			1,458.53+		Bare bones grp	0	0	519.15	John B.	22.00	23.00
Expenses: Checks paid					Camp Ground Grp	20.00	0	60.00	Faithful Fivers		
8/1			109.45		Central Grp	90.95	131.87	917.33	Michael R.	10.00	10.00
8/1			300.00		Freedom In Growth	0	0	130.55	180.00 through 4/2014		
8/3	CCF Rent		240.83		Fort Bragg	0	427.57	427.57	Dave C.	32.00	32.00
8/16			109.45		Kiss Grp	0	0	150.00	through 12/2012		
8/27	Creative Arts/Supplies		30.05		Keepin it Real	0	0	150.00	Jim B.		60.00
			780.78-		Little grp	0	11.00	76.00	through 9/16/13		
					Men of Sobriety	0	101.38	393.19			