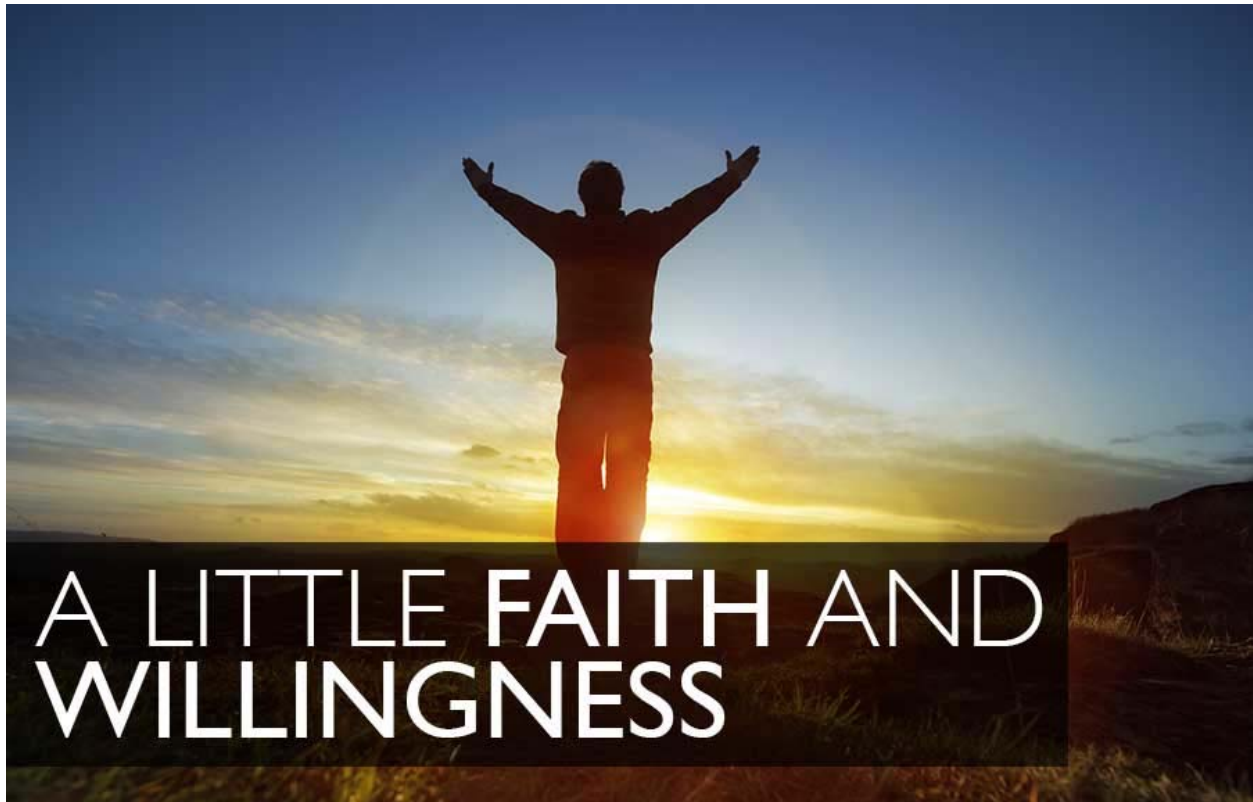


The Fifth Step



Alcoholic Logic

Growing up I realized that I think differently than a lot of folks. I seemed to come to different solutions to problems. I also seemed to connect strange ideas together to come up with these solutions/outcomes. Since I've been in Alcoholics Anonymous, I've found one specific use to describe how I think to people. You may or may not follow my logic – others haven't.

The basic incident and my foreseen outcome are as follow: There's no milk in the refrigerator. My husband is going to divorce me. Now I realize these two things seem unrelated, however, it only took me five easy steps to get from problem to outcome. Of course, I was using my logic rather than my husband's to get to the outcome. Let me explain:

1. There's no milk I the refrigerator.
2. My husband has no milk for his cereal.
3. I don't care enough to take care of the house.
4. I don't care about my husband.
5. My husband is going to divorce me.

Not wanting to divorce and feeling devastated at running out of milk, I go to my husband and explain. I apologize for there being no milk in the refrigerator and ask him not to divorce me. He had no idea what I was talking about. By this time I'm crying and trying to explain why he shouldn't divorce me even through there's no milk in the refrigerator. He had no clue and couldn't understand my dilemma. This is when it struck me how differently I think.

It wasn't until I came to Alcoholics Anonymous that I found other people who understood my logic. I will admit that not everyone will follow my logic in this particular incident. But, I can guarantee you that more people in A.A. will follow it than those outside A.A. Bottom line of what I'm trying to say is: You are not unique! If you feel you don't fit in and aren't understood, keep coming back. It's only in an A.A. meeting that people will laugh **with me** and **not at me** about my brand of logic.

Penny S.

Originally appeared in Unity, the Dayton,
OH Intergroup Newsletter

Step Five: to see my part

After travelling the long arduous path that was my Fourth Step, I was faced with the task of sharing it with another person, which is also known as the Fifth Step.

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs." I found this to be the most daunting step at that point in my sobriety. I had spent most of my life mired in secrets and lies, and they had kept me drunk and miserable. Taking the action that the Fifth Step required would mark the end of it. It had to. It meant the difference between life and death.

So I had to pocket [my] pride and go to it", prepared for full disclosure to my sponsor. It occurred to me more than once that disclosing certain items from my Fourth Step might cause my sponsor to run screaming from my apartment, that my resentments, fears, and sex conduct were so scandalous, so reprehensible, and therefore, "unsponsorable."

However, nothing that I said even remotely shocked my sponsor. She may even have yawned a couple of times. She had either done everything I had done or knew someone who had. This was only more proof that I was NOT UNIQUE!

I've heard a couple of Fifth Steps in the short time I've been in the program, and I've come to realize a few things about this Step. First' it's an opportunity for the sponsee to share EVERYTHING with their sponsor. This helps the sponsor know the sponsee better, of course, but for me it was more about demonstrating willingness and faith. The Fifth Step required

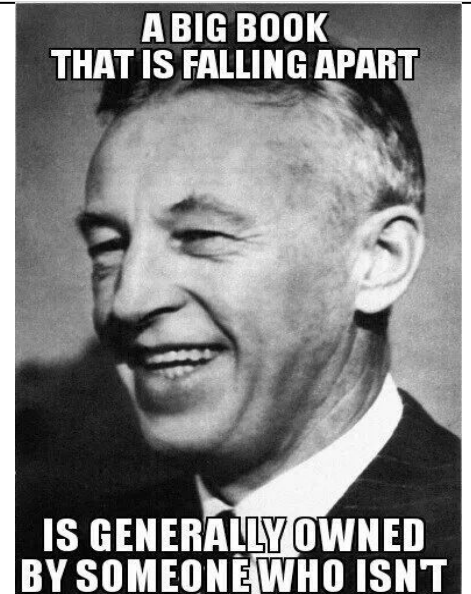
that I do something completely new: Tell the truth about myself.

Second of all, I've realized that the sponsor's job is to help the sponsee see their part in their resentments, fears, and sex conduct, which prepares the sponsee for Step Six. It's also an opportunity for the sponsee to know more about the sponsor. One great advantage of doing my Fifth Step with my sponsor (in addition to staying sober and strengthening my relationship to God) was that I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt, to the core of my being, that I was an alcoholic, and that I needed to be in A.A.

My alcoholism was not affirmed so much by my drinking, but by my thoughts, feelings and behavior when I wasn't.

To say that doing the Fifth Step is important is an understatement – it is absolutely imperative for a drunk like me to do if I am to stay sober and lived peacefully and happily.

Mary S. St. Louis Park
Originally appeared in the Mirus
Minneapolis Intergroup



75 Years-Ago This Month— Bill W. appeals to the wartime Office of Price Administration for a nationally uniform policy for using AA's twelfth-step automobile use in light of the pleasure-driving ban. [Cf. *New Reporter*, February 2018, p7]

Cleveland's A.A. newsletter *The Central Bulletin* for May 1943 reports that at the Central Committee Meeting:

The membership committee reported on the handling of telephone calls: "that all requests for membership in A.A. are referred to the group nearest to the home of the applicant."

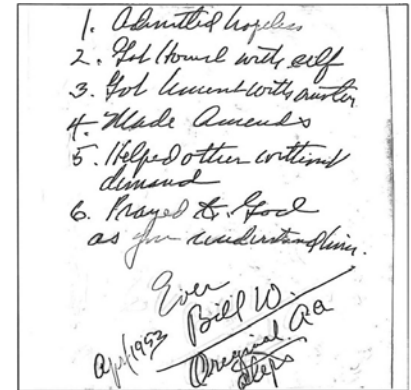
"Group contributions to the Central Committee for the second half of this year are due now. The usual group contribution is \$5 for each half year.

50 Years-Ago This Month—The April-May issue of *Box 4-5-9* observes:

In matters affecting other groups, an A.A. group is not autonomous, our Fourth Tradition reminds us. Groups share responsibility for *** local services *** as pointed out in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group." Such services include [the service of a telephone number which alcoholics can call for information,] exchanging speakers for group meetings, publishing up-to-date local meeting lists, contact with hospitals, doctors, clergymen, correctional officials, alcoholism agencies, newspapers, radio and TV, setting up joint public and special open meetings or social affairs, and many other service opportunities. Just as each member shares with other A.A.'s to strengthen their own sobriety, so are groups strengthened by sharing responsibility for local services. A.A.'s survival depends on A.A. unity at all levels. How does it work? Usually a couple of A.A.s see the need for a specific local service and contact the various groups, explaining and discussing it. If groups approve, each elects an interested member to participate and represent them in cooperative intergroup activities.

These representatives meet and choose whatever officers they need to get the jobs done. Surveying the local needs, they try to establish services

to fulfill those needs. Often, the biggest need is for one central A.A. phone listing supported by all groups. Usually the cost of an answering service and other intergroup expenses are shared by all the groups who benefit from the service.



As groups increase in number, the demands for service grow, too. When there are as many as 15 or 20 groups, for example, there often seems to be a need for a central office for fulfilling A.A.'s primary purpose. *** Then it has to hire a secretary to handle the daily work load who is responsible to the Intergroup Committee ***.

Often, volunteers take over answering phone calls for help in the Central Office and enjoy the benefits of this kind of twelfth-step service. As the show window of A.A. in the community, the place where both alcoholics and non-alcoholics come for help, the Central Office is truly a vital artery of A.A. life.

In the new *Central Office Bulletin* mailed regularly by GSO [The General Service Office] to intergroup committees and offices, such centers share their experience, strength and hope with each other. [The *Central Office Bulletin* becomes by 2018 defunct; presently annual Seminars are held for Intergroups to share, like at the one hosted by WAIA in 2012.] You can see in their letters that when they are well supported by local groups both spiritually and financially every group flourishes, although each remains completely autonomous in its internal affairs. In addition, the groups participate in the overall A.A. impact on the community through the Intergroup or Central Office Committee in a wonderful big new way whether its two groups working together, or 400.

25 Years-Ago This Month— To encourage the A.A. community's dialogue and support, to provide an opportunity to set its priorities, to consider alternative courses and to conduct an institutional inventory, WAIA conducts a day-long area-wide Renewal Retreat. The purpose of the program is to better acquaint the A.A. community with Intergroup functions, priorities, and needs as well to gain insight into the preferences and agendas of AA members in our area.

As the projected 1993 budget deficit of about \$35,000 and as its consequent promise to exhaust WAIA's reserve looms over the conference, the day consists of a series of panels with audience participation on WAIA finance, office operations, twelfth-step work in the 1990's, diversity, archives, and WAIA's mission and structure.

Lee D, WAIA office manager, and Tom C, treasurer, are called to describe their role in maintaining a strong and responsive central coordinating group to provide information, education, and inspiration to the AA community. The Washington Area General Service Conference Delegate Mark L. and the General Service Assembly Chair Sandy C. speak on Intergroup issues affecting AA as a whole. In addition, Steve Kronzek, a partner in the accounting firm of Kronzek, Inc., discusses financing of small nonprofit organizations; Mr. Kronzek is an expert in this area, providing financial advice to groups such as the Washington Independent Writers.

The retreat is held on May 8 at the Cheverly United Church at the intersection of Forest Ave. and Cheverly Road. Arrangements are made to provide needed rides from the Cheverly Metro Station to the church for a reasonable amount of time.

As a result of this retreat, the level of A.A.'s prudent reserve is set at about \$100,000 and slight price increases are set for the *Where and When* and A.A. literature. As it turns out, in June, the Board also would vote to begin selling AA medallions ("chips") to groups.

A.A. History, thanks to Archives Committee

Tradition Five: the proof is in the pudding

My name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. Whenever I ponder the Fifth Tradition, which states "*Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers,*" a few questions always come to mind. Where would I be if AA. had never left Akron, Ohio? What would my life be like today if the first groups never followed through with publishing the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous? I shudder to think of the alternative.

However, the best real-life example that I can think of to personify Tradition Five takes me back to my first A.A. meeting in 1982, which I attended as a "visitor" with my father, who was just sobering up at the time and has remained sober to this day. I was quite young at the time. Little did anyone know I would be in treatment two years later (or quite possibly everyone knew and I was the last to know). Anyway, this meeting was my father's home group, which was well attended as far as numbers went. I can also remember going with my dad and members of this home group to different treatment centers and halfway houses because somebody was asked to "tell their story,"

After which we would go do something fun or have dinner. I was a witness to the fact that this particular group was very active in carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers and as a result the group grew in numbers as well in its effectiveness in reaching the alcoholic who still suffers. 20 years later, this same group has roughly 7-12 members and when I asked my father (who has since moved) what he thought was the main contributing factor in the decline of his old home group, he told me that the Twelfth Step worked had dropped off significantly, for whatever reason.

SPONSORING VIA THE BIG BOOK

Some years ago, out in Hollywood, California, I was asked to sponsor a guy named Tom. However, I declined by informing him that I was only two years sober, to which Tom replied: "Well, that's all I want!"

What to do? I had been studying the Twelve Step directions from the Big Book, so I decided it might work out if we stuck to those clear-cut directions, page-by-page. After all, Step Twelve doesn't say that I am to carry *my message - my sponsor's message - what I think message*, etc., but it says to carry THIS MESSAGE - I believe that means the one in the Big Book. Confidence restored, I proceeded full speed ahead and the vital Big book message was successfully carried.

Since, I have only one authority as an active sponsor: The Big Book program of action. Being a history-minded sort of guy, I have spent many years studying the ingredients and suggestions of the A.A. Program.

A place to start was a November 1934, "kitchen table" meeting between Ebby Thacher and Bill Wilson (pg. 9): Ebby told of a simple religious idea (*A vital spiritual experience*), and a practical program of action (*The Oxford Group's Four Absolutes, etc*). Bill had the idea that his gin

would outlast Ebby's preaching, but it did not—a week or so thereafter, Bill checked back into Towns Hospital never to drink again.



On Dec 14th, 1934, Bill, while lying in bed, went through the essential elements of our now Twelve Steps (pg. 13). By 1936 these ideas (tenets) became what was then known as the six-step program (Read pg. 263). Although similar, there were several versions of these.

Bill W. started writing the Big Book manuscript during the spring of 1938, and by December had completed the writing of all Twelve Steps. However, his manuscript was altered somewhat dramatically in January of 1939 and included our Twelve Steps of today.

But guess what - it worked! We then had maybe one-hundred members, but now over two-million are staying sober by their use. Thank God I had these guidelines when I sponsored Tom so many years ago.

Bob S., Richmond, IN

Study Finds Large Increase in Alcoholism . . .

A study published last year in JAMA Psychiatry found that the rate of alcoholism rose from 8.5 to 12.7 percent of the U. S. population – a 49 percent increase – between 2001-02 and 2012-13. One of eight American adults did meet diagnostic criteria for alcohol use disorder, colloquially known as “alcoholism.” The research also found that all kinds of drinking across all demographics rose in that time period, with overall alcohol use increasing about 11 percent, Forbes reports. The authors characterize the findings as a serious and overlooked public health crisis.



In Related News: Celebrities Drink in Big Bucks on Booze

According to USA Today, “Actor Ryan Reynolds, who bought an ownership stake in Aviation Gin last month, is the latest Hollywood A-lister turned spirit monger. This month, rumors flew that the band Metallica, which won a Grammy for the song *Whiskey in a Jar* in 2000, planned to get into the whiskey business. Other stars have sought a piece of the action, from Ludacris with Conjure Cognac to Dan Aykroyd, who co-founded Crystal Head Vodka in 2007.

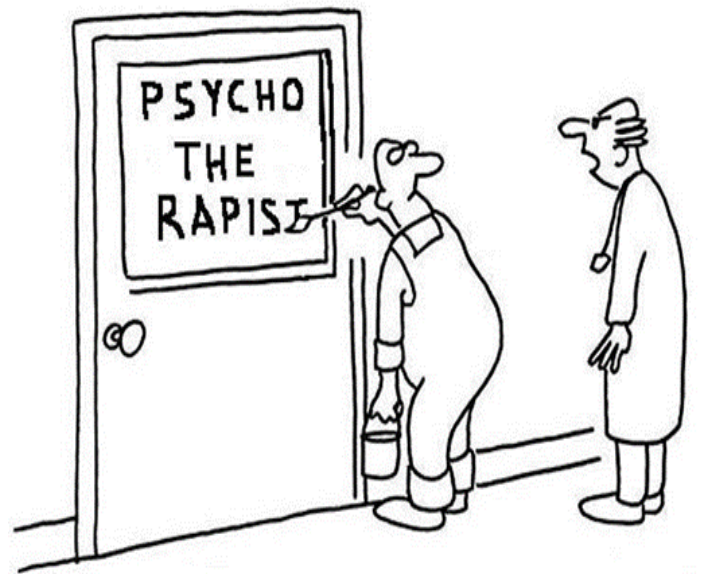
According to the article, “Big names attract millions of potential consumers – and millions of dollars in sales, celebrity branding experts say. In the booze world, where branding and cache matter as much as taste, having a star’s name attached can make all the difference. Sales soar, and so do profits.”

**I thought
growing old
would take
longer.**

**I finally realized it..
People are prisoners
of their phones
that's why they are
called Cell Phones.**



A Frickin' Elephant
Jake is five and learning to read.
He points at a picture in a zoo book and
says, "Look Mama! It's a frickin' elephant!"
Deep breath... "What did you call it?"
"It's a frickin' Elephant, Mama!
It says so on the picture!"
and so it does...
"African Elephant"
Hooked on phonics!
Ain't it wonderful?



'IT'S ONE WORD GEORGE!'

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THE BIRTHDAY PLAN

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

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

FAITHFUL FIVERS

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

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

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

Cardholder Name _____

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

WAIA H&I Newsletter: April 2018

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.

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

Women's Meditation Retreat

Claymont Court, WV

May 4-6, 2018

CELEBRATE LIFE!

Nourish happiness in the present moment !



Unblock whatever is holding you back from feeling peace and love and happiness in your heart. Enjoy mindful sitting, resting, walking, eating, sharing and gentle Qi Gong movements on a beautiful 350 acre farm near Harper's Ferry, WV, just 90 minutes from Washington, DC (www.claymontseminars.com)

Secure the room of your choice (single with private baths now sold out) with a \$75 deposit. You may register either on Ruth's website (www.ruthfishel.com) or by emailing Joann at joann.malone@gmail.com. Room prices vary according to level of privacy, but all include everything else - sheets, towels, six delicious vegetarian meals, private consults, Qi Gong classes each morning, the use of 350 acres of fields, woods, and the entire Mansion!

Enjoy breathing, welcoming spring, nourishing joy in your life.

Peace and love,
Joann and Ruth
www.ruthfishel.com
www.qicircles.com



Happy Destiny 12-Step Retreat

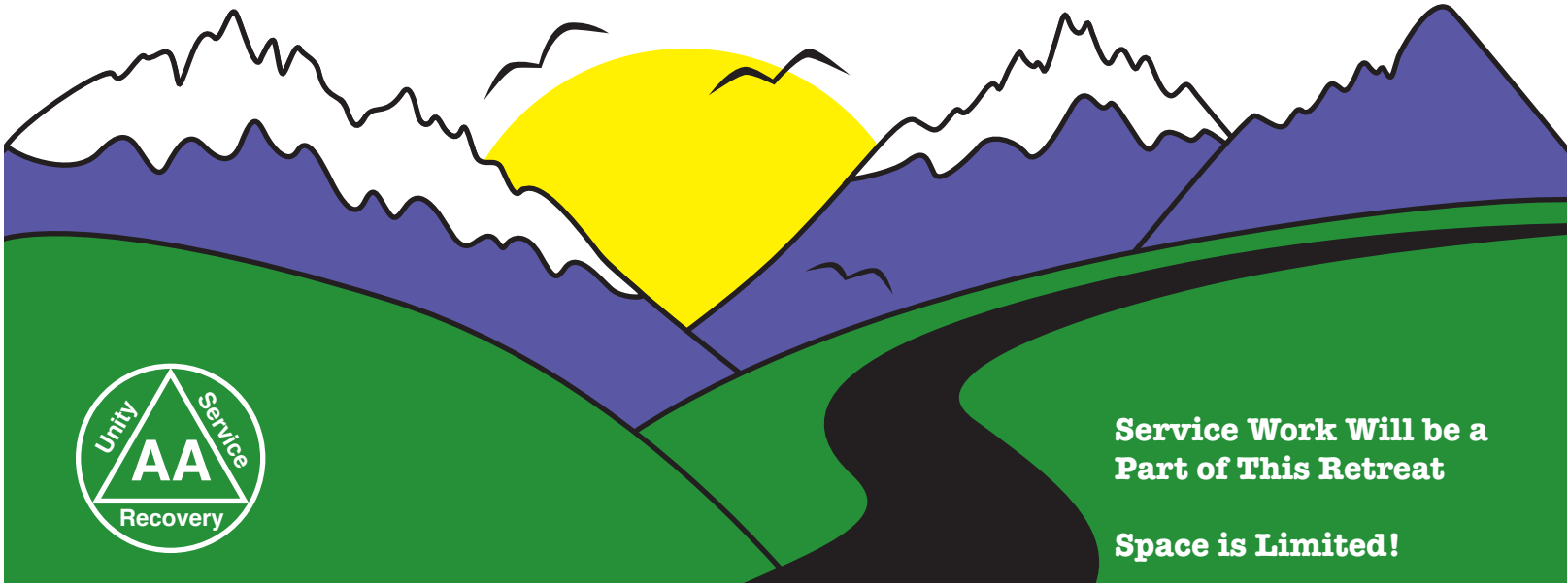
5 pm Friday - 11 am Sunday
May 11-13, 2018

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

Phone Contacts:

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

Full and Partial Scholarships Available!

AA Women's Gratitude Retreat

May 18-20, 2018



***Join Us for Relaxation, Reflection, and Fellowship
on 235 wooded acres overlooking the Potomac***

Retreat Leader: Sister Anne Winklemann

Loyola Retreat House - Faulkner, Maryland 20632
Loyolaonthepotomac.com

\$245 for the weekend: 2 nights, 6 meals, single rooms

Friday arrival/check-in after 4:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00, through Sunday lunch

Deposit of \$115.00 due upon registration. Balance due no later than April 15, 2018.

To register, sign up online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com/registration. Select "All Other Retreat Registration Form," fill out the information requested and under "Retreat Name" select "Women's AA - Thanksgiving Retreat - May 18-20, 2018." You will receive an email with payment instructions. **OR**

Mail this form with payment (total cost \$245.00/deposit \$115, payable to *Loyola Retreat House*)

to Loyola Retreat House, P. O. Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632-0009
Women's Recovery Gratitude Retreat May 18-20, 2018

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Check for \$ _____ is enclosed Special Needs:



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:

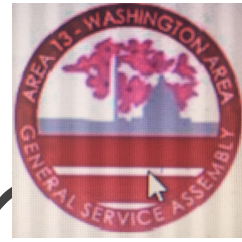
Smallwood State Park takes its name from General William Smallwood, a native-born Charles Countian. He was the highest ranked Marylander who served in the American Revolutionary War. His house, called Smallwood's Retreat, has been restored and is open to visitors seasonally. Besides the restored house, 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



..Up Next !!



~District 1 General Service Committee ~

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018,
at the Dupont Circle Club from 2:30p.m. until 3:30p.m.
The address is 1623 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

The meeting is open to GSRs, DCMs and all A.A.
members interested in service information and
opportunities regarding District 1 and Area 13.





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





SAVE THE DATES

Washington Area General Service Assembly

2018 Spring Assembly

Delegate's Report Back

Saturday, June 16, 2018, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

9:00 am doors open for registration, beverages, and bagels

Holy Cross Hospital -- Auditoriums A-D

1500 Forest Glen Road

Silver Spring, MD 20910

2018 FALL ASSEMBLY / AREA ELECTIONS

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

9:00 am doors open for registration, beverages, and bagels

Holy Cross Hospital -- Auditoriums A-D

1500 Forest Glen Road

Silver Spring, MD 20910

32nd Annual 2018 Gratitude Breakfast

Sunday, November 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

**3501 University Blvd East
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783**

For more information, visit www.area13aa.org



SATURDAY MORNING STEPS

**IS CELEBRATING
ITS 20TH-YEAR GROUP ANNIVERSARY!**

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

Meeting is at 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast immediately following the meeting

The Festival Center
1640 Columbia Road, N.W
Washington, DC 20009

..... a genuine gratitude for blessings received
(Step 11)

WAGSA Area Committee

2nd Monday
May 14, 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

District 1 General Service Committee

Saturday May 19, 2018
2:30 PM—3:30 PM

Dupont Circle Club
1623 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington DC

The meeting is open to GSRs, DCMs and all AA members interested in service information and opportunities regarding District 1 and Area 13

14 Promises 31st Anniversary

Saturday, June 2, 2018

10:00 AM –12:00PM

St. Luke's Center
4925 E Capitol St SE
Washington, DC 20019

Food after the meeting

WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

2nd Tuesday

May 8, 2018

The Church in Bethesda
5033 Wilson Ln
Bethesda, MD 20814

aa-dc.org for more info

Saturday Morning Steps 20th Group Anniversary

Saturday, July 28, 2018

You're Invited!

The Festival Center
1640 Columbia Rd, NW
Washington DC 20009

Meeting is at 8:00 AM
Breakfast immediately
following the meeting

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

600	AA at CUA	Darnestown Men	High Sobriety
	AA & Family Issues	Day By Day	496 Hill Lunch
	Addison Road	80 Deanwood Women Rap	695 How It Works G'burg
30	A Vision for You	DC Young People	Hyattsville Discussion
	Adams Morgan Meditation	Del Ray	157 Hyattsville Hope
	Among Women	DCC Beginners	36 Informed Group
	Anacostia Group	DCC	Into Action
366	Andrews Armed Forces	300 DCC Noon	180 Investment
61	As Bill Sees It, NW	DCC Tues. Big Book	Irreverent Women
176	As We Understood Him	DCC Women	Jaywalkers
1447	Aspen Hill 5th Chapter	57 Del Ray Acceptance	Just Before Noon
20	Aspen Hill Phoenix	Divine Intervention	12 Just For Today
	Attitude & Action	780 Dunn Drinking	Kensington Big Book
108	Attitude Adjusters	Dupont Circle Big Book	Kensington YP Step Study
	Back to Basics	Dunrobbin	Kid Friendly Big Book
	Barnesville	8AM Men's Big Book	Kingman Park
232	Beginners & Winners	Early Times	Kitchen Table
	Bethel Group	365 Epiphanies	Language of the Heart
56	Big Book Thumpers	Ex Libris	110 Landover Discussion
60	Brightwood	Faith Group	Lanham-Seabrook
	Brookland	Fireside Spirituality	100 Language of the Heart
50	Brandywine	Foggy Bottom	1266 Laurel Recovery
900	BYOL	231 Forestville Primary Purpose	Leisure World Big Book
399	Burtonsville Big Book	60 14 Promises	360 Leisure World Noon
66	Campus Noon	Free Spirits	33 Let Go Let God
	Capitol Heights	Friday Night Fun Too	Let It Happen
810	Capital Hill	Friday Night Big Book	Liberty
	Carmody Hill Group	Friendly Bunch	Life Is Good
500	Cedar Lane Women	Friendship	Little Falls
	Change of Life	Gaithersburg Beginners	Little House
49	Cheltenham	325 Gateway	60 Living Sober by the Book
	Chinatown Men's	249 Gateway/Wednesday	12 Living Sober Unity Place
30	Cleveland Park	Gay 18 New Castle	May Day
	Clinton 45 Plus	Gay Group	Men in Recovery
	Clinton Day	300 Georgetown	Men of Dupont
	Clinton 6:30	Get It Off Your Chest	450 Men's BS Session
100	Clinton Sunday Night	240 Glenarden	347 Messengers
160	Coffee & Donuts	Glen Echo	174 Mideast
388	Colesville Sunday Nite	140 Goldsboro	Midtown
	College Park	Good News Beginners	Miracles
600	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
		High on the Hill	t

300	Neelsville Beginners	Radicals	1920	Triangle club-Tues. 7:15PM
222	Never Too Late	Read & Speak		Trusted Servants
	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	124	Uptown
925	New Beginnings SE	Sat Morn Fire Barrel	67	Victory Lights
120	New Beginners	300	63	Village Idiots
	New Hope	Saturday Morning Steps		Wash. Serenity Retreat
	No Hard Terms	Saturday Night Happy Hour		We Care
	Norbeck Women Fri	Saturday Night Special		Wednesday Nite Winners
340	Norbeck Women Wed	60		Welcome Group
	Norbeck Step	Scaggsville	214	Westside Beginners
	N.E. New Hope	Second Chance	162	Westmoreland Women
	NE Sunrise	Serenity		What's Happening Now
	NW Metro	480		White Oak Steps & Traditions
87	Oasis Women's BB	168	120	Wilson Room
10	Old Fashion	Serenity House		Women Do Recover
	Old Town Bowie BB	Serious Business		Yacht Club
	Olney Farm	Sheepherders		Yeas & Nays
300	Olney Stag Rap	292		
	Olney Women's group	Silence is Golden		
20	On the Circle	300		
120	On the Move	Silver Spring Beginners BB		
	One Day at a Time	1888		
	One Day at a Time R'ville	Silver Spring		
	One Day at a Time	Silver Spring Women		
(G'burg)		180		
146	One Day at a Time	Simplicity		
(Lanham)		100		
180	Group	Simply Sober		
270	Open Arms	1065		
60	Out Of the Woods	Six & Seventh Step		
	P Street	Sober & Alive		
127	Petworth	87		
180	Phoenix Group/DC	Sobriety Sisters		
	Poolesville New Begin-	Southern Sobriety		
nings		1970		
	Potomac Eye Openers	Spiritual Awakening		
	Potomac High Noon	42		
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1000	Potomac Speakers	St. Mary's Gay		
	Primary Purpose Gay	110		
722	Progress Not Perfection	Starting Over (SS)		
293	Promises Promises	Starting Over Gaithersburg		
	Queer Women	Step Sisters		
66	Quince Orchard	Steps To Sobriety		
		260		
		Sunday Men's Step		
		341		
		Sunday Morning Breakfast		
		300		
		Sunday Morning Joy		
		Sunday Night Colesville		
		720		
		Sunrise Sobriety		
		960		
		Sunshine, G'burg		
		Sunrise Sobriety		
		100		
		Sursum Corda		
		Survivor Group	211	Birthday
		298	70	Faithful Fivers
		Takoma Park Necessity	1195	Individuals
		1069		Memorial
		Tenley Circle Men		
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		The Away Group		
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		TGIF		
		Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM		

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Tom O'Brien, March 24, 2018, Willingboro, NJ, 36 years sober

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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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