

# Keep Coming Back

## ***Business Meetings & Announcements***

- Club 12 Board of Directors February 21, 2019 at 6:45pm.
- Volunteer opportunities available Check with Club 12 office



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## **George Warren BOD Member at Large**

I was adopted as a baby and found out as a child that my real mother gave me up, which caused me to believe my real mother didn't love me so who could? I looked in all the wrong places to find acceptance and approval, girlfriends, athletics, alcohol and drugs. Unknown to me, God was setting in motion events that would completely change my life.

I had been sentenced for 2 years for dealing drugs when I received my draft notice, so the judge waived my case to spend the time in the army instead.

A good friend went missing and reappeared and gathered all our friends to try a new drug. So I found myself sitting in a meeting

of about 50 friends. This guy named Greg began to share how he had been clean and sober for 30 days and that he had accepted Jesus in his life and that is how he had made these changes.

I had been aware that there was possibly a God and if he could change Greg's life he could do the same for me. I prayed and accepted Christ and received the Holy Spirit. When I finished my stint in the army I became an ordained minister and pastor of a church in Miami.

I remained clean and sober for 13 years and

began drinking socially. In a time of crisis I found myself drinking more and more. Then I was betrayed by some close friends and pastors, became very disillusioned and walked away from my ministry, my family and all that was mine. The story of the Prodigal Son is my story. God chased me all over the country trying to draw me back to him. I was almost killed on my Harley and spent several weeks in the hospital. When I finally awoke I heard my father say "son this is your last chance. You must get sober and stay sober to have any kind of life." I have not had a drink or drug in almost 18 years.

## **Service to Incarcerated members**

Currently there are several members of the High Country area reaching out for correspondence while they are incarcerated.

The controlled environment of prison would seem to make drinking

or using drugs more difficult but this is not necessarily the case. As experience has shown it is often even more difficult.

Addresses for our local members can be provided by the Club 12 office.

Other members can be contacted through the corrections committee district chair a committee member. This is an area of service that is critical need and one that offers much reward with little effort.

## Step Work: Step 3

Step 3 can be daunting for newcomers who are unsure of what or who a Higher Power is. Meetings can be an important tool at this stage of the game and for many people it is the group or home group that becomes the Higher Power.

How does a person turn their life and will over? If the group is a Higher Power then meetings are a must. Listening to the group's messages in each meeting gives perspective on each subject.

Bringing up a subject when facing a problem or just have a question allows us to connect to others going through similar

circumstance currently or in the past. Their experience allows for new perspective or angle not considered before.

It is important though to remember that meetings are not the place for getting advise on any thing other than staying abstinent. Opinions run high in 12 step fellowships and often are unqualified to be reliable.

Faith comes through uncomfortable circumstances. Learning how to take different steps and not know the results can be unnerving. Can a mistake get us drunk? Making a mistake or not isn't the point. The point is knowing that either way we can recover.

Made a decision  
to turn our will  
& our lives to  
the care of God  
as we  
understand Him

## Tradition of the Month: Tradition 3

As an extension of the 3rd step for a group, the 3rd tradition asks the fellowship to have faith. There is only one requirement and it has nothing to do with one's circumstance of income, job, family, sexual orientation, race or religion. Members are members when that person makes the decision.

Safety is an important issue that

is relevant to Tradition 3. Everyone is welcome at a meeting, but disruptive or dangerous behavior is not. It is important for members and especially for new members to feel safe at a meeting. When members become aggressive through behavior or through language, action should be taken, even calling the police when warranted.

The only require-  
ment for AA  
membership is a  
desire to stop  
drinking

## Amazon Smile for Club 12



It is easy to support Club 12 when hopping on Amazon.com by using Smile. It can be used when purchasing any item on Amazon.

It is simple to use. When you are ready to shop or buy. Choose Smile and it will prompt you to find the organization. You will find us using Club 12 Inc and it will give the location, Boone, NC.

Smile can be used with or without Amazon Prime as well.

This method of income for Club 12 will not conflict with the spirit of the 11th tradition because it is just another way to receive donations from individuals rather than from a grant or other resources from the larger community.

Please help

Club 12 keep the doors open

Complete a survey and drop it in the office door.

Coming:

HCCYPAA

Monday: bi-weekly

Grace Lutheran Church @ 6pm

## Classifieds

**Club 12**

**Needs Your Membership**

**\$50 individual**

**\$75 family**

**\$1000 lifetime**

## Fun in Recovery



## Celebrate Recovery Anniversaries

## **CLUB 12**

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## **Club 12**

*Recovery Meets Here*

**WWW.Club12BooneNC.com**

*A self-supporting, private nonprofit corporation*

*Comprised of dues-paying members*

*Operated by a volunteer non-paid Board of Directors*

*Purpose: to assist each individual in 12-step recovery by providing:*

*A meeting place for 12-step recovery groups*

*Social activities such as dances, special events and other gatherings*

*Private discussion rooms*

*Bookstore for recovery community*

*Service information for the recovery community*

*Support spiritual, mental, & physical welfare of recovery community*

# **Wish List**

**Donations of snacks/drinks**

**Gift cards: snacks/coffee, office supplies**

**Carpet cleaning service or steam cleaner**

**Secure dishwasher to frame**

**Social Media/web site assistance**