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The Serenity Times

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12th Step Opportunities

24-hour AA Phone Line

To do a shift on the District's 24-hour AA Phone Line, contact the DDO.

12th Step Call Roster

To be placed on the District's 12th Step Call Roster, contact the DDO.

Rehab and Prison Rosters

AA information sessions are held at the Stringybark Centre rehab at 6:30pm every second Wednesday, Banyan House rehab at 7:00pm every second Tuesday and at Darwin Correctional Centre on the last Saturday of the month. To join any of these 12th Step rosters, contact the DDO.

Service Opportunities

Darwin District Office

To do a 3-hour shift at the DDO, contact the DDO.

Darwin District Committee

Members interested in any of the following 2-year service positions on the Darwin District Committee can contact the DDO: Secretary, Public Information Coordinator, Editor of *The Serenity Times* and Roundup Coordinator.

Deadline for the next issue

Please send your AA articles and news for the September issue to the Editor by email to aa.darwin@bigpond.com by 18 August 2019.

DDO bank balance

At 3 July 2019: \$5227.40
Prudent Reserve: \$2200

The words "Alcoholics Anonymous" are the registered trade mark of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia

P.I. Update

There is no update for July 2019.

T&CF News

The 12th Step roster for the Darwin Correctional Centre remains on hold. In June, no AA information sessions were held at Stringybark rehab.

AA CALENDAR

2-4 August 2019

Darwin Unity Weekend

8-11 August 2019

Katherine Roundup

25 August 2019

Area A Assembly, DDO, 9:00am

4 September 2019

District quarterly meeting, 7:00pm

Northern Reg Trustee

The 4-year service position of Northern Regional Trustee is available from 1 January 2020. Applicants should ideally have substantial AA service experience. To receive Area A endorsement, applications must be received by Area A by 23 August 2019, alternatively by the GSO by 13 September 2019. The application form is posted on the District's website.

Book of the month

Voices of Women in AA: stories of experience, strength and hope from Grapevine is a collection of 61 stories by and about women who contributed to AA early in its history and AA's earliest female members. Sections are devoted to spirituality, sponsorship, life changes, relationships, family and career.



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Spiritual thirst

In the early 1930s, Bill W met Rowland H through the Oxford Groups. Some years earlier, Rowland H had sought treatment for alcoholism from the renowned Swiss psychoanalyst, Dr Carl Jung. Despite a year's intensive work with Dr Jung in Zurich, Rowland H could not stay sober. Dr Jung pronounced Rowland H utterly hopeless and said that he would have to place himself under lock and key or hire a bodyguard if he expected to live long. Rowland H asked Dr Jung if there was no exception and Dr Jung responded that throughout history, exceptions had occurred where alcoholics had had vital spiritual experiences which were in the nature of huge emotional displacements and rearrangements.

In 1961, Bill W wrote to Dr Jung to thank him for the idea he conveyed to Rowland H about the alcoholic's need for a spiritual experience, an idea which became AA's foundation stone. Dr Jung wrote back, saying that he had regarded Rowland H's desire for alcohol as a spiritual thirst for wholeness and for union with God.

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Next District meeting

The Darwin District meets on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 7:00pm

Mailing list

To receive *The Serenity Times*, contact the DDO

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