

# **Ozark Area Minutes**

**1/19/14**

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 traditions and the 12 concepts were read.

A motion was made to approve last month's minutes with a correction: Together in Unity group donated \$20.00, not \$10.00. Motion was seconded and last month's minutes were approved with the correction.

## **Administrative trusted servants in attendance:**

- Chair: Pam M.
- Vice Chair: Mark J.
- Treasurer: Amanda R.
- RCM: Mike O.
- RCM Alt: Ed H.

## **Vacant positions:**

Secretary  
Literature Chair

## **Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:**

- H & I Chair: Kim M.
- AASC Chair: Jocelyn B.
- Outreach Chair: Raymond M.

## **Groups in attendance:**

- Against All Odds group
- But Do It group
- Clean and Serene group
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition group
- Last Chance group
- Miracles group
- Native American group
- Point of Turning group
- Straight Line group
- Stray Katz group
- Survivors
- Under Grace group
- We Do Recover group

## **Absent groups:**

Freedom group (1)  
One Promise group (1)  
Together in Unity group (1)

## **Inactive groups:**

A New Way group (5)  
Liberty group (2)  
Spiritual Principles group (3)

## **REPORTS:**

**Chair:** No report at this time

**Vice Chair:** Mark J. copied the Guidelines of the Ozark Area Service Committee and gave to all GSRs and Administrative trusted servants in attendance. Mark will update the phone line with the new meeting schedule, including the Against All Odds group's address change and the addition of the Last Chance group.

**Secretary:** None. Ali D. is filling in.

**Treasurer:** Report is attached. Jackie P. added a few comments to the Treasurer report:

All funds have been verified in the bank account. Jackie had to use her social security number and will go to the bank Tuesday (1/21/14) to enroll OASC into a Clubs/Organization type of account.

Together in Unity said in their December report that they had a \$10 donation, but they sent a check for \$20. Together in Unity also sent another check for \$40 for a previously lost check. The treasurer will hold the check until they talk to the GSR.

Amanda R. added that if you received a check during the meeting, please deposit it ASAP.

**RCM:** Report is attached.

**RCM Alt:** Report is attached. Ed H. handed out USSCNA information.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**H & I:** Hi, Kim M, addict. H & I met today at 2 pm and opened in our usual manner. All members, except Ozark liaison, were present and we had a great turnout. Meri S. reported all meetings were made at the LaFayette House and we have a nice rotation with new ladies stepping up to be of service.

Brian C. reported a few meetings were missed, some from weather and some from the jail. We are needing 4-5 more women to add to the rotation. He will have applications to fill out and return to him soon.

Brian C. also reported for Ozark Center. There was a candlelight on Christmas Eve and it was a real good meeting. Brian is going to speak with HR about getting a couple more people approved. We will be needing a new liaison and at least one more chair.

Scott B. reported for the city jail. We missed one meeting because of weather, but going well with good participation. We will now be alternating meetings with women on first and third Mondays and men on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays.

Jerry F. resigned as Vice Chair so that position is open. One year clean time with six months H & I experience. Please share at your groups.

We have begun planning our H & I workshop for third week in April. Also discussed taking some members to El Dorado Springs to do a workshop to help them get H & I in their jails. I have applications for city jails if interested. I also have the regional H & I report for secretary. El Dorado Springs needs IPs for P & P. Do I order them from P.I. budget or mine? Thanks for letting me be of service, Kim M.

**AASC:** Hello Ozark Area, I'm Jocelyn, an addict. We opened up with serenity prayer and the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. Our New Year's Eve was a great success of addicts coming together celebrating. We have a \$273.51 donation in cash and change to area.

Our next function we are planning is our area birthday. We will be dedicating this function to Bob R. with the theme of "Keep on Keepin' On." More will be revealed on details at next area.

Further discussion ensued on the planning of this year's HOLP. Ironing out some kinks with flyers. Our first merchandise order will be picked up this next week. If all looks good, we will get larger order to peddle around. One of our Area Hug Patrol has been unable to fulfill commitment so Sarah P. will be joining our Hug Team. Pre-registration for HOLP incentive is sweat pants and zip-up hoodies. In loving service, Jocelyn B.

**Outreach:** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Raymond M. I am the Outreach Chairperson. We opened with the serenity prayer, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts. We had about 12 recovering addicts go to Jay, OK to support Last Chance NA Group. I have an Outreach schedule made out for next week. Thanks again for allowing me to be a part of something BIGGER than me. In love and service, Raymond M.

January 2014 Schedule: Under Grace Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Together in Unity Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clean and Serene Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Website Coordinator:** No report at this time.

## **NEW GROUPS RECOGNIZED:**

Last Chance group from Jay, OK joined the Ozark Area after being voted in. This is their second meeting attended.

**Schedules:** Jocelyn B. brought copies of the meeting schedules for all GSRs. All groups made corrections to the schedules as needed. Jocelyn will add the Last Chance group to the meeting schedule and make copies.

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

**Against All Odds:** Hello Ozark Area Family! I am Karen H. I am looking forward to serving as our group's new GSR. Against All Odds has been undergoing big changes as even normal people experience in life. This change includes a move from our location at 514 N. Broadway where we were the sole resident to our new rented space at Homer Cole Senior Community Center at 3003 N. Joplin St. This is a fiscally responsible move for us so we can afford the rent.

The additional changes made due to our move was a change to our meeting schedule since we are now sharing the space with other organizations. Our meetings are all open, non-smoking and our meeting nights are now: Tuesdays at 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8 pm), Thursdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 6:30 (Birthday/Speaker night last Sunday of the month).

Due to the move, our plans for the annual Pajama Jam were tabled, but we will be organizing that for the near future and look forward to your support. In loving service, Karen H.

**But Do It:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm Mike D., GSR for But Do It of Joplin. Our group meets every Wed. at 414 S. Virginia at 6:30 pm. Our non-smoking, non-vaping meetings are closed except the last Wed. of the month which is birthday night, open to family and friends. This month, Sheri E. is celebrating 7 years clean and Kim S. 9 years!! Also, Amber L. has become our alternate GSR! Our meetings are currently getting about 30-40 addicts in attendance and our home group membership and support is strong. Today we have a \$50 donation for our area. In loving service, Mike D.

**Clean & Serene:** Hi, I'm Mike M. I'm the new GSR for Clean & Serene group that meets at the Alano Club Sat. at 6:30 pm. We are a smoking meeting. We regularly have 15-20 in attendance. Birthday night is the last Saturday of the month. We have one birthday, Stephanie R. with one year. We do not have a donation for area this month. In loving service, Mike

**5<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Debra S. serving as GSR for 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition group. We meet every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm at 1831 S. Connor Ave. Joplin, MO. We are an open non-smoking meeting. The second Tuesday of the month after the regular meeting is our monthly business meeting and the last Tuesday of the month is birthday night. We have had approximately 25-20 addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We have a \$60 donation this month. In loving service, Debra S.

**Last Chance:** My name is Chuck W. GSR. Alternate GSR is Marty S. Our meetings are Tuesdays at 7 pm-Living Clean book study, Saturdays at 7 pm-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays are Just for today. All other Saturdays are open topic discussions. All meetings are open meetings. We have group conscience on the last Sat. of the month at 6:15 pm, birthdays as they happen. We have 7-12 in attendance. We have \$20 donation to area. All meetings are non-smoking. In loving service, Chuck W.

**Miracles:** Hello Ozark Area. My name is Blair. I am an addict serving as GSR for the Miracles Group that meets every Friday at 6:30 pm at 1601 Wall Joplin, MO. We are an open, non-smoking meeting. The Friday before OASC after our regular meeting is our business meeting and the last Friday of the month is birthday night. We have had approx. 60-80 addicts in attendance at each meeting this past month. We discussed having a St. Patrick's Day function and are interested in feedback about any other groups having a function at that time. We have a \$25 donation this month. In loving service, Blair C.

**Native American:** Hello Ozark Area. I'm Jamie I'm an addict serving as your GSR of Native American New Life Group of NA. Our meeting is at 8 pm on Monday nights at the Alano Club of Joplin at 1800 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. We are an open meeting that is non-smoking! We currently have anywhere from 25 to 50 addicts in attendance. We recently decided to start having a speaker meeting the second Monday of every month, which so far has been a success. We do not have a donation at this time. Thank you. In loving service, Jamie G.

**Point of Turning:** Hello, my name is Holly F. an addict serving as GSR for Point of Turning. Our group still meets in El Dorado Springs on corner of Spring and Main in the bottom of the park building. Sunday at 5 pm, Monday & Tuesday at 7 pm, Wednesday at 8:30 pm, Thursday at 8, Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at noon. Wednesday meetings are now closed and Saturday meetings are now open. We voted yes for Kate M. to be Show Me Regional Chairperson. We voted no for Kristen V. on secretary. We voted no on motion #101313-01 and #101313-07. We voted yes on motion #101313-09 and #101313-10. We have flyers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Fling. The date is March 8, 2014 doors open at 5 pm. Speaker is Debbie E. from Springfield at 7 pm. There's a dance, free chili supper. Awards for group support, raffle, 50/50 drawing and t-shirt sales. We have a \$10 donation. Thanks for letting me be of service. We need support for Saturday noon meetings. We need raffle donations. In loving service, Holly F.

**Straight Line:** Hello Ozark Area! Victora C. here serving as GSR for the Straight Line Group. Our meeting location is 430 North 21<sup>st</sup> Grove, OK in the Community of Christ Church. We meet every Thursday and Saturday at 8 pm. Saturday nights are candlelight. The last Saturday of the month is our group conscience held at 6:45 pm. The first Saturday of the month we have a speaker and celebrate birthdays. Our church is going through renovation do to a busted water line so we haven't had our meeting for a week and a half. Hopefully we will continue our meeting soon. Other than that we have no issues and have about 30 in attendance. We are giving a \$20 donation today. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Love you all.

**Stray Katz:** Hello Ozark Area! My name is Chuck D. serving as GSR for Stray Katz. We meet every Saturday at 24706 Hwy 171 in Webb City (House Inc.) from 6 pm to 7 pm. Our meetings are open/non-smoking. We have a book study the first Saturday of the month and celebrate birthdays the last Saturday of the month. We average 25-45 addicts each week. We will start having speaker meetings the third Saturday of every odd month beginning this month. We discussed and appointed trusted servant positions in Stray Katz to become effective this month and they are: Chuck D.- GSR, Scotty S-GSR Alt, Meri S.-Secretary and Tim P.-Interim Treasurer. Tim P. is celebrating one year of clean time this month. We have a \$25 donation this month. In loving service, Chuck D.

**Survivors:** Hello Ozark Area, I'm Angela S. serving as GSR for Survivors. Survivors meets at 1330 Wall in Joplin, MO. We average around 15-20 addicts a meeting. Starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, Survivors will be going to 6 meetings a week: Monday through Saturday. We are super excited about this. Feb, 15<sup>th</sup> Survivors will be having their Sweetheart dance in Galena at the Senior Citizen Center from 6-10, with Lorenzo T. as our speaker. Lots of food, fun and fellowship so come be a part of. We have no donation for area at this time. Thank you so much for letting me be of service. In loving service, Angela S.

**Under Grace:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Danny C. and I'm an addict. I'm the GSR for the Under Grace group. We meet every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church located at the corner of Howard and Chestnut in Carthage. This is an open non-smoking meeting. Meetings are always good with between 4 and 6 addicts attending on a regular basis. We have a \$12 donation for Ozark Area today. In loving service, Danny C.

**We Do Recover:** Hello Ozark Area, my name is Crystal W. I am the GSR for We Do Recover. We meet at 1330 Wall St. in Joplin, MO. We have 20-40 addicts in attendance at our meetings. Smoking and open meetings are Monday through Sunday 8 pm to 9 pm. Friday and Saturday night candlelight meetings are held at midnight, which are also smoking and open meetings. Attendance for our candlelight meetings range from 8-20 people. Second Friday of the month is a speaker meetings, non-smoking and Feb. speaker is Vicki M.

We have our business meetings every second Sunday of the month. We open with the Serenity Prayer, then we read the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. Last Friday of the month is our birthday night also non-smoking meeting. This month's birthdays are: Russ W.-12 years, Misty H.-18 months, Steven B.-7 years, Jo-18 months, Glinda D-4 years, Jimmy N-10 years, Anita H.-1 year, Don C.-14 years. No donations. In loving service, Crystal W.

Jo added: Business meeting for We Do Recover moved to 6:30 pm.

**Absent Groups:** A New Way, Freedom, Liberty, One Promise, Spiritual Principles, and Together in Unity.

**Lifeline group verbal report:** Hello, I'm Jennifer, the GSR for Lifeline group. We are a small group that meets at 2230 South Main (Hwy 59) at the Okie Smokies BBQ. We meet on Wed. and Fri. at 9:00 am and Sunday at 2:00, which is a book study. Group conscience is the last Sunday of the month.

## SHARING SESSION

- GSRs should stay after reports so that we have enough for quorum. Also, everyone needs to pay attention to the reports being given.
- Jocelyn B. will make changes to the schedule and fix them.

- Discussion about texting during meetings. Difficulties were brought up, such as anonymity, setting poor precedence for newcomers, and distractions. Other people brought up reasons for texting such as people struggling with sitting still or checking in with family members or sponsees. Suggestions from many members: Including a no-texting policy in meeting formats, chair people setting a good example, addressing in the group conscience, approaching members after the meetings, calling people out for it in the meetings.
- Members stated that the Ozark Area website is dysfunctional. You can only get to meeting schedule through Show Me website. Pam M. will call the website coordinator. Jackie P. and Amanda R. can check with website
- Mike O. asked if the RCM is going on the new bank account, even though his term is up in May. Mike O. will be added to the bank account.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- MOTION 1.19.14: Guideline 5.4.(2) to change or omit: “groups removed from meeting schedules after 6 months.” This motion is to go back to groups. Discussion that the Outreach Chair would verify the meeting is still taking place in order to keep the group on the meeting schedule.
- For next month: discussion about settling down to one meeting place for ASC in a central location.

Next meeting: February 16, 2014. Stray Katz will host at We Do Recover

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Spring Fling at 5 pm on March 8, 2014 in El Dorado Springs- 400 W. Carmen
- Survivors Sweetheart Dance at 6 pm on Feb. 15, 2014 at the Galena Senior Center

## Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

January 2014

(Meeting of December 15,2013)

Balance.....\$2728.90

Total Deposit.....\$ 311.00

Credit To Account.....\$ 49.45

Total Expenses.....\$ 315.12

Current Balance..... \$2,774.23

Balance ending December 15<sup>th</sup> area report

Donations and credits from December 15<sup>th</sup>  
area report.

Expenses since December 15<sup>th</sup> report

Balance as of January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

### DONATIONS

But Do It.....\$ 100.00

Stray Kats.....\$ 21.00

Point Of Turning.....\$ 10.00

Straightline.....\$ 20.00

Miracles.....\$ 25.00

5<sup>th</sup> Tradition.....\$100.00

Under Grace.....\$ 10.00

Together In Unity.....\$ 20.00

Freedom Group.....\$ 5.00

**TOTAL DONATIONS....\$ 311.00**

**Credit.....\$ 49.45** (Credit back Ck#1271 to reports for Suzane's check never used.  
See November report.)

### EXPENSES

\$ 15.53 Mark J./Guidelines/Ck#1778

\$ 6.41 Jackee P/Copies/Ck#1779

\$ 120.00 Pat D./7 mos.storage/Ck#1780

\$ 123.18 Howard Johnson/Regs/Ck#1781

\$ 50.00 Show Me Regio/Don/Ck1782

VOID Ck#1783

\$ VOID Ck#1784

**\$ 315.12 TOTAL EXPENSES**

In Loving Service,

Hello Ozark Area. I'm an addict name Ed serving as your RCMA. I did attend the regional meetings last week and it was maybe the best regional I have been to so far. I attended the United States Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous workshop and it was very informative and interesting. I brought a power point for you to look at so you as GSR's can form your own opinion and share this information with your home groups. I encourage everyone to do their own research on the USSCNA. I am trying to report here what I heard and not what I feel about the USSCNA. They say they are a group of addicts like Jimmy K. with a vision to better serve Narcotics Anonymous here in the U.S.A. NAWS is not in favor of the USSCNA. The USSCNA does practice the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and donate money to NAWS. Currently there are about 120 groups that have joined the USSCNA and I think 7 of those groups are in the Show Me Region. A lot of what they have to offer we already have in place with NAWS. The USSCNA say that they can help free up NAWS by the USSCNA taking care of the US and letting world services serve the world. My understanding is that they would be in between world and the regions. The USSCNA has a vision to be a place for sub committees to go and get answers. There was a lot of information to take in there so I am not saying that everything I have here today is 100% correct. I am just reporting what I understood. Once again I encourage everyone to do there own research on this and form their own opion. In loving service Ed H.



During session Saturday, we closed the Ad-hoc committee on the RSO because they had finished their assignment which was multidimensional. It included retaining an attorney, checking to see if the computer could be accessed, and paying the ATT bill and IRS monies owed. Checks were sent to ATT for \$825 and Missouri Dept. of Revenue for \$335. ATT is paid in full, but the IRS cannot tell us if we owe more; Larry R. needs to contact them. The attorney reported that Larry R. (the RSO special worker) had not responded to the letter sent to him asking him to contact the Show-Me Region in order to figure things out with the IRS and American Express Card. The Regional Service Committee (RSC) has decided to leave the ball in his court as to whether or not he would like to contact us. We (RSC) still have retained the services of the attorney for pending further need. It has also been decided to inventory and sell leftover merchandise from the RSO at NA functions starting at Cabin Fever and progressing on to other functions if needed. We sold in excess of \$300 worth of merchandise at Region to put towards our bill with World Services.

Moving on to SMRCNA (Show Me Region Convention of Narcotics

Anonymous), Dave M., the chairperson, has requested a need for volunteers to help out.

He can be reached at [nahappydave@yahoo.com](mailto:nahappydave@yahoo.com).

Furthermore, I have attached a flier that is requesting members to help out with the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium Workgroup (MZSS). The MZSS offers an opportunity to exchange experience, strength, and hope between members of NA service. The Show-Me Region will be hosting this event and Rob B. our Regional Delegate will be making a donation of \$100 to this event out of his budget. Details of this event are on

the flier. Rob will also be attending the Southern Zonal Forum which our region is a part of and will be making another \$100 donation from his budget while participating. In as much as the voting for Regional Chair and Secretary, both have passed. I will add that we still have open positions at Region which include Vice-Chair, Treasurer-her term is up in July '14, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Secretary, and Alternate Delegate. If anyone is interested, I can get you more information on requirements and duties. As far as the motions are considered, it was deemed out-of-order at this region, although our votes still count for April's Region when guideline changes are due.

Next, there was discussion on the Regional Assembly (RA) which informs our Region on the content of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). The RA will take place February 15, 2014 at Kemper Arena in Columbia, Missouri at 10:00 a.m. Ed H. and I have discussed between ourselves the need to attend the assembly and we will probably need further funding for it. We're not sure at this point if we both can attend, but hopefully we will know more before the day is over. Otherwise, we (Ozark Area) can have Rob B. (RD) come to us if we decide so. We will have to contact him on a decision before we leave Ozark Area Subcommittee today, then spread the word of its occurrence. In any case, Ozark Area needs to purchase the CAR. I might add that both going to Columbia and having Rob come to us might be beneficial to our Area.

Once again, there was discussion on the PR Concept and there will be a learning day at Region in April. I have little, if any information on this, but will report back at Area in April. Rob is also willing to come down and give us a presentation if we so desire.

The learning day on the S.S.P was basically the same as the one we had in December, except that the PowerPoint was working and there was a handout. I have the handout if anyone would like to read it and see the notes contained on it.

Finally, as per Show-Me Regional Guidelines, twenty-five percent of our yearly budget was withheld to continue business and the rest was sent to World-\$10,240.49. I don't have all the numbers on what was kept and how this was figured due to the fact that monies were still being totaled for incidentals at Region and the hotel costs incurred because of the fact that we didn't meet the required room rentals.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

*Mike* ☺.



# A few more members needed for Multi-Zonal Service Symposium Workgroup

*(Midwest Zonal Forum, Plains States Zonal Forum,  
and Southern Zonal Forum of Narcotics Anonymous)*



**Great way to do service, planning an exciting service weekend!**

## Positions (required clean time)

Recorder (3 yrs.)

Task Group Coordinators (2 yrs.)

Host Coordinator--*preferably someone  
from St. Louis or nearby*

Technology Coordinator

Program Coordinator(s)--*for each of the  
tracks (ie, Pr, H&I, Phoneline, IT, etc.)*

Task Group Members also needed  
(there is no clean time requirement)

**September 26–28, 2014**

**St. Louis, MO**

**No travel to committee meetings,  
we meet via video conference call!**

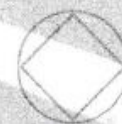
The MZSS offers an opportunity for the exchange of experience, strength, and hope between members of NA service. Through NA zones working together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery, the symposium's purpose is to inspire and instill in participants the joy of service by mentoring and learning collaboration.



**We  
need  
artwork  
ideas!!**

The theme is  
"An Expression of Gratitude"

Please send us all ideas. You can sketch something, describe it in words, or put something together in a computer application. All will be presented at the next meeting.



*For elected workgroup positions, see MZSS Guidelines for responsibilities.  
Send your service resume and theme ideas to [info@mzssna.org](mailto:info@mzssna.org) by Sunday, January 12, 2014.*

# 2nd Annual Spring Fling

## \*SPEAKER

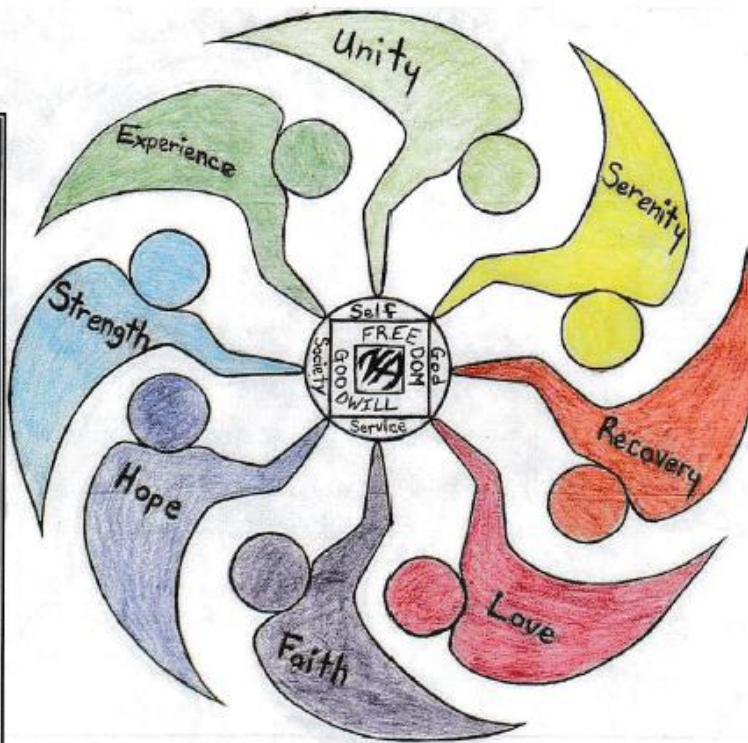
Debbie E

@ 7pm

## \*DANCE

\*FREE

CHILI  
SUPPER



\*AWARDS  
FOR GROUP  
SUPPORT

## \*RAFFLE

\*50/50  
DRAWING

\*T-SHIRT  
SALES

Come join the fun with the Point Of Turning group starting

## 5pm

## March 8, 2014

El Dorado Springs Optimist Building-400 W. Carmen

(Off 1<sup>st</sup> street & Carmen Rd., El Dorado Springs MO 64744)

Contact Marty @ 417-296-2232 or Holly @ 417-321-9436 for more info  
or directions to event.