

# District 3 Serenity Times *December 2011*

*Newsletter*

## **AA Principles of the Month:**

**Step 12** “Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

**Tradition 12:** “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

## **A Word from Bill W.:**

“...ask yourself on each occasion, ‘Have I any good social, business, or personal reason for going to this place?’ ...be sure you are on solid spiritual ground before you start and that your motive in going is thoroughly good... Think of what you can bring to it. But if you are shaky, you had better work with another alcoholic instead!”

## **Service News:**

Thank you to Prudence G. and Lori W. for stepping up to fill positions of Bridging the Gap and Record Keeping, to Melissa and Nichole for renewing their commitments of Answering Service and Treatment, and to all of those who have filled service positions during the last term. The following positions are now open and must be filled at the next district meeting: DCM and Alternate, Special Needs, Grapevine, and Archives. **Sponsors and GSRs**, please involve your sponsees and group members to ensure that these positions are filled.

## **Announcements:**

Volunteers are needed in preparing for the upcoming New Year’s Eve party. Help is welcomed for decorations/setup, music, kitchen, manning Alcolthon meetings, and cleanup. Please contact Jackie C.; phone number is here: (516.410.5629).

## **Upcoming Events:**

The next **District 3 Meeting** will be at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday, December 13**, at the United Methodist church, Main Street, Cairo, and will be preceded by a Bookers’ Exchange meeting at 6:00. All are welcome, and GSRs are encouraged to attend.

On **Tuesday, December 20**, The Greenville Twelve Steps Up Group will be hosting a holiday party: dinner from 6 -7:00 (bring a dish to share), meeting at 7. All are welcome as a usual good time is expected.

**Saturday, December 31, 2:30 – 12:30: New Year’s Eve Party**, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Rt. 32 at 23B, Cairo. There will be much rejoicing in the village. See circulating flyer for details.

## **Spotlight on:**

**Open Book Open Mind.** The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the United Methodist Church, Main Street, Cairo. Its Big Book *study* format is so informal that the meeting sometimes goes on until 9:30 as the group examines not only the Big Book, but also how it evolved from Bill W.’s original manuscripts. For a different Big Book experience, give this group a try.

# Anniversaries

## **Wednesday, December 14**

Mountain Top Serenity Group, 7PM

Fran D., 28 yrs., Cheryl L., 2 yrs.

## **Friday, December 16**

Women's Candlelight Reflections Group, 7 PM

Kathleen R., 30 yrs.; All are welcome

## **Friday, December 16**

Youth Enjoying Sobriety Group, 7 PM

Bryan M., 2 yrs.

## **Tuesday, December 20**

Leeds Just for Today Group, 7:30 PM

Jack M., 6 yrs., Jake B., 2 yrs.

## **Wednesday, December 21**

Greenville Higher Power Group, Noon

Mark G., 23 yrs.

## **Monday, December 26**

Original Greenville Group at Norton Hill, 7 PM

Rick S., 12 yrs., Shelly H., 10 yrs., Keith B., 3 yrs.

## **Tuesday, December 27**

Greenville Twelve Steps Up Group, 7 PM

Stephanie B., 5 yrs., Troy P., announcing 4 yrs.,

Randy M., 3 yrs., Lawrence B., 2 yrs.

## **Wednesday, December 28**

Cairo Second Chance Group, 8:30 PM

Paul S., 10 yrs., Melissa M., 5 yrs.

## **Friday, December 30**

Catskill Lunch Bunch, Noon

Ernest, 18 yrs.

## **Saturday, December 31**

Coxsackie Gratitude Group, 7:30 PM

Calvin B., announcing 4 yrs.

## **Mailing address for District 3:**

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