

BLUENOSE BULLETIN

Central Service Committee ~ Districts 1 & 2 ~ Area 82

SEPTEMBER 2014

Telephone Service Schedule		Addictions & Mental Health Program	
Live For Today	Aug 30, 31, Sept 1	Timberlea	Aug 31
Welcome	Sept 6, 7, 8	Circle of Friends	Sept 7
Cole Harbour	Sept 13, 14, 15	Back to Basics	Sept 14
Downtown Dartmouth	Sept 20, 21, 22	Second Chance	Sept 21
Colby Village BBS	Sept 27, 28, 29	West End Step	Sept 28
Early Risers	Oct 4, 5, 6	Cole Harbour	Oct 5
Note: Call Samaira G. at 476-3057 to arrange for cell phone		Purdy Bldg. 2 nd Floor, NS Hospital, Dartmouth All meetings on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.	

Service Calendar for Districts 1 & 2		
Central Service Meeting Districts 1 & 2	United Memorial Church Young St., Halifax	Tuesday, Sept 2 7:00 p.m.
GSR Meeting District 2	3 Dundas St. Dartmouth	Sunday, Sept 21 2:00 p.m.
GSR Meeting District 1	George Dixon Centre Gottingen St., Halifax	Sunday, Sept 28 1:00 p.m.
Central Service Meeting Districts 1 & 2	United Memorial Church Young St. Halifax	Tuesday, Oct 7 7:00 p.m.

2014 Forecast for AA Workshops Districts 1 and 2

ID#	Month	Date	Time	Topic	District	Leader	Contact #	Place
9	September							
10	October	TBA	TBA	Phone Committee	1	Samaira G.	476-3057	45 Connolly Rd Lower Sackville
11	November	TBA	TBA	TBA	2	Cole Hbr Gr.	293-3117	3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth

Please start considering topics for 2015. Contact Trudy D. 293-3117 or Fred D. 858-2216 if your group is interested.

Elections

Districts 1&2 and Central Service will be holding elections during the September meetings. All executive positions are open for election in September and start January 2015. If you know anyone that might be interested in any of the open positions please contact your DCMs or GSRs concerning District positions. Central Service positions can be referenced on the district website: www.aahalifax.org and click on the tab for the Central Service Guidelines or contact the Co-Chair of Central Service.

The History behind the name “Bluenose Bulletin”

“50 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous in Nova Scotia – 1946 – 1996”. This volume also resides in our NS Archives. I am now quoting from this text – “June 1949 saw the first issue of the Bluenose Bulletin. It was published in Halifax with Bruce W. as editor. Bruce had a long history of drinking until coming to AA. The idea came to Bruce, in a cell in Dartmouth, of a means to carry the wonderful message of AA and the highlights of the different group doings, to others in the Atlantic Provinces. For the first while the publication was financed by the E.D.I Club, Halifax, but eventually it was looked after by Maritime Inter-Group. As the first AA Newsletter for the Atlantic Provinces, and for a time the only one of its type in Eastern Canada, it was a forum for a free exchange of ideas. ... There was a list of upcoming events, and reports on most of the activities that took place.”

Central Service Announcements

Members continue to access the new **electronic delivery of information** service from our website, the numbers are growing. Simply go to the top right hand corner of our home page and subscribe. To learn more about Central Service check out the CS Guidelines and monthly meeting minutes on the website.

Newsletter

To have announcements included in the monthly Newsletter please forward your request to newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com or call (902)293-3117 by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the following month. Please provide instructions with notices – do not assume they will continue to run month after month. For the meeting date please see page 1.

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

It will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year with Big Meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels. Convention registration and housing reservations open September 3, 2014. Full details are found on the [GSO website](#). Bus tours from Halifax are available but are not endorsed by Central Service. For more information please contact Foster L. at 902-210-2172.

Entertainment Committee

***September Potluck Picnic at Point Pleasant** - September 7th 1pm - 4pm near the Anchor. Need more info contact Racquel 422-4128 email entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com. Volunteers needed.

Hospital Visitation Committee

If members know of anyone who is in the hospital or other facilities and who would like a visit or call from the Visitation Committee, please let us know. We are also available to visit or call those who may be recovering or ill at home. Thank you. Betty C. 429-5415 or Mary Lou C. 443-8046

Districts 1 & 2 are in need of a Public Information Chair and Co-Chair, Treatment Chair, C.P.C. Chair and Co-Chair. If interested please contact your DCM to find out more of what each job entails.

Telephone Committee

The Phone Committee is looking for groups and individuals to assist with answering the AA phone during the day shift. The phone is answered 24/7 and needs more people to make it a bit easier for the volunteers that have been working very hard to keep the phones running well. Please call the Phone Chair, Samaira @ 476-3057 to have your name added to the list.

2015 Mid-Winter Roundup

The 37th Annual 2014-15 Mid-Winter Round up Committee meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Dartmouth on Sept 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Room 619. The Committee needs 2 Co-Chairs for Registration, Entertainment Chair and Co-Chair, 1 Co-Chair for Program, 1 Co-Chair for Hospitality, and a Co-Treasurer. Anyone wishing to participate in the Committee are welcome to attend the meeting.

Treatment Facilities Committee

The Treatment Facilities Committee is in need of groups to assist with the Forensics Meeting on Tuesday nights. This meeting is a vital link to the still suffering alcoholic and the Forensic Unit has requested that A.A. carry the message into its facility. There is no Criminal Records Check needed to go in and put on this meeting. Please contact your DCM's or Alternate DCM's to ask about giving back in this way.

Meeting Cancellation

The ***Tuesday 11th Step Meditation Meeting at 7:30*** will be temporarily cancelled as of **August 26th, 2014** until we find a new space. Stay tuned!!!

Meeting Format Change

Porter's Lake Group would like to announce, beginning September 2nd 2014 the Tuesday night closed meetings will be changing from a "Grapevine Meeting/Discussion" to a "12 and 12 Meeting/Discussion".

New Meeting

The Fall River Group will be holding a new meeting on Sundays starting Sept. 7th. The meeting time will be 7pm, same location as their Friday night's meeting.

Meeting Time Changed

Beginning Friday, September 5th the Bedford Group will be changing its Friday meeting time to 8:30pm.

Meeting Location Change

The #7 Group of Sheet Harbour is now meeting on Tues. 7pm in the multipurpose room, lower level of the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital, 22637 #7 Hwy: Junior, [902 885-2071](tel:9028852071)

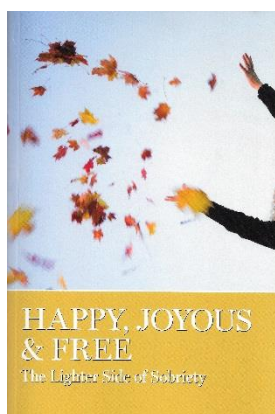
6th Annual Bedford Sackville AA Day

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:00PM Saturday, September 27, 2014. Registration: \$7.00. Welcome Meeting in the Gymnasium 1:00-2:00 pm, AA Speaker: Jeff D. Long Timers Meeting 2:15-3:15 pm Chair: Andy C. Presentation – 4th Step in the Auxiliary Meeting Room 2:15-3:15 pm, Presenter: Clayton F. AA Speaker Meeting in the Gymnasium Hosted by: Acceptance Group 3:30 to 4:30. Dinner and Speaker in the Gymnasium 5:30-7:30pm, Speaker: Mary S. Followed by Dance with DJ 7:30-11:30pm. Jam Sessions & Canteen Available All Day Long! Donations of desert will be gratefully accepted. Area archives will be displayed. For more info contact Kathryn D. 406-9792 or Karen Mac 860-3263.

Downtown Dartmouth Group Celebration

Downtown Dartmouth Group is celebrating its sixty-fifth birthday this year. The festivities will take place on November 1st, 2014 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 3 Dundas Street. We would like to invite all AA members to come and celebrate with us! Please mark the date on your calendar and help us celebrate the history of Dartmouth's oldest AA group.

LITERATURE SELECTION OF THE MONTH



Happy, Joyous & Free

The Lighter Side of Sobriety

AAs do laugh a lot – at themselves, their drinking histories, and their initial stumbles through the Steps. We may not have felt much like laughing in the beginning. We may have been depressed, or physically sick. We may have caused a lot of damage that we knew would take a while to repair. And we may have felt agonizingly lonely. But the first time we heard someone get up in front of a meeting and share about some embarrassing drinking event or some embarrassing sober event—we couldn't help but laugh along with them. If someone else did what I did and is joking about it now, we thought, maybe I'm not that bad. *This collection of stories from AA Grapevine shows how, in recovery, AAs learned to laugh.*

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS		
Date	Location	Celebrants
Saturday, Aug 30	LIVE FOR TODAY	Hamish (1) Danny B. (1) Mel B. (1) Lucy (6) Archie M. (12)
Saturday, Aug 30	WELCOME	Bill M. (20)
Sunday, Aug 31	ST. MARGARET'S BAY	Ken G. (1)
Monday, Sept 1	GRATEFUL	Brenda S. (5)
Monday, Sept 1	COLBY VILLAGE BBSG	Peggy A. (1) Glenda K. (7) Ed. H. (18)
Thursday, Sept 4	TRAILER PARK 12 & 12	Nancy S. (17)
Saturday, Sept 6	ACCEPTANCE	Iain D. (3) Margaret S. (3) David O'C. (8)
Sunday, Sept 7	COLE HARBOUR	Lance G. (11)
Sunday, Sept 7	DOWNTOWN HALIFAX	Andrew A. (20)
Wednesday, Sept 10	BACK TO BASICS	Gillian J. (2)
Sunday, Sept 14	DOWNTOWN HALIFAX	Peter J. (16)
Sunday, Sept 14	SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY	Rachel S. (2) Susan B. (5)
Friday, Sept 19	FALL RIVER	Wayne s. (33)
Saturday, Sept 20	LOST & FOUND	Earl G. (17)
Tuesday, Sept 23	SERENITY SISTERS	Tara M. (1) Roberta B. (3) Chris M. (3)
Thursday, Sept 25	HUBBARDS	Neil H. (17)
Thursday, Sept 25	FOUR SEASONS	Ken S. (3) Rick G. (10) Michael N. (15) Tom D. (34)
Thursday, Sept 25	WEST END STEP	Steve L. (4)
Saturday, Sept 27	LIVE FOR TODAY	Phil P. (3) Gabe D. (9) Suzanne L. (17)
Sunday, Sept 28	ST. MARGARET'S BAY	Harold Y. (30)
Monday, Sept 29	TIMBERLEA	Alfred M. (1)
Monday, Sept 29	LIVE & LET LIVE	Norman M. (1)
Tuesday, Sept 30	SUNRISE	Pat S. (6) Victor F. (6)
Sunday, Oct 5	COLE HARBOUR	Connie H. (11)
Monday, Oct 6	COLBY VILLAGE BBSG	David B. (2) Karen V. (4) Ron H. (10) Zeta S. (25)

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UPCOMING AREA 82 EVENTS

District 5 Roundup

Date: **September 6, 2014**

Location: Parish Hall, Amherst, NS

AREA 82! TO ALL MEMBERS! ALL GROUPS! ALL DISTRICTS! DISTRICT 8 NEEDS YOU! 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2015 ROUND-UP COMMITTEE MEETING!!!

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 @ 1:00 PM**

Location: Baptist Church, Embree's Island, PORT HAWKESBURY

When entering Port Hawkesbury –TURN RIGHT ACROSS FROM NSCC SIGN.

COME AND JOIN US!! TOGETHER WE CAN! QUESTIONS?

Dwayne @ 631-0002 George @ 631-3026

Area 82, 50th Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

Date: **October 10-12, 2014**

Location: Sydney Garrison, Victoria Park, Sydney, NS