

"Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and to the people about us."

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Ed, p 77*

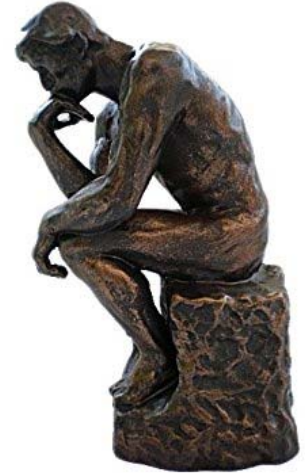


## Removing the Muck

A New York City junk dealer was cleaning out an old warehouse, among all the debris was a statue sitting in a corner covered by years of dirt, grime and pigeon droppings. At the end of the day, the dealer looked at his watch and realized it was too late to take the old statue to the wrecking yard where he could have cashed it for junk metal. So he loaded it in the back of his truck and took it back to his shop. He unloaded it and thought, "This think looks cool." He turned a hose on it and attacked it with a scrub brush and a bucket of suds. When he finished, he stood back and said, "Shoot, this thing looks way cool!"

The man was friends with an art dealer on 57<sup>th</sup> Street, so he swung by his gallery and asked if he could have an appraiser look at the statue. So he left it, then jumped back in his truck and took off. A week later he returned to his friend's gallery. The art dealer just about jumped over the counter and said, "You know that bronze you dropped off last week? It's a Rodin!"

To me, that's why Step Seven is a removal process. Under the layers of character defects and other accretions of our alcoholism, we are really pretty cool people, the people that God wants us to be. That's why we always ask God to remove out defects of character. That's why we don't ask God for the positive character traits.



You can pour maple syrup on horse manure, but it doesn't make it French toast. You've got to get rid of the bad stuff first. Then the good stuff flows in naturally as a result.

Bob D.  
Springfield, MA

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## *Alcohol and Alcoholics in the News*

### **Officer who gives breathalyzer needs it too!**

According to the AP, an Austin, Texas, police officer whose duties included administering Breathalyzer tests has been fired after a self-administered test indicated he'd reported for work drunk. Records show the officer arrived one day last October, then drove his patrol car to the county jail for a self-test required by his certification. Extrapolated results showed his blood alcohol level was .084-.124 when he arrived at work, above the .08 limit for drivers.

### **Drug use passes drinking in fatal crashes**

According to the Washington Post, for the first time, statistics show drivers are killed in crashes are more likely to be on drugs than drunk.

Forty-three percent of drivers tested in fatal crashes in 2015 had used a legal or illegal drug, eclipsing the 37 percent who tested above the legal limit for alcohol, according to a report released Wednesday by the Governors Highway Safety Association and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility.

Of the drivers who tested positive for drugs, more than a third had used marijuana and more than 9 percent had taken amphetamines.

**75 Years Ago This Month or so**—The Selective Service 7 (in part) to a May 24 letter Bill W. sent to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey making the case for selecting alcoholics recovering in AA for military service, "It is the considered opinion of this office that, notwithstanding the patriotic attitude of your organization and of these individuals, it would be manifestly unwise to subject these men, who have apparently made a satisfactory adjustment in their individual environment, [to] one where stress and strain play an important part and where the temptation to resort to their former inclinations would be far more inviting." [Cf: *Pass It On*, pp. 272-274]

Yet, our stories disclose, "...dependence upon an AA group or a Higher Power hasn't produced any baleful results. When World War II broke out, this spiritual principle had its first major test. AA's entered the services and were scattered all around the world. Would they be able to take discipline, stand up under fire, and endure the monotony and misery of war? Would the kind of dependence they had learned in AA carry them through? Well, it did. They had even fewer alcoholic lapses or emotional binges than AA's safe at home did." [Cf: *Twelve and Twelve*, p.40]

**50 Years Ago This Month**— The Serenity Prayer would become a regular part of the *Grapevine* format.

The Colesville-Glenmont group separates into two stand-alone groups during the period of the '60's AA growth surge. Colesville would become the home group of Chad L. who would serve in AA archives for both WAIA and

the Washington General Service Assembly.

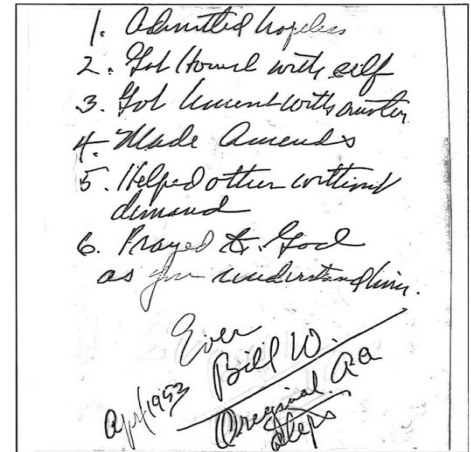
**25 Years-Ago This Month**— In July, the AA General Service Office (GSO) prepares for A.A.'s triennial

A.A. Membership Survey by distributing anonymous questionnaires to 496 Canadian and U.S. groups through their area delegates. The questionnaires would be completed during the first two weeks of August 1992 at a regular meeting of each sampled group to return to the delegate, who would return them to GSO.

Since 1968 A.A. would conduct this survey every three years. The General Service Conference would approve taking the survey, determine the content of the questionnaire to keep A.A. members informed on current trends in membership characteristics and provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous for both the professional community and the general public. The survey serves to guide A.A.'s effort to reach those who still suffer from alcoholism.

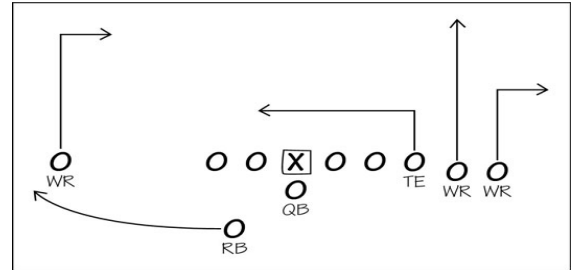
[Results from the 2014 Membership Survey are the most current, published by the A.A. General Service Office].

**A.A. History Corner, thanks to the WAIA Archives Committee**



## Mental Sobriety Means Spotting Danger Signals

In 1940 I took my last drink. Naturally I hope I will never take another. But can I be absolutely certain? No, because I do not believe that I can ever accept my sobriety as an accomplished fact. Yet, neither do I mean that I am, as in the early days of it, haunted by the fear of returned drunkenness. Then it was ghost always with me, casting its dark shadow across the way. What if the old patten reasserted itself? What if I get drunk? I, who wanted so desperately to stay sober.



I thought much and with concern about it, and then one day, quite unconsciously, my son gave me what seemed to be an answer. He was a boy of 10, captain of one of those little boy football teams that play the game so very enthusiastically and with very bad results. His heart was set on winning the game against the school's great rival. As the day drew near I aske him how things were going and what the chances were. Earnestly he looked at me and said, "It's a funny thing, Mummie, they all want to win the game, but they don't want to practice!"

Instantly it struck home! Had I wanted to win the game of sobriety without realizing that to do so would depend entirely on my own willingness to practice regularly those things in which mental sobriety has it origin?

A certain pattern of physical sobriety had been established. There was no longer a definite physical urge to take a drink; but what about mental sobriety? From then on I began to think much less about a physical slip and much more about a mental one. I lost the fear that I could "catch drunk" as I could "catch cold." In its place developed an awareness that if I remained mentally sober, I would never find myself physically drunk. This became a firm conviction and has remained one ever since.

I determined to recognize all subversive thoughts. What better sign, for instance, that I am going off the A.A. track than to start feeling sorry for myself? That "nobody loves me" feeling and its companion, "no one really understands me." Or the pressure signal. Here is a world to be remodeled. I and I alone, must do it, and that immediately or at the most within two weeks. Just as when the intolerance signal flashes. Then indeed must I lie on the alert for when I start worrying about another's failure to practice the 12 Steps I can be quite certain I have mislaid it within myself. No stranger, either, to my impulses, is the one which prompts me to believe that I have never been fully appreciated; that circumstances have cruelly diverted genius into mediocrity, that old ego aborting the truth. Nor does it stop there. It invariably leads to a sense of self-importance that is translated into terms of my wanting to play God. In my own life and the lives of others I want to be the director. How smoothly the show would go off, if only I was allowed to manage it all! This feeling is often directed primarily against the group – that intractable, obstinate body of men and women who surely, after all, do need me more than I need them. When this happens I know definitely that it is time for me to act.

For me, it is not enough to merely recognize these danger signals. I must take action against them. This I find can best be done by doing immediately some A.A. work. Any one of a dozen ways may suffice, but the one which so far has not failed is getting myself to an open meeting. Taking the attitude that it is my first meeting, I try to clear my mind of all that I have previously known about A.A., and open it only to what I do not know. That I shall never know much, can never feel myself to be immune, or as not needing daily practice in the 12 Steps, becomes plain. I am once more impressed with the need for an greatness of A.A.

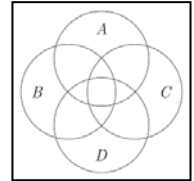
Back on the scrub team I am content to let someone else call the plays, certain that if I respond with my best efforts, A.A. will through its program, give to me in return a deep, rich assurance that I need never take another drink.

- - Fannie L., Manhattan

Courtesy of the Grapevine, 1946

## AA's Founding Moments

Rowland Hazard was the first in the chain of events leading to the founding of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. In attempt to receive a psychological release from his chronic alcoholism, he boarded an ocean liner, in 1926, bound for Zurich, Switzerland hoping to find a method of release from the famous Dr. Carl Jung. But, surprisingly, the great doctor had no psychological advice for him—he was told that his problem was not treatable from a medical standpoint. The cost of transportation and lodging, plus the very expensive doctor's fee, amounted to about \$50,000 in today's money. What a bummer! However, Rowland received information much more important than money—an idea that now reins as the solution for all followers of the A.A. program of action—his only solution was to undergo a vital spiritual experience! (p. 27) Although Rowland did not remain continually sober, we A.A.'s are benefiting from it today. *First founding moment!*



Ebby Thacher was in deep chicken-fat trouble for drunkenly shooting pigeons in a very elegant neighborhood of Manchester, Vermont. This was his third arrest and he faced six months in Winsor Prison or Brattleboro Asylum, but the judge told him if he came to court sober the following Monday, he would be released to the guardianship of an Oxford Group member. Ebby was not a religious man, but he went home, gave his last several bottles of Ballantine Ale to his neighbor and prayed to God, "as he had never prayed before." An amazing release took place immediately and he remained sober for over two years and seven months. *Second founding moment!*

Back to court the following Monday, Rowland Hazard became his Oxford Group mentor, teaching Ebby the Oxford Group's spiritual program of action and suggesting that Ebby reside in Calvary Mission in lower Manhattan, so as to help other inebriates. This led Ebby to carry his newly found message to Bill Wilson (p. 9) resulting in Bill also having a spiritual experience which kept him sober the rest of his life. *Third founding moment.*

Five months later Bill carried the same message to Dr. Bob Smith, in Akron, Ohio, and eventually he had a personality change sufficient to bring about recovery—he never drank again. *Fourth founding moment!* Thank God for this overlapping sequence of events!

Bob S. Richmond IN



After years of wondering why he didn't look like his younger sister or brother, a young man finally got up the nerve to ask his mother if he was adopted.

"Yes, you were son," his mother said as she started to cry softly. "but it didn't work out and they brought you back."

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"The Canadian food inspection agency announced that gin is being recalled. The recall was announced because bottles of Bombay Sapphire gin were found to contain 77 percent alcohol by volume rather than the typical 40 percent. Here's how you can tell--normally, gin tastes like juniper with hints of lemon and coriander. Seventy-seven percent alcohol gin tastes like regret, with hints of fighting a parking meter." -Stephen Colbert

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Sitting in the bar George asked his 40-year-old friend John, "How come you aren't married?"

John: "I haven't found the right woman yet."

George: "So what are you looking for?"

John: "Oh she's got to be real pretty, a good cook and house keeper, she's got to know how to handle finances, have a forgiving personality -- and money, she's got to have money, and if she has her own house it wouldn't hurt either."

George: "A woman like that would be crazy to marry YOU!"

John: "Oh, it's okay if she's crazy."

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My wife asked me to buy ORGANIC vegetables from the market. I went and looked around and couldn't find any.

So I grabbed a harassed and tired looking employee and said, "These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?"

The produce guy looked at me and said, "No, sir, you'll have to do that yourself."

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Conjoined twins walk into a pub in Toronto and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us, we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian beers please."

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, hire a car, and drive for miles, don't we, Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful Country...the history, the beer, the culture..."

"Nah, we don't like that British crap," says John. "Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's us, eh, Jim? And we can't stand the English; they're so arrogant and rude, not civil and polite like us Canadians."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."

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### THE BIRTHDAY PLAN

Many AA members across the country are currently sharing their Anniversary Celebration with others, by giving a dollar or two for each year of their sobriety to WAIA. This ensures that the same help that they received will be available to others that are new to the Fellowship.

Start this year and make it an annual event. It is not how much you give that's important. It's thinking of others on your special day, that makes it so special. If you are truly grateful for your sobriety, this is really a wonderful way to express your gratitude by helping others receive the blessings of sobriety. Thanks.

### FAITHFUL FIVERS

Faithful Fivers are AA members who in gratitude pledge to contribute at least five dollars each month toward the support of WAIA in its quest to carry the AA message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered that many of us wasted many times that amount each month during our drinking days. Your contribution (which is tax deductible) will help WAIA get through the money problems we are always facing.

If you are able to join this worthwhile cause, please fill in the form and send it along with your first contribution.

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# WAIA H&I Newsletter: June 2017

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## What We Do

The WAIA Hospitals and Institutions Committee (H&I) serves to coordinate with local area hospitals and institutions to ensure that the hand of AA is always available when needed. Specifically, we:

1. Communicate with hospitals and institutions to assess whether there are any ways that WAIA can help further their mission,
2. Locate AA groups that are able to bring meetings in to requesting hospitals and institutions,
3. Help local AA groups find opportunities for their members to get involved in 12<sup>th</sup> step work with area hospitals and institutions, and
4. Provide groups with literature for hospitals and institutions. We provide soft-cover Big Books and pamphlets. We also have a box of donated literature that AA groups can help themselves to at the WAIA office.

## News

We are happy to speak to groups (upon request) to talk about the committee's mission, service, and opportunities for groups to get involved. Please email us if you'd like a representative from the H&I committee to come talk to your group.

We are seeking volunteers to help take H&I meetings into the IAFF Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery, a new in-patient residential facility for firefighters in Upper Marlboro.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate H&I meetings in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

## Open Area Meetings: Looking for Groups or Individuals to Be of Service!

We are looking for AA groups that can commit to bringing meetings to these institutions. Where days or times are missing, the institution is open to scheduling at a time that works for the AA group. Interested groups can contact us at: [hni@aa-dc.org](mailto:hni@aa-dc.org).

### District of Columbia

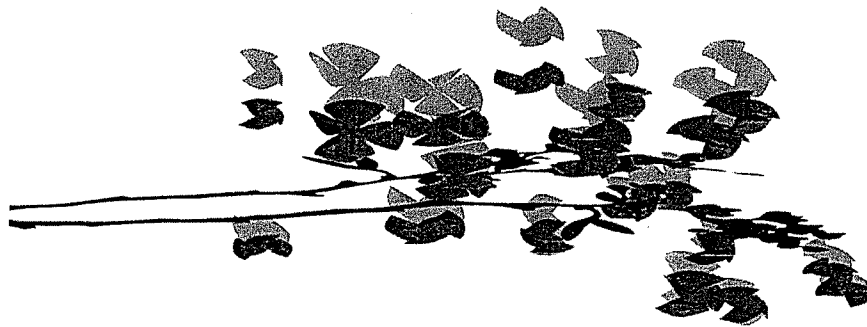
- DC Dept. Corrections Central Detention Facility, SE; days and times flexible, requires background check, drug test, and TB test
- Greater Southeast Community Hospital, SE; days and times TBD
- LeLand House, North Capitol St NW; day and time TBD
- Transitional Recovery Program (Men's Rehab), SE; Saturdays 8pm
- VA Hospital, Substance Abuse Recovery Program, NW; Mondays 11am

### Montgomery County

- Avery Road Treatment Center, Rockville; 3rd Sunday, 8pm (men only)
- Dorothy Day Place, Rockville; weeknights (except Wednesdays) and weekend days
- Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) General Population, Clarksburg; 5th Tuesday 7:30pm
- Groups and individuals for the MCCF Men's JAS program, Clarksburg; one or more sessions per month, MWF 7:30pm. Regulars require application and orientation; guests can go with regulars with just application.
- Randolph Hills Nursing Home, Silver Spring; every other Tuesday, 6pm

### Prince George's County

- IAFF Center of Excellence, Upper Marlboro; Weeknights, 7pm
- St. Thomas Moore Nursing Home, Hyattsville; Weeknights 7pm
- Vesta Mental Health Services, Forestville, Tue-Fri, 11am, 1-2 times per month



JOIN WAGSA'S ARCHIVES COMMITTEE SUMMERTIME  
FUN EVENT

**TRAVEL BY MOTOR COACH TO NY CITY G.S.O. ARCHIVES**

ENJOY A MEETING, LUNCH ( AVAILALE ON SITE) & TOUR!

\$50 PER PERSON

SIGN UP WITH \$10.00 DEPOSIT – FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 21, 2017

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DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

TIME: DEPART 4AM (WITH BREAKFAST STOP) – RETURN 8PM

LOCATION: PEN MAR SHOPPING CENTER

DONNELL DRIVE & MARLBORO PIKE, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

CONTACT: MICHELE P. 202-746-0912 OR SANDRA P. 202-544-9795

[ARCHIVES@AREA13AA.ORG](mailto:ARCHIVES@AREA13AA.ORG)

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# 60th ANNUAL A.A. **SESSIONS By - The - Sea**

## Tuesday thru Sunday September 5-10, 2017

### CONVENTION HALL - OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

We are pleased to announce an outstanding program

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#### TUESDAY EVENING

Jim P.  
Jacksonville, Florida  
8:30 P.M.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

Bob M.  
Greenville, South Carolina  
8:30 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Roger H.  
Largo, Florida  
8:30 P.M.

#### SATURDAY MORNING (AFG)

Linda L.  
Gounce, Tennessee  
10:00 A.M.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Holly D.  
Jacksonville, Florida  
8:30 P.M.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Kent C.  
Sandusky, Ohio  
8:00 P.M.

#### FRIDAY MORNING (AFG)

Connie C.  
New Market, Maryland  
10:00 A.M.

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Scott L.  
Gounce, Tennessee  
10:00 A.M.

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THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING IN THE CONVENTION HALL

~ Interpreter for the hearing impaired ~

Good  
Fellowship

Golf  
Tournament

A. A.  
Literature

Good  
Speakers

Good  
Beach

Fishing  
Trip

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All registrations must be picked up at the Convention Center. You must be pre-registered, and the name badge must be worn visibly to attend any event at the Convention Center. When all seats have been taken, all requests for Registrations and Checks will be returned to you. There will be no other Registrations or Name badges available at Sessions.

*60th Annual A. A.*  
**SESSIONS BY - THE - SEA**

P.O. Box 23  
Denton, Maryland 21629

May 15, 2017

Dear Friend,

It is with gratitude and pleasure we inform you that all preparations have been completed for our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions by-the-Sea to be held in Ocean City, Maryland on September 5<sup>th</sup> - September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

We have A.A. speaker meetings every night. Alanon meetings are held at 10am on Friday and Saturday. All meetings are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom. Name badges and seats will be provided to those who are pre-registered only. Please wear the name badges on the frontal lapel area only.

Our seating capacity is 2,200 seats and when this number is reached we cannot issue any more registrations or seats and your request and check will be mailed back to you. If your request is accepted it will serve as your receipt of registration and we will have it on file at "Sessions". **There will be NO walk-up registrations available.**

Seats will be provided for everyone on a first come - first serve basis except for the reserved seats deemed necessary for those who are in need of them. These seats will be determined and identified by "Sessions" ushers one hour prior to meeting start time. Please show respect to these reserved seats and also to the people in need of them.

We will continue to ask for courtesy from everyone to prevent any distractions during our meetings. Please try to be seated and ready for the meeting prior to its start time.

So, if you want what Sessions requires and has to offer, like rest, serenity, A.A. fellowship, respect and a chance to celebrate sobriety, please get your request for registrations in early.

Registrations and name badges must be picked up in our registration room at the convention center by the person listed on the registration request form only. Registration will open at 10:00 am Tuesday. We want to be sure you get what you asked for.

We hope to see you at Sessions in September!

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**REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM - SESSIONS - 2017**

Name registered to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If your request is accepted it will serve as your receipt and we will have it on file at Sessions.

Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial here \_\_\_\_\_ and date \_\_\_\_\_ when picked up.

On the reverse side of this form, please inform us of the need of a reserved seat (disability).

Make check payable to Sessions Registrations - PO Box 23, Denton, Maryland 21629

### WAGSA

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

*Info:*

[chair@area13aa.org](mailto:chair@area13aa.org)

### WAGSA'S Archives Committee Trip to GSO

Friday, July 21, 2017

**Travel by Motor Coach to  
NY City GSO Archives**

Depart 4AM (with break-  
fast stop) - Return 8PM

\$50.00

Enjoy a meeting, lunch  
(available on site & Tour)

Contact:

[archives@area13AA.org](mailto:archives@area13AA.org)

### WAIA

**Monthly Meeting of the  
Board of Directors**

**NEW LOCATION!!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 8:00 PM

**JuLY 11, 2017**

The Church in Bethesda  
5033 Wilson Ln  
Bethesda, MD 20814

[aa-dc.org](http://aa-dc.org) for more info

### CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are updated  
regularly!

If you would like to  
submit an event, send an  
email to [events@aa-  
dc.org](mailto:events@aa-dc.org). A pdf flyer may  
be attached

AA at CUA	350	Crapshooters	163	Grace Road
131 AA & Family Issues	140	Creative Arts	138	Growing Group
321 A Vision for You	300	Crossroads of Recovery	45	Happy, Joyous & Free
240 A Way Of Life	84	Daily Reflections, SW		Help Wanted
Action Step		Daily Reflections, NW	424	High Noon
180 Adams Morgan Meditation		Daily Reflections, Bowie	600	High on the Hill
All Are Welcome		Darne Good Big Book		High Sobriety
180 Among Women		Darnestown Men	600	Hill Lunch
420 Andrews		Deanwood Step		Hope Group
174 As Bill Sees It		Deanwood Women Rap	547	How It Works
745 As We Understood Him	111	DC Young People		Hyattsville Discussion
Aspen Hill 5th Chapter		Del Ray		Hyattsville Hope
Aspen Hill Phoenix		DCC Beginners	90	Informed Group
409 Attitude & Action		DCC	1200	Into Action
157 Attitude Adjusters		DCC Noon	435	Investment
Avery Road		Del Ray Acceptance	24	Irreverent Women
Back to Basics	105	Divine Intervention	630	Jaywalkers
90 Barnesville	323	Dunn Drinking	1200	Just Before Noon
Beginners & Winners	25	Dupont Circle Big Book		Just For Today
Beginnings@S Harper Hse	600	Dunrobbin	1200	Kensington Big Book
59 Big Book Thumpers		8AM Men's Big Book		Kensington Young People
Brandywine	300	Epiphanies	194	Kid Friendly Big Book
Brightwood		Ex Libris		Kingman Park
Broad Highway		Eye Opener, Potomac	22	Kitchen Table
156 Brookland		Faith Group		Landover Discussion
1080 BYOL		Fireside Spirituality	214	Language of the Heart
BYOL Non-Smoking		Foggy Bottom		Lanham-Seabrook
394 Burtonsville Big Book	58	Forestville Primary Purpose		Last Chance
Campus Noon		Fourth Dimension	1179	Laurel Recovery
100 Capitol Heights	143	14 Promises		Lawyers
1000 Capital Hill	240	Free Spirits	570	Leisure World Big Book
460 Carmody Hill Group	527	Friday Night Fun Too	360	Leisure World Noon
596 Cedar Lane Women		Friendly Bunch	15	Let Go Let God
210 Change of Life	25	Friendship	120	Liberty
Chairman's Choice		Gaithersburg Beginners		Life Saver
Cheltenham		Gaithersburg Young People		Little Falls
Chestnut Lodge group		Garrett Park Stag	250	Little House
Chinatown Men's	1065	Gateway		Living Sober
Choir	42	Gay 18 New Castle	20	Living Sober by the Book
Cleveland Park	600	Gay Group	120	May Day
135 Clinton 45 Plus		Gay Women		Men in Recovery
25 Clinton Day	366	Georgetown	112	Men of Dupont
Clinton 6:30		Germantown Yacht		Men's BS Session
Clinton Sunday Night	83	Get It Off Your Chest	205	Messengers
320 Coffee & Donuts		Get Lit	300	Mideast
60 College Park	240	Glenarden	3000	Midtown
360 Cosmopolitan	198	Goldsboro		Misery Is Optional
Count Me In		Good News Beginner		Mitchellville
		Grace		Monday Winners

259	Mo.Co. Women	532	Progress Not Perfection	15	The Away Group
470	More Peace of Mind	420	Promises Promises	828	There is a Solution
	Moving into the Solution	120	Quince Orchard		Thursday Morn Reset
360	Mt. Rainer	480	Radicals	30	TGIF
590	Nativity	180	Riderwood Bills		Triangle Club-Sun 11AM
270	Never Too Late		Rockville	700	Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM
41	Never Walk Alone	661	Room with a View	57	Trusted Servants
1200	New Avenue	90	Round Table		Tuesday Night Speakers
696	New Beginnings		Sat Morn Fire Barrel		Turning Point
120	New Beginners	522	Saturday Morning Steps		Twelve Point Bucks
133	New Hope	150	Saturday Night Happy Hour		Twelve & Twelve
200	New Way Recovery		Saturday Night Special		Unity Place Sat. Afternoon
	No Hard Terms	120	Scaggsville	30	Upper Marlboro Big Book
	Non Smokers Noon	300	Seed of Hope	276	Upper Marlboro Step
	Noon Reflections		Serendipity		Uptown
	Norbeck Step	670	Serenity		User Friendly
	Norbeck Women Fri	60	Serenity House		Victory Lights
155	Norbeck Women Wed	50	Serious Business		War is Over
180	N.E. New Hope		Sheepherders	500	Wash. Serenity Retreat
480	NE Sunrise	293	Silence is Golden		We Agnostics (SE)
30	NW Metro	132	Silver Spring Beginners BB	496	We Care
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10	Old Fashion		Simplicity	99	Wednesday Nite Winners
100	Olney Farm	164	Simply Sober		Welcome Group
210	Olney Stag Rap		Singleness of Purpose	378	Westside Beginners
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540	On the Circle	500	Sober & Alive	644	Westmoreland Women
467	On the Move	129	Sobriety Sisters		
60	One Day at a Time	280	Southern Sobriety	180	What's Happening Now
	One Day at a Time		Spiritual Awakening		White Oak Steps & Traditions
(G'burg)			St. Bart's	50	Women Do Recover
96	180 Group	240	St. Camillus		Women's Oasis Big Book
360	Open Arms		St. Mary's Gay	699	Yacht Club
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780	P Street		Starting Over Gaithersburg		
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Henry Prender, June 2017, Nuts & Bolts Group (and many others)  
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**GATEWAY WEDNESDAY**— Wednesday, 8:30 PM, Montgomery Medstar, 1801 Prince Philip Dr, Olney, MD 20832

**52 PICKUP**— Monday, 7:00 PM, Luther Place Memorial Church, 1226 Vermont Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**, Friday, 7:00 PM, Mt. Calvary Church, 5120 Whitfield Chapel Rd, Lanham, MD 20706

**6 PM RUSH HOUR** , Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:00 PM, Bells United Methodist Church, 6016 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD

### **CANCELLED MEETINGS**

**Yea's & Nay's**, Tuesday, 7:45 AM, U.S. Capitol. On hiatus,

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**7-Ups**, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, 5910 Goldsboro Rd, Bethesda, MD

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