

**Have a safe and sober new year!
Remember, the only step you do perfectly
is Step One!**



Meditation to begin the year:

In my favorite meditation book, the reading for January 1 begins, "In the New Year, I will live one day at a time. I will make each day one of preparation for better things ahead."

Now for some of us, newcomers and old timers alike, that may seem like a tall order. But the thought that comes to mind when I read the passage is that all we really have to do is 'try.' In '... making each day one of preparation ...' we are not setting the goal of perfection, but we are offering a way of growth, if we are willing to try.

The Twelve Steps of A.A. and the principles of our program, worked to the best of our ability, will give us what we need, as we try to live our lives in such a way that brings us a rewarding level of serenity.

I've come to believe there is something in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous which says, 'You cannot fail if you try.' It just seems that the Twelve Steps are so designed that the will to try is one's successful preparation for better things ahead.

So we might well ask ourselves: 'Are we willing to try to surrender and to believe that a Higher Power can and will restore us to sanity? Will we try to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand him? Will we try to make amends and practice a daily inventory? Will we try to improve our conscious contact with God, and to learn his will for us? And finally, now that we have received so much just the trying, will we try to carry this

message and practice these principles in all our affairs?'

Then, too, we might translate the principles of the program into our daily lives – our thoughts, words, and actions. Are we willing to try to be loving and forgiving of ourselves and others? Will we try to avoid feelings of resentment and bitterness? Will we try to be responsible for ourselves and our behavior? And, will we try to remember that all we have or hope to attain is truly possible only by seeking the guidance, strength and comfort of our Higher Power?

For those of us who try, the rewards are truly numerous, ranging all the way from sobriety to serenity –and beyond. The simple but beautiful trying becomes our daily privilege, bringing new and unexpected blessings.

The simple act of trying has come to mean so much to me that I begin each new day, no just each new year, with a prayer of thanks to my Higher Power for giving me another day to try again to live, one day at a time, in preparation for better things ahead.

Dorothy P.

Former *New Reporter* editor

The Point Offers the "Treasures of the Twelve and Twelve."

The Point newsletter, out of Portland Oregon, offers a series on the *Twelve and Twelve*. Here is what appeared on Step One:

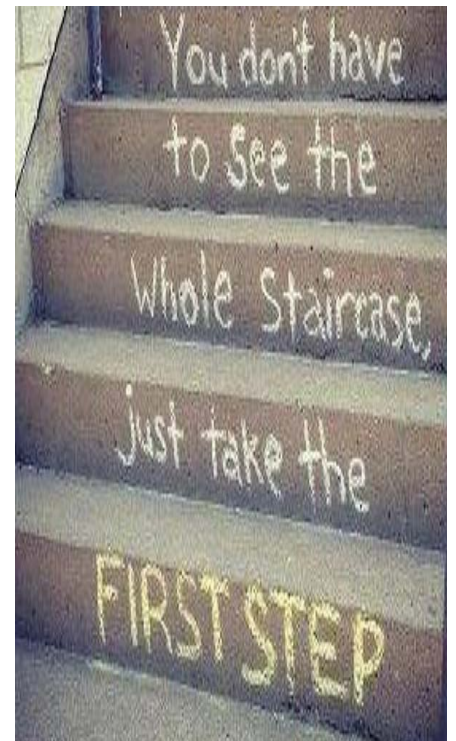
My sponsor uses the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to guide me in practical applications of the Principles of the Twelve Steps. He told me to read Step One. (He's really smart.) I read it and I read it again. I read it daily for over thirty days. I was newly sober again after having had fourteen years of continuous sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. (Please do not stop going to meetings, y'all.)

In the beginning I just scanned really. I already knew this stuff, and this was just an exercise for me, anyway. Then one day, repetition brought its reward. From the first paragraph, "Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness." When I actually meditates on this sentence, I felt stunned. The absolute brevity of this sentence hit me hard. So my instincts were around long before I became a drunk. I was born with them, and they do not want to be numbed, nor can they be. So my problem, I began to understand, is how I transformed natural and instinctive responses into unforgiving demands placed upon life. "With glass in hand," I poisoned my brain and body with booze, to live a cycle of shame and blame until the only way I could perceive was my own. This had to be undone, or I would never be sober or happy. By definition I could see this would be a slow process.

In the text of Step One, a steady stream of absolutes hammered my denial. "Absolute humiliation . . . utter defeat. . . no enduring strength until we first admit complete defeat . . . devastating weakness and all its consequences. . . ultimately destroy ourselves . . . no such thing as the personal conquest of this compulsion by the unaided will. . . statistical fact. . . admission of hopelessness . . . fatal progression...." Describing my problem, the words just flew off the page, my eyes growing wider and wider where an understanding of my disease and the recovery solution was growing deeper and deeper.

Bill Wilson gets crafty by gingerly foreshadowing the nature of "the work." I am convinced he knew we would be skimming by this paragraph. The last statements of Step One send me running to Step Two for some hope, he says, "Under the lash of alcoholism we are driven to A.A., and there we discover the fatal nature of our situation. Then, and only then, do we become as open-minded to conviction and as willing to listen as the dying can be. We stand ready to do anything. . ."

I was and I am.



Hard Drinker? —Not Me!

Self-Will +

Self knowledge =



Someone wrote: "*Self cannot rid self of self with self.*" This cliché proved doubtless true in respect to my obsession to hit the bottle over and over again. No matter how hard or many times I tried to quit forever, I always ended up all soused up in some watering hole. After nearly thirty years of "quitting drinking forever," I luckily landed in A.A. Also, fortunately, I was armed with indisputable evidence that self-will and self-knowledge would not work for an alcoholic such as me. I was helpless and hopeless after I took a shot of whiskey as well as before. Obviously, "Self" was of no avail, so when A.A. offered me a power greater than myself I grabbed it with near-boundless desperation! Terror led me to exclaim: I believe! I believe! Guess what? It worked! I did the steps and the obsession left me within the first year.

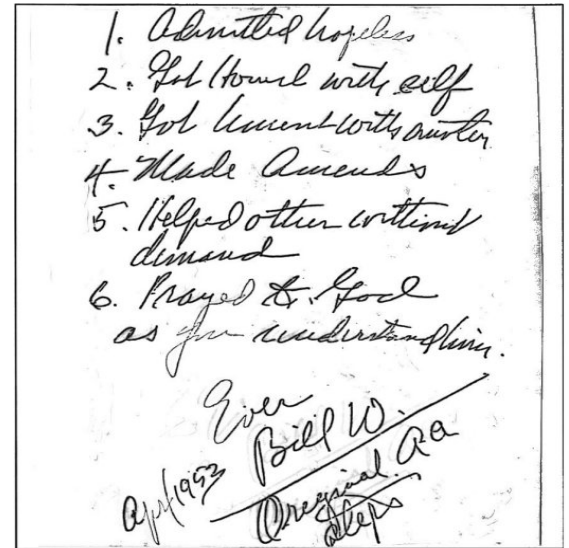
But what about so many of my drinking friends who simply quit drinking or learned to drink moderately on their own. The doctor told one of my friends, who drank worse than I did, that he had sugar diabetes and would soon die if he didn't quit. He did, and that was that! So, why couldn't I? Well, page twenty-one of the Big Book explains the nature of a "*hard drinker*" who can stop or moderate. My friend must have been one of those—he was a horse of a different color! His will-power and knowledge worked just fine and he didn't need a power greater than "self" to solve his drinking problem. There are such types!

Indeed, I once attended a "We Agnostics" A.A. meeting where members were prohibited to discuss any sort of supernatural power (especially God). Some were even proclaimed atheists (Of course the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions were not read). A few had been sober many years! I had to wonder whether they were horses of the same color as me? I had to remember what page twenty-one *inferred* that some alkies (*hard drinkers*) can use willpower and knowledge successfully.

I have no difficulty concluding that I fit into the category of the "*real alcoholic*," as also mentioned on page twenty-one, who *cannot* use self-will and/or self-knowledge to stop or moderate. What about you? ~ ~ Bob S., Richmond, IN

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One Hundred Years Ago This Month—A.A. Co-Founder Bill W. marries Lois B. on January 24, 1918. Their wedding was originally planned for February 1, but is escalated due to rumors that threaten to send Bill overseas for World War I. So quickly were the arrangements made that Lois's brother Rogers, who is to be the best man, arrives from Camp Devens in his heavy boots to stomp down the aisle. Coincidentally, Dr. Bob married Anne R. in on January 25, 2015 "at half after eight o'clock" (as cited on the wedding invitation) in Chicago, IL at the home of Anne's mother.



75 Years Ago This Month— The January 24, 1943 issue of Washington newspaper *The Sunday Star* reports: the "desperate need for wider realization that alcoholics need medical care rather than jail sentences was stressed last night by Assistant Surgeon General Lawrence Kolb at the first annual banquet here of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Under the headline "**300 Attend First Banquet of Alcoholics Anonymous**" the report quotes the only female speaker at the dinner. She is reported as "a pretty New York fashion designer" and identified in the Banquet Program as Marty M.: "It [Alcoholics Anonymous] freed me from my box of fear and loneliness...It is the most important thing in my life".

The report continues: "She added grimly that she knew if she let Alcoholics Anonymous slip to second place in her life 'I would be back where I was.' She said she 'like all alcoholics,' had been one of the 'loneliest persons in the world' and had twice attempted suicide before other members drew her into the organization."

Finally, as the 1943 Banquet Program attests, the presence of co-founder Bill W. is confirmed by the report: "The anonymous founder of the organization of 8,000 persons, also from New York says members have peculiar success in approaching a fellow sufferer and at the same time benefit themselves from trying to help others."

75 Years Ago This Month— On January 13, 1943, the first Canadian group holds its initial meeting in a bleak room above the Little Denmark Tavern in Toronto. Aptly, "Toronto" is a Huron Native American term for "meeting place." Two nonalcoholic ministers meet with six alcoholics, and A.A. in Canada "officially" begins. The Little Denmark Tavern is long gone but the New York Archives has one of its small red table lamps to preserve that moment in time. The first French-speaking A.A. group in the world meets in Montreal in September 1945. French A.A. exists in Canada 14 years before it does in France.

A.A. gets a toehold in Toronto in 1940, when the Reverend George Little, a zealous temperance worker, shows the *Big Book* to a "hopeless" alcoholic who subsequently sobers up. The two men go to work, introducing many a Toronto drunk to the new way of life.

Like all A.A.'s, Canadian old-timers would go to any length to carry the A.A. message. In the British Columbia Yukon area during the 1940s, for instance, some A.A.'s reportedly carry two-ounce bottles of booze, plus a modest supply of barbiturates, to attend to the suffering alcoholic with a "hair of the dog"-a practice largely abandoned by 1950. And in June of 1948, some industrious Nova Scotia A.A.'s introduce the *Bluenose Bulletin*, serving a while as the only newsletter of its kind in Eastern Canada.

Interestingly, Canada hosts its first session of the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Winnipeg, Manitoba just this last autumn, September 28-October 1, 2017. Of course, the challenge of remote communities gets a lot of attention there. **HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CANADA!!**

50 Years Ago This Month— The one-and-a-half year old Metropolis Club inaugurates an annual *alkathon* to usher in the year 1968. Sixteen sequential hour-long meetings are brought to the Club by identified Washington area meetings including the Club's Sunday 5:00 pm meeting and the Midnight Metro Club Style meeting. Interestingly, at least two of the leaders are well known today—the Cosmopolitan-Group-member Dickey S. and the new WAGSA Chair Alex B. (Georgetown Group) just elected to complete the term vacated by the death of Bill A. (Cosmopolitan Group) in 1967. Alex B. (1964 WAIA Chair) would also serve as the WAGSA Delegate to the General Service Conference (1969-70). Unfortunately, though active in the 1974 Mini-Conference, Alex leaves us in July 1975 to attend the Big Meeting in the Sky.

The Little Falls Group is founded. **HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY LITTLE FALLS GROUP!!**

25 Years Ago This Month— WHAT A CHANGE!!! Sandy C. recounts her journeys to New York City in January 1993 when she is the newly elected WAGSA Chair and in October 1969, almost a quarter of a century earlier, when she is a “sick and crazy”, practicing alcoholic. [*New Reporter*, March 1993 and April 1993] In 1969, she arrives by bus thirsty with a three-hour wait for her audition to serve as a contestant on a TV show. Following three beers she passes the written test but fails the interview. “I returned home in personal disgrace. I drank in despair for another 3 weeks!!”

In January 1993, Sandy sits “back on the Metroliner, heading for a business trip to New York, more than 23 years since my last solo journey there. The anxiety of 1969 suggests just a shadowy memory, replaced now with an eager anticipation: An elegant hotel in midtown Manhattan, all expenses paid by an employer confident of quality work performance and lots of free time to explore the great city.

“The top-hatted doorman swept open the cab door and welcomed me grandly to the hotel. A friendly voice at Central Office welcomed me and described an A.A. group within 3 blocks that meets twice a day. Another quick call to the General Service Office (GSO) resulted in an warm invitation to visit.

“On Tuesday morning, the cab went up through Central Park towards 475 Riverside Drive, and I walked into the handsome building that now contains our General Service Office. There comes a warm greeting; a two-hour personal tour of the offices; a chance to sit down and chat with many of the GSO staffers. ‘Come in’. ‘Oh, I don’t want to intrude on your work.’ ‘But you are our work, Sandy!’ Oh yes, I am A.A.’s work.

“I’d brought along the special new Archives ‘treasure’ we have here in our Area (the 1st printing of the 2nd edition *Big Book* belonging to our past delegate, the late Barse S., filled with autographs of the 1957 delegates to the General Service Conference - including a note from Bill W.). GSO Archivist Frank M. was thrilled to see it, and gently photocopied the special pages. ‘Come on back on Friday for our regular A.A. meeting at 11 am, Sandy’. You bet I will.

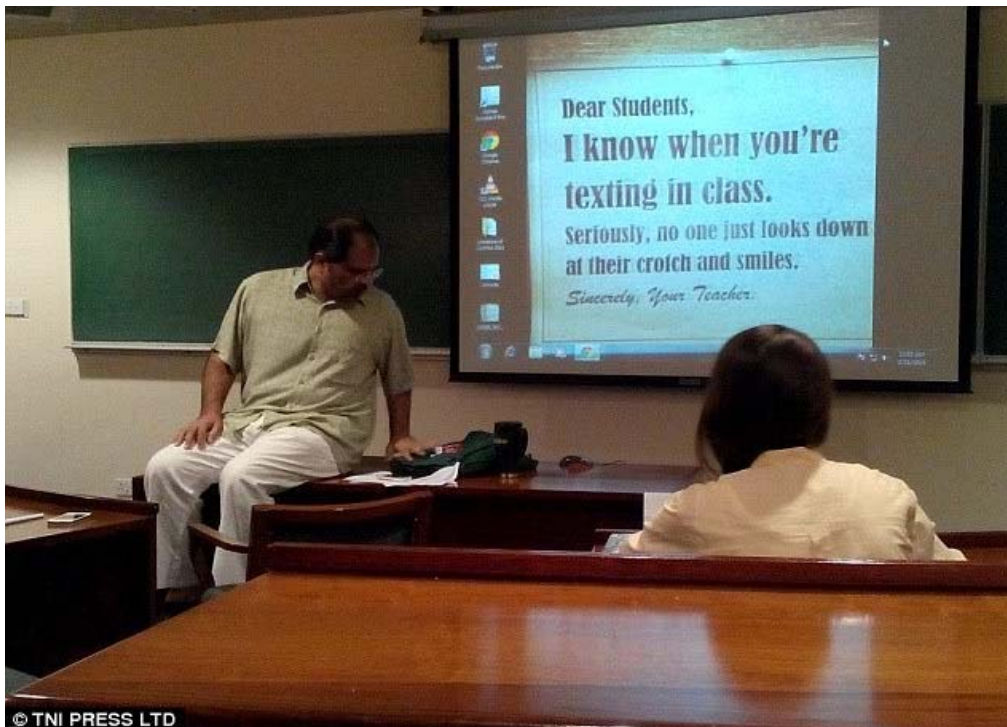
“Fairly floating back to the hotel, I was filled with a sense of history and of a homecoming of sorts. While this is a new location for our GSO office, the walls were filled with memories of the past. I felt surrounded by love and good will, as I do anywhere in A.A.

“Friday, I dashed back for the ‘regular meeting’ at GSO - led this day by a visitor from the island of Malta. Besides the GSO staff, others in the room were in New York for a weekend Board meeting - a man from Peru, a tall Native American from Canada, delegates from around the country, and plain old visitors like me. While it was a spectacular variety of people, it was blessedly a ‘regular A.A. meeting’. I was connected to the whole world - and to myself - not unlike the feelings we get at International Conventions of A.A. What a high! A.A.’s love and service. We are together because of that - whether momentarily high atop the 11th floor overlooking the Hudson River at GSO - or here at our home group meetings. New York City has certainly changed a lot in 23 years or do you suppose it was me who had changed? Just a little...with your help.”

Sandy would go on “smiling in service” as the Area 13 Delegate (1995-96) and as a continuing active participant in Area 13 affairs.

Thanks to the Archives Committee for continuing to provide material to the New Reporter.

Funny Teachers in Class



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 _____

Email Address _____

Phone # _____ **MasterCard** _____ **Visa** _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Cvv number _____

Billing Address (if different than subscription address)

I authorize WAIA to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____
Signature: _____

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.*



5 *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.*



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



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.*



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



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



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.*



7 *Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an “important date” you have to keep.*



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



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.*



8 *Worship in your own way.*



12 *“Having had a . . .” No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*

WAIA H&I Newsletter: December 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



“...we aren’t a glum lot.” — Big Book,



LAUREL RECOVERY GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

NEW YEAR’S EVE

SPECIAL SCHEDULE

WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MEETINGS * (closed between meetings)	
0900 AM	11 th Step Meeting
1100 AM	Step Meeting
4:00 PM	Women’s Meeting, “Happy Hour”
5:30 PM	Meeting Living Sober

SPECIAL NEW YEARS’S EVE MEETING SCHEDULE

WE WILL OPEN THE DOORS—HANG OUT WITH US—

FROM 7:30 PM 2017 to 0030 AM 2018

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Special New Year’s Eve Meeting
9:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Special 9:30 PM New Year’s Eve Meeting
11:00 PM – 12:30 AM	SPECIAL 11:30 PM New Year’s Eve Meeting

“...there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful... ..” ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, THERE IS A SOLUTION, P. 17

Let's step into 2018 together.

365 new beginnings – one day at a time.



Join in the Del Ray Club's New Year Step Study Appreciation Marathon

Each step discussion led by terrific
and passionate AA leads following
the Big Book and the 12&12

Come for one step – or for all twelve!

Del Ray Club – Chuck O Room
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
7611 Clarendon Road
Bethesda MD 20814



For directions:
delrayclub.org/directions

Saturday evening 12/30

6 - 10pm, Steps 1 - 4

(Optional 4th Step assignment)

Sunday afternoon 12/31

2 - 6pm, Steps 5 - 8

(Optional 8th Step assignment)

Sunday night 12/31

6 - 8pm, Potluck dinner

8 - 12pm, Steps 9 - 12

With a midnight cider toast!

STEP LEADS

Step 1 – Estelle

Step 2 – Angel

Step 3 – Tim A

Step 4 – C

Step 5 – Nancy

Step 6 – Andrew

Step 7 – Tim Mc

Step 8 – Raj

Step 9 – Maria

Step 10 – Valery

Step 11 – Irwin

Step 12 – TJ

Speakers subject to change | For more info, contact Rick B at 301-467-4112

The 12 Step Players Present the 21st Annual

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW



Tickets \$25* in advance

Doors open at 7:30PM
After party begins at 10:00PM

*Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. The cost to attend the after party only is \$20

Purchase tickets at 12 Step Player events or by mail, using the form below.

For more information contact Sara C. (240) 672-7652, Eryn C. (301) 651-4942, or Mike K. (703) 474-2241

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

of tickets: _____ X \$25 = the total payment amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: The 12 Step Players and send to: 8905 Cheltenham Ave., Clinton, MD 20735

AA Celebration Meeting

Burtonsville AA

**Where: Liberty Grove United Methodist Church
15225 Old Columbia Pike (near intersection of Rt. 198)
Burtonsville, MD 20866**

When: Friday, January 12th, 2018 at 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Festivities Include: Guest Speaker

Ledo's Pizza

Count Down

NICE RAFFLE PRIZES

Serenity

Gratitude

Much Much More....

Bring a dish; Bring a Friend; Enjoy the Evening...

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA)



9:00 – 2:30 pm

**Holy Cross Hospital
1500 Forest Glen Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Auditoriums A-C**



Join us at our Winter Assembly where the Budget and Finance Committee will present the Area budget for 2018. Also all Committee Chairs will present their goals and objectives for the coming year, along with other Area business and related issues.


9:00 registration beverages and bagels

**Any Questions or
for more information, visit
www.area13aa.org.**

All A.A. members are welcome. However, only District Committee Members (DCM's) or their alternates, General Service Representatives (GSR's) or their alternates, committee chairs, and Area Officers may vote. There is a daily parking rate of \$7. Please bring your receipt to the next Area Assembly and we will be happy to refund you for parking costs. Thank you!

**The Happy, Joyous, and Free Young Peoples' A.A. Group
is hosting the fifth annual:**

**CHILLI
COOK OFF
CONTEST & NIGHT**



BINGO

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Doors open at 5 p.m. /A.A. Speaker Meeting at 8 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall at Silver Spring United Methodist Church

8900 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Email: hjfypp@gmail.com for more information (or if it snows!)

Tickets:

\$10 in advance / \$15 at the door*

***Or bring a pot of chili by 6pm to be contest eligible and still get in for \$10**

All you can eat & play!

Most prizes will be of the tacky variety except the winners trophy for the best meat & vegan chili! Please be sure to give your chili an identifying name!



Proceeds go to support The Maryland Host Committee for the 60th International Conference of Young People in AA, and The Washington DC Host Committee for The Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA XVI. For more information on these bid committees, go to: mdypaa.org and dcypaa.org

WAGSA Area Committee

2nd Monday
January 8, 2018

(New DCM & GSR Orientation, 6:30-7:30 PM)
Silver Spring Presb.
Church

580 University Blvd East
Silver Spring MD

Info:
chair@area13aa.org

Burtonsville AA Celebration Meeting

Friday
January 12, 2018
7:00—9:00 PM

Liberty Grove United
Methodist Church
15225 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville MD

Speaker, Ledo's Pizza,
Count Down, Raffle

Bring a Dish

WAGSA Area 13 2018 Winter Assembly

Saturday
January 21, 2018
9:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Holy Cross Hospital
1500 Forest Glen Rd
Silver Spring MD 209102
Auditoriums A-C

Budget & Finance
Committee to present Area
2018 Budget

WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

2nd Tuesday

January 9, 2018

The Church in Bethesda
5033 Wilson Ln
Bethesda, MD 20814

aa-dc.org for more info

Chili Cook Off & Bingo Night

Saturday
January 27, 2018
5PM-10PM

Silver Spring United
Methodist Church
8900 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring MD
\$10 in advance, \$15.00 at
the door

hjfypg@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

	AA at CUA	84	Daily Reflections, SW	342	Goldsboro
131	AA & Family Issues	80	Daily Reflections, NW	60	Good News Beginners
321	A Vision for You	31	Daily Reflections, Bowie	1200	Good Sheperd
240	A Way Of Life		Darne Good Big Book	250	Grace
180	Adams Morgan Meditation		Darnestown Men	163	Grace Road
	All Are Welcome	309	Day By Day	268	Growing Group
180	Among Women		Deanwood Step	45	Happy, Joyous & Free
170	Anacostia Group	60	Deanwood Women Rap	20	Help Wanted
2003	Andrews Armed Forces	296	DC Young People	424	High Noon
551	As Bill Sees It	1873	Del Ray	600	High on the Hill
945	As We Understood Him	81	DCC Beginners	30	High Sobriety
570	Aspen Hill 5th Chapter	374	DCC	1200	Hill Lunch
365	Aspen Hill Phoenix		DCC Noon		Hope Group
1557	Attitude & Action	25	DCC Tues. Big Book	547	How It Works
162	Attitude Adjusters	4	DCC Women		Hyattsville Discussion
526	Back to Basics		Del Ray Acceptance	975	Hyattsville Hope
210	Barnesville	321	Divine Intervention	201	Informed Group
	Beginners & Winners	323	Dunn Drinking	1200	Into Action
	Beginnings@S Harper Hse	25	Dupont Circle Big Book	435	Investment
91	Big Book Study	600	Dunrobbin	24	Irreverent Women
182	Big Book Thumpers	90	8AM Men's Big Book	1102	Jaywalkers
216	Brightwood	100	Early Times	3119	Just Before Noon
	Broad Highway	1080	Epiphanies	89	Just For Today
152	Brookland	371	Ex Libris	1200	Kensington Big Book
3433	BYOL		Eye Opener, Potomac		Kensington Young People
	BYOL Non-Smoking	146	Faith Group	540	Kensington YP Step Study
960	Burtonsville Big Book	32	Fireside Spirituality	416	Kid Friendly Big Book
300	Capitol Heights	515	Foggy Bottom	25	Kingman Park
3000	Capital Hill	58	Forestville Primary Purpose	22	Kitchen Table
460	Carmody Hill Group		Fourth Dimension	407	Language of the Heart
696	Cedar Lane Women	258	14 Promises	66	Lanham-Seabrook
270	Change of Life	321	Free Spirits		Last Chance
298	Cheltenham	527	Friday Night Fun Too	1179	Laurel Recovery
	Chestnut Lodge group	91	Friday Night Big Book		Lawyers
360	Chinatown Men's	80	Friendly Bunch	620	Leisure World Big Book
	Choir	25	Friendship	360	Leisure World Noon
180	Cleveland Park		Gaithersburg Beginners	52	Let Go Let God
315	Clinton 45 Plus		Gaithersburg Young People	98	Let It Happen
98	Clinton Day		Garrett Park Stag	120	Liberty
180	Clinton 6:30	1718	Gateway	53	Life Is Good
89	Clinton Sunday Night	529	Gateway/Wednesday	33	Little Falls
480	Coffee & Donuts	42	Gay 18 New Castle	350	Little House
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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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