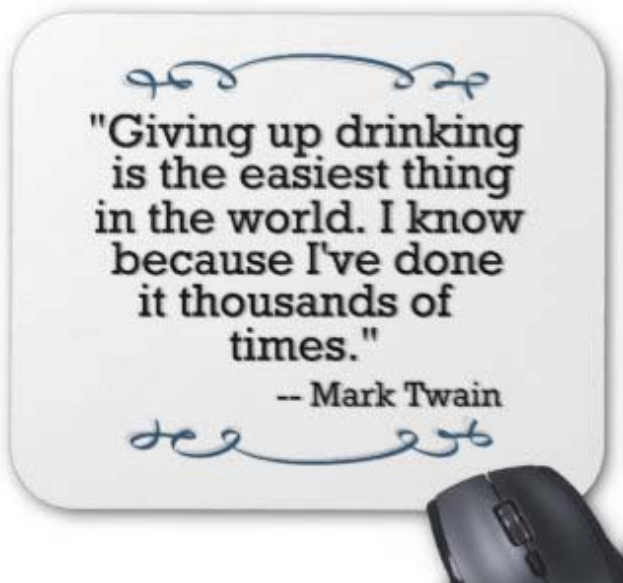


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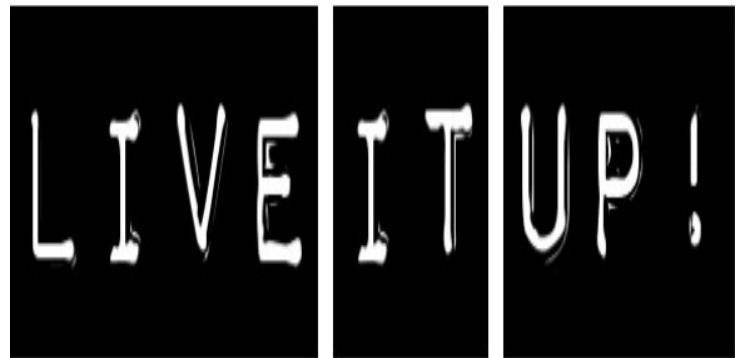
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Steps 7-9 Cleaning it up



Steps 4-6 Fessing it up



Step 10-12, Living it up!

- 1-3 Giving it up
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- 7-9 Cleaning it up
- 10-12 Living it up

### Steps One thru Three: Giving it up:

The cliché "Meeting makers make it" can be helpful—*sort of*. Group sharing, early on, helped me to solidify that I was really an alcoholic (Step One), and that a spiritual power, "greater than myself," could restore my sanity, consequently, I would never again have to wake up in another drunk tank (Step Two); also, those many meetings made clear that I needed to ask God for help, *el pronto* (Step Three). Yet I was told that "Survival on the fellowship was untreated alcoholism," I was also told that although meeting makers may make it to lots of meetings, and learn important and hopeful facts, it was not my solution. This process was only a *beginning*—many alkies who stopped at this point got drunk! Certain of the less sensitive refer to this as: "1-2-3 Cha-Cha-cha (not recommended).

### Steps Four Thru Six: Fessing it up:

My sponsor pointed out, just after we prayed the Third Step prayer together, that all my new-found spiritual gusto would soon fade away unless we begin Step Four *at once* (p. 64). After a short period of spontaneous God-inspired writing, followed by my own reflections,

I then had enough honest information to allow my sponsor to take me through the Fourth Step Process. Step Five was done at *first opportunity* (p. 74), which started only a few minutes later. Now, being armed with those defects and shortcomings that constituted that bondage of self I confessed to myself that I had to become willing to have them removed (Step Six).

Steps Seven Thru Nine: *Cleaning it up:* I then asked God to remove these suddenly revealed destructive facets in Step Seven, then reviewed and added to my mostly written Step Eight list. After a conference with my sponsor, and prayers to God, I began making my Step Nine amends as suggested in the Big Book.

### Steps Ten thru Twelve: Living it up:

I have learned that the above nine steps were only a teaching-of-the-heart *event*. Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve, are a lifelong *process*. Living these last three steps is a continuous re-doing (living) of the first nine! Life is easier, and much happier now—I have begun the process of living *it up!*

Bob S., Richmond, IN

## The Promises of ALCOHOL

If we are casual about this phase of our development, we will be drunk before we are halfway through.

We are going to know a new imprisonment and a new misery.

We will relive the past and won't be able to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word CONFLICT and we will know PAIN.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will sink even lower.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will deepen.

We will gain interest in selfish things and lose interest in our fellows.

Self-esteem will slip away

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will SUCK

Fear of people, and of economic insecurity will multiply.

We will intuitively know how to run from situations that never used to bother us.

**75 Years Ago This Month—** On April 19, 1943, Florence R. passes away at Gallinger Hospital in Washington, DC at age 47. In an interview Bill W recalls:

"She came from New York to start a group – I remember finding the records at the Foundation now, about 1936 or maybe 1937, we granted her \$50 to go to Washington and start an A.A. group." [Cf. Schamel, Charles E., *The Washington Group: Foundations, 1936 – 1941* (1995 Edition, p. 24)]

Although her sober days result in the *Big Book's* story, "A Feminine Victory" published in April 1939, Bill W writes, on page 19 in *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, "With great valor she had tried to help Fitz at Washington, but she became involved in an early wave of failure there and died of alcoholism." [Cf. *New Reporter*, April 2015, (p.8) and Cf. *New Reporter*, April 2007, (p.2)]

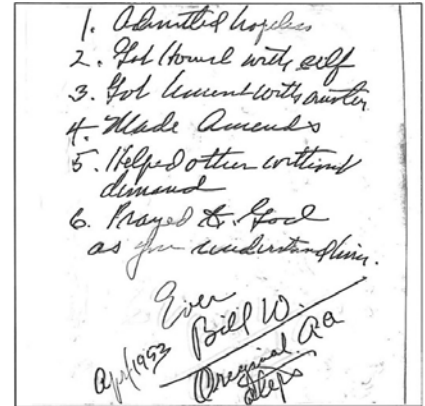
Page 202, *Pass It On* cites Florence's influence on deciding the *Big Book's* title. It states "The name 'One Hundred Men' fell by the wayside because of the objections of Florence R., at that time the only female member."

The 2006 WAIA Archives Committee recounts the discovery of Florence's unmarked gravesite at the George Washington Cemetery in Prince George's County, Maryland; and the voluntary contributions which now provide a beautiful head stone marking the spot. [Cf. *Markings*, Spring 2007, (p4) and *New Reporter*, April 2007 (p2)]

As it turns out, one day after Florence's passing, Fitz pens a letter from the Hines VA Hospital to his childhood friend Churchill Murray:

"I developed rear-end trouble while in the Army about November, it got worse - was to

have been operated on at station hospital but an epidemic of something prevented. Was to have gone back to hospital but got a discharge to go into an essential war industry after having been refused it.



In the meantime Arabella came on from California and we got married. ...we lit out for Akron, Ohio where a good A.A. friend of mine is a renal doctor.

...My doctor friend was dubious about my working, but I got a job with Goodyear Aircraft and survived 12 hours a day (including to and from work) for 10 days - then went to a private hospital where the doctor, Bob S., cut into me and discovered cancer. - That created a new situation with Arabella really out on a limb. Fortunately, she had worked at the Veterans Administration and knew General Hines, the head of it.

I shall close - wish I could get hold of that gill net with you and Bro.

Love to all, As always, Fitz

[Cf. Schamel, Charles E., *The Washington Group: Foundations, 1936 – 1941* (1995 Edition, pp. 79-80)]

An April 1943 article in the Fort Worth (Texas) *Star-Telegram* reports that A.A. has reduced war industries worker absenteeism due to alcoholism. The article states that the A.A. program has helped as many as 5,000 workers return to their jobs. [Cf. A.A.org website timeline.]



**50 Years Ago This Month**— During the 1968 riots in Washington, the city block of the Metropolitan Club's location on Twelfth Street experiences not a single broken window and is hence dubbed the "holy land." [Cf. *New Reporter*, June 1966, p.4 and Bill V. in *The Metropolitan "it can be done" Club: June 1, 1966-June 1, 1991*, p.7.]

The 1930s and 1940s ball player, "Rollicking" R. H. speaks at the Cosmopolitan Group's group anniversary. R. H. gains notoriety in A.A. by announcing to reporters that he owes his year-old sobriety to Alcoholics Anonymous. [Cf. *Pass It On*, p.236.]. R. H. was introduced to two members of the Fellowship in Cleveland by his General Manager Roger Slapnicka. The following are extracts from his Cosmopolitan Group share:

When I got into the Cleveland terminal that morning, why, Mr. Slapnicka met me at the top of the stairs; and I just thought, "Well boy here comes another good fine."

So he met me and he took me over to the seat, and there were two gentlemen over there by the name of Bill J. and Lloyd T. They stood up and I shook hands with them; and they said, "R. [H.] Do you want to quit drinking?"

I said, "Ask Mr. Slapnicka. I tried it last year; nobody can help me."

They said, "We can help you."

I said, "If you can, for God's sake do it." Because I was on my last legs in playing professional baseball.

So they said, "we belong to a club that's called the Alcoholics Anonymous."

I said, "Well, I never heard of that club.

What kind of a club is that?" He said, "Well, it's a club; and if you want to quit drinking, why we'll talk to you about it."

So Mr. Slapnicka arranged a meeting for us that afternoon down at the ballpark; and we met down there. And Slap asked me, "So R. [H], do you want go and try this?"; and I said, "I'll try anything, because you know I tried it last year and I told you it wasn't going to work. And it didn't because that winter out on the farm I really got drunk."

So the ball club was coming home, to open up on a Tuesday; and of course I had to be there because ... I had to catch ... [that pitcher]; I was his catcher. So Slap says, "R. [H], you stay here three days with the ball club, and when they go on the road four days and when they come back, why, you'll be alright."

And I said, "Well, how are we going to arrange it?" He said, "Well, the last time up at bat, when you go to first base, why, trip over first base and fake a sprained ankle."

And I said, "Well, what if I strike out?" He said, "when you go back to the dugout fall in it." Anyway I hit the ball to the shortstop and went down to first base, and I faked a sprained ankle.

So right after the ball game was over, why Mr. Slapnicka came down to the clubhouse and talked to Vitt and said, "Well, R. [H.] is not going to help you on the ball club. You're only be gone four days; why, just leave him here, and we will have him treated here." He didn't say for what, but he said, "We'll have him treated."

*(continued on page 6)*

### 50 Years Ago This Month— *continued*

So, the next morning these two fellows, Bill J. and Lloyd T.—I was really a drunk because I had to have two sponsors—came and got me at the hotel and took me down to Akron, Ohio, that's forty miles from Cleveland. And I met Dr. Bob S.—who was the originator of the Alcoholics Anonymous—he and Bill W.—Bill W. was the other one.

So I went into the hospital and met Dr. Bob and he says, "R. [H.], what the hell are you doing here?" And I said, "Well, I don't know, but these two fellows here say that you can help me with my alcohol problem." And he said, "I believe I can, because I'm one of them."

So they put me in bed and he asked if I wanted to drink, and I said "No." I said, "I came here to stop." And I said, "I don't want any." He said, "Well, if you can stand it, why, the more power to you." I said, "I'll stand it." So anyway he came in and sat there and talked to me and told me some of the things that he did when he was drinking. Bill W. (*sic*), he was a traveling salesman. He'd lock himself in a room for a week at a time—supposed to be out making calls—well he wasn't. Lloyd T. was a sailor and every time his ship would leave port, he'd have enough on him on the ship to last him until he hit the next port.

When I was in the hospital, I think, the four days I was there-- were I'd say about forty of the members of the A.A. came and talked to me. Some of them would come and talk to me at 3:00 o'clock in the morning—because they knew that I would be there. Others would come in the morning—7:00 o'clock in the morning—any hour they were going by

the hospital. They would stop and tell me their story; they have licked the problem of alcohol.

There was one gentleman I'll never forget; he was a professor of Kent College. They had him in the nut-house there in Ohio; and when he told me his story—like Bernice hiding hers in the coal bin, why, he hid his in the flowers. He hid it every place just so he could get at it after he was in the hospital. He had friends that bring it in to him and he finally went nuts.

So after listening to the stories for about four days of these people, and reading the "red book", the *Alcoholics Anonymous* with stories in it, I said to myself, "well, if they could quit drinking, I can quit drinking."

I was the seventy-seventh member of the group—I am the seventy-seventh member! You put it that way. Now that group was started in 1935 by Bob S. and Bill W.; and between '35 and '39 there were seventy-six members in it.

I started the drink back in about 1927, up here at Frederick, Maryland, that's where I started my baseball career in 1925.

On July 31, 1972, in Washington, DC, R.H. departs to the Big Meeting in the Sky. [Bernice is a member of the Cosmopolitan Group in 1968. Cf. *EARLY AA IN AKRON, DISK 6*, (Intergroup Office, 775 N Main Street, Akron, OH 44310)]

**25 Years Ago This Month—** The *New Reporter* prints a readership survey asking: for reasons why the newsletter is or is not utilized by themselves or their groups; their preferred emphasis—personal recovery articles, group event information, AA club event information, AA sport team events, area AA history, comments on steps and/or traditions, jokes, other; for requisite practices to continue and/or to stop; if they would like to join the *New Reporter* Committee.

The survey's results appear to be lost, and the March 8, 1994 WAIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes reveal, "Mike R. and two others met with the Executive Committee on February 22 to talk about their intention to make the publication more dynamic and a meaningful vehicle for communication. They will be meeting with Lee [WAIA Office Manager] to go over details and would like more people to join the committee."

The General Service Conference:

(1) asks the General Service Office to review the current practice of providing mailing labels to everyone who requests them and to devise a new policy that will encompass the principle of anonymity. George D. [the GSO General Manager] says that no more mailing labels would be made available to organizations outside the Conference structure;

(2) approves the publication of a pocket-sized edition of the *Big Book*. This edition will contain all the material in the *Big Book* except the stories, though Dr. Bob's and Bill W.'s stories will be included;

(3) decides not to extend the delegates' terms to three years.

On April 29, 1993, AAWS distributed a statement advising that it would no longer oppose the use of the circle and triangle symbol on medallions, jewelry or other items.

***A.A. History, thanks to Archives Committee***



Authorities arrested a man on a DUI charge Saturday after he was spotted riding a horse on the 91 Freeway in Long Beach.

A horse is seen as a CHP officer takes a man into custody for riding the animal while drunk on the 91 Freeway in Long Beach on Feb. 24, 2018. (Credit: CHP) Luis Alfredo Perez rode a white Arabian horse on the eastbound 91 Freeway from Paramount Boulevard to Downey Avenue, according to California Highway Patrol.

A 911 caller reported the sight shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday. Perez turned 29 that day, CHP records show.

Officers stopped Perez after he exited the 91 at Downey Avenue and rode across the Bellflower city limits, the agency said. He had a blood alcohol level more than double the legal limit, CHP said.

Perez was booked into jail at 3 a.m. for "DUI on a horse," according to CHP's report.



## DADS GOING WILD

Kid's head – Kiwi – too alike?



Don't let dad give the baby a bath!



This goes without saying . . .



### 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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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIA**  
4530 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 111  
Washington, DC 20008

# WAIA H&I Newsletter: March 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 welcome Sean C, Chrissy M, and Eryn C to the H&I Committee and thank them for volunteering to serve.

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.
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## 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

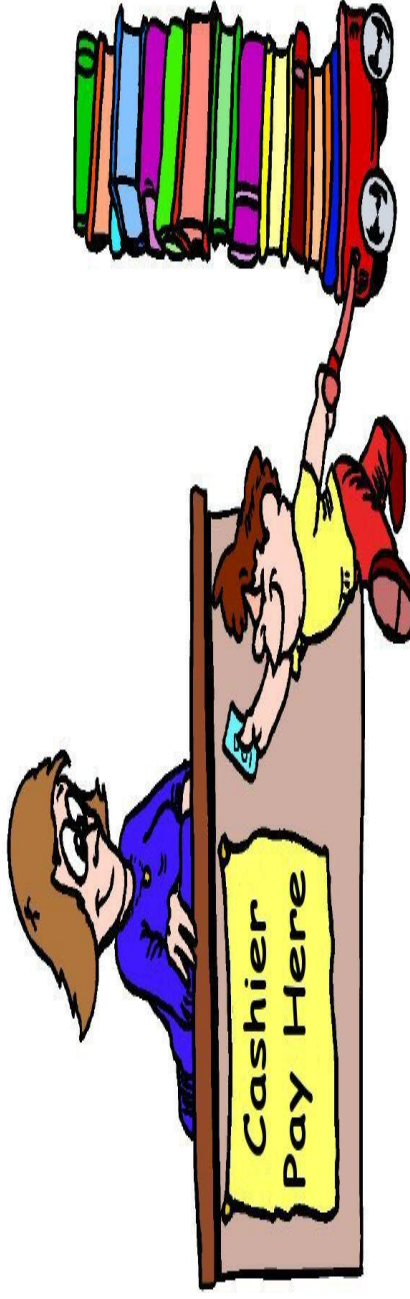
- DC Dept. Corrections Central Detention Facility, SE; days and times flexible, requires background check, drug test, and TB test
- DC Dept. of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) Youth Services Center, NE; Every other Tuesday 6pm
- Greater Southeast Community Hospital, SE; days and times TBD
- Leland 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
- Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park; day TBD, 7pm

### 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



<p><b>Literature – AA Grapevine (Carlos)</b></p>	<p><b>AA World Services Literature (Mike L.)</b></p>
<p><i>The Language of the Heart</i> \$11.50 - \$15.50  <i>Emotional Sobriety</i> - \$11.50  <i>Spiritual Awakening</i> - \$11.50</p> <p>Payments: Cash &amp; Checks</p>	<p>By the World Services Mobile Literature Committee:</p> <p><i>The Big Book</i>  <i>AA Comes of Age</i>  <i>Pass it On</i>  <i>Living Sober</i>  <i>Twelve Steps &amp; Twelve Traditions</i>  <i>Experience, Strength &amp; Hope</i></p>

**AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM GROUP:**

3401 MLK Avenue, SE WDC

***Literature SALE \*\*\*\*\* Literature SALE***

**Sun. APRIL 1, 2018 and Sun. APRIL 8, 2018 - 2:30 – 4:30pm**



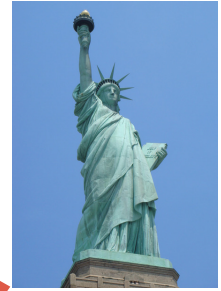
# 45th Annual Mini Conference

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>

**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
ALTDELEGATE@AREA13AA.ORG  
OR VISIT AREA13AA.ORG**

# Maryland General Service, Inc.

Presents the

## 2018 Mini Conference

### “AA - A Solution for All Generations”

What are the new changes to the Big Book?

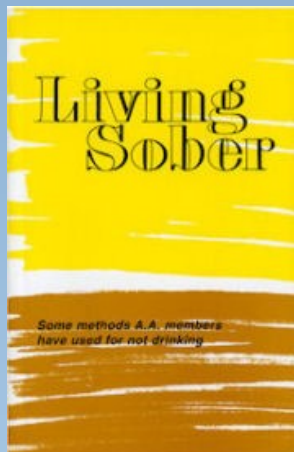
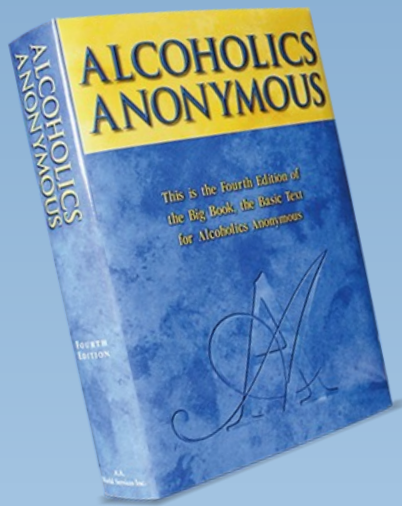
Help! Come decide on the new books for AAWS!

What are they doing to “Living Sober”

Now?

What! On line videos?

“The God Word” a new pamphlet.



You don't want to miss our lunchtime speaker

**Clay R.**

**GSO Public Information Desk**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

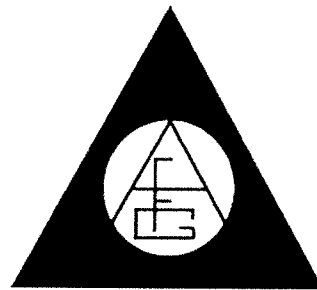
*Severna Park United Methodist Church*

*731 Benfield Rd*

*Severna Park, MD*

For additional information e-mail at [miniconf@marylandaa.org](mailto:miniconf@marylandaa.org)

*College Park  
A.A. and Al-Anon*



*63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday, April 14, 2018*

*University Baptist Church, 3515 Campus Dr.*

*Food and Fellowship at 6:00 PM.*

*AA & Al-Anon Speakers Meeting 7:30*

*50/50 and Recovery Gift Basket Raffle*

**Come Help Celebrate the Eight Year  
Anniversary Of the**

**KID FRIENDLY  
Women's Big Book Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018,  
7:00 pm\***



**There Will Be Refreshments!!**

**Takoma Park Presbyterian Church**  
**310 Tulip Avenue (Corner of Maple and Tulip Avenues)**  
*Entrance on Maple Avenue (main floor, room to left—big  
room)*

7-7:15 potluck, 7:15 to 8:15 speakers 8:15 to 8:30 potluck.

*Parking on Maple or Tulip Avenue*





# Happy Destiny 12-Step Retreat

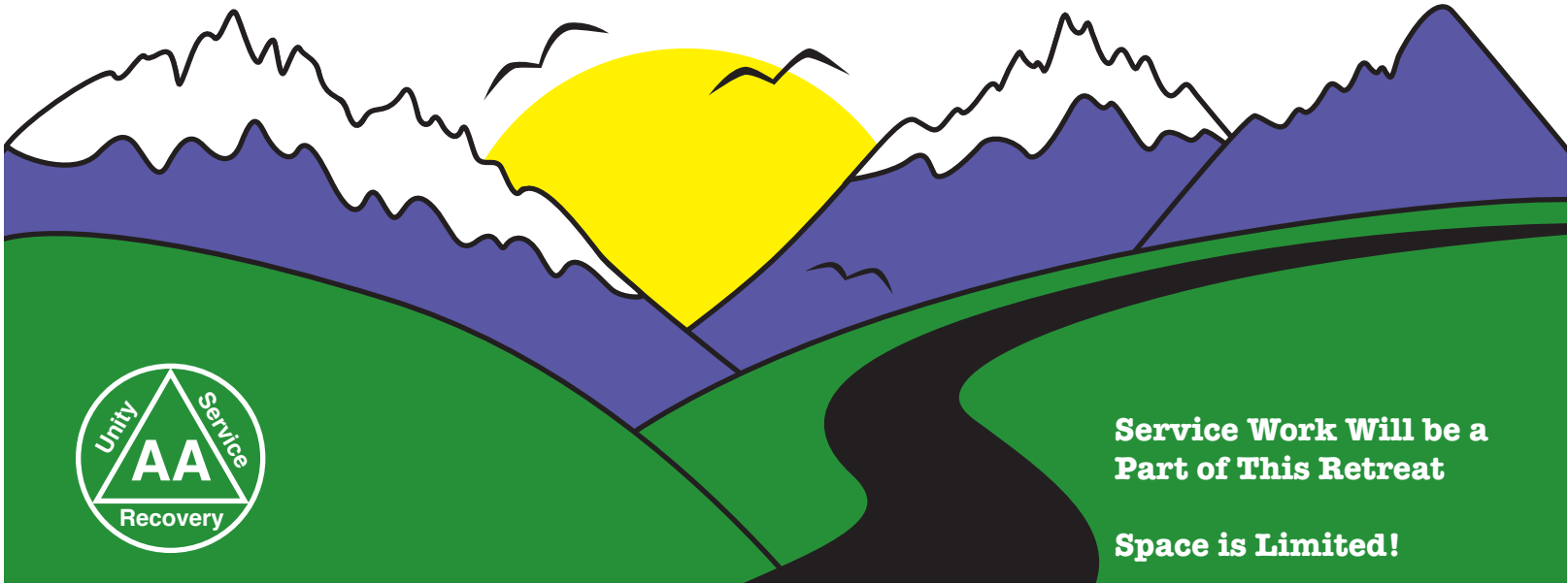
5 pm Friday - 11 am Sunday  
May 11-13, 2018

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!**



# Southern Maryland Serenity Camping Trip

## Spring Fling at Smallwood State Park

AA Southern Maryland Camping Trip      May 18-20, 2018

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/southern/smallwood.aspx>

(301) 743-7613

**Campsites have electric, picnic table & fire ring. Campground has hot showers and water access in loop. Each site suitable for either RV or trailer or tents (3 tents max.) Each site holds up to 6 people and 2 vehicles (for one price). Pets allowed on leash.**

- Districts will provide coffee, plates, cups and silverware for group events
- Meetings will be at a central campsite - 7 pm Fri, 6 am Sunrise Spirituality Meeting, 9 am & 8pm Sat, 9 am Sun
- Lunch - 12 pm Sat followed by an AA Jeopardy Game (with prizes for winning team).
- Chilli Cookoff & Pot Luck supper (please bring a dish to share) - Sat. at 6 pm.

### Other Activities Available:

Smallwood State Park takes its name from General William Smallwood, a native-born Charles Countian. He was the highest ranked Marylander who served in the American Revolutionary War. His house, called Smallwood's Retreat, has been restored and is open to visitors seasonally. Besides the restored house, the 628 acre park offers a marina, boat launching ramps, a picnic area, camping area, pavilions, a recycled tire playground and nature trails. On occasion, there are craft demonstrations, military exhibitions and other special events.

**For more information on the park, please check out their website and/or above phone number.**

For other questions/info please email \* [calvertdistrict1aa@gmail.com](mailto:calvertdistrict1aa@gmail.com)



## Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA



MAY 25-27  
2018



WASHINGTON  
HILTON  
DUPONT CIRCLE



\$25 PRE-REG

This will be a memorable weekend, packed with speaker meetings, dances, sober activities and much more.. You don't want to miss out!

Looking for service?? -- Join our host committee! We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 1 pm @ the Westside Club in Georgetown DC.

Come, get involved in planing this wonderful event!

REGISTER NOW AT [EACYPAAAXVI.ORG](http://EACYPAAAXVI.ORG)



### WAGSA Area Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
**April 9, 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)

### As We Understood Him Literature Sales

**Sunday April 1 &  
Sunday April 8, 2018**

Sponsored by:  
**As We Understood Him  
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Auditorium A & D.

An opportunity for all Area 13 AA members to learn, discuss, and share their thoughts on the 2018 (GSC) agenda topics.

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### WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

**April 10, 2018**

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

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

### Kid Friendly Women's Big Book Meeting 8th Anniversary

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

Takoma Park Presbyterian  
Church  
310 Tulip Ave  
Takoma Park, MD

7:00 -8:15 PM—Potluck  
7:15—8:15—Speakers  
8:15 -8:30 PM—Potluck

Entrance on Maple Ave

### 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



600 AA at CUA	Day By Day	496 Hill Lunch
AA & Family Issues	80 Deanwood Women Rap	695 How It Works G'burg
Addison Road	DC Young People	Hyattsville Discussion
30 A Vision for You	Del Ray	157 Hyattsville Hope
Adams Morgan Meditation	DCC Beginners	36 Informed Group
Among Women	DCC	Into Action
Anacostia Group	300 DCC Noon	180 Investment
Andrews Armed Forces	DCC Tues. Big Book	Irreverent Women
As Bill Sees It	DCC Women	Jaywalkers
176 As We Understood Him	57 Del Ray Acceptance	Just Before Noon
1267 Aspen Hill 5th Chapter	Divine Intervention	12 Just For Today
20 Aspen Hill Phoenix	780 Dunn Drinking	Kensington Big Book
Attitude & Action	Dupont Circle Big Book	Kensington YP Step Study
108 Attitude Adjusters	Dunrobbin	Kid Friendly Big Book
Back to Basics	8AM Men's Big Book	Kingman Park
Barnesville	Early Times	Kitchen Table
232 Beginners & Winners	Epiphanies	Language of the Heart
Bethel Group	Ex Libris	110 Landover Discussion
56 Big Book Thumpers	Faith Group	Lanham-Seabrook
60 Brightwood	Fireside Spirituality	100 Language of the Heart
Brookland	Foggy Bottom	1266 Laurel Recovery
50 Brandywine	146 Forestville Primary Purpose	Leisure World Big Book
900 BYOL	60 14 Promises	360 Leisure World Noon
199 Burtonsville Big Book	Free Spirits	33 Let Go Let God
66 Campus Noon	Friday Night Fun Too	Let It Happen
Capitol Heights	Friday Night Big Book	Liberty
810 Capital Hill	Friendly Bunch	Life Is Good
Carmody Hill Group	Friendship	Little Falls
500 Cedar Lane Women	Gaithersburg Beginners	Little House
Change of Life	Gateway	60 Living Sober by the Book
49 Cheltenham	249 Gateway/Wednesday	12 Living Sober Unity Place
Chinatown Men's	Gay 18 New Castle	May Day
30 Cleveland Park	Gay Group	Men in Recovery
Clinton 45 Plus	Georgetown	Men of Dupont
Clinton Day	Get It Off Your Chest	450 Men's BS Session
Clinton 6:30	240 Glenarden	180 Messengers
100 Clinton Sunday Night	Glen Echo	174 Mideast
Coffee & Donuts	140 Goldsboro	Midtown
College Park	Good News Beginners	Miracles
300 Cosmopolitan	Good Sheperd	Mitchellville
431 Crapshooters	Grace	216 Monday Winners
Creative Arts	Grace Road	Mo.Co. Women
Crossroads of Recovery	1283 Greenbelt Step Club	350 More Peace of Mind
54 Daily Reflections, SW	Growing Group	Montrose Gay
Daily Reflections, NW	Happy, Joyous & Free	Moving into the Solution
Daily Reflections, Bowie	Help Wanted	Mt. Rainer
Darne Good Big Book	High Noon	93 Nativity
Darnestown Men	High on the Hill	300 Neelsville Beginners
	High Sobriety	222 Never Too Late

t	Never Walk Alone	Riderwood Bills	270	Unity Place/Sat. 2PM
672	New Avenue	Room with a View		Upper Marlboro Big Book
60	New Beginnings	Rosedale Sobriety		Upper Marlboro Step
47	New Beginnings NW	35 Sat Morn Fire Barrel	124	Uptown
925	New Beginnings SE	Saturday Morning Steps		Victory Lights
60	New Beginners	Saturday Night Happy Hour	63	Village Idiots
	New Hope	Saturday Night Special		Wash. Serenity Retreat
	No Hard Terms	Scaggsville		We Care
	Norbeck Women Fri	Second Chance		Wednesday Nite Winners
340	Norbeck Women Wed	480 Serenity		Welcome Group
	Norbeck Step	168 Serenity House	214	Westside Beginners
	N.E. New Hope	Serious Business		Westmoreland Women
	NE Sunrise	Sheepherders		What's Happening Now
	NW Metro	292 Silence is Golden		120 White Oak Steps & Traditions
87	Oasis Women's BB	300 Silver Spring Beginners BB		Wilson Room
10	Old Fashion	1888 Silver Spring		Women Do Recover
	Old Town Bowie BB	Silver Spring Women		Yacht Club
	Olney Farm	Simplicity		Yeas & Nays
120	Olney Stag Rap	100 Simply Sober		
	Olney Women's group	577 Six & Seventh Step		
20	On the Circle	Sober & Alive		
120	On the Move	87 Sobriety Sisters		
	One Day at a Time	Southern Sobriety		
	One Day at a Time R'ville	1529 Spiritual Awakening		
	One Day at a Time	42 St, Barnabas Womens wrop		
(G'burg)		St. Camillus		
146	One Day at a Time	St. Mary's Gay		
(Lanham)		110 Starting Over (SS)		
	180 Group	Starting Over Gaithersburg		
90	Open Arms	Step Sisters		
60	Out Of the Woods	Steps To Sobriety		
	P Street	260 Sunday Men's Step		
127	Petworth	341 Sunday Morning Breakfast		
180	Phoenix Group/DC	Sunday Morning Joy		
nings	Poolesville New Begin-	Sunday Night Colesville		
	Potomac Eye Openers	720 Sunrise Sobriety		
	Potomac High Noon	960 Sunshine, G'burg		
	Potomac Oaks	Sunrise Sobriety		
	Potomac Women	100 Sursum Corda	180	Birthday
1000	Potomac Speakers	Survivor Group	70	Faithful Fivers
	Primary Purpose Gay	118 Takoma Park Necessity	1195	Individuals
722	Progress Not Perfection	Tenley Circle Men		Memorial
130	Promises Promises	9 The Away Group		
	Queer Women	393 There is a Solution		
	Quince Orchard	Thursday Nite Men		
	Radicals	TGIF		
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		Triangle club-Tues. 7:15PM		
		Trusted Servants		

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Day			Years
April 7	Tyronne	Serenity House	3
April 7	Melvin G.	Serenity House	31
April 16	Michele P.	Old Fashion	35
April 16	Kenneth F.	Old Fashion	27
April 20	Joseph J.	Welcome	1
April 29	Barabara R.	Mt. Rainier	15

### THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

Marvin Lynn, March 6, 2018, Andrew's Group, 32 years sober

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If you have a new meeting starting up, or changes to an existing meeting, please email us at [aa-dc@aa-dc.org](mailto:aa-dc@aa-dc.org) or call us at 202-966-9115 to let us know!

**Rollin in Recovery**—Saturday, 3:00PM, 2430 Elvans Rd Apt 101, Washington, DC 20020

**FIRE BARREL 2**—Sunday, 1:30 PM, Recreation Center, 1430 L St, SE, Washington DC

**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 BEGINNERS**— 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

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

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