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# It's National Recovery Month



## Step Nine:

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My name is Martin and I'm an alcoholic. I'm grateful for the opportunity to write about Step 9; it's an honor and a privilege to be able to do anything in Alcoholics Anonymous. My sobriety date is July 24, 2011, my home group is Bellflower Big Book group, I have a sponsor in that home group and those are the three most important things to me. I think it's important to mention that my sponsor is not afraid to hurt my feelings because he is telling me the truth. The majority of the time I don't feel good while hearing these facts, but it's what I need. For a long time, my old sponsors would stops saying the magic words that made me feel better and I would drop them, so I'm grateful for the sponsor I have today. Another thing that I'm grateful for is having an active home group; I get to see the majority of the group right in the middle of A.A. I get the privilege of throwing out the trash at the end of the meeting and it warms my heart to be able to serve them. I have opportunities to learn there and take what I learn into my everyday life and that is a very important role that a home group plays.

The worst part of this illness is what happens to me when I don't drink; I become restless, irritable and discontented. Alcohol had become an answer to my feelings of inadequacy. Alcohol was not the problem, it was the symptom as the book says. The real problem was that I felt completely separated from the world; this included family, friends and even members of Alcoholics Anonymous. It wasn't until three and a half years into sobriety when my current sponsor really broke all of this down to me that I became willing to go through this twelve-step process to mend my feelings of separation. I completely identified with Steps 1 and 2. My actions in Steps 4-9 are the display of my Step 3; the decision to turn my will and life over to God as I understand him. Until I did these things, I was absolutely miserable in the rooms. I'm grateful that I finally surrendered and became willing to follow some directions.

As I go through my Ninth Step, it's good to understand that I will be doing this for a long time and it won't be done overnight. My sponsor got me hooked up with an oldtimer named Judie K.; she has been helping me



with my financial amends. I owe a great deal of money in school loans. I owe the IRS and even some family members. Judie is an awesome sober alcoholic who I call on a regular basis and who tells me to state helping around the house. Along with the direction from Judie and my sponsor, I have doing simple things like throwing out the trash regularly, doing any dishes that might need to be done, and buying a box of cereal or two as needed. As of late, I have been able to clean the kitchen and the bathrooms. I have at the opportunity to ask for help.

My brother is teaching me how to wash my own car and change the oil. This allows us to spend quality time together. My dad and I have never seen eye to eye; today I get to respect him and do whatever he asks of me. I get to walk up to him with the \$50 I pay him each month as part of my financial amends and say, "Dad, I know that not everyone has a dad who is willing to help their son during a financial emergency, and I am very lucky and I love you" as I hand him the money I owe him.

Overall, I have been able to access this power that you can't avoid in Alcoholics Anonymous through working the 12 Steps. Step 9 seems to be the turning point. It's the Step that gives me a deeper understanding of Steps 6 and 7. It mends my feelings of separation from me and God's kids. Alcoholics Anonymous has been as series of things I did not want to do, but I did them anyway and have been able to live happy, joyous and free.



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75 Years Ago This Month—The Washington Group reports to A.A.'s Alcoholic Foundation in New York that they have a membership of 175, 15 of whom are in the Armed Forces. By the following January, its membership is reported as 310 with 31 in the Armed Forces. By 1968, membership increases to 999 in 46 groups; by 1993, to 14,786 in 454 groups; and by 2016, to 14,326 in 518 groups.

**50 Years Ago This Month—** as reprinted in the October issue of the *WAIA Reporter*, emerges the United Press International report:

On September 22, Charles Jackson, 66, author of the book *The Lost Weekend*, died Saturday in New York's St. Vincent's Hospital. His death was ruled a suicide today, an assistant medical examiner, Dr. Michael Baden, said. Dr. Baden said he died of acute barbiturate poisoning.

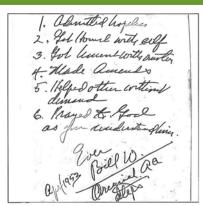
Among thousands of the world's leading scientific experts gathered for the 28th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism in Washington, DC are many alcoholics who find their respective pathways to recovery in AA. No one knows exactly how many -- maybe scores, maybe hundreds -- because of anonymity.

The Fellowship's participation in the Congress includes A.A. exhibits which Washington A.A.s support, a hospitality suite which the General Service Office's (GSO) staff supports, and the supply of free A.A. literature. AA speakers on the program include the GSO Manager Bob H. and a doctor in A.A. Various panels permit AAs to share their professional skills not just their A.A. perspective. Moreover non-alcoholic friends of AA on the program include our General Service Board members Dr. John L. Norris (Board Chair), Dr. Travis Dancey, and Dr. Harrison Trice.

The Congress is sponsored by the North American Association of Alcoholism Programs, National Council on Alcoholism, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation. [Cf. Box 4-5-9, Oct-Nov 1968]

The August-September issue of *Box 4-5-9* introduces the new pamphlet, "A.A. for the Woman," which contains stories and discussion sections that offer the experience and understanding of women alcoholics from

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all over the world. The 2018 General Service Conference approves retitling it "Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A." in a flurry of retitles for various pamphlets along with other changes to this 50-year-old pamphlet.

The August-September issue of *Box 4-5-9* also introduces what could be termed an "A.A. parable" from Southeast Asia:

"We were leaving the harbor for the safety of open seas, because the nearby airport was under attack, and we had received a Red Alert," writes Ben L. from South Vietnam. "The harbor entrance buoy was blinking a short and long, a short and long. In International Morse Code, that is two A's; and a sailor suddenly said to me, 'That A.A. It's a challenge, isn't it?' I thought, 'Fine time to ask me for 12th-Step work now!'

And then a light dawned-or rather, flashed. It is also the blinker signal one vessel uses to establish communications with another. It can indeed be a challenge! "But this little light, faithfully blinking it's A.A. into the darkness, can also say, 'Here is safety, a harbor at last.' "



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25 Years Ago This Month— The New Reporter carries the following humor page

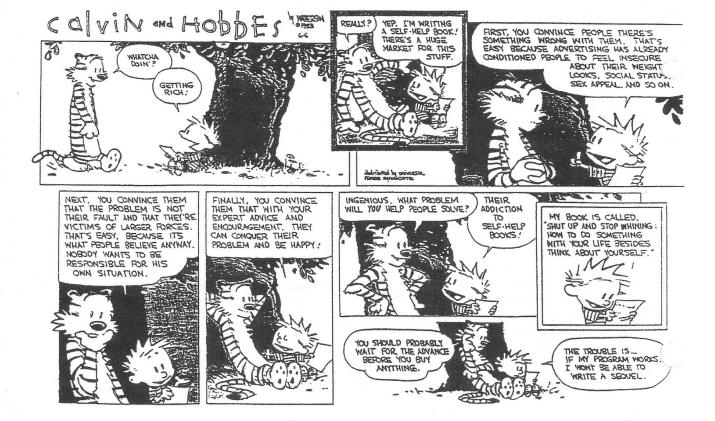


A minister was admonishing a half-bagged parishioner about drinking. "Don't you know, that brandy is your worst enemy," he said.

"Yes, Reverend," replied the boozer, "but just last Sunday, you said we should love our enemies."

Two winos were looking through the newspaper when they say a photo of a winery's new tanker that was designed to transport a staggering amount of wine at one time.

One of the alkies cried, "Oh look, our ship has finally come in!"





# MAKES ME LAUGH

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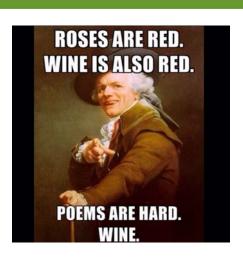
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Animal rescuers in Britain said they have noted an uptick in calls to rescue "drunk" seagulls that apparently got into brewery waste. RSPCA officers Jo Daniel, Clara Scully and Paul Adams said they have responded to more than a dozen calls in recent weeks about gulls exhibiting the same intoxication symptoms. "We have had a number of these come through over the last couple of weeks," Daniel said. "We think they're gaining access to some brewing waste products somewhere. At first, the birds look like they have botulism but then, after vomiting, most seem to recover," she said. "The birds absolutely stink of alcohol when we collect them so now our vans smell like pubs!" RSPCA veterinarian David Couper said, "The birds appear disoriented and confused and struggle to stand. We took some video of one of the birds who is staggering around and losing his balance just like a person would if they'd had too much to drink." The RSPCA is urging breweries and other alcohol producers to make sure their waste isn't being left where wild animals can get to it. "These birds were clearly wearing their beer gog-gulls when they scavenged their meal for the day and they've really been suffering with hangovers after a gulls' night out," Scully said.



"In Michigan, a man was too drunk to drive, so he had his 9-year-old daughter drive their van for him. Yeah. As he was being arrested, he told the girl, 'I'm going to need a lawyer. Go get your little brother."

-Conan O'Brien



A drunk and his snails:

Tom's wife was hosting a dinner party for some of her close friends, at their summer home. Moment's before the guests were scheduled to arrive, she asked Tom if he would be ever so gracious to walk a block down to the beach to pick up some fresh snails for the party. On his way to the beach he passed the local bar, and figured he'd stop in for a quick drink before heading down to the beach to search for the snails.

One drink lead to the next, and before he knew it, it was 5:00 in the morning and he hadn't gotten his wife those snails.

Quickly he hurried down to the beach, picked up a few snails, rushed home, and stumbled up the front steps, dropping the snails.

At that moment, his wife angrily opened the door asking him where he had been and how he had ruined her party.

Tom, looked towards the snails and said "C'mon you slow pokes! Just a few more steps and we're there!"



# DONATION FORMS

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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.

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#### **WAIA**

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

#### WAIA H&I Newsletter: July 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 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 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 <a href="mailto:hni@aa-dc.org">hni@aa-dc.org</a>.

#### 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.

# 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 for more information







# 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, 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.



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



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# WAGSA

**Area Committee** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday **September 10, 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

#### 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

# AA Townhall & Delegate Report

Sunday, September 16, 2018

1:00 PM —2:00 PM

Westside Club 1341 Wisconsin Ave, NW 2nd Floor Washington DC 20007

Hosted by District 2, Area 13 www.aa-district2dc.org

## WAIA

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

**September 11, 2018** 

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 PM

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Ln Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information go to aa-dc.org

H.O.W. Women's Retreat

October 5-7, 2018

For Women in AA

Washington Retreat House 4000 Harewood Rd, NE Washington DC 20017

Howretreat@gmail.com

# CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are updated regularly!

If you would like to submit an event, send an email to events@aa-dc.org. A pdf flyer may be attached



# CONTRIBUTIONS

JANUARY 01— August 21, 2018

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600	AA at CUA		Darne Good Big Book	914	How It Works G'burg	
	AA & Family Issues		Darnestown Men	4==	Hyattsville Discussion	
10	Addison Road	80	Deanwood Women Rap	157	Hyattsville Hope	
30	A Vision for You	75	DC Young People	118	Informed Group	
	Adams Morgan Meditation	81	DCC Beginners	1200	Into Action, Germantown	
180	Among Women	900	DCC Noon	360	Investment	
192	Anacostia Group		DCC Tues. Big Book		Irreverent Women	
726	Andrews Armed Forces		DCC Women	500	Jaywalkers	
207	As Bill Sees It, NW	57	Del Ray Acceptance	1800	Just Before Noon	
316	As We Understood Him	285	Divine Intervention	12	Just For Today	
1687	Aspen Hill 5th Chapter	780	Dunn Drinking		Kensington Big Book	
200	Aspen Hill Phoenix		Dupont Circle Big Book	000	Kensington YP Step Study	
500	Attitude & Action		Dunrobbin	289	Kid Friendly Big Book	
108			8AM Men's Big Book		Kingman Park	
360	Back to Basics	0.45	Early Times	400	Kitchen Table	
120	Barnesville	365	Epiphanies	400	Language of the Heart	
232	Beginners & Winners	4/4	Ex Libris	110	Landover Discussion	
	Bethel Group	164	Faith Group	80	Lanham-Seabrook	
550	Brandywine		Fireside Spirituality	106		
66	Big Book Thumpers	224	Foggy Bottom	1266	Laurel Recovery	
210	Brightwood	231	Forestville Primary Purpose	2/0	Leisure World Big Book	
162	Brookland	60	14 Promises	360	Leisure World Noon	
1200	Broad Highway		Free Spirits	48	Let Go Let God	
1800	BYOL	141	Friday Night Fun Too Friday Night Big Book	20	Let It Happen Life Is Good	
859	Burtonsville Big Book	141	Friendly Bunch	39	Little Falls	
66	Campus Noon		Friendship	200	Little House	
100	Capitol Heights		Gaithersburg Beginners	70	Living Sober by the Book	
1392	Capital Hill	325	Gateway	12	Living Sober Unity Place	
180	Carmody Hill Group	513	Gateway/Wednesday	60	May Day	
500	Cedar Lane Women	52	Gay 18 New Castle	00	Men of Dupont	
	Change of Life	32	Gay Group	141	Men In Recovery	
49	Cheltenham	300	Georgetown	450	Men's BS Session	
	Chinatown Men's	000	Get It Off Your Chest	741	Messengers	
90	Cleveland Park	480	Glenarden	180	Mideast	
60	Clinton 45 Plus	.00	Glen Echo		Midtown	
	Clinton Day	140	Goldsboro		Miracles	
100	Clinton 6:30		Good News Beginners		Mitchellville	
100	Clinton Sunday Night		Good Sheperd	321	Mo.Co. Women	
320	Collegyille Sunday Nite		Grace	350	More Peace of Mind	
388	College Park		Grace Road		Montrose Gay	
900	College Park Cosmopolitan	1283	Greenbelt Step	130	Moving into the Solution	
431	Crapshooters	144	Growing Group		Mt. Rainer	
26	Creative Arts		Happy, Joyous & Free	302	Nativity	
300	Crossroads of Recovery		Help Wanted	300	Neelsville Beginners	
300 54	Daily Reflections, SW		High Noon	222	Never Too Late	
54	Daily Reflections, NW		High on the Hill	180	Never Walk Alone	
	Daily Reflections, Bowie		High Sobriety	672	New Avenue	
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	New Beginnings SE	180	Room with a View	270	Unity	Place/	Sat. 2PM
180	New Beginners		Rosedale Sobriety	50	Upper	r Marlb	oro Big Book
44	New Hope	35	Sat Morn Fire Barrel		Uppe	r Marlb	oro Step
700	New Way Recovery	1200	Saturday Morning Steps	261	Uptov		•
700	No Hard Terms		<b>Saturday Night Happy Hour</b>	67	Victor	ry Light	ts
	Norbeck Women Fri		Saturday Night Special	278		e Idiot	
340	Norbeck Women Wed	120	Scaggsville		_		ity Retreat
340	Norbeck Women Wed		Second Chance	300	We C	are	
180	N.E. New Hope	30	Serendipity	169	Wedn	esday	Nite Winners
100	NE Sunrise	724	Serenity		Welco	ome G	roup
180	Nuts & Bolts	50	Serenity House	214	Wests	ide Be	ginners
100	NW Metro	168	Serious Business	162	Westn	norela	nd Women
119	Oasis Women's BB		Sheepherders				
10	Old Fashion	292	Silence is Golden	180	What'	s Happ	pening Now
10	Old Town Bowie BB	502	Silver Spring Beginners BB	120	White	Oak S	teps &Traditions
216	Olney Farm	1800	Silver Spring		Wilsor	n Room	า
540	Olney Stag Rap		Silver Spring Women		Wome	en Do I	Recover
0.10	Olney Women's group	180	Simplicity	570	Yacht	i Club	
20	On the Circle	245	Simply Sober	671	Yeas	& Nays	S
120	On the Move	254	Singleness of Purpose				
60	One Day at a Time	1516	Six & Seventh Step				
00	One Day at a Time R'ville	300	Sober & Alive				
	One Day at a Time	87	Sobriety Sisters				
(G'bur	_	492	Southern Sobriety				
146	One Day at a Time	1970	Spiritual Awakening				
(Lanha	_	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		Steps To Sobriety				
	Poolesville New Begin-	260	Sunday Men's Step				
nings	G	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	100	Sunrise Sobriety				
1000	Potomac Speakers	100	Sursum Corda		Birthd	-	
1080	Primary Purpose Gay	470	Survivor Group			ul Fiver	rs
722	<b>Progress Not Perfection</b>		Takoma Park Necessity	1400	Indivi		
293	Promises Promises		Tenley Circle Men		Memo	orial	
90	Prospect	14	The Away Group				
280	Queer Women	393	There is a Solution				
151	Quince Orchard	105	Thursday Nite Men				
480	Radicals	105	Triangle Club Sat 7:15DM				
	Read & Speak	1020	Triangle Club-Sat. 7:15PM				
		1920	Triangle club-Tues. 7:15PM				



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THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE Dr. Les Alstatt, August 3, 2018, over 30 years sober

Anniversaries should be called into WAIA (202) 966-9783 as early as possible, by the 1st of the preceding month at the latest.

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# NEW MEETINGS

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New meetings are not listed in the Where & When or on the website until they have been in existence for 6 months. If you'd like to let the A.A. community know about a new meeting, we will gladly list it here.

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

**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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