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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.

12th Step rosters

AA information sessions are held at Mission Australia rehab at 6:30pm every second Wednesday and at Banyan House rehab at 7:00pm every second Tuesday. To join a District 12th Step roster, contact the DDO.

Service Opportunities

Darwin District Office

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

Darwin District Committee

To nominate for a Committee position, ask the Secretary to place your nomination on the agenda of the next quarterly meeting: Secretary, Literature Officer, Webmaster, Correctional Facilities Coordinator, Roundup Coordinator and Editor.

Deadline for the next issue

Please send your AA articles and news for the April issue to aa.darwin@bigpond.com by 22 March.

District bank balance

At 1 December 2019: \$6547.58
Prudent Reserve: \$4000



I should submit a topic

P.I. Update

There is no update.

T&CF News

The 12th Step roster at the Darwin Correctional Centre is being revived by the District. Enquiries to the DDO.

Vale Joe E

On 19 January 2020, Joe E died suddenly aged 62. He was 38 years' sober. Joe E got sober in Sydney at the age of 24 and settled in Alice Springs in 1987. He started a cleaning business which was still running at his death. Laconic with a wry sense of humour, Joe E was respected and well-liked by townspeople and AA members. A devoted family man, Joe E enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Joe E leaves behind his wife Leah, three sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren. AA members were among the mourners at his funeral held in Alice Springs on 31 January 2020. Joe E will be missed.

Bob W

Seeking AA memorabilia

The organisers of this year's Australian national convention in Toowoomba are putting together something very special: a booklet of Australian AA history and an archival display of Australian AA memorabilia. If you have AA history to share or AA memorabilia to lend, contact the convention by email at info@aanatcon2020.com.au or phone Steve R on 0418 728 561.

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Responsibility

In May 2018, the AA Groups in Darwin resolved to form a new District which would absorb the existing Darwin CSO and take over its functions. The new District would provide the AA Groups with both central and general services and the AA Groups in the Darwin District would provide the District with its workforce.

In September 2018, the Darwin District commenced operation, but 18 months on, numerous Committee positions stand vacant and only about half of the 15 Groups in the District attend the District's quarterly meetings. There are currently six vacant Committee positions and vacant shifts on the DDO and phone rosters, positions which need filling if the District is to provide adequate central services to the AA Groups. And if the District is to have a vital program of public information, it needs a workforce of GSRs.

Responsibility is our watchword in AA: we take responsibility for righting our wrongs in Step Nine, for carrying AA's message to alcoholics in Step Twelve and for sharing AA's workload in our Third Legacy (service) work. If your Home Group is part of the Darwin District, then it has a responsibility to carry part of the District's workload. Is your Home Group being responsible?

Darwin District

The Darwin District serves the AA Groups in the Darwin District

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Vacant (Secretary)
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Vacant (Literature Officer)
Susan B (Office Maintenance Officer)
Dan T (Public Information Coordinator)
Deb H (Treatment Facilities Coordinator)
Vacant (Correctional Facilities Coordinator)
Vacant (Webmaster)
Vacant (Roundup Coordinator)
Vacant (Editor)

Next District meeting

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

To join the mailing list

Contact the DDO

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