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

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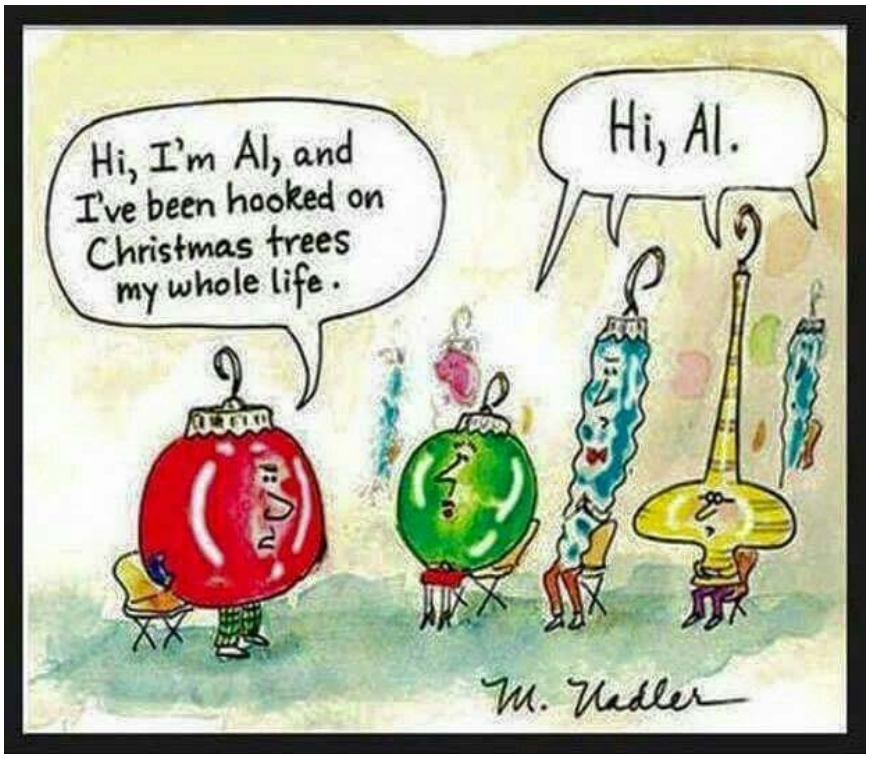
# Happy and Sober Holidays!



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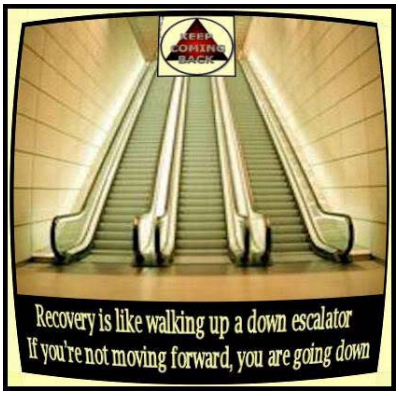
**The Message, Sobriety, Service**
By Terry L.

As it turned out, I drank for about twenty years. When I first started drinking it was love at first sight, then it was love/hate, and eventually just hate. At some point I began to experiment with "being on the wagon." I would abstain from alcohol for a weekend, a week, or a month, one time even for six months. I was attempting to not drink no matter what. The trouble with that strategy is that I tend to drink no matter what. That strategy always resulted in another drink. At some point it became clear that left to my own devices, I would always drink again.

One night after a bout of heavy drinking I returned home in the usual drunk fog which hours of drinking will produce. I sat on the couch and opened up one more can of beer and began watching some very late night television. It was a show about alcoholism and recovery. The show was somewhat negative about A.A., which I knew nothing about then. I remember saying to myself, 'Whatever happens, do not go to A.A.' On another occasion I came home in that same drunken fog and did my usual thing which was open one more beer and sit in front of the television. Even though I could barely comprehend what I was watching, something grabbed my attention. During the commercial break there was a short blurb (later I found out it was a public service announcement about Alcoholics Anonymous) about drinking for those who were wondering whether alcohol might be a problem. Both of these shows, one negative about A.A. and the short PSA produced by A.A. had planted seeds.




Around a year later I finally reached that place where I did not want to drink yet knew I eventually would. While driving on a Sunday afternoon after more horrific events, possibly brought about by drinking, I pulled over to a pay phone, called information and was connected to our local A.A. Central Office. I immediately went there and was impressed by the fact that volunteers were there on a Sunday afternoon. I began my journey towards recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous right there and then, not having a clue where it would lead. I somehow knew it could possibly lead me away from where I was with drinking. As it turned out, Alcoholics Anonymous took me on a journey I could not have imagined.

Today I am grateful for those who took the time to produce and distribute PSA's for Alcoholics Anonymous and those who sit in Central Offices on a Sunday answering telephones. Those two acts of service along with some other events and A.A. members all combined to bring the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to me which then led me to the doors of A.A. on a Sunday afternoon in November 1991. Since coming to Alcoholics Anonymous I have had the opportunity to answer phones at the Central Office and serve on the Public Information Committee. I am grateful to have been sober ever since, thanks to the Twelve Steps, the fellowship, and the vast amount of opportunities to be of service in A.A.

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**For the Holidays: Advice from *Living Sober*:**

"For the first nondrinking months, it's probably a healthy idea to stay away from our old drinking buddies and haunts, and to find reasonable excuses for skipping parties where drinking will be a major entertainment. It seems especially important to stay away from such affairs if we feel nervous about them.

But, sooner or later, there comes the time when a family or business obligation or a friendship makes us feel compelled to go – or perhaps we just want to go. We have developed a number of ways to render such occasions easy for us to take, even though we abstain. Now, we are talking primarily about the big cocktail party or the fairly large but informal dinner-with-drinks evening.

It the host or hostess is an old friend we can level with, sometimes it helps to tell him or her in advance that we are not drinking right now. We do not ask for any special treatment, of course. But it's reassuring to know that there is at least one person present who is completely sympathetic to our efforts to get over a drinking problem. Sometimes, we can take with us a more experienced nondrinker, or at least a companion who know we are abstaining and realizes how important it is to us.

It is also beneficial, before you go, to talk with another recovered alcoholic or with someone else on your side, who is rooting for your health and fully understands the pressure you will be under. Arrange to call back later and tell how it went. Another recovered alcoholic would appreciate a call very much. Believe us! We A.A.'s get a thrill from every such message.

It is a very good idea to eat a sandwich or other snack before going to a party, even if you know food will be served later. Something nourishing in the stomach, as we've already said, takes the edge off many trying situations. (And you might carry along a small packet of your favorite mints or a dietetic substitute. This is even more important when you are headed for a party at which there are likely to be some long heavy-drinking hours before food appears.

When you know that will be the schedule, you may prefer to skip the first hour or so of the drinking and arrive only shortly before dinner is served. Many of us do this. Then, if there is going to be a long drunk evening after eating, we have found it is also easy to leave early. The very few who do notice our slipping away, we have discovered, hardly mind our departure at all. They are too busy drinking, or whatever.

Upon arriving at such a party, it is usually best to head straight for the bar and get a glass of ginger ale or other soda. No one knows whether it is an alcoholic drink or not. Then we can walk about socially, glass in hand, without feeling conspicuous.

This experience was quite revealing to many of us when we first had it. We discovered to our surprise that (1) other people's drinking is not what we thought it was, and (2) very, very few people observe, or care, whether or not we drink alcohol. (Some exceptions to the latter are likely to be loving friends or relatives, who are usually glad to see us doing something about our drinking.)"

Excerpts from *Living Sober*, pages 65-66

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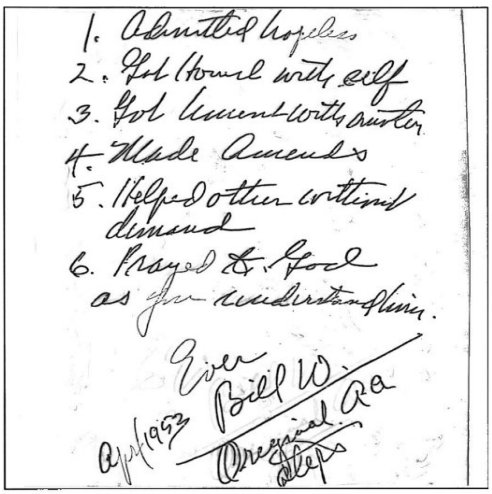
**75 Years Ago This Month—** The Washington Group's treasurer, Howard C., requests the most recent contact list for the groups around the country. The Washington Group would use the list to send notices for its planned banquet to be held on January 23rd 1943. In a letter dated December 14, the Dinner Committee Chair, Bob V. invites the letter recipients to the banquet with acknowledgement of the status of Washington in wartime and with the Washington Group's schedule of meetings:

| Day | Time | Place | Type of meeting |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesdays | 8:30 pm | Club House* | Open |
| Thursdays | 8:30 pm | " " | Alcoholics only |
| Sundays | 6:00 pm | " " | Informal gathering With buffet supper |

*The Club House's address is 1401 14th Street, NW."

The December 1942 issue of Cleveland's *Central Bulletin* announces its "publicity committee, composed of members from both east side and west side groups, is working on a script for the organization's first radio program, which is designed to let those who have a problem know that there is something they can do about it. Naturally, the broadcasts will he completely anonymous."



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**50 Years Ago This Month—** The Holiday 1967 issue of *Box 4-5-9* announces the *Ham Radio Group* [Cf: *Box 4-5-9*, October-November 1992]:

> "We have about 10 regular members and it is just like any other meeting." Internationalist Ben L. writes us about the Ham Radio AA group which brings together members around the world every 24 hours.
> "Some nights only a few and other nights the whole gang shows up. More new men show up from time to time and it is a thrill to hear a new signal breaking in."
> "Write GSO if you are an interested Ham."
> "No place on earth is out of range," Ben continues. "If signals are weak, just wait a few days."
>
> Ben is aboard the SS Hudson, and tells thrilling stories of how radio bridges language and distance obstacles to carry the message to Yugoslavia, Madras, and St. Croix. "Thank God for my part in it," he signs off.

**25 Years Ago This Month—** The Holiday 1992 issue of *Box 4-5-9* announces the introduction of the General-Service-Office-produced cassettes of the *Big Book* for the hearing impaired. [Cf. *New Reporter*, November 2015]. The cassettes contain the unabridged first 11 chapters that constitute the basic text of the *Big Book*, as well as "Dr. Bob's Nightmare," the Forewords, "The Doctor's Opinion," and the Appendices. The experienced nonalcoholic American Sign Language (ASL) translator Alan R. Barviolek, who is totally deaf, fills the "big picture". As he signs in ASL, the text in English simultaneously flashes below, and the voice of another nonalcoholic, Philip E. Giambaresi, is heard reading the exact narrative. Both Philip and Alan had deaf parents. Philip, who has his hearing, feels that the new version of the *Big Book* "will help open the way to sobriety in AA and a real sense of belonging for thousands of deaf alcoholics who have known isolation of the deepest kind."

"It was a tremendous challenge," recalls Phil, "and at the same time we had fun." While Alan signs, he explains, "I was watching him and synchronizing the narration inside a soundproof booth we quickly dubbed the 'doghouse.' An exact match of voice to signing is not possible some of the time," he points out. "For deaf persons who use ASL, English is a second language. Also, idioms and abstract concepts are hard to sign; and some phrases used in the Big Book, such as 'Rarely have we seen a person fail' (Ch. 5) and 'As we became subjects of King Alcohol, shivering denizens of his mad realm' (Ch. 11) do not have strictly comparable signs.

***Thanks to the Archives Committee for providing material to the New Reporter throughout 2017***

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## Wording Context of the Big Book

After several months of sobriety and several marbles were spinning in the same direction, it was suggested that I read the Big Book all the way through, stories and all. Then, go back and begin a serious study of the directions offered in the first 164 pages. After so doing, I began to develop a better understanding of the Big Book wording context that Bill W. was trying to convey, rather than my oft-mistaken previous conception[s]—case in point:

The word: *sanity:* At first, I considered this term in context of the confused mental state of my early sobriety, or those seemingly bi-polar rollercoaster emotions, etc. . . . or perhaps the legal definition of being a danger to self or others. But today I realize that Bill used this word more in the context of drinking booze, e.g.: He speaks of the insanity of "Jim" pouring whisky in his milk (pp. 35- 37), or the opposite: Fitz Mayo's sanity, who "*seemingly he could not drink even if he would"* (p. 57). I now think of alcoholic insanity as the inability to see and act on the truth in drink, and sanity as the ability to do so. Although, this is not always the case, this new insight serves as a handy learning tool.

The word: *cured*: A bit of confusion arose when I read Dr. Bob's Nightmare and he wrote: ". . . *but had been cured*" (p. 180), or where Bill D. wrote: ". . . curing me of this terrible disease." (p. 191) . . .. There are other examples in the "Story Section" of the Big Book. Confusion arose when I read on page 85: "*We are not cured of alcoholism*." A contradiction! But by *studying* this book I learned (p. 29) that the clear-cut directions are in the first 164 pages, but the story section of a different ilk. It does *not* contain the clear-cut directions! These members words are not necessarily in conjunction with the instruction pages.

Page 85 tells me: "*The problem has been removed."* Does this infer that I can now drink like a gentleman? Well, not if I have *studied* the Big Book! If so, I will that realize the physical allergy is chronic—it will never go away. Consequently, this is not the mentioned problem . . . so, what is left? Of course, it is the mental obsession which has been removed. But, hold the phone! It has not been destroyed, eradicated or beamed to outer space. It will be ever lurking just waiting for me to exit from my fit spiritual condition. I maintain that I am a fully recovered alcoholic. This means that if I throw A.A. and God under the bus, I would likely be drunk by next Thursday, or sooner.

Bob S., Richmond, IN

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**Photos of bad examples of drinking ...**

**The Pizza Pillow Lady**

**Passed out in yoga pose**

**A different way to use the door.**

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**Honey, I'm home!**

**In Wyoming, drunk man arrested claims he time traveled to warn of aliens**

The Washington Times reports that police in Casper say a man they arrested for public intoxication claimed he traveled back I time to warn of an alien invasion.
Caspar police said a man they encountered at 10:30p.m. claimed he was from the year 2048. KTWO-AM in Casper reports that a man told police that he wanted to warn the people of Casper that aliens will arrive next year, and that they should leave as soon as possible. He asked to speak to the president of the town, about 170 miles northeast of Cheyenne. The man told police he was able to time travel only because aliens filled his body with alcohol.

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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.

**Cardholder Name** _____

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**I authorize WAIA to charge my credit card in the amount of $**
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**WAIA**
4530 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 111
Washington, DC 20008

# Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.

1

Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.

2

Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.

3

Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.

4

Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.

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Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.

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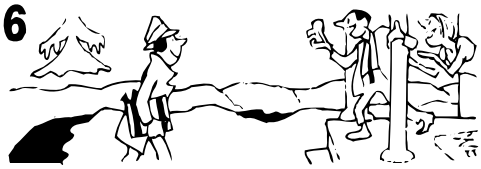

If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.

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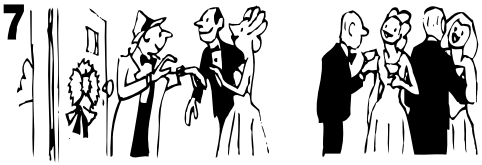

Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.

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Worship in your own way.

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Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.

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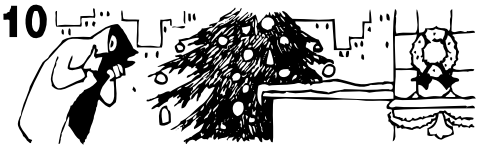

Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember— "one day at a time."

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Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.

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"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

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Happy Holidays

# WAIA H&I Newsletter: October 2017

**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 12th 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 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.

District of Columbia

- DC Dept. Corrections Central Detention Facility, SE; days and times flexible, requires background check, drug test, and TB test
- DC Dept. of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) Youth Services Center, NE; Every other Tuesday 6pm
- 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)
- 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.
- Shady Grove Nursing Home, Rockville; day and time TBD

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

# GROWING SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GENERAL SERVICE

## WHEN

**Sunday, December 3rd**
**12:15PM – 2:45PM**

## WHERE

**The Triangle Club**
2030 P Street NW Washington DC 20036

Yes, we will provide lunch.

Questions? Please contact district02dcm@area13aa.org or visit aa-district2.org/events

## ITINERARY:

**SPEAKERS**
12:15PM-1:00PM

**LUNCH**
1:00PM-1:30PM

**SPEAKERS**
1:30PM-2:00PM

**AA TRIVIA & PRIZES!**
2:00PM-2:30PM

**Q&A**
2:30PM-2:45PM

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 2 OF AREA 13 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

# HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

## Saturday December 9, 2017
## Doors open at 6:00 PM

**Sligo Middle School**
**1401 Dennis Avenue**
**Silver Spring, MD 20902**

**Newcomers Welcome!**

Join us in the joy of living with hope and fulfillment!
Dinner begins at 6:30 PM.
Speaker's Meeting starts at 8:00 PM.
Music and Dancing from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

**Suggested Donation: $15.00**
**Dessert donations are appreciated.**

**Sponsored by: the Silver Spring Group**

*District 2 of Area 13 of Alcoholics Anonymous*

# Public Information Committee Meeting Notice

## District 2 Needs You

District 2 has created a Public Information Committee and is looking for volunteers.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Public Information Committee is to carry the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. The committee carries the message by getting in touch with the media, schools, industry and other organizations, and can report on the nature of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

**Committee Responsibilities include:**

- Being familiar with the P.I. materials from G.S.O.
- Firm understanding of the Traditions and how PI committee work is done within their guidance
- Responding to requests for speakers from area professional programs and schools

**Current Initiatives include:**

- Outreach to local libraries, universities, and hotels

## District 2 Public Information Committee Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, Dec 9, 2017
**Time:** 11:00am to 12:30pm
**Where:** The Westside Club
1341 Wisconsin Ave NW
Washington, DC 20007

***Interested? Questions? Please contact the District 2 Public Information Chair at PIDistrict2aa@gmail.com to learn more.***

# 27th SESSIONS IN THE SNOW

## Lodging at the Mountain Inn

## Sun. March 11th – Fri. March 16th 2018

1 person King / Queen Bed = $710
2 people 2 Double Beds = $920 ($460pp)

This includes the following:

**5 nights lodging w/ breakfast and 5 days boarding/skiing**

**Killington is the best in the East, with 87 miles of terrain! Cross Country Skiing is available, too.**

***Travel is up to you; some drive and others fly. Please call for further details.***

| Break down of costs: | If interested and have questions, please call: |
|---|---|
| 1 person King / Queen = $710 (room + 1 tix)<br>2 people King / Queen = $920 (room + 2x tixs)<br>2 people 2 Dbl bd= $920 (room + 2x tixs) / $460pp<br><br>Price includes 5 nights Lodging ($500), Deluxe Breakfast, and 5 day lift ticket ($200).<br><br>Killington Rentals<br>Rent skis (w/poles) / boards for $140 per week<br><br>We are kid friendly, so let us know if they are coming. Killington has discounts on tickets and rentals for children under 7-18. Lessons are available, too. | Jack Cashin 301-908-8396 Maryland<br>Josh Reil 540-878-3970 Virginia<br>Jeremy Hott 240-372-3972 Virginia<br>Conrad May 202-290-0393<br><br>If you would like to make a reservation, please fill out the bottom part of this flyer and return with a deposit of $100 by Jan. 1st 2018 to Jack Cashin.<br><br>Make checks payable to:<br>Jack Cashin<br>412 Beaumont Road<br>Silver Spring, MD 20904 |

Cut below and please end in with check to reserve your spot on the trip……..SEE BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION……

Name:_____Roomate/Partner:_____

Telephone Number_____ Email_____

Please circle room type KING QUEEN DOUBLE FIREPLACE (King only, $150 extra)

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# ANNUAL WAIA GALA

## 03.24.18

*Doors Open at*
*6:00 PM*
*Dinner & Dessert*
*6:30*
*Meeting &*
*Countdown 8:00*
*Dance & Celebration*
*9:30*

## TICKETS:

*A full table of 10 : $40 per ticket*

*A half table : $45 per ticket*

*A single ticket : $50 per ticket*

*if you have questions please email waiagala@aa-dc.org*

*Silver Spring Civic Building*
*1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910*

# ANNOUNCING

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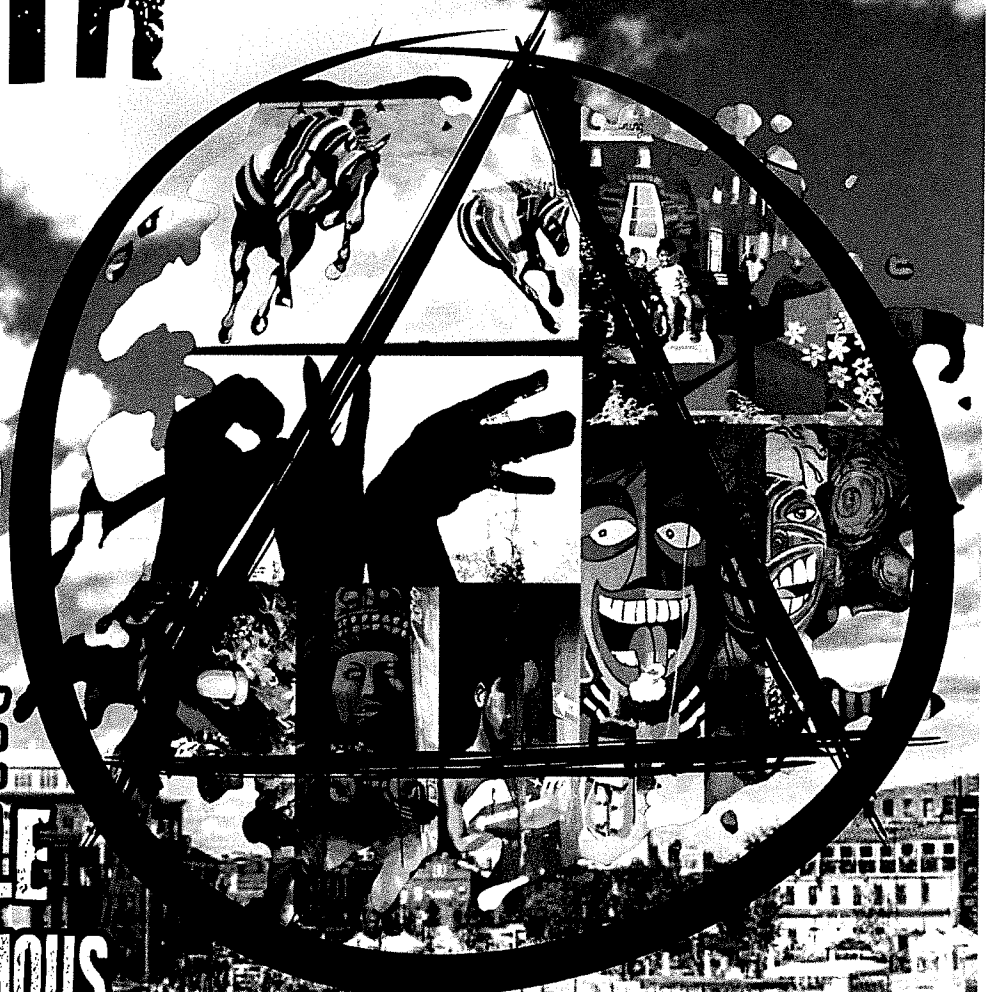

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## HILTON BALTIMORE

401 W. PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MD 21201

## AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

REGISTER NOW AT ICYPAA.ORG

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## WAGSA
### Area Committee

2nd Monday
**December 11, 2017**

(New DCM & GSR Orientation, 6:30-7:30 PM)
Silver Spring Presb. Church
580 University Blvd East
Silver Spring MD

*Info:*
*chair@area13aa..org*

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Suggested Donation $15.00

## WAIA
### Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

2nd Tuesday

**December 12, 2017**

**The Church in Bethesda**
**5033 Wilson Ln**
**Bethesda, MD 20814**

aa-dc.org for more info

## District 2, Area 13 PI Committee Meeting

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Washington DC 20007

**PIDistrict2aa@gmail.com**

## 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. A pdf flyer may be attached

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| 90 | Anacostia Group |
| 1020 | Andrews Armed Forces |
| 551 | As Bill Sees It |
| 945 | As We Understood Him |
| | Aspen Hill 5th Chapter |
| | Aspen Hill Phoenix |
| 409 | Attitude & Action |
| 162 | Attitude Adjusters |
| | Avery Road |
| 240 | Back to Basics |
| 210 | Barnesville |
| | Beginners & Winners |
| | Beginnings@S Harper Hse |
| 110 | Big Book Thumpers |
| 156 | Brightwood |
| | Broad Highway |
| 152 | Brookland |
| 1980 | BYOL |
| | BYOL Non-Smoking |
| 684 | Burtonsville Big Book |
| | Campus Noon |
| 100 | Capitol Heights |
| 2300 | Capital Hill |
| 460 | Carmody Hill Group |
| 696 | Cedar Lane Women |
| 270 | Change of Life |
| | Chairman's Choice |
| 298 | Cheltenham |
| | Chestnut Lodge group |
| | Chinatown Men's |
| | Choir |
| 120 | Cleveland Park |
| 195 | Clinton 45 Plus |
| 50 | Clinton Day |
| 180 | Clinton 6:30 |
| 89 | Clinton Sunday Night |
| 480 | Coffee & Donuts |
| 240 | College Park |
| 840 | Cosmopolitan |
| | Count Me In |
| 650 | Crapshooters |
| 240 | Creative Arts |
| 300 | Crossroads of Recovery |
| 84 | Daily Reflections, SW |
| 80 | Daily Reflections, NW |
| | Daily Reflections, Bowie |
| | Darne Good Big Book |
| | Darnestown Men |
| | Deanwood Step |
| 60 | Deanwood Women Rap |
| 111 | DC Young People |
| 1873 | Del Ray |
| 81 | DCC Beginners |
| | DCC |
| | DCC Noon |
| 25 | DCC Tues. Big Book |
| 4 | DCC Women |
| | Del Ray Acceptance |
| 291 | Divine Intervention |
| 323 | Dunn Drinking |
| 25 | Dupont Circle Big Book |
| 600 | Dunrobbin |
| | 8AM Men's Big Book |
| 100 | Early Times |
| 1080 | Epiphanies |
| | Ex Libris |
| | Eye Opener, Potomac |
| 100 | Faith Group |
| | Fireside Spirituality |
| 515 | Foggy Bottom |
| 58 | Forestville Primary Purpose |
| | Fourth Dimension |
| 203 | 14 Promises |
| 240 | Free Spirits |
| 527 | Friday Night Fun Too |
| 80 | Friendly Bunch |
| 25 | Friendship |
| | Gaithersburg Beginners |
| | Gaithersburg Young People |
| | Garrett Park Stag |
| 1653 | Gateway |
| 484 | Gateway/Wednesday |
| 42 | Gay 18 New Castle |
| 700 | Gay Group |
| 366 | Georgetown |
| | Germantown Yacht |
| 83 | Get It Off Your Chest |
| | Get Lit |
| 240 | Glenarden |
| 342 | Goldsboro |
| | Good News Beginner |
| 1200 | Good Sheperd |
| | Grace |
| 163 | Grace Road |
| 138 | Growing Group |
| 45 | Happy, Joyous & Free |
| 424 | High Noon |
| 600 | High on the Hill |
| 1200 | Hill Lunch |
| | Hope Group |
| 547 | How It Works |
| | Hyattsville Discussion |
| 975 | Hyattsville Hope |
| 201 | Informed Group |
| 1200 | Into Action |
| 435 | Investment |
| 24 | Irreverent Women |
| 1102 | Jaywalkers |
| 1800 | Just Before Noon |
| 89 | Just For Today |
| 1200 | Kensington Big Book |
| | Kensington Young People |
| 540 | Kensington YP Step Study |
| 395 | Kid Friendly Big Book |
| 25 | Kingman Park |
| 22 | Kitchen Table |
| | Landover Discussion |
| 407 | Language of the Heart |
| | Lanham-Seabrook |
| | Last Chance |
| 1179 | Laurel Recovery |
| | Lawyers |
| 570 | Leisure World Big Book |
| 360 | Leisure World Noon |
| 30 | Let Go Let God |
| 20 | Let It Happen |
| 120 | Liberty |
| | Life Saver |
| 30 | Little Falls |
| 350 | Little House |
| | Living Sober |
| 30 | Living Sober by the Book |
| 120 | May Day |
| 91 | Men in Recovery |
| 112 | Men of Dupont |
| 600 | Men's BS Session |
| 305 | Messengers |
| 300 | Mideast |

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|---|---|
| 3000 | Midtown |
| | Misery Is Optional |
| 462 | Mo.Co. Women |
| 840 | More Peace of Mind |
| 203 | Moving into the Solution |
| 360 | Mt. Rainer |
| 590 | Nativity |
| 438 | Never Too Late |
| 41 | Never Walk Alone |
| 1994 | New Avenue |
| 444 | New Beginnings |
| 371 | New Beginnings NW |
| 240 | New Beginners |
| 170 | New Hope |
| 450 | New Way Recovery |
| | No Hard Terms |
| | Norbeck Step |
| 100 | Norbeck Women Fri |
| 155 | Norbeck Women Wed |
| 360 | N.E. New Hope |
| 480 | NE Sunrise |
| 30 | NW Metro |
| | Nuts & Bolts |
| 60 | Oasis Women's BB |
| 10 | Old Fashion |
| 100 | Old Town Bowie BB |
| 804 | Olney Farm |
| 390 | Olney Stag Rap |
| 300 | Olney Women's group |
| 540 | On the Circle |
| 467 | On the Move |
| 120 | One Day at a Time |
| | One Day at a Time-Gaith |
| 40 | One Day at a Time- Lanh |
| 96 | 180 Group |
| 900 | Open Arms |
| 218 | Out Of the Woods |
| 780 | P Street |
| 150 | Petworth |
| 120 | Poolesville New Beginnings |
| | Poolesville Pot Luck |
| | Potomac Step |
| | Potomac Eye Openers |
| 480 | Potomac High Noon |
| 423 | Potomac Oaks |
| | Potomac Village |
| 750 | Potomac Women |
| 1000 | Potomac Speakers |
| 2540 | Primary Purpose Gay |
| 532 | Progress Not Perfection |
| 420 | Promises Promises |
| 90 | Prospect |
| 372 | Quince Orchard |
| 960 | Radicals |
| 72 | Read & Speak |
| 180 | Riderwood Bills |
| | Rockville |
| 661 | Room with a View |
| 75 | Rosedale Sobriety |
| 90 | Round Table |
| | Sat Morn Fire Barrel |
| 672 | Saturday Morning Steps |
| 270 | Saturday Night Happy Hour |
| 4 | Saturday Night Special |
| 120 | Scaggsville |
| 300 | Seed of Hope |
| 25 | Serendipity |
| 670 | Serenity |
| 223 | Serenity House |
| 50 | Serious Business |
| | Sheepherders |
| 473 | Silence is Golden |
| 409 | Silver Spring Beginners BB |
| 2400 | Silver Spring |
| 90 | Simplicity |
| 229 | Simply Sober |
| | Singleness of Purpose |
| 1565 | Six & Seventh Step |
| 500 | Sober & Alive |
| 227 | Sobriety Sisters |
| 280 | Southern Sobriety |
| | Spiritual Awakening |
| 10 | St, Barnabas Womens wrop |
| | St. Bart's |
| 240 | St. Camillus |
| | St. Mary's Gay |
| | Starting Over (SS) |
| 249 | Starting Over Gaithersburg |
| 60 | Step Sisters |
| 120 | Steps To Sobriety |
| 435 | Sunday Men's Step |
| | Sunday Morning Breakfast |
| 672 | Sunday Morning Joy |
| | Sun. Morning Reflections |
| 625 | Sunday Night Colesville |
| 2340 | Sunshine |
| 1200 | Sunrise Sobriety |
| 156 | Sursum Corda |
| 30 | Survivor Group |
| 798 | Takoma Park Necessity |
| | Takoma Park Rush Hour |
| 1440 | Tenley Circle |
| 30 | The Away Group |
| 918 | There is a Solution |
| | Thursday Morn Reset |
| 313 | Thursday Nite Men |
| 90 | TGIF |
| | Triangle Club-Sun 11AM |
| 700 | Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM |
| 59 | Trusted Servants |
| | Tuesday Night Speakers |
| | Turning Point |
| | Twelve Point Bucks |
| | Unity Place Sat. Afternoon |
| 30 | Upper Marlboro Big Book |
| 276 | Upper Marlboro Step |
| 253 | Uptown |
| | User Friendly |
| | Victory Lights |
| 249 | Village Idiots |
| | War is Over |
| 500 | Wash. Serenity Retreat |
| | We Agnostics (SE) |
| 496 | We Care |
| | Wed. Night Big Book |
| 224 | Wednesday Nite Winners |
| | Welcome Group |
| 378 | Westside Beginners |
| | Westside |
| 649 | Westmoreland Women |
| 180 | What's Happening Now |
| 120 | White Oak Steps &Traditions |
| 62 | Wilson Room |
| 50 | Women Do Recover |
| | Women's Oasis Big Book |
| 699 | Yacht Club |
| | Yeas & Nays |
| 1235 | Birthday |
| 25 | Faithful Fivers |
| 2231 | Individuals |
| 525 | Memorial |

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| December 8 | Paulette J. | Brightwood | 25 |

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**WE ARE ALL NEWCOMERS**– Tuesday, 12:00 Noon, Presbyterian Church, 1030 River Rd, Potomac MD 20854

**THERE IS A SOLUTION YOUNG PEOPLE'S**– Thursday, 7:30 PM, UMD Memorial Chapel Lane, College Par, MD 20742

**POTOMAC MEN'S BIG BOOK**—Wednesday, 8:00 PM, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854

**AA Meeting for Veterans, Saturday-** Monday, 6:00 PM, Unity Club, Inc., 1168 W. Broad St (Rt 7), Falls Church, VA

**SOULS A-RISING—**Monday, 8:00 PM, 2300 Cathedral Ave, NW, Washington DC 20008.

**GATEWAY WEDNESDAY–** Wednesday, 8:30 PM, Montgomery Medstar, 1801 Prince Philip Dr, Olney, MD 20832

## CANCELLED MEETINGS

**Westwood II,** Friday, 12:00 Noon, 5910 Goldsboro Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817

**Wilson Room,** Monday, 7:00 PM, Rockville Christ Church, 301 Adclare Rd, Rockville, MD

**Lafayette Square**, Tuesday and Wednesday, Noon. St. John's Parish House, 1525 H St NW, Washington, DC 20005

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