

## Metrolina Intergroup Association: Recovery, Unity, Service November- December 2024

Hello, my name is Scott H., I am an Alcoholic.

In February of 2012, I would have never thought that I would be the Chair of anything in Alcoholics Anonymous. I was in the final stages of crashing to my final bottom...I was at the jumping off point! Today, I thank God & A.A. for the indescribably wonderful life I have today that has manifested through the direct result of taking the 12 Steps and continuing to practice those spiritual principles in all my affairs.

I truly am grateful for the opportunity to Chair the Steering Committee this year and I'm really looking forward to getting know all the folks that selflessly volunteered to ensure that Metrolina Intergroup can to effectively "do the chores that no single individual or group could" and continue to "make A.A. tick" in Metrolina. (Paraphrased from a Bill W. article in a 1950 issue of Grapevine)

"The UNITY of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, "What a great thing A.A. might have been!"

Therefore, the Metrolina Intergroup Office functions to UNIFY the region by serving groups and members in Districts 13, 14, 15, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 along with other nearby groups and members in the surrounding areas. We do this through the support and voluntary contributions from A.A. groups and members. We carry out the 12th step and 5th tradition every moment of the day just by being available to the alcoholic in need. We do this by having a local phone number that anyone can call to get information about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. This includes the general population, the professional community, and most importantly...the still sick and suffering alcoholic. We also maintain a bookstore and a space for groups to hold A.A. Meetings. In fact, there is an A.A. Meeting every day of the week within the walls of the Metrolina Intergroup Office! We also maintain a 24-hour hotline (704) 332-4387. You can also find information at www.charlotteaa.org or www.aa.org

Yours in Love & Service: Scott H., Chair and Buck R., C-Chair