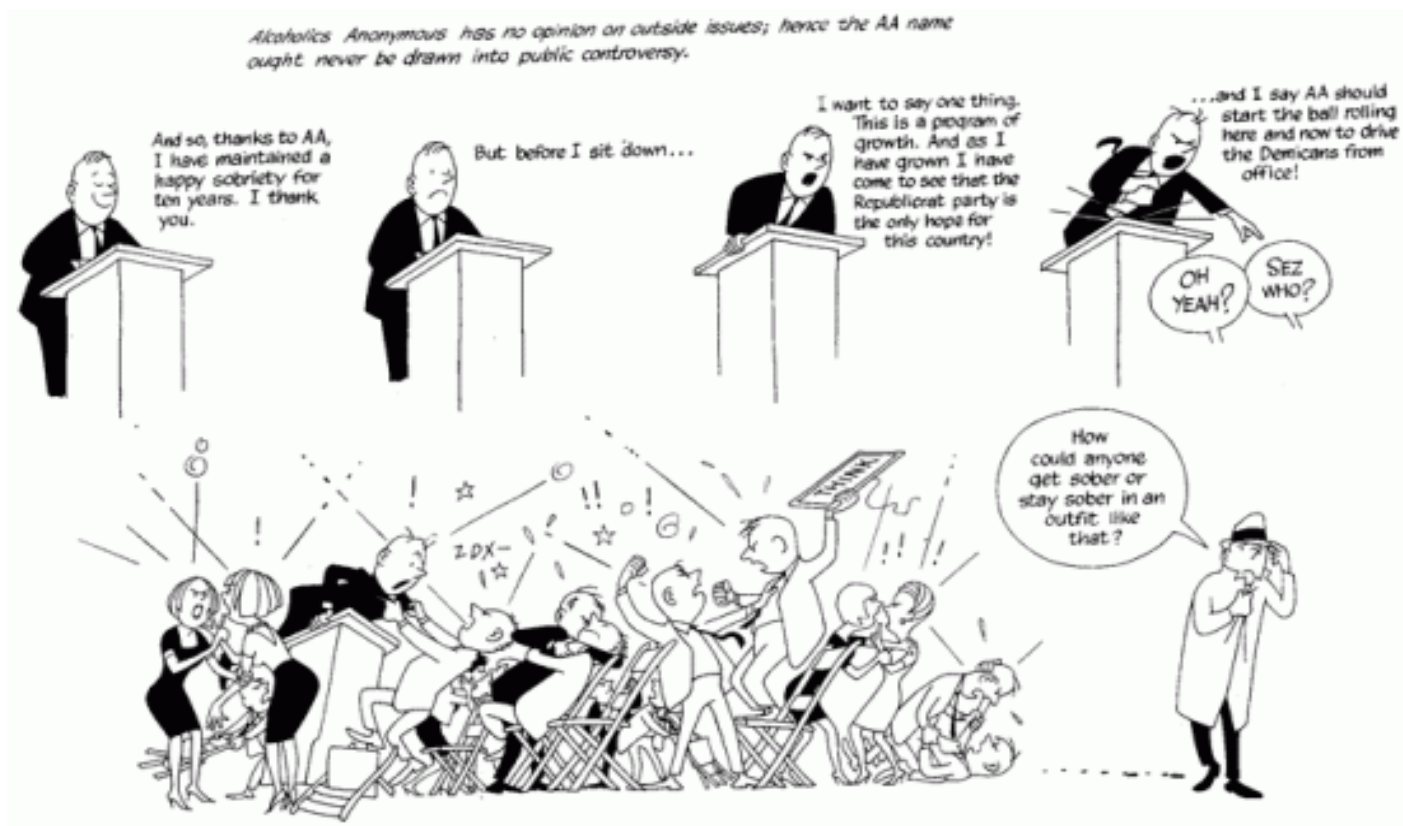


### The Tenth Tradition and the Tenth Step



**STEP TEN**

Character Building

## The Beauty of Tradition Ten

It allows us to concentrate on what we have in common

Sobriety in A.A. is the first thing in my life that has really worked. I'm grateful to fellow A.A.s who've shown me how not to drink on a daily basis, and to alcoholics I've never met who established our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service. When I live these principles to the best of my ability, they keep me sober and in touch with the God of my understanding.

I'm especially grateful for Tradition Ten, where it is suggested that A.A. groups never get involved in the messy business of debating outside issues. The wonderful "extra" implied by this Tradition is that I, as an individual recovering alcoholic, am free to simply enjoy sobriety in A.A., without having to defend my position on any outside issue.

You see, I grew up in the sixties. I lived with my parents (one alcoholic, one social drinker) who were closely associated with a small, left-wing, private college in the Northeast. It was a school where expressing your opinions in public was very important. On campus, where I hung out as a thirteen-year-old, I heard lots of angry rhetoric about Vietnam, civil rights, and a lot else. My parents brought the same kind of political anger home with them, and challenged me to come up with informed positions on the same issues. I was only an eighth grader, but I was expected to engage in adult-style discussions. If I didn't have an opinion on the issue at hand, I was considered a failure or a nonthinker.

Looking back, it was probably great training for a future alcoholic. I got very good at hiding the things I was truly ashamed of (especially the amount I drank), using a smoke screen of vaguely directed political opinion.

As my disease progressed, I was often broke, unemployed, hungover, and in need of a place to stay. Usually, my parents would take me in, and for months at a time I'd live at home, trying to get my act together. Deep down inside I knew I was sick and crazy from booze. But at the time, dealing with it was too frightening. It was easier to engage my parents in petty debate over some global issue beyond our control than to draw attention to the real reason I was out of work.

Today, I'm sober and grateful for what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now. I'm even grateful to my parents, who put up with me as an active alcoholic while also living with their own illnesses. But I'm especially grateful to the alcoholics who founded this Fellowship and gave us the guidelines by which we run our groups. Tradition Ten frees A.A.s to concentrate on what we have in common – recovery, unity, service – rather than waste time debating outside issues. Angry debate of things over which we have no power can only serve to split us.

Matt F., Brooklyn NY



First appeared in the *Grapevine*

## Step Ten

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

When I first arrived at Alcoholics Anonymous I felt very blessed and fortunate that people in the program would always say “keep coming back.” As I have continued to come back I have and the opportunity to learn and grow with the Tenth Step. Two very important tools that I found are needed for me to work this step are humility and honesty. As I experience all of my feelings, thoughts, attitudes and actions on a daily basis it is important for me to realize that this step (and this program) is about me cleaning up my side of the street and that this is my personal inventory. I don’t seem to have days that I do everything right, just as I don’t have days that I do everything wrong. I seem to fall somewhere in between those extremes. I guess that just makes me another of God’s creations that is not all good or all bad. Within my day I will have interactions and conflicts with other people that require me to take a “spot check” inventory as described in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book and have the opportunity to examine MY role in the situation. There are times during my day that I may have to ask

“what is going on within me, or how and what is my attitude?” These are important questions for me to ask because the go right back to my episodes of stinkin’ thinkin’ and while my actions may not have affected another human being at this point, it is important that I recognize what I’m feeling and if necessary, promptly admit that I am wrong in my thoughts, attitudes, and actions. . . sometimes this step is an inside job. There have been and will be other times that I affect others in a negative way and an amend becomes necessary. The hard part always seems to be promptly admitting my wrongs. I believe that I was born with a sense of right and wrong and at times I just have to listen to my gut, listen to that inner voice, and to my sponsor to remember that it’s “Thy will be done”, not my will be done.

I have also learned to assess my day in the quiet time of the evening and it’s a time that I can use for prayer, it’s a time that I can use for acknowledging the positive actions and thoughts of my day, it’s a time that I can use to express my gratitude to God for my sobriety, for my life, for the gift of another 24 hours and for the well-being of others. Maybe the greatest lesson that I have learned through the Tenth Step is that I haven’t, don’t, and won’t live my life perfectly but I can attempt to be the best person that I can be on a daily basis and where and when I fall short of that goal, the 10<sup>th</sup> Step is another tool that I use to strengthen my relationship with God and with others. It’s worked for many others, why shouldn’t it work for me?



### 75 Years Ago This Month— On October 4, 1943, Fitz M. passes away to share in the Big Meeting in the Sky.

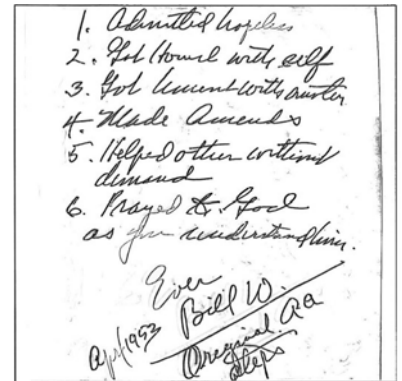
In October 1935 Fitz M. becomes the third member of the New York group, after Bill W. and Hank P. This tightly-knit New York group maintains close contact with its members. Lois recalls commuting between Fitz's home at Cumberstone Road in Maryland and Bill and Lois' at 182 Clinton in Brooklyn, NY where regular A.A. gatherings occur. Lois even cares for Fitz's children when Fitz's wife Elizabeth is ill.

In January 1938 Fitz dispatches his sponsee Jackie to twelve-step Jimmy B., a fellow student in their youth at an Alexandria, VA, boys' school. At this time the Akron and New York groups are being challenged, under the inspiration of Hank P., to produce a program to assist the recovery of other alcoholics. In Jimmy B's rendition of this historical developmental period, Hank's vision is to produce a text book with case studies as well as to establish hospitals and alcoholic farms without any religious connection, like those of some state and national governments.

As it turns out Fitz becomes engaged in a fierce debate with Jimmy B. and Hank P. over the nature of our book. Fitz and generally the Akron Group favor a book based on the Oxford Group's Four Absolutes and on Christian biblical texts. The secular New Yorkers favor a non-dogmatic, psychological, empirical case-study. When in the autumn of 1938 Bill derives the twelve steps, Fitz and Akron support Bill's expansion from the six steps which serve the fellowship then. However Hank and Jimmy sense a religious subversion. Fitz and the Akron contingent insist on keeping the word "God" in the new third and eleventh steps, hence, the compromise of inserting "as we understood Him" gets dubbed by Bill W. as "a Ten-Strike."

Since Fitz resides in the Washington vicinity, Bill has him research potential titles for the forthcoming book in the Library of Congress. Other volumes there are entitled "The Way Out", so the fellowship settles upon "Alcoholics Anonymous", the suggested title by a New York member reputed to have started a fashionable New York magazine.

In addition to actively participating in the New York Group's deliberations nailing down our Fellowship's initial precepts, beginning in late 1939, Fitz becomes integral to the Washington Group's early development as well as contributing, in the following months, to the founding of the Baltimore and Philadelphia groups. Fitz engages in logistical operations, like getting telephone and mail service. With the assistance of Jimmy B. Fitz works to carry out Hank's vision for alcoholic farms. Fitz and Jimmy contact Maryland officials soliciting cooperation. As Bill A. enters the scene in 1940, resources become available to pursue these avenues. These efforts were abandoned later in favor of cooperation with the medical and judicial community rather than actual administration of such facilities.



Lois characterizes Fitz as an impractical dreamer. In his *Big Book* story, he leaves this poetic expression:

The Singing of the birds,  
The Sighing of the wind,  
The Patter of raindrops,  
The Roll of thunder,  
The Laughter of happy children,  
Add to the Symphony  
With which I am in tune.

There are periods of darkness,  
But the stars are shining,  
No matter how black the night.  
There are disturbances,  
But I have learned  
Understanding will come.

[Fitz M., *Alcoholics Anonymous*, First Edition, April 1939, p. 240]

**75 Years Ago This Month—(cont.)** Around mid-October 1943, Hugh C. has his last drink which initiates his active participation in Washington A.A.. Around New Year's 1942, Hugh begins his Washington journey but does more research in the throes of the disease [Cf. *New Reporter*, January 2017]. He spends time in Atlanta where he meets up with Steve M., one of the six Washington Group's initial members in December 1939.

Like Jimmy's reputation for pushing the envelope, Hugh cherishes his banner-carrying for some stances held in Washington's formative years. Hugh points to a departure from his sponsor Bill A.'s position of owning a clubhouse, which leads to the formation of the Georgetown Group [Cf: Fortieth Anniversary of the Georgetown Group, (WAIA recording), March 16, 1985]. In a resume apparently for the position of a Regional Trustee, he bears the mantle, "Only one in the Washington area groups to vote against the incorporation of A.A. in Washington and against purchasing property in A.A.'s name in Washington."

Hugh would serve as Washington's Delegate to the General Service Conference in 1960-61, as the MC for the 1963 WAIA Banquet and in his twilight years on the WAIA Archives Committee. Hugh would contribute to Washington Area interviews and group histories, notably the interview of Sam Shoemaker's widow. "To honor the quality and duration of his service." Hugh receives the title of "the WAIA Archive Committee Chair Emeritus" in a motion made by Chad L. another Washington Area Delegate (1983-84) to the General Service Conference who too would be active in Archives. Bill and Lois begin a three-month train trip across the U.S. citing stops in Chicago, Denver and Arizona during October.

**50 Years Ago This Month—** The *WAIA Reporter* carries the following item:

#### WASHINGTON, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA MEET

We will never know whether Columbus was an alcoholic - but we do know he did not know where he was going or where he was when he got there! However, on his anniversary, October 12, the 2nd Saturday, at the Metropolitan Club the metropolitan area will have the privilege of submitting anonymous written questions to three A.A. Members who have discovered themselves and know where they are. Through their experiences and knowledge, they can help you with those questions you dare not voice in your group. The Panel will be John K. of Chevy Chase, Fred F. of Georgetown, and Hal M. of Virginia. Kitty W., Round Table, will be moderator.

***Thanks to the Archives Committee for a look back***

### A NOTE WALKS INTO A BAR



### THE STAFF KICKS HIM OUT

C, E-flat and G go into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve minors," and E-flat leaves. C and G have an open fifth between them. After a few drinks, the fifth is diminished and G is out flat. F comes in and tries to augment the situation, but is not sharp enough. D comes into the bar and heads straight for the bathroom saying, "Excuse me, I'll just be a second."

A comes into the bar, but the bartender is not convinced that this relative of C is not a minor and sends him out. Then the bartender notices a B-flat hiding at the end of the bar and shouts, "Get out now. You're the seventh minor I've found in this bar tonight."

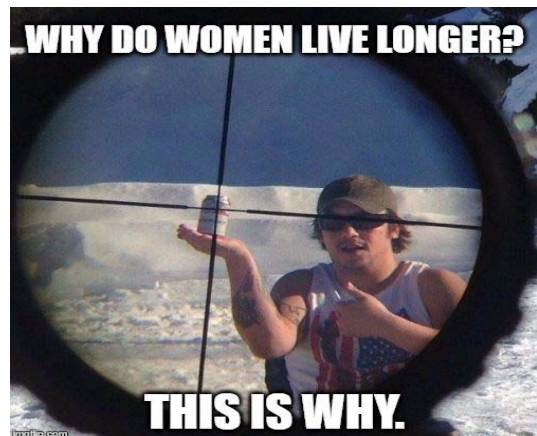
Next night, E-flat, not easily deflated, comes into the bar in a 3-piece suit with nicely shined shoes. The bartender says: "You're looking pretty sharp tonight. Come on in. This could be a major development." Sure enough, E-flat takes off his suit and everything else and stands there au naturel.

Eventually, C, who had passed out under the bar the night before, begins to sober up and realizes in horror that he's under a rest. So, C goes to trial, is convicted of contributing to the diminution of a minor and sentenced to 10 years of DS without Coda at an up scale correctional facility. The conviction is overturned on appeal, however, and C is found innocent of any wrongdoing, even accidental, and that all accusations to the contrary are bassless.

A man and woman are sitting on their porch drinking a beer. The man says "I love you." The woman says, "Is that you talking or the beer talking?" The man says. "That's me talking to the beer!"

My girlfriend left a note on the fridge, "It's not working. I can't take it anymore. I am going to my Mom's place."

I opened the fridge. The light came on. The beer was cold... What the hell is she talking about?



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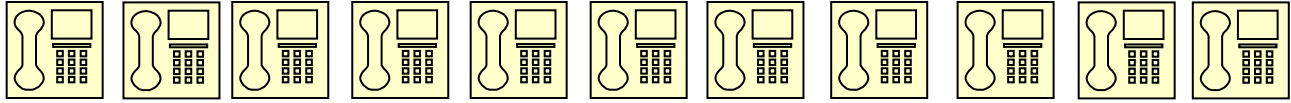
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**I authorize WAIA to charge my credit card in the amount of \$**  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **ANSWERING THE PHONE AT THE WAIA OFFICE THE FUN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

- **WHERE**  
4530 Connecticut Avenue NW – about half a mile up from Van Ness Metro station
- **WHEN**  
Three hour shifts, between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. weekdays or weekends
- **HOW**  
You will be trained by the WAIA staff – doesn't take long
- **WHO**  
Meet other fun alcoholics who are there to pick up literature, answer phones, hang out while helping out

**FREE PARKING!  
NEARBY TAKEOUT RESTAURANTS THAT DELIVER  
GREAT AMBIENCE FULL OF A.A. HISTORY**

**Call Luella or Clo'via at (202) 966-9115 today!  
or Email: [aa-dc@aa-dc.org](mailto:aa-dc@aa-dc.org)**



# WAIA H&I Newsletter: September 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.

## Notice

We are pleased to announce that Montgomery General has reversed course and will not be terminating their detox program at this time. Instead, they are implementing a 4 prong system which includes:

1. Outpatient Addiction Treatment Services (OATs)
2. Co-Occurring (Dual Diagnoses)
3. Relapse Prevention
4. Dual Step Down

In order to aid Montgomery General with their new strategy, H&I is seeking volunteers to go through a pre-screened process similar to the system in place at the Clarksburg Correctional Facility.

Once screened, volunteers will be on a 12 Step Call List to perform bedside visits with another volunteer and help carry the message of hope to patients detoxing in the hospital. This will be similar to the way Bill W. and Bob S. carried the message to Bill D. in 1935!

Please contact [hni@aa-dc.org](mailto:hni@aa-dc.org) for more information or questions.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate H&I meetings in the District of Columbia.

## H&I Committee

Sean C - Chair and Meeting List

Kerry C - Newsletter

OPEN - DC Coordinator

Chrissy M - MoCo Women's Coordinator and Meeting List

Michael C - MoCo Men's Coordinator

Eryn C - PG Co Coordinator

Sherri N - Avery Road

Gary G - MCCF - JAS Men's

Nancy W - MCCF - JAS Women's

Roy D - MCCF - GenPop

Blair J - MCCF - GenPop

## 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: Sean C. at 240-370-6165 or [hni@aa-dc.org](mailto:hni@aa-dc.org).

## Newsletter

The H&I Newsletter appears each month in the Digital New Reporter. It describes what we do and lists hospitals and institutions that are currently seeking AA groups or sets of individuals to commit to leading H&I meetings at these facilities.

## WAIA H&I Newsletter: September 2018

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### 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

# H.O.W. Women's

## Transformational Retreat

### Honesty \* Openness \* Willingness

Washington Retreat House 4000 Harewood Road, NE Washington DC 20017

October 5-7, 2018

Contact [HOWRetreat@yahoo.com](mailto:HOWRetreat@yahoo.com) for more information



UNITY  
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RECOVERY





# 12th Annual **HAPPY DESTINY** Fall Bonfire and Potluck

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

Rain Date October 20, 2018, Check Website to Confirm if Weather is Bad

**Suggested Donation is \$5**

- Live Music
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Fun for the Whole Family

**4:00 pm – Potluck Dinner, Music, Games, & Festivities**

**7:00 pm – AA Meeting with Live Music to Follow**

**For More Info or Service Opportunities:**

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

Call: Karuna 404-353-5005

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/happydestinyretreat>

## **What to Bring**

- A Potluck Dish to Share  
Last Names Starts With:
  - A-K Main Dish
  - L-S Side Dish or Salad
  - T-Z Dessert
- Chair/Blanket/Flashlight
- Warm Clothes/Jacket for After Dark
- A Newcomer
- A PRE-CARVED Pumpkin for the Contest

**Located at Greenbank Farm  
7158 Brooks Rd, Highland, MD**

From the Montgomery County area, head EAST on 108 toward Howard County. After you cross the Patuxant River into Howard County go about a mile. Take a LEFT onto BROOKS RD, then turn into the FIRST DRIVEWAY on the LEFT.





# Washington Area General Service Assembly (W.A.G.S.A.)

**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 light refreshments*

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL  
1500 FOREST GLEN ROAD  
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20910  
AUDITORIUMS A-D

Our Fall Election Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at 10:00 am. Eligible voters who are registered must sign in with the Registrar upon arrival. Sign-in begins 90 minutes before the Assembly and will end promptly at 10:30 am. Light snacks will be served!

Please note: Registration is required to vote at this election. You must register with the Area Registrar by the end of the October Area Committee Meeting to be eligible to vote. This includes all DCMs, Alt-DCM's, GSRs, Alt-GSRs, Committee Chairs and Officers. Those registered prior to the October Committee Meeting need not reregister. The following positions will be voted on: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

For more information, please contact our Area Chair at [chair@area13aa.org](mailto:chair@area13aa.org), or you may review our WAGSA Handbook (beginning on page 8) for qualifications and information on the voting procedure. We will follow the Third Legacy Procedure. Parking is \$8.00. Please bring or submit your receipt to the Area Treasurer at the next Area meeting to be reimbursed for your parking costs. Thank you!

**ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

*For more information visit [www.area13aa.org](http://www.area13aa.org).*

# 40th Annual Fundraiser THE OLD TIMER'S GRATITUDE MEETING

Don't drink  
and don't die!



**Speakers with over 20 years of sobriety!**

**Date: Friday November 9, 2018**

**Time: 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

**Hosted by Hospitals & Institutions Committee of WAIA**

***Place: Oakdale Church***  
***3425 Emory Church Rd. Olney, MD 20832***

**Coffee & Refreshments: 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Meeting Time: 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

**Raffles will be held mid-meeting.**

**Prizes include: 50/50 split, turkey,  
Big Book and a subscription to the  
New Reporter.**

**Literature donations accepted  
at the door.**

## **Directions**

**From Rockville:**

**Take Norbeck Rd. (Rt. 28) east  
Turn left on Georgia Ave. (MD 97)  
Turn right on Emory Church Rd.**

**From PG County:**

**Take the Beltway (Rt. 495) west to  
Georgia Ave. (MD 97) north  
Drive approx 6 miles  
Turn right on Emory Church Rd.**

**For more information or assistance with transportation to this event  
call Rachel W. 301-801-4292**



**Save the Date**

Washington Area General Service Assembly  
(WAGSA)

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Gratitude Breakfast**

Sunday, November 18, 2018  
8 am to 12 Noon

**College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center**

3501 University Blvd East,  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783 USA

### WAGSA Area Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
**October 8, 2018**

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

Info:  
[chair@area13aa..org](mailto:chair@area13aa..org)

### WAGSA 2018 Fall Assembly/ Elections

Saturday October 20,  
2018

10:00 AM—2:30 PM

Holy Cross Hospital  
1500 Forest Glen Rd  
Silver Spring MD 20910

Auditoriums A-D

Doors open at 9:00 AM

### 12th Annual Happy Destiny Fall Bonfire & Potluck

Saturday October 13, 2018

4:00 PM —11:00 PM

Greenbank Farm  
7158 Brooks Rd  
Highland, MD

Suggested donation— \$5.00  
Live Music, Pumpkin Carving  
Contest,  
Bring a dish to share

### WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

**October 9, 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 8:00 PM

The Church in Bethesda  
5033 Wilson Ln  
Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information go  
to [aa-dc.org](http://aa-dc.org)

### H.O.W. Women's Retreat

October 5-7, 2018

For Women in AA

Washington Retreat House  
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### 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			796	Hill Lunch
	AA & Family Issues	192	Darne Good Big Book	914	How It Works G'burg
30	Addison Road	80	Darnestown Men		Hyattsville Discussion
30	A Vision for You	75	Deanwood Women Rap	486	Hyattsville Hope
	Adams Morgan Meditation	81	DC Young People	118	Informed Group
180	Among Women	900	DCC Beginners	1200	Into Action, Germantown
192	Anacostia Group		DCC Noon	360	Investment
726	Andrews Armed Forces		DCC Tues. Big Book		Irreverent Women
207	As Bill Sees It, NW	57	DCC Women	500	Jaywalkers
416	As We Understood Him	1143	Del Ray Acceptance	1800	Just Before Noon
1687	Aspen Hill 5th Chapter	285	Del Ray Club	12	Just For Today
200	Aspen Hill Phoenix	780	Divine Intervention		Kensington Big Book
500	Attitude & Action		Dunn Drinking		Kensington YP Step Study
108	Attitude Adjusters		Dupont Circle Big Book	289	Kid Friendly Big Book
360	Back to Basics		Dunrobbin	80	Kingman Park
120	Barnesville		8AM Men's Big Book		Kitchen Table
352	Beginners & Winners		Early Times	400	Language of the Heart
	Bethel Group	605	Epiphanies	110	Landover Discussion
550	Brandywine		Ex Libris	80	Lanham-Seabrook
109	Big Book Thumpers	164	Faith Group	106	Last Chance
210	Brightwood		Fireside Spirituality	1266	Laurel Recovery
162	Brookland	231	Foggy Bottom		Leisure World Big Book
1200	Broad Highway	60	Forestville Primary Purpose	360	Leisure World Noon
1800	BYOL		14 Promises	48	Let Go Let God
859	Burtonsville Big Book	662	Free Spirits	20	Let It Happen
66	Campus Noon	141	Friday Night Fun Too		Life Is Good
100	Capitol Heights	80	Friday Night Big Book	39	Little Falls
1392	Capital Hill		Friendly Bunch	400	Little House
180	Carmody Hill Group		Friendship	70	Living Sober by the Book
500	Cedar Lane Women	325	Gaithersburg Beginners	12	Living Sober Unity Place
	Change of Life	513	Gateway	60	May Day
49	Cheltenham	52	Gateway/Wednesday		Men of Dupont
	Chinatown Men's		Gay 18 New Castle	141	Men In Recovery
90	Cleveland Park	300	Gay Group	450	Men's BS Session
120	Clinton 45 Plus		Georgetown	741	Messengers
	Clinton Day	480	Get It Off Your Chest	180	Mideast
	Clinton 6:30		Glenarden		Midtown
100	Clinton Sunday Night	304	Glen Echo		Miracles
320	Coffee & Donuts		Goldsboro		Mitchellville
388	Colesville Sunday Nite		Good News Beginners	321	Mo.Co. Women
	College Park		Good Sheperd	350	More Peace of Mind
900	Cosmopolitan		Grace		Montrose Gay
491	Crapshooters	1283	Grace Road	130	Moving into the Solution
26	Creative Arts	144	Greenbelt Step		Mt. Rainer
300	Crossroads of Recovery		Growing Group	302	Nativity
54	Daily Reflections, SW		Happy, Joyous & Free	300	Neelsville Beginners
	Daily Reflections, NW		Help Wanted	457	Never Too Late
	Daily Reflections, Bowie		High Noon	180	Never Walk Alone
			High on the Hill		
			High Sobriety		

672	New Avenue	72	Read & Speak	1920	Triangle club-Tues. 7:15PM
47	New Beginnings NW	90	Riderwood Bills	1170	Trusted Servants
1408	New Beginnings SE	180	Room with a View	270	Unity Place/Sat. 2PM
240	New Beginners		Rosedale Sobriety	50	Upper Marlboro Big Book
44	New Hope	35	Sat Morn Fire Barrel		Upper Marlboro Step
700	New Way Recovery	1200	Saturday Morning Steps	261	Uptown
	No Hard Terms		Saturday Night Happy Hour	67	Victory Lights
	Norbeck Women Fri		Saturday Night Special	278	Village Idiots
340	Norbeck Women Wed	120	Scaggsville		Wash. Serenity Retreat
	Norbeck Step		Second Chance	300	We Care
180	N.E. New Hope	30	Serendipity	169	Wednesday Nite Winners
	NE Sunrise	724	Serenity		Welcome Group
180	Nuts & Bolts	50	Serenity House	214	Westside Beginners
	NW Metro	168	Serious Business	162	Westmoreland Women
119	Oasis Women's BB	120	Sheepherders		
10	Old Fashion	292	Silence is Golden	180	What's Happening Now
	Old Town Bowie BB	681	Silver Spring Beginners BB	120	White Oak Steps & Traditions
216	Olney Farm	1800	Silver Spring		Wilson Room
540	Olney Stag Rap		Silver Spring Women		Women Do Recover
	Olney Women's group	180	Simplicity	570	Yacht Club
20	On the Circle	245	Simply Sober	671	Yeas & Nays
120	On the Move	254	Singleness of Purpose		
60	One Day at a Time	1516	Six & Seventh Step		
	One Day at a Time R'ville	300	Sober & Alive		
	One Day at a Time	177	Sobriety Sisters		
(G'burg)		492	Southern Sobriety		
146	One Day at a Time	1970	Spiritual Awakening		
(Lanham)		52	St, Barnabas Womens wrop		
180	Group	375	St. Camillus		
630	Open Arms		St. Mary's Gay		
180	Out Of the Woods	110	Starting Over (SS)		
	P Street	215	Starting Over Gaithersburg		
127	Petworth		Step Sisters		
180	Phoenix Group/DC	114	Steps To Sobriety		
	Poolesville New Begin-	260	Sunday Men's Step		
nings		341	Sunday Morning Breakfast		
360	Potomac Eye Openers	1200	Sunday Morning Joy		
360	Potomac High Noon	720	Sunrise Sobriety		
	Potomac Oaks	2386	Sunshine, G'burg		
360	Potomac Women		Sunrise Sobriety		
1000	Potomac Speakers	100	Sursum Corda	2795	Birthday
1080	Primary Purpose Gay	78	Survivor Group	70	Faithful Fivers
722	Progress Not Perfection	478	Takoma Park Necessity	1988	Individuals
293	Promises Promises	1069	Tenley Circle Men		Memorial
90	Prospect	14	The Away Group		
518	Queer Women	393	There is a Solution		
151	Quince Orchard		Thursday Nite Men		
480	Radicals	105	TGIF		
			Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM		

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Day			Years
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October 20	Pat S.	Hyattsville Hope	36

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**ROLLING IN RECOVERY II**— Friday, 6:00 PM, United Pentecostal Assembly Church, 211 Upshur St, NW, Washington DC 20011

**ROLLIN IN RECOVERY**—Saturday, 3:00PM, 2430 Elvans Rd Apt 101, SE 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 Park, MD 20742

## **MEETINGS THAT HAVE CLOSED AND ARE NO LONGER MEETING**

**BRANDYWINE**— Thursday 8:00 PM, Chapel of incarnation, 14070 Brandywine rd, Brandywine, MD 20613

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL**—Monday, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's, 555 Water St, SW, Washington, DC 20024

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