

**WHATEVER KEEPS  
YOU SOBER, DO  
MORE OF THAT.**

## FIRST, THE FOUNDATION

*Is sobriety all that we can expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning.*

— AS BILL SEES IT, p. 8 [Editor's note: your editor belongs to an on-line meeting, "DADS" or Digital Alcoholic Deadbeats. One member, Ross, resides in Australia. This is his share from the Daily Reflection on January 2.]

Reading this always reminds me of my Dad. In some ways you could think I didn't get much from my Dad. He used to drink in the back shed and come in on a Saturday night and chase my mother and me around the kitchen table and out the front door and lights would go on up the street.

Once he built me my heart's desire which was a fish pond, but I must have said something wrong because later that night while drunk he kicked it all in.

He was a motor mechanic and once I left his tools out overnight and they got rusty - after that I was the "black sheep" of the family and my brother who was more mechanical got the attention. He resented me going to University in the 60's because nobody else in our family had done so. Once he tore up my books and kicked in my hi-fi set. I watched him break a cricket bat over my brother's leg. He slept in the same room.

Dad's great obsession was to build a holiday house where he could get away from Mum (an untreated Al-Anon case). He designed it all himself, and he made all the concrete bricks.

I believe all fathers give their sons a gift, one way or another, and Dad's to me was watching him lay those cement bricks in the house he built over 20 years. When I was a kid I would watch him mix the cement by hand and lay the foundations - a massive job I realize now.

And then I would watch him lay a brick. He would carefully mix the mortar, lay it on the other line of bricks and then he would use the level to make sure it was straight.

I loved that yellow bubble in the level. And how he would tap the brick to make sure it was square. And then he would face up the outside and when it was finished he would knock off to have a bottle of beer.

When I got sober there were many hard days of withdrawal and dry drunkenness, but I knew I only had to refrain from that first drink until midnight, and then it would be another day.

Each day I treated like that brick Dad laid. I would do the action, make sure it was "on the level" and face it up and knock off - not to have a beer but to go to a meeting.

That was the real gift my father gave me, but later in his life, while he never stopped drinking - he said "drink's a curse, but without, it's worse!" - but he did make amends to me in his own fashion by helping me fix up an old country farmhouse hundreds of kilometers from Melbourne, and when he died in hospital, I kissed him on the forehead and wished him well on his journey. He enjoyed my sons in a way I can't remember him enjoying my brother and me. And that grandson who used to do a little dance when Dad talked about taking him to Disneyland, celebrated 22 years in NA yesterday and has given my wife and I our only biological grand-daughter. We wouldn't have her if these 12 Steps and these fellowships hadn't come into my life in a time of desperation when I just had to hang in there and "lay another brick" one day at a time.

## A.A. History: Gabriel Heatter's Broadcast (From the Akron Intergroup Newsletter)

One of the milestones in the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous was *The Gabriel Heatter* broadcast of April 25, 1939.

The first national exposure for Alcoholics Anonymous came with this *We the People* broadcast. Gabriel Heatter's radio program was a tremendously popular program that was tuned in by millions of people. Morgan R., the A.A. member who spoke on the program, was expected to launch sales of the newly published book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

After setting up the broadcast, Henry P. decided to do a mailing to all physicians in the United States east of the Mississippi. He raised \$500 for the mailing of 20,000 postcards to urge the doctors to listen. Henry was sure this would result in at least 1,000 orders for the book.

Henry P. and Bill W. were worried that Morgan might get drunk before the broadcast, so they arranged for a new member to put him up in the Downtown Athletic Club. For several days, A.A. members took turns staying with Morgan, making sure he never left their sight.

Three days after the broadcast, Bill and Henry went to the mailbox to gather the returned postcards. Looking into the box and seeing only a handful of cards, they quickly decided that they must be in the bag. Asking the clerk, 12 cards were handed over to Bill. That was all there were, and 10 of those were hoaxes or false. The mailing of 20,000 cards had resulted in 2 orders for the book.

Here is a transcript of the program:

Heatter: "The man beside me now has had one of the most gripping and dramatic experiences I've ever heard. I'm not going to tell you his name. And when you hear what he has to say, I think you'll understand why. But after checking the facts, the Listeners Committee of *We The People* decided to grant him time because they feel that if one person is helped by hearing his story, then *We The People* will have done a real ser-

vice. Alright, sir . . .Morgan R.:

Six months ago I got out of an insane asylum. I'd been sent there because I was drinking myself to death. But the doctors said they could do nothing for me. And only four years ago I was making \$20,000 a year. I was married to a swell girl and had a young son. But I worked hard and like lots of my friends -- I used to drink to relax. Only they knew when to stop. I didn't. And pretty soon, I drank myself out of my job. I promised my wife I would straighten out. But I couldn't. Finally she took the baby and left me.

The next year was like a nightmare. I was penniless. I went out on the streets, panhandled money for liquor. Every time I sobered up -- I swore not to touch another drop. But if I went a few hours without a drink, I'd begin to cry like a baby, and tremble all over. One day after I left the asylum, I met a friend of mine. He took me to the home of one of his friends. A bunch of men were sitting around, smoking cigars, telling jokes, having a great time. But I noticed they weren't drinking. When Tom told me they'd all been in the same boat as I was -- I couldn't believe him. But he said, "See that fellow? He's a doctor. Drank himself out of his practice. Then he straightened out. Now he's head of a big hospital." Another big strapping fellow was a grocery clerk. Another the vice president of a big corporation. They got together five years ago. Called themselves Alcoholics Anonymous. And they'd worked out a method of recovery. One of their most important secrets was -- helping the other fellow. Once they began to follow it, the method proved successful and helped others get on their feet -- they found they could stay away from liquor.

Gradually, those men helped me back to life. I stopped drinking. Found courage to face life once again. Today I've got a job, and I'm going to climb back to success. Recently we wrote a book called *Alcoholics Anonymous*. It tells precisely how we all came back from a living death. Working on that book made me realize how much other people had suffered, how they'd gone through the same thing I did. That's why I wanted to come on the program.

I wanted to tell people who are going through that torment—if they sincerely want to, they can come back. Take their place in society once again!

## Accept or Analyze?

"IF YOU WANT SOBRIETY more than anything else in life, you can get it." This simple statement repeated with the monotony of a radio commercial was the starting point of my happiness.

When I was trying to get sober, the confusion that is the natural consequence of an alcoholic existence was intensified by my almost uncontrollable desire to analyze everything – every statement, reaction, and action that touched my life. I had to know. All would be simple if I could only know why I drank, why this had happened to me, why the A.A. program itself worked. The fact that I ended up more confused made no difference to me. I continued to try to analyze my problems, analyze A.A., analyze God, and analyze analysis. My good A.A. friends offered help, but I blocked them with "let me figure it out."

Periodically, drinking again became the most important thing in my life. It was more important than duty, honor, and soul. It was more important than my family – they were neglected while I drank away hours and days.

At last, forced to recognize that my problems were becoming progressively worse, I became willing to make sobriety the most important thing in my life.

I wanted sobriety more than a job that paid me an exceptional income but kept me so exhausted that I couldn't relax. I quit the job. I wanted sobriety more than fame or power so I quit fighting. And finally, I wanted sobriety more than knowledge so I quit analyzing. Out of my vocabulary went such words as psychiatric, neurotic, compulsion, complex, frustration and their ilk. They didn't belong to me. I had never studied to learn them. They merely confused me. I was ready to admit that I was just another drunk whose life was unmanageable. No I could live a sober life.

But how does one do that?

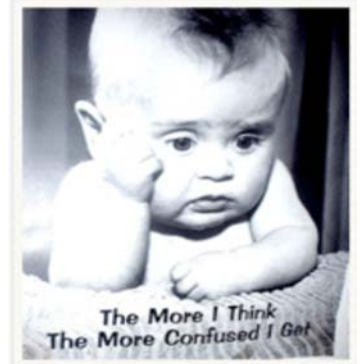
I traded dependence on puny self for dependence on God. I traded resentment for understanding, fear for trust, selfishness for love. I traded dissatisfaction for hope, dishonesty for truth. I traded retaliation for amendment, taking for giving.

I traded leaning upon others for serving others. I traded sectarian bigotry for tolerance.

Cynics claim they have found little hope or faith or charity in this do-eat-dog world, and I had always agreed with them. I said I'd be a sucker to try to practice these virtues while other ran off with the fruits of my labors. But A.A. by example showed me that these qualities not only existed but were the fabric of which sobriety was made.

Sobriety has become for me an all-inclusive term. It means everything from not taking the first drink to enjoying the present twenty-four hours.

I learned that when I stopped trying to analyze A.A. or God I found both sobriety and a Higher Power. I also realized that I could easily have found sobriety and God by honestly saying, "God, I am so confused – please help me." E. L., Sept. 1946 (from Thank You for Sharing an A.A. Grapevine publication).



### Archive Committee Requests Donations of Recordings of WAIA Banquet/Gala Speakers

The WAIA archive committee requests donations of recordings of WAIA banquet/gala speakers. The WAIA archives committee has recordings and has made MP3 files of the following Washington Area Banquet Speakers: 2/26/1955, 3/7/1957, 2/3/1965, 4/2/1966, 4/12/1969, 5/1/1971, 6/2/1985, 6/21/1986, 8/8/1987, 8/6/1988, 2/15/1992, 2/13/1993, 6/2/2001, 3/17/2012, and 3/23/2013. If you have any other WAIA banquet recordings from 1943 to present that are not listed, please make a copy to donate to WAIA. We appreciate your donations.

## LEARNING THE STEPS VS LIVING THE STEPS

(The event is not the process)

During his third day of treatment at Towns Hospital, Bill W ingested the essence of our Twelve Steps while being assisted by his schoolmate, Ebby T (Read p. 13). Directly thereafter, Bill experienced a radical personality change which allowed a release from his alcoholic obsession. However, this blessed happenstance would have been only temporary unless followed by putting Ebby's "neat little formula" into action, which was, at that time, of course, the tenets of the Oxford Group.

Directly after leaving Towns Hospital, Bill didn't return to his long-standing passion of Wall Street finances, but was instead guided to Calvary Mission in attempt to carry his new-found sobriety message to drunken sots. Lucky for us this became a lifetime process which allowed him to maintain permanent sobriety. His spiritual experience *event* became a lifetime *process*.

Dr. Carl Jung explained to millionaire, Rowland H: "Ideas, emotions, and ideas which were once the guiding forces of the lives of these men are suddenly cast aside, and a new set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate them" (p. 27). Although armed with this invaluable knowledge, Roland was unable to follow the Oxford Group tenets; consequently, he maintained only spotted sobriety. Learning the Oxford Group tenets was sadly only an *event*, but not the necessary lifetime *process*.

Dr. Bob had been exposed to the Oxford Group tenets for over two years before meeting Bill W, but was not actually living in the spirit of them. And no matter how hard he would try, he would end up *boiled as an owl*. After a five-hour talk with Bill, he experienced a much stronger desire to stay sober. This was an exciting *event*, but he was unwilling to follow the *process* of making the required amends. He got drunk! But later, he made amends, thus began living the Twelve Steps (as they were later to be called), He never drank again!

Half measures availed us nothing (p. 59).

Bob S.

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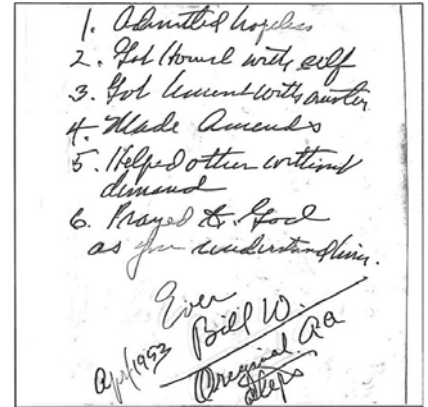


*Living the Twelve Steps is a Process: Out of Self - Into God - to Others*

**75 Years-Ago This Month**— The Alcoholic Foundation’s secretary Bobbie B. responds to the February letter from the Washington Group’s Treasurer Howard C. with some humor:

“I was so sorry to be unable to make the trip to Washington with Bill. Everyone who was with you from New York has told me of the wonderful time they had. I have been planning to visit the Washington group for the last two years and someday I hope to make good this threat.”

[At the Washington Banquet in January 1943, Bill W. and Marty M. attend from New York.]



**50 Years-Ago This Month**— The WAIA Banquet, March 16, 1968, inaugurates what is called the Chairman’s Fund, a store of voluntary contributions to pay for indigents’ meals at the banquet, in particular for residents of the Alexandria, Virginia, Men’s Home. This remarkably brings in relief a historical evolution in our A.A. area experiences.

Interestingly, in 1959 WAIA votes the Men’s Home into membership of the WAIA Board of Directors, the body of the WAIA group Reps. According to the Home’s Website, this meets with A.A.’s General Service Office’s approval.

Running parallel to these developments, back in September 1957, Lib S. attends the Virginia State Assembly and mediates between the Virginia Area Delegate Ernest A. and Chair Charlie S., on the one hand, and DC Delegate Barse S. [Lib S. sober since 1945 owes her sobriety to the Euclid Street Clubhouse and sponsors Sandy C. (Washington Delegate, 1995-96)] In contention are fourteen groups in the Arlington and Alexandria vicinity which historically are identified within the Washington Area Intergroup.

In January of 1960, the Northern Virginia Intergroup is established. Among its founders is Marge F. (sober since July 1941). [Cf: *Virginia’s Past*, p. 312.] Active in Washington A.A., Marge F. sides with the faction that breaks, around the year 1953, from the old Central Group’s Clubhouse to serve the new Intergroup offices at 1760 Columbia Road NW. [Cf. *New Reporter*, June 1966, p.4.]

The rather loose organizational structure for the Washington Area A.A. groups evolves over some time. Virginians Buck D. and Hal M. would serve as Area 13 Delegates to the Conference respectively in the 1963-64 and 1971-72 stints; and in 1968 the WAIA Chair would be Justin M. of the Falls Church Group.

Remember the Ninth Tradition: A.A., as such, ought never be organized!!!! We surely anticipate miracles!!!!

**25 Years-Ago This Month**—On March 20, the Washington Area General Assembly (WAGSA) holds its annual Mini-Conference on the theme Our Inventory-Medallions. In the February *New Reporter*, WAGSA Immediate-Past Delegate Dick P. writes:

Our custom of using medallions as milestones on the "Road of Happy Destiny" originated in the late 1930's. As recounted in Chapter XIV of *Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers*, Sister Ignatia of St. Thomas Hospital may well have started this practice. Numerous forms of medallions or "chips" were widely circulated as the Fellowship spread through the U.S. and Canada....

An article in the January 1964 *A.A. Grapevine* by the Reverend Samuel Shoemaker mentions an engraved "gold disk" given him in 1952 by our cofounder Bill W. By 1973, the familiar antique bronze medallion bearing the Circle and Triangle was introduced and in the following 15 years gained fond acceptance throughout much of the fellowship.

Legal action was initiated by our A.A. World Services, Inc.(AAWS), in 1988 seeking to prevent infringement of our copyrighted trademarks and logos. This resulted in legal prohibition of production, distribution, and sale of medallions displaying our registered marks. At a Regional Forum in 1992, legal fees for this action were stated to be approximately \$105,000. Perhaps, we acted rightly but achieved the wrong result. ...

Subsequently, in the 1989, 1990, and 1991 Service Manuals, the AAWS. statement of policy on 'Use of A.A.'s Trademarks and Logos' was added. In its latest amended form this statement likens medallions to 'coffee mugs...jewelry, trinkets, and bumper stickers.' A floor action of the 42nd General Service Conference, in April 1992, recommended "that a feasibility study be undertaken by the General Service Board of all possible methods b which sobriety chips/ medallions may be made available to the A.A. Fellowship.'

Our 43rd Conference will discuss this recommendation in April 1993. ..."

As it turns out, on April 29, the A.A. General Service Office in New York would announce:

"AAWS will no longer oppose the use of the circle / triangle symbol on medallions, jewelry or other items. However, AAWS will continue to oppose use of the registered trademarks "A.A." and 'ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS' alone, on a medallion, or in any other manner. Nor may the other registered trademarks owned by AAWS and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. be used on medallions, jewelry, or in any other manner. Those trademarks are: THE BIG BOOK, THE GRAPEVINE, GV, BOX 4-5-9, AA GRAPEVINE and BOX 1980."

And, WAIA, at the June BOD meeting would approve the sale of medallions to our area's Fellowship.

A lonely man who was unable to find a woman willing to go out on a date with him, broke into a home in order to have the company of a woman. Police in Pennsylvania, said that 39-year-old Sean Patrick Haller of Stewartstown, did not want to drink alcohol alone so he forced his way into a woman's home. Haller, who was already drunk, brought along two 12-packs of beer and sat down at a table at the home of Carrie Harding, to drink the beverage. Harding, who did not know the suspect, was concerned for the safety of her children and asked the stranger to leave, but he refused. At some point, Haller fell into the table and broke a glass plant holder and a glass lamp. The woman called police to remove Hallar from her home. When Hallar was arrested, police found three Xanax pills in his possession. He now faces charges of criminal trespass, possession of a controlled substance, defiant trespass, loitering and prowling at nighttime, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. There is no plan for a second date.



A drunken driver in Gaithersburg passed his driving exam by proving you can drive with the post of a highway sign poking through the windshield.

### Building an island to drink on the New Year



A group of drinkers in a small New Zealand town created their own island to get around a local ban on alcohol during the New Year holiday period.

The local government of Tairua, located in northern New Zealand, bans consumption of alcohol in public places each year from Dec. 23 to Jan. 6.

But this New Year, a group of about seven people created an island in the middle of the Tairua estuary so they can drink outside. According to the New Zealand Herald, the group used the low tide waters to shovel together enough mud to create a mound big enough for a bench and several people.

As the waters surrounded the newly-formed island, the revelers imbibed in public, successfully flouting the local laws and doing so to the delight of local law enforcement.

"That's creative thinking," Waikato eastern area commander Inspector John Kelly said. "If I had known that I probably would have joined them."

The local alcohol ban during the Christmas and New Year holiday was put in place to cut down on illegal behavior that resulted in several arrests.

"[The police] were getting frustrated with the result and said it has to change," local resident Noddy Watts said. No arrests were made in the drinking island incident.



### 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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4530 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 111  
Washington, DC 20008

# WAIA H&I Newsletter: February 2018

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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 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
- 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

# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT 1 & 2 SERVICE WORKSHOP

## SPONSORED BY AREA 13

### WHAT IS SERVICE?

St. Thomas Apostle Church  
(Church basement auditorium)  
2665 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20008

Saturday, March 3, 2018

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

#### Itinerary:

12:00PM - 12:45 PM – Panel 1 - Area Service – Chair – Michelle G.

Panelist will discuss and explain the roles of district and area service and their importance, how we're connected to GSO, and the process for introducing and voting on changes to how AA's message is delivered.

- The Role of Past Delegate – Amy C.
- The Role of the GSR – Sydney C.
- What is a DCM? – Russell R.
- The Role of the Area Chairperson – Lynette D.
- The Relation Between Groups, the Area and New York – Tony G.

12:45 PM to 1:00 PM – Q&A

1:00 PM to 1:30 PM – LUNCH

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM – Panel 2 - Area Committee Service – Chair – Michelle G.

Panelist discuss and explain the roles of WAGSA service and their importance in Area 13.

1:30 PM to 1:45 PM – Bridging the Gap – Irving M.

1:45 PM to 1:50 PM – Q&A

1:50 PM to 2:05 PM – Cooperating with the Professional Community – Raj K.

2:05 PM to 2:10 PM – Q&A

2:10 PM to 2:25 PM – Public Information – Bill I / Shannon C.

2:25 PM to 2:30 PM – Q&A

- WAIA Liaison (Tentative Option)

2:30 PM to 2:55 PM – Small Group Break Out Session

2:55 PM to 3:00 PM – 7th Tradition Basket

Close

Food and beverages will be provided.

A Declaration  
of Unity  
This we owe to  
A.A.'s future:  
To place our  
common welfare  
first; To keep our  
fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity  
depend our lives,  
And the lives of  
those to come.

Responsibility  
Statement  
I am responsible...  
When anyone,  
anywhere, reaches  
out for help, I want  
the hand of A.A.  
always to be there.  
And for that: I am  
responsible.

To RSVP, or for more information, email [District1DCM@area13aa.org](mailto:District1DCM@area13aa.org) or [District02DCM@area13aa.org](mailto:District02DCM@area13aa.org).

Register Now!  
Space Is Limited!

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8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
Southern Maryland Round-Up

MARCH 16-18, 2018

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Conference Center & Marina  
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<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>		
<i>Before Jan. 31, \$30; After Jan. 31, \$35 per person</i>	_____	_____
<b>BUFFET DINNER</b>		
<i>(Additional \$25 for Buffet Dinner per person)</i>	_____	_____
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You can also register online at  
[southernmarylandroundup.org](http://southernmarylandroundup.org)

- AA & Al-Anon Workshops
- Sobriety Countdown
- Hospitality Suite
- 60/40 Raffle
- New Expanded Buffet
- On-Site Recovery Store
- Souvenirs and more!

**REGISTRATION**

Early Registration - \$30 per person  
Early Registration ends January 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular Registration  
\$35 per person - Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>  
ends March, 12, 2018

**Sponsored registration is available.**  
Visit our website for more information.

**BUFFET DINNER - \$25**

*(Tickets sold separately)*

BUFFET TICKETS  
must be purchased by March 5, 2018  
Please visit our website for menu.

**TO REGISTER**

**By Mail:**

Make check or money order payable to:  
**Southern Maryland Round-Up**

Mail to:

**P.O. Box 427  
Dunkirk, MD 20754**

Register on-line by **March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
[southernmarylandroundup.org](http://southernmarylandroundup.org)

*Register at the door with Cash or check only*

**ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE FINAL**  
**No Refunds. Pass it on to a friend of Bill's if unable to attend. Your cancelled check is your receipt.**

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# *76th* WAIA Masquerade Ball

*3.24.18*

Social starts at 6pm

Dinner provided by Mission BBQ

Desserts by Jane Kane  
and Milk Cult

Meeting at 8pm

Speaker is Jerry W. From North Carolina

DJ Merchi hosting the  
after party

Dress to impress

\$50 for single tickets

\$400 for a full table of 10

Buy your tickets at  
[aa-dc.org](http://aa-dc.org)



1 Veterans Place Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

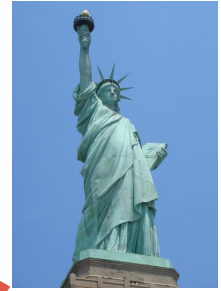
# 45th Annual Mini Conference

Hosted by the Area 13 – Washington Area  
General Service Assembly (WAGSA)

Saturday April 7, 2018

Doors open at 9am for check-in  
9:30am to 3:30pm

Holy Cross Hospital\*  
1500 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Auditorium A and D \*Parking will be reimbursed by  
the Area Treasurer by providing your receipt.



2018 GSC  
NY, NY

DELEGATE



**WHAT?**

The purpose of the Mini-Conference is to provide the opportunity for **all Area 13 AA members** to learn, discuss, and share their thoughts on the 2018 General Service Conference (GSC) agenda topics.

**WHY?**

This provides our Area Delegate with the views of an informed Area group conscience, and also provides **every AA member in Area 13** the opportunity to fulfill its responsibility to the future of AA by exercising its Right of Participation.

**HOW?**

You many learn more about the topics we will cover by showing up or going here to see our working program for the day by going here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/45thminiprogram>

Registration isn't required, but would help us plan materials and food accordingly. Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/45thminireg>

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# Happy Destiny 12-Step Retreat

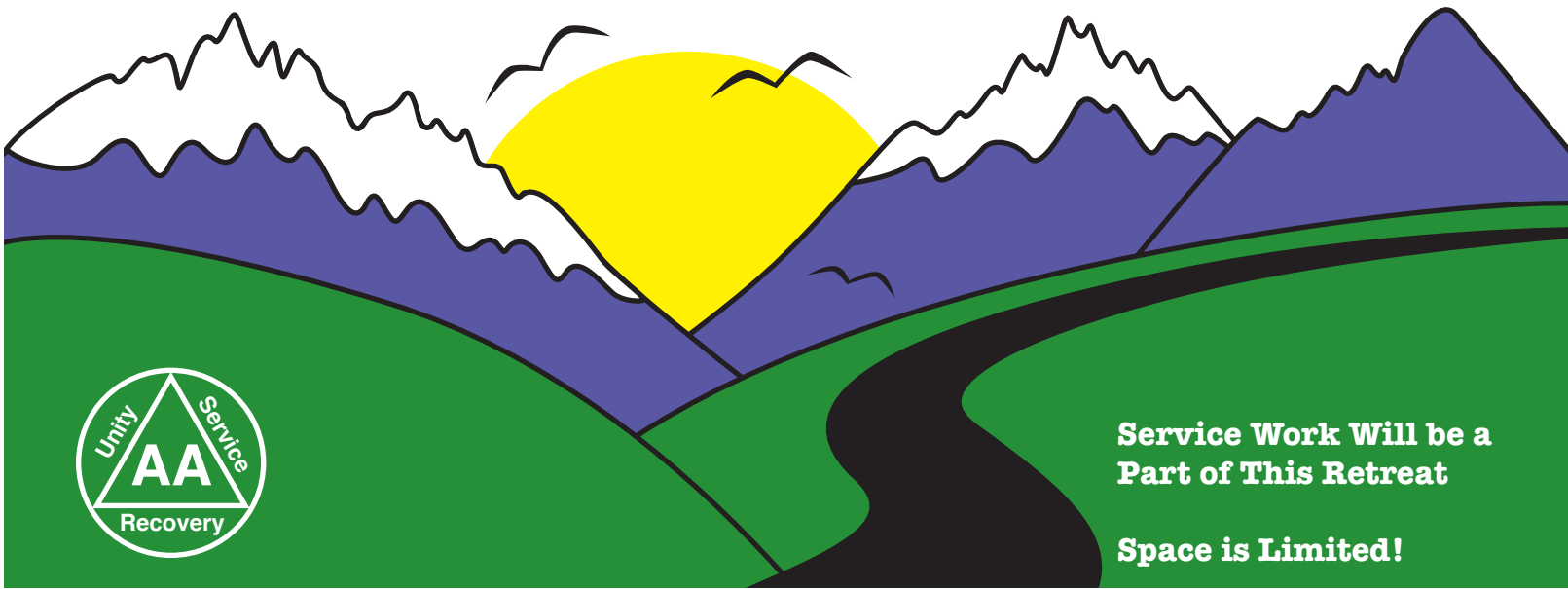
5 pm Friday - 11 am Sunday  
May 11-13, 2018

Camp Round Meadow  
14840 Manahan Road, Sabillasville, MD

<https://www.nps.gov/cato/playourvisit/round-meadow-directions.htm>

## \$98 Registration Fee Includes:

- All Meals and Snacks (Great Food!)
- Rustic Cabin Lodging
- Sober Fellowship
- Open AA Meetings
- Al-Anon Participation
- Activities and Workshops



Service Work Will be a  
Part of This Retreat

Space is Limited!

**Deposit of \$50.00 Required by April 21, 2018 and the Balance Due on May 1, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Offer a Ride:  Yes  No    Need a Ride:  Yes  No

Anonymous scholarship contribution so others may attend:

\$10    \$20    \$30    \$40    \$50    \$\_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  S    M    L    XL    XXL    XXXL

Style:  Men's    Women's

### Mail Registration & Payment To:

Happy Destiny Retreat  
PO Box 523  
Rockville, MD 20848

### For more information:

#### Web:

<https://tinyurl.com/happydestinyretreat>

#### Email:

[happydestinyretreat@gmail.com](mailto:happydestinyretreat@gmail.com)

#### Phone Contacts:

Karen C. 301-482-2486  
Mike F. 240-277-7772

**Full and Partial Scholarships Available!**

### WAGSA Area Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
**March 12, 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](mailto:chair@area13aa.org)

### 76th WAIA Gala Masquerade Ball

**Saturday March 24, 2018  
6:00—11:00 PM**

Silver Spring Civic Center  
1 Veterans Place  
Silver Spring, MD 20010

Tickets: \$50.00 single,  
Table of 10 \$400.00

If you would like to purchase tickets, go online to <https://aa-dc.org/galatickets> or contact the WAIA office at 202-966-9783

### 45th Annual Mini Conference

**Saturday April 7, 2018  
9:00 Am 0 3:30 PM**

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Silver Spring MD 20910  
Auditorium A & D.

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### WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

**March 13, 2018**

The Church in Bethesda  
5033 Wilson Ln  
Bethesda, MD 20814

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

### 2nd Annual District 1&2 Service Workshop

**Saturday, March 3, 2018  
12:00 PM– 3:00 PM**

St. Thomas Apostle Church  
2665 Woodley Rd, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

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Email:  
[District1DCM@area13aa.org](mailto:District1DCM@area13aa.org)  
[District02DCM@area13aa.org](mailto:District02DCM@area13aa.org)

### 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		Crossroads of Recovery		140	Goldsboro
	AA & Family Issues		54 Daily Reflections, SW			Good News Beginners
	Addison Road		Daily Reflections, NW			Good Sheperd
30	A Vision for You		Daily Reflections, Bowie			Grace
	A Way Of Life		Darne Good Big Book			Grace Road
	Adams Morgan Meditation		Darnestown Men		1283	Greenbelt Step Club
	All Are Welcome		Day By Day			Growing Group
	Among Women		Deanwood Step			Happy, Joyous & Free
	Anacostia Group	80	Deanwood Women Rap			Help Wanted
	Andrews Armed Forces		DC Young People			High Noon
	As Bill Sees It		Del Ray			High on the Hill
176	As We Understood Him		DCC Beginners			High Sobriety
1267	Aspen Hill 5th Chapter		DCC		196	Hill Lunch
20	Aspen Hill Phoenix	300	DCC Noon		695	How It Works G'burg
	Attitude & Action		DCC Tues. Big Book			Hyattsville Discussion
	Attitude Adjusters		DCC Women		157	Hyattsville Hope
	Back to Basics	57	Del Ray Acceptance		36	Informed Group
	Barnesville		Divine Intervention			Into Action
232	Beginners & Winners	780	Dunn Drinking			Investment
	Bethel Group		Dupont Circle Big Book			Irreverent Women
56	Big Book Thumpers		Dunrobbin			Jaywalkers
60	Brightwood		8AM Men's Big Book			Just Before Noon
	Broad Highway		Early Times		12	Just For Today
	Brookland		Epiphanies			Kensington Big Book
50	Brandywine		Ex Libris			Kensington Young People
	BYOL		Eye Opener, Potomac			Kensington YP Step Study
	BYOL Non-Smoking		Faith Group			Kid Friendly Big Book
199	Burtonsville Big Book		Fireside Spirituality			Kingman Park
66	Campus Noon		Foggy Bottom			Kitchen Table
	Capitol Heights	73	Forestville Primary Purpose			Language of the Heart
810	Capital Hill		Fourth Dimension		110	Landover Discussion
	Carmody Hill Group		14 Promises			Lanham-Seabrook
500	Cedar Lane Women		Free Spirits		100	Language of the Heart
	Change of Life		Friday Night Fun Too			Last Chance
49	Cheltenham		Friday Night Big Book		1266	Laurel Recovery
	Chinatown Men's		Friendly Bunch			Lawyers
	Choir		Friendship			Leisure World Big Book
	Cleveland Park		Gaithersburg Beginners			Leisure World Noon
	Clinton 45 Plus		Gaithersburg Young People		33	Let Go Let God
	Clinton Day		Garrett Park Stag			Let It Happen
	Clinton 6:30		Gateway			Liberty
	Clinton Sunday Night		Gateway/Wednesday			Life Is Good
	Coffee & Donuts		Gay 18 New Castle			Little Falls
	College Park		Gay Group			Little House
300	Cosmopolitan		Georgetown		60	Living Sober by the Book
	Count Me In		Get It Off Your Chest		12	Living Sober Unity Place
	Crapshooters		Get Lit			May Day
	Creative Arts	240	Glenarden			Men in Recovery
			Glen Echo			Men of Dupont

t	450 Men's BS Session	P Street	Step Sisters
180	Messengers	Petworth	Steps To Sobriety
	Midwest	180 Phoenix Group/DC	80 Sunday Men's Step
	Midtown	Poolesville New Beginnings	341 Sunday Morning Breakfast
	Miracles	Potomac Eye Openers	Sunday Morning Joy
	Misery Is Optional	Potomac High Noon	Sunday Night Colesville
	Mitchellville	Potomac Oaks	720 Sunrise Sobriety
216	Monday Winners	Potomac Women	960 Sunshine, G'burg
	Mo.Co. Women	1000 Potomac Speakers	Sunrise Sobriety
350	More Peace of Mind	Primary Purpose Gay	100 Sursum Corda
	Montrose Gay	722 Progress Not Perfection	Survivor Group
	Moving into the Solution	130 Promises Promises	118 Takoma Park Necessity
	Mt. Rainer	Prospect	Takoma Park Rush Hour
93	Nativity	Queer Women	Tenley Circle Men
300	Neelsville Beginners	Quince Orchard	9 The Away Group
	Never Too Late	Radicals	There is a Solution
	Never Walk Alone	Read & Speak	Thursday Nite Men
	New Avenue	Riderwood Bills	TGIF
60	New Beginnings	Room with a View	Triangle Club-Sun 11AM
	New Beginnings NW	Rosedale Sobriety	Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM
925	New Beginnings SE	35 Sat Morn Fire Barrel	Trusted Servants
60	New Beginners	Saturday Morning Steps	Twelve Point Bucks
	New Hope	Saturday Night Happy Hour	270 Unity Place/Sat. 2PM
	Noon Reflections	Saturday Night Special	Upper Marlboro Big Book
	Norbeck Women Fri	Scaggsville	Upper Marlboro Step
340	Norbeck Women Wed	Second Chance	124 Uptown
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	N.E. New Hope	480 Serenity	63 Village Idiots
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	NW Metro	Serious Business	Wash. Serenity Retreat
	Nuts & Bolts	Shepherders	We Agnostics (SE)
87	Oasis Women's BB	292 Silence is Golden	We Care
	Old Fashion	Silver Spring Beginners BB	Wednesday Nite Winners
	Old Town Bowie BB	1800 Silver Spring	Welcome Group
	Olney Farm	Silver Spring Women	214 Westside Beginners
120	Olney Stag Rap	Simplicity	Westmoreland Women
	Olney Women's group	100 Simply Sober	What's Happening Now
20	On the Circle	Singleness of Purpose	White Oak Steps & Traditions
120	On the Move	577 Six & Seventh Step	Wilson Room
	One Day at a Time	Sober & Alive	Women Do Recover
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	One Day at a Time	Southern Sobriety	Yeas & Nays
(G'burg)		Spiritual Awakening	
116	One Day at a Time	42 St, Barnabas Womens wrap	180 Birthday
(Lanham)		St. Bart's	Faithful Fivers
	180 Group	St. Camillus	1195 Individuals
90	Open Arms	St. Mary's Gay	Memorial
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		Starting Over Gaithersburg	

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**NAVY YARD NOONERS**– Monday, 12:00 noon, Waterfront Church, Children's Entrance, 1000 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

**CIGAR SMOKERS**– Tuesday, 8:30 PM, Cortez Cigars, 971 Thayer Ave, Silver Spring MD 20910

**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

## CANCELLED MEETINGS

**The Ritz**, Monday, 8:30 PM, 1640 Columbia Rd, NW Washington, DC 20009

**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

## MARCH 2018