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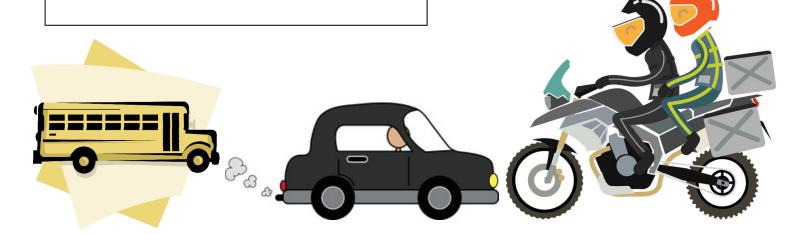
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Concept II

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.





Concept I establishes the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.'s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares.

Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going and to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the A.A. Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly look ed to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These G.S.R.s meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is the "actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."



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THE DOWNSIES

Our mother called it "the downsies" when we were feeling "blue," "at loose ends" or "depressed." Depression is anger directed inward. It can be very painful. So what is causing the anger?

I've had a lot of experience with these feelings over the years and have developed some "go-to" steps to counteract the feeling of immobilization, impending doom, etc.

Today, I have what I call "the attitude police," i.e. two professional people who help me control my attitude so I keep feeling positive and upbeat. One is a psychologist; the other is a spiritual director/ coach. I started one to one work with a professional in 1968.

I also have the support of two 12-step programs: Alcoholics Anonymous and the program for the family of alcoholics called Al-Anon. I started seek- blessed I am to have a roof over my head, food to to a lot of meetings.

As a result, I've continued to be very positive much to the amazement of those around me. I have every reason to get "the downsies" given the medical challenges I've experienced over the last 77 years.

When I complained to our mother about being dumped by a boy friend she told me to "extend." That meant that I should engage in what has become my favorite hobby, i.e. "networking." I enjoy contacting people, starting some sort of conversation with them—and I enjoy interacting with sponsees and friends in AA. There are a few ways of doing this: in person, by USPS mail, by email or on the telephone. It is a good idea to ask them how they are doing. This of course gets me out of myself, out of "the downsies." It is important to really care about their welfare.

When people ask me how I am I say I am "doing exceedingly well." This is inspired by watching the news and learning about the hardships people around the world endure. I am made aware of how



ing support in those programs in 1974 and I still go eat, clothing, medical care, loving friends and family. I arrive at gratitude—being grateful—which is a very healthy place to be emotionally.

> My spiritual advisor asks me when I mention a low mood, "why are you "depressing?" The point is that I choose the way I feel. We are not our thoughts, not our feelings. We are advised in Alcoholics Anonymous that our mind is not our friend. My spiritual advisor says our mind is a Parisian sewer, cesspool, pin ball machine—not a good place.

> "Have a nice day unless you have other plans" is a popular line in the recovery world.

> I was advised to read an important book called "Awareness" by Anthony deMello. The most valuable line I got from that was "if I am suffering my illusions clash with reality."

> Another line shared by my spiritual advisor is "you can't change your thinking by thinking. Use your feet," which means get up and go someplace—do something constructive. Don't sit and stew!!!!" ######



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KNOWING GOD WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING GOD

(Understand God? You might as well go fly a kite!)

A young boy commented on why he believed his kite was "still up there," although a thick fog had blocked it from view. He explained: "I can feel the tug."

Like this little boy, I also could not understand God by calculating. I tried, but what I couldn't figure out is that I *couldn't* figure it out. Yet I maintained an ongoing search for a logical understanding—then I can know! Here is the sequence of a recent exploration:

The Big Bang propelled proto ns (energy) through space about thirteen billion years ago. They were without mass as they dashed through the milder vibrations of Hicks Field, which vibrates everywhere in space. But when they collided into special areas of extremely high Hicks Field vibrations, these protons developed mass (a very high



vibration). This mass somehow caused particles of electrons and neutrons to surround (whirl around) the proton. This caused the birth of atoms. The mass of these atoms clinging together, in different forms, became molecules. We consider molecules as matter. Perhaps this is how energy becomes matter, like my kitchen table, or you! So, this solves the *chemistry* portion of my quest to understand God!

Next—

True ambition is not what we thought it was.

True ambition is the profound desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God.

Bill Wilson

Four Billion years ago, producing self-replicating organisms called amoebas. These evolved into higher forms of life such as fish, apes and homo sapiens. This solves the problem of *biology*. Well, sort of. - the homo sapiens started to form cultures about seventy-thousand years ago—from then till now is what we call **history**.

But understanding all this leaves me in the dark. Did God create this process? Or did or did it spring out of nothingness? Where is the logical evidence of God? A mystery indeed! If I can't understand, how can I know? Someone said: "The more I understand God, the less I know God."

But here's how: The Big Book tells of a Great Reality deep within (p. 55). Quite often while deep in prayer and/or meditation I begin to feel the tug—like the little boy with the kite I begin to develop faith. Faith can take me places totally denied to logic. The Big Book says if we are even willing to believe (faith), we begin to get results. I asked God to keep me sober from my first meeting on and I haven't had to drink since. I believe God is above and beyond all human understanding, yet there exists in me a deeper inner knowing that is beyond my understanding. "It works—It really does" (p. 88). ~ Bob S.



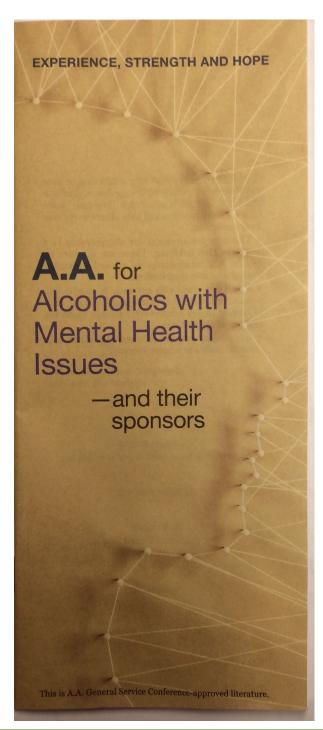
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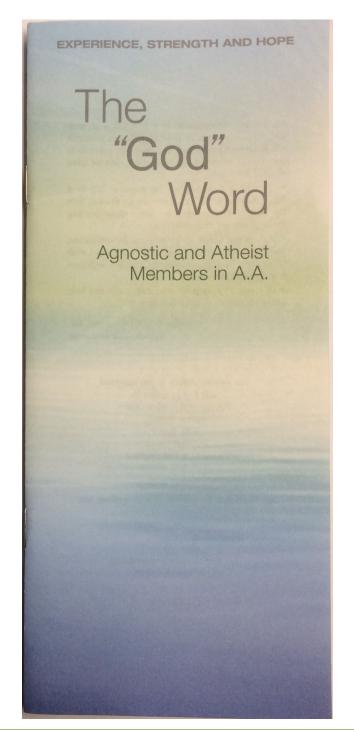
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These 2 new pamphlets published by AA World Service are now available at the Intergroup Office and are mentioned in the Winter box 459 article *The Only requirement*.... It is a great article on inclusion in A.A.

https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_holiday18.pdf







AA HISTORY CORNER

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75 Years Ago This Month— The February 1944 issue of Cleveland's *Central Bulletin* publishes the following:

DRUG CHAIN TIES IN COPY WITH ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Detroit, Feb. 2.—Work of Alcoholics Anonymous was tied in with institutional advertising of Kinsel Drug Company last week when the Detroit News carried the third of the chain's series of nds designed to exploit new methods of healing and improve relations with the medical profession.

Copy described the invisible war waged against alcoholism by Alcoholics Anonymous, under the heading, "A New 'Pill' for Alcoholism." Medical approval of the advertisement was given by a number of Detroit physicians glad to be relieved of the 'p roblem drinker," and the value of AA therapy received additional support from an editorial appearing in the November Hygcia, mentioned in the Kinsel

P. J. Shesgreen, advertising manager of Kinsel Drug Company, who prepared the advertisement, declared that more than 150 inquiries were received from Detroit News readers seeking more information about AA and its success in treating alcoholism "by a therapy which includes humility, self-denial, good example and a new pattern of social recreation." He said chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous are now organized in most of the large cities and more than 10.000 members are carrying the message of hope to victims of the drink habit.

The advertisement, headed by a cut depicting a dejected. morose individual seated at a table with a whiskey bottle before him dreaming of an ideal home condition follows:

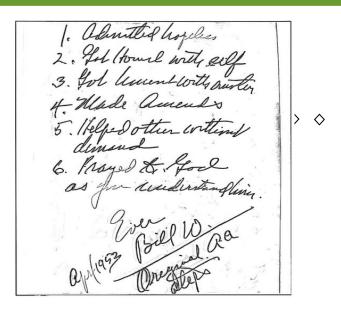
A NEW "PILL" FOR ALCOHOLISM

Medical science has long recognized the physical and mental deterioration accompanying the abuse of alcoholic beverages, but the most systematic and thoroughgoing exploration of the problem has failed to find a medical remedy.

The development of a drugless therapy by Alcoholics Anonymous has met with such notable success in treating chronic alcoholism that this organization and its methods are commended editorially in Hygeia, The Health Magazine of the American Medical Association.

Numerous Detroit physicians are enthusiastically recommending AA to patients who are sincere in their desire to achieve sobriety. Kinsel's congratulate the AA Fellowship of Detroit for its outstanding contribution to human health and welfare.

> KINSEL'S Eleven Great Drug Stores



50 Years Ago This Month— The WAIA Reporter reports the formation of an ensemble of five AA members, all professional musicians, called "Our Own" Orchestra. "The primary purpose of 'Our Own' Orchestra is to share their experience, strength, hope, and music that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

25 Years-Ago This Month— Dr. Paul O., the author of the often-quoted Big Book passage on acceptance, speaks at WAIA's GALA on February 19, 1994. [The WAIA Archives contains a MP3 file of Dr. Paul's talk.] The March 1994 issue of the *New Reporter* publishes an autographed reprint of the Big Book passage. The original passage is in the 1983 third edition of Alcoholics Anonymous in the story entitled "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict." The fourth edition retitles the story—"Acceptance Was the Answer." Dr. Paul departs for the Big Meeting in the Sky on May 19, 2000. [Cf. New Reporter, July 20001

A.A. History Corner, thanks to The WAIA Archives Committee



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Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, frequently humorous.

- 1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- **4.** If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- **5.** We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- **6.** War does not determine who is right--only who is left.
- 7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- **8.** To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- 9. I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
- 10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
- 11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they are sexy.
- 12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- **13.** I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- **14.** To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- **15.** Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- **16.** You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- 17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



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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: January 2019

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.

The Hospital & Institutions Committee is pleased to announce that starting January 14 2019, we are once again taking meetings into Shady Grove Hospital Adventist Behavioral Health Center detox unit after several years of absence from this institution. 5 local AA Meetings have committed to volunteering for these Monday thru Friday commitments.

In addition, Shady Grove Hospital is seeking to host 2 evening meetings that will be open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the coming months. We are seeking volunteers to get both meetings off the ground. Please contact hni@aadc.org for more information.

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 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

Dewayne B - DC Men's Coordinator

Andrea C - DC Women's 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

Betty G - MCCF - JAS Women's

Roy D - MCCF - GenPop

Blair J - MCCF - GenPop

WAIA H&I Newsletter: January 2019

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.

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:

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

Brought to you by The Happy, Joyous, & Free Young People's AA Group



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Doors open at 5pm / AA Speaker at 8pm Speaker: Arnold R., from Baltimore, MD

In Fellowship Hall at Silver Spring United Methodist Church 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

TICKETS*: \$10 IN ADVANCE / \$15 AT THE DOOR**

Email hjfypg@gmail.com with questions (or if it snows!).



ALL YOU CAN EAT & PLAY!

MOST PRIZES WILL BE OF THE TACKY VARIETY, EXCEPT THE WINNERS' TROPHIES FOR THE BEST MEAT & VEGAN CHIL!

BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR CHILI AN IDENTIFYING NAME.

*Proceeds go to support our Washington Area Intergroup Association (50%), General Service Office (30%), District 20 (10%), & Washington Area General Service Assembly (10%).

**Or bring a pot of chili by 6pm to get in for \$10 & be contest eligible.

PRINCIPLES before STING

AT THIS WORKSHOP YOU WILL:

- Share experience on guarding your anonymity in a digital age
- Learn how to foster a greater awareness of the anonymity principle in your group
- Discuss the principle of humility

DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: ST MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

1725 RHODE ISLAND AVE NW

WASHINGTON DC, 20036

WE ANTICIPATE A HIGH ATTENDANCE, PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY

AA trivia, raffle, prizes, and snacks will be provided

Hosted by District 2 www.aa-distric2.org

THE JOY OF LIVING

A **FREE** AA WORKSHOP Presented by the All Are Welcome Group

9:00 am: Coffee & Fellowship

9:45 am: Welcome

10:00 am: Session 1 – Defects - What Are They and How to Remove Them

Sammie G. - Richmond, VA

Nelson R. - Chevy Chase, MD

11:15 am: Session 2 – Rubbing out the Record

Kelly W. - Baltimore, MD

David D. - Annandale, VA

12:15 pm: FREE Lunch

1:00 pm: Session 3 – It Works. It Really Does.

Turpy - Silver Spring, MD

Mike M. - Frederick, MD

2:15 pm: Session 4 – The Joy of Living
Lyn S. - Aspen Hill, MD
Dave D. - Bowie, MD

Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

For More Information: Deshu G (240) 277-9183 Jenny R (240) 888-0435 North Chevy Chase Christian Church 8814 Kensington Parkway Chevy Chase, MD 20815

IT'S FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME

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28th Annual

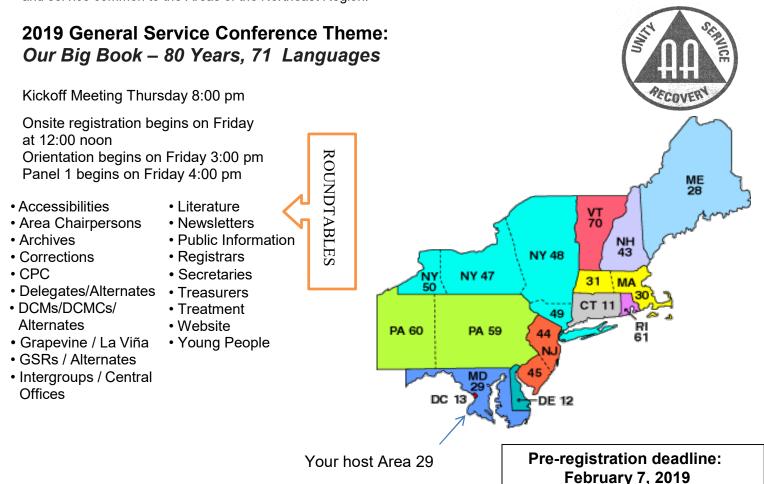
NORTHEAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY

February 22-24, 2019 - Hunt Valley, MD

All A.A. members are welcome!

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for the GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.



Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel.

Delta Hotels by Marriott Baltimore, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031; 410-785-7000, Discount code is **NERAASA2019**

Room rates are \$119/night plus tax. Hotel reservation deadline is February 7, 2019 Register online at www.neraasa.org

9th Annual Southern Maryland Round-Up Rocket into the 4th Dimension

March 15-17, 2019 Meet us in the

Holiday Inn Solomons

Conference Center & Marina

Speakers

MICHELLE G ... MONTGOMERY CO, MD Paul D ... Bayside, Queens NY Robbie W ... Wildwood, NJ MARY T ... TAMPA, FL

DANNY S ... CAPE COD, MA

RENEE P ... WASHINGTON, DC CHRIS S ... BERNARDVILLE, NJ AL-ANON: SARAH R ... HUNTINGTOWN, MD

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Area Committee

2nd Monday **February 11, 2019**

(New DCM & GSR Orientation, 6:30-7:30 PM)
Silver Spring Presb.
Church
580 University Blvd East
Silver Spring MD
Info:
chair@area13aa..org

6th Annual Bingo Chili Cook-off

Saturday **February 2, 2019**

5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Silver Spring United Methodist Church 8900 Georgia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910

Sponsored by the Happy, Joyous and Free Young People's Group (See flyer)

Principles before Posting Workshop

Sunday February 10, 2019

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

St. Matthew's Cathedral 1725 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington DC 20036

Hosted by District 2

(Share experience on guarding your anonymity in a digital age)

WAIA

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 12, 2019

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 PM

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Ln Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information go to aa-dc.org

Neelsville Thursday Night 42nd Anniversary

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Neelsville Presbyterian Church

20701 Frederick Rd,

Germantown, MD 20876

7:30 p.m Pot luck dinner

8:30 p.m Open Speaker's meeting.

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are updated regularly!

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



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| | AA & Family Issues | | Daily Reflections, Bowie | | Help Wanted |
| 50 | Addison Road | 63 | Darne Good Big Book | | High Noon |
| 30 | A Vision for You | 587 | Darnestown Men | | High on the Hill |
| | Adams Morgan Meditation | 50 | Day by Day | | High Sobriety |
| 54 | All Are Welcome | 110 | Deanwood Women Rap | 1281 | Hill Lunch |
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| 1496 | Andrews Armed Forces | 81 | DCC Beginners | | Hyattsville Discussion |
| 254 | As Bill Sees It, NW | 1156 | DCC Noon | 617 | Hyattsville Hope |
| 641 | As We Understood Him | | DCC Tues. Big Book | 138 | Informed Group |
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| 284 | Aspen Hill Phoenix (F) | 57 | Del Ray Acceptance | 360 | Investment |
| 22 | Aspen Hill Phoenix (M) | 2337 | Del Ray Club | 180 | Irreverent Women |
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| 1320 | Broad Highway | 170 | Foggy Bottom | 104 | Lanham-Seabrook |
| 2800 | BYOL | 231 | Forestville Primary Purpose | | Last Chance |
| 1550 | Burtonsville Big Book | 311 | 14 Promises | 1266 | Laurel Recovery |
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| 100 | Clinton Sunday Night | 75 | Get It Off Your Chest | 141 | Men In Recovery |
| 320 | Coffee & Donuts | 480 | Glenarden | 750 | Men's BS Session |
| 628 | Colesville Sunday Nite | 105 | Glen Echo | 2759 | Messengers |
| 203 | College Park | 304 | Goldsboro | 302 | Mideast |
| 1359 | | 65 | Good News Beginners | 711 | Midtown |
| 621 | Crapshooters | | Good Sheperd | | Miracles |
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| 300 | Crossroads of Recovery | | Grace Road | 32 | Mitchellville |
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WOMEN SERENITY SUNDAY—Sunday, 3:00 PM, Kehilat Faith Shalom Synagogue, 9915 Apple Ridge Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20886

FAITH FELLOWSHIP—Saturday, Noon, St. Thomas Moore Church, 4265 4th St, SE, Washington, DC 20032

UNLOVELY CREATURES—Monday, 7:00 PM, Hope Lutheran Church, 4201 Guilford Dr, College Park, MD 20740

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MEETINGS THAT HAVE CLOSED AND ARE NO LONGER MEETING

BRANDYWINE– Thursday 8:00 PM, Chapel of incarnation, 14070 Brandywine Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613

FAITH GROUP—Hope Lutheran Church– Wednesday 8:00 PM, 6201 Coventry Way, Clinton, MD 20735 (**Friday, 8:00 PM Faith Group still meeting**)



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