

# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE \* AREA 82 \* DISTRICTS 1 & 2 \* HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## TELEPHONE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Call Samaira G. at (902) 476-3057  
To arrange pick up for the weekend cell phones:

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| June 1, 2 & 3        | Welcome Group          |
| June 8, 9 & 10       | Cole Harbour           |
| June 15, 16 & 17     | Albro Lake             |
| June 22, 23 & 24     | Bedford                |
| June 29, 30 & July 1 | Halifax Sunday Morning |

## ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Purdy Bldg., NS Hospital, Dartmouth  
All meetings are held on Sundays at 8:00 pm

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| June 2  | Trailer Park           |
| June 9  | Timberlea              |
| June 16 | Halifax Sunday Morning |
| June 23 | Back to Basics         |
| June 30 | Second Chance          |

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## SERVICE CALENDAR FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

**CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING**  
Districts 1 & 2

**United Memorial Church**  
Young Street, Halifax

**Tuesday, June 4**  
7:00 p.m.

**GSR Meeting**  
District 2

**3 Dundas Street**  
Dartmouth

**Sunday, June 16**  
2:00 p.m.

**GSR Meeting**  
District 1

**George Dixon Centre**  
Gottingen Street, Halifax

**Sunday, June 30**  
1:00 p.m.

**Central Service Meeting**  
Districts 1 & 2

**United Memorial Church**  
Young Street, Halifax

**Tuesday, July 2**  
7:00 p.m.

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**CENTRAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Central Service strives to be the focal point of communication for members in Districts 1 and 2, ensuring you have easy 24 hour access to information on activities and events. To facilitate this, we are implementing a **new electronic delivery method** for the Newsletter, upcoming events, special announcements on activities, etc. This initiative will, in time, replace the current method of e-mailing newsletters to specific e-mail accounts and provide convenient links to an updated meeting list, upcoming events, current weekend phone schedule, to name only a few of the possibilities.

This change will simplify the delivery process which will allow the Newsletter Chair to focus on delivering the right information at the right time, rather than spending hours managing e-mail lists. Visit <http://www.aahalifax.org>. Notice the "**Subscribe to our e-mailing list**" box at the top right of the page. Enter your first name, last initial and e-mail address. Receive a confirmation e-mail to confirm that you are set up – then sit back, relax and receive new communication about **what is taking place in Your Fellowship**.

If you are interested in positions at CS please refer to the Central Service Guidelines and Procedures found on our web page and plan to attend our next **CS Meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 7pm**.

**Position available** – Telephone Committee Co-chair.

**2013 ROUNDUP/ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING** – The Committee has openings for the following volunteer positions: Program Co-Chair, Hospitality Co-Chair (1), Entertainment Chair and Co-Chair. It is suggested Chair positions have a minimum of two years continuous sobriety, Co-Chairs one year. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 2 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn, Room 619, Wyse Road, Dartmouth, N.S.

**2014 MID-WINTER ROUNDUP COMMITTEE** – The Committee still needs your support. There are vacancies for the following positions: Committee Co-Chair, Program Chair and Co-Chair, Entertainment Chair and Co-Chair. **Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.** at the Holiday Inn, Room 619, Wyse Road, Dartmouth, N.S. Please come and join us.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE – AA Potluck and Bowling Party** – June 9, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and **Summer Caribbean Dance** on July 26 – see attached flyers for details. If you would like to receive updates on events, contact Brenda B. at 902-210-6800 OR email [Entertainment.AAHalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Entertainment.AAHalifax@gmail.com) OR visit [aaHalifax.org](http://aaHalifax.org).

**DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS - DISTRICT 1** has an urgent need for a **Secretary**. Two years sobriety is suggested, but consideration will be given to qualified volunteers with more than one, but less than two years. Some work in a related field or some work in AA Service would be an asset. If you want more information on this or are interested in helping, please attend the next District 1 Meeting at the George Dixon Centre, Halifax, on Sunday, June 30 at 1:00 p.m.

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE** - The Corrections Committee is urgently looking for female volunteers to go into the Correctional Facility to put on meetings once a month. A minimum of two years sobriety plus a Criminal Record Check is necessary. For more details, please telephone Maria R. (902) 455-2231. The Chair is also requesting NEWER copies of Grapevines (the non-stapled version). Those are very much appreciated.

**THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE** is looking for Senior AA members (age 60+) to volunteer to be on a panel of speakers to deliver the message of experience, strength and hope to other seniors in the Halifax/Dartmouth area. Please contact Elaine B., (902) 406-6235 or [PublicInformation.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:PublicInformation.aahalifax@gmail.com) for more information.

**WORKSHOP COMMITTEE**- There will be a free **4<sup>th</sup> Step** Workshop on Sunday, June 9, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth. See flyer for details or contact Catherine S. (902)266-3675. Anyone wishing to put on a workshop, in District 2, please contact Bob R. (Workshop Chair) at (902)404-8973 or [riendeau@eastlink.ca](mailto:riendeau@eastlink.ca). and in District 1, please contact Fred D. (Workshop Co-Chair) at [freddm9@gmail.com](mailto:freddm9@gmail.com). Visit the AA Website for details on upcoming workshops.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**-In September 2012, the Early Risers Group committed to having a meeting at the East Coast Forensic Hospital every Tuesday night 6:30-7:30pm. There is a major need for more volunteers to help. The clients are in need of a positive direction and hopefully when they are released, they will know there are meetings to go to where they are welcome. We are asking other groups or individuals to **volunteer for one or two Tuesdays a month**. Please contact Gig M. (902) 405-4967 or Alex L. (902) 877-9857.

**FEMALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – There is an on-going need for volunteers to participate in the Marguerite Centre AA Meetings. The meetings are held at the **Marguerite Centre in Timberlea** on the **last Wednesday of every month** at 7:30 p.m. The Marguerite Centre is a long-term residential treatment centre for women and all AA women are welcome to attend. It is generally a speaker meeting so there is a need for speakers. If shy about sharing your story, attending the meeting is also very helpful and appreciated. **Please join us if you can**. Contact Karen R. 482-6481, Charlotte K. 477-9153 or Lesley B. 484-0123 if you need transportation, directions to the Centre and/or more information. More details are also available at the AA Website.

**THE LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP** – During the meeting, they are now studying the Big Book on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on the corner of Windsor & Allen Street in Halifax.

**The Sunday Morning Breakfast Meeting** held at 3 Dundas St, Dartmouth cancelled until further notice.

**48TH ANNUAL N.S. PROVINCIAL AA ROUND-UP** – hosted by District 7 will be held on **June 7, 8 and 9, 2013** at the Westville Civic Centre.

**GROUP ANNIVERSARY** – The **Back to Basics** Group will be celebrating their **18th Anniversary** on **Wednesday, June 26**. The 8:00 p.m. meeting will be an Open Topic meeting. Come celebrate with us at the Trinity Anglican Church, 321 Main Ave, Halifax.

**EARLY RISERS GROUP** – **3rd Annual AA Day** will be happening on **Saturday, August 24, 2013** at their meeting location of 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth. This year's theme will be **"Helping the Less Fortunate"**. As a group in AA, we hear many people talk about how good the Roundups, AA Days and Assemblies were and how much fun they had. As for some, the cost is too much as many people live on very limited incomes, etc. Admission is **FREE** so that everyone has the opportunity to experience a day of fellowship and fun. BUT we cannot do this alone. We need help from other groups and individuals to put on meetings, organize food and drink donations, and volunteer as greeters, registration desk and other duties. Thank you for all the support in the past and the future. Please contact Gig M. (902) 405-4967 or [gigmcmullin@eastlink.ca](mailto:gigmcmullin@eastlink.ca). HOPE to see you all there!

## JUNE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Sunday, June 2    | COLE HARBOUR GROUP            | Nancy R. 1<br>Susan M. 10   |
| Wednesday, June 5 | BACK TO BASICS                | Trudy D. 11   |
| Saturday, June 8  | LOST AND FOUND                | Lucy L. 5   |
| Thursday, June 13 | EARLY RISERS<br>HIGHLAND PARK | Brent M. 1<br>Murdo Mc. 21  |
| Tuesday, June 25  | SUNRISE GROUP                 | Margaret H. 5<br>Oliver O. 12<br>Bill H. 18<br>Frank P. 40<br>Joe Mc. 46            |
| Thursday, June 27 | FOUR SEASONS                  | Colleen 1<br>Catherine D. 5<br>Borden 18<br>Evelyn S. 27<br>Phillip W. 28           |
| Thursday, June 27 | WEST END STEP                 | Donnie B. 1<br>Dave T. 4  |
| Friday, June 28   | KEEP IT SIMPLE                | Vanessa B. 1<br>Gene S. 4<br>Paul T. 4<br>Louie M. 11<br>Ken B. 13                  |
| Saturday, June 29 | LIVE FOR TODAY                | Michael L. 1<br>Jessie F. 2<br>Jim C. 40  |
| Sunday, June 30   | ST. MARGARET'S BAY            | Darren F. 1<br>David M. 4<br>Eoin D. 6<br>Graydon C. 18<br>Mike C. 31<br>Fred D. 31 |
| Sunday, July 7    | COLE HARBOUR GROUP            | Louis M. 9<br>Drew C. 5   |

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