



Knox Knews

District 15 Happenings

Area 28 Fall Assembly will be held in Millinocket, October 20, 21, 22, 2006. Group GSR's are encouraged to make their plans soon. There will be extensive car-pooling for the 3 hour trip.

Showing it Works!

October Anniversaries

John A, 10 yrs.

Camden 12-Step
Monday, Oct. 2

Bob S, 15 yrs

Mountain View
Sunday, Oct 8

Wayne G, 2 yrs

Dick M, 14 yrs

Brown Bag
Monday, Oct 9

Brigitte, 1 yr

Camden 12-Step
Friday, October 13

Billy A., 27 yrs

Cindy A, 16 yrs

Brown Bag
Saturday, Oct 14

Liz H, 17 yrs

Deborah C. 12 yrs

It's In the Book
Wednesday, October 25
Potluck at 5:30

Dot M, 1 yr

Tricia J, 3 yrs

Prayer and Meditation
Tuesday, October 31

New Camden Women's meeting, Fridays, 6pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 33 Chestnut St. in Camden.

Meeting list changes should be given to John K as soon as possible. Call 354-3614.

Saturday,
October 28th

Halloween Event

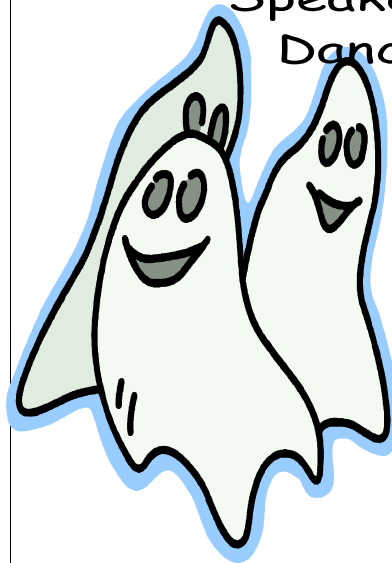
at the Owl's Head Community Building

Tickets \$6.00 (for the dance)

Costumes are welcome!

Speaker meeting at 7pm

Dance begins at 8pm



Why is AA paying for a dance?

Actually, we aren't. No Seventh Tradition money is used for Events.

District Guidelines say that "Events are to remain self-supporting through event contributions" and that "no additional 7th tradition funds from District 15 used for events."

Why Not? Or Should we?

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Help Wanted

KnoxKnews needs your help. We will be meeting **Saturday, September 7**, at 9 am at St. Peters in Rockland. YOU are invited.

Can you help? Or suggest what you would like to see? Is there news or a feature you would like to include? **Contributions are very welcome.**

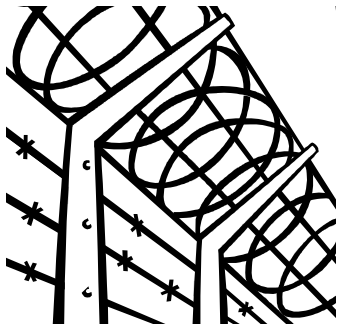
We are in the process of developing guidelines and policies for the newsletter and need your ideas and suggestions. Please come to our meeting or share your ideas with Bob C. or Peter L.

Cornerstone to Sobriety Beginner's Group By Casey H.

The Cornerstone to Sobriety Beginner's Group started out as a very small (4-5 attendees) meeting in the Choice Skyward building after the IOP class. Paul D. had kept the meeting going for some time and then in January, 2003, a group of young people all came in together. With a few heads together, it was decided that with the help of the "people who came before us" we newcomers could turn this meeting into a group. At our first business meeting, 18 people attended. Sharon S. let us have the meeting at her home since we didn't have our own yet. All but two of our service positions were filled at that first meeting.

We found a larger meeting space almost across the street at St. Pete's Episcopal Church. The meeting takes place on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. We decided it to be a beginner's meeting, focusing on the first three Steps because of the attendance we get after IOP lets out. Also, in our area there seems to be an abundance of young (ages 17-30) new people coming in. our group name was chosen because we were basing the meeting on Steps 1, 2 and 3—the cornerstone on which we build the arch to pass through to freedom.

Out of the 18 founding members, five are still very active, three have moved away and continued on in sobriety, some have moved on, and still many more have joined us. We are very much a beginning group of District 15 and are continuing to stay very active. Our attendance now is usually around 30-35 people and much larger on anniversary nights!



AA in Jails and Prisons

Camden, October 14

To inform and inspire AA members about carrying the message in jail and prison, the sixth annual **Freedom From Bondage** conference

will be held October 14 at the Camden Congregational Church on Free Street, concluding with a special guest speaker who will share from his many years of carrying AA behind the walls and bars. Everyone interested in AA in prisons and jails is invited and encouraged to attend.

The daylong event will bring together AA volunteers, current inmates, former inmates, and corrections professionals, to share their experience of carrying AA's message behind the walls of correctional facilities in a series of panels and short presentations. There will also be ample time for informal conversations and sharing over lunch and a lobster dinner.

The program will begin at 9 am and the guest speaker will talk after dinner. Registration is \$20 if you want to have lunch and lobster dinner. Registration will begin at 8.

This event is sponsored by the district 15 corrections committee and the love and service committee. Jeremiah M. is chairing the planning committee for the event. For more information and to volunteer to help, call 691-7070.

KnoxKnews is published monthly by the District 15 ad hoc Newsletter Committee, Peter L, acting editor. Send information, ideas, suggestions and contributions to editor@Knoxknews.org or talk to members of the ad hoc newsletter committee: Mary C., Bob C, Eric M, and Debbie W.

Why not? Or Should We?

Some argue that events are social occasions and have no place in AA. "It's don't drink and go to meetings, not 'go to parties,'" is the perspective of many AA's.

In this perspective, Seventh Tradition money is used only to carry the message and fulfilling AA's primary purpose—meetings. The rest is fluff.

Not everyone agrees that events don't fulfill AA's primary purpose. Those who benefit most, they say, are the newcomers who don't have any other safe places to go and who are still not convinced that you can have fun sober.

"The first time I danced sober was at a New Year's Eve AA dance in Bath. We were all dancing and looking at each other saying 'this feels weird.' And I had a wonderful time and met some wonderful people," one member says.

"It was one of the most important moments in my sobriety and my commitment to sobriety. I continue to try to attend the events and dances so that I can be there for the newcomer, still struggling, still sick and suffering."

The Events committee also puts on the Valentine's Day dance and the Fourth of July Bash.