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## ***"YOUR DAILY REPRIEVE"***

*~ Courtesy of Western Piedmont Intergroup ~*

Conceived and written by your friendly neighborhood alcoholics for the reading pleasure of the garden variety drunk, the aspiring derelict or anyone sitting on the fence as we are printing.

Proudly we serve Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties in North Carolina known fondly as Area 51 which represents districts 13, 14 & 15. What an order...I just wanted to stay sober.

Conscious or semi-conscious contact is readily available at the Western Piedmont Intergroup Office, (Please website) or P.O. Box 550097, 621 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Suite 11, Gastonia, NC. 28055-0097.

If you are a newcomer to A.A. or a veteran Big Book thumper, we sincerely hope that you add "Your Daily Reprieve" to your sobriety tool box. I for one did not get sober to stay miserable and need a good laugh now and then, so please enjoy and have some fun!!! If your feelings get hurt for any reason please be assured that it was not the intent of our humble staff and we suggest you seek help at a "Newsletter Anonymous" program. Sobriety always comes first and this being our first attempt at publication, please be patient with us, Thanx!

As you very well may have noticed, our first edition is somewhat slim pickin's. This is primarily due to our current available budget of \$0.00. Please "Give & Let Give" or please give us your support by calling or e-mailing your comments, inquiries and suggestions to the contact information at the top, we would love to hear from you. Good, bad or indifferent this is "*Your Daily Reprieve*".

"Alcoholics Anonymous" as the name implies, means that being a member gives you the right to remain anonymous for ANY reason and more importantly, also gives you the responsibility for respecting the anonymity for other members. This is our lifeline and holds true for those just joining us and for those who have decades of sobriety in A.A. We have already managed enough damage to ourselves during our drinking days and I for one do not need the entire world to know that yours truly is actually a skid row drunk who couldn't handle his liquor. Please do be careful when out in the public eye.

Alcoholism is recognized by the American Medical Association as a disease. However, where it comes from, how we contract it and how to cure it is still very much a mystery. To the relief of those suffering from this malady there is treatment and hope within the program of "Alcoholics Anonymous". Our disease affects everyone around us and not just ourselves as we so often think. This contagious part of our illness we discover just after a short time in sobriety. We are generally good people with a horrible disease that spills all over everyone we touch, mainly our loved ones. It is also known as "The Family Disease".

And so that's it, hot off the presses has come this humble attempt at a newsletter which you will never have to read again. Hopefully some of you will find this First Edition a total bore and waste of ink and paper giving you reason to submit some ideas of your own. We, the anonymous staff of "Your Daily Reprieve" are charged with editing the newsletter and not actually writing it.

Remember, if it takes a man fifty years of his life to build a bridge all by himself for the townspeople to cross the river and he gets caught humping one goat, he will probably never be known as a great bridge builder!

*~ STAY SOBER AND KEEP COMING BACK ~*