

Concept VI: *On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

General Service Conference Seeking Input from Area 13 -

The Secretary of the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference, asked that I send out a request for your input on the following question. Please use the link below to provide your feedback. You may participate on behalf of your district, group, or as an individual. Please share this information widely. The survey will close on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 11:59 P.M.

Question: In Area 13, what do you believe are the different underrepresented populations of suffering alcoholics to which the Area could focus on carrying the A.A. message?

To respond in English go to: <http://bit.ly/GSOquestion>

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Washington Area General Service Assembly
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ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE SEEKS ASL INTERPRETERS

Accessibilities Committees and local service offices often maintain lists of qualified interpreters available for hire who are willing and able to sign for A.A. meetings and events.

We would like to create such a list for use in the WAIA office for referrals. If you are a qualified interpreter who would like to be included on this list, please respond with your contact information, details about your availability and the locations which you are willing to serve to:

accessibility@aa-dc.org

Thank you.

Concept VI

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have.

The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.’s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.’s “bankers,” overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.’s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.)

Bill makes the point that although “our objective is always a spiritual one,” nevertheless our world service is a “large business operation.” “Indeed,” he says, “our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a ‘holding company.’ And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two ‘subsidiaries’ (A.A.W.S. and the A.A. Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

“This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

75 Years Ago This Month—

“Five members of [Washington’s] old Central Group meet ...to discuss the need for an A.A. Group in the upper Northwest-Silver Spring area... [I]t was decided...a new group was not needed. Not only were there just a few members then living in the area, *but it seemed to them ...such a fine, respectable neighborhood would not likely produce many new prospects.* “[Emphasis added, cf. *AA ANNUAL BANQUET*, Silver Spring, Maryland Group, Twenty-Sixth Anniversary 1971]

According to official chronicles, the *A.A. Grapevine: A.A.’s Meeting in Print* is inaugurated—and since then, Washington area A.A.’s are recorded as participants.

Bill G. of Washington, DC writes in the October 1953 issue:

I was the first or one of the first subscribers to *The Grapevine* in the Washington area. Every time *The Grapevine* hits my house I have a grand A.A. meeting with people all over the world. This is the first time I have sent a contribution and the rest of this letter is a “gripe!”

Probably this is the Bill G., renown for fostering new-comers, for whom the Metropolis Club’s dubbed his name to one of its meeting rooms. [Cf. *New Reporter*, October 2017, p7]

The *Grapevine*’s April 1945 issue reports:

Lunching in the Senate dining room the other noon with Dr. E. M. Jellinek, director of the Section on Alcohol Studies of the Laboratory of Applied Physiology at Yale, were a significant collection of people. Discussing with Dr. Jellinek the establishment of clinics for alcoholics in Washington, DC, were ...a representative of the Senate District

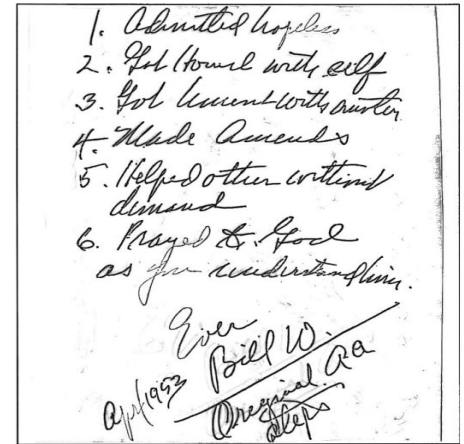
[of Columbia] Committee...[the] chair of the House District Committee; and a representative of the House Appropriations Committee for the District. . . .

A step toward cooperation with AA is being taken at Washington's

District Jail, Howard B. Gill, superintendent, announced a few days ago, with a committee from the Washington AA group visiting the jail regularly. Statistics show a majority of the 12,000 alcoholics passing through ... each year are old offenders. [The] Most frequent visitor is a man now on his 157th sentence.

And the *Grapevine*’s October 1945 issue reports, in addition to the Silver Spring Group’s founding (June 1945—what?--one year earlier!?!), the founding of a District of Columbia public clinic for alcoholics—a facility which grew out of proposals from A.A. and which

“marks a long step forward in the scientific treatment of alcoholics....Precautions have been taken to keep the clinic entirely separate from jails, courts and punishment institutions, although judges are expected to parole alcoholics into the care of the clinic for treatment rather than punishment. Dr. Miller [a St. Elizabeth psychiatrist volunteering services to the clinic] has said there will be a three-point program, consisting of physical care first, then mental, and finally the patients will be turned over to A.A.”



75 Years Ago This Month— *continued*

Then the June 1946 *Grapevine* announces some results published in the *Washington DC News*:

“Alcoholics Anonymous, working with District [of Columbia] authorities, made 54 ‘saves’ out of 66 attempts here in the first three months of this year, Municipal Probation Officer Robert J. Connor has reported. He credited the Municipal Court plan of treating alcoholism as an illness rather than as a crime with salvaging many shattered lives.”

The *Grapevine*’s June 1952 issue carries an anonymously penned article entitled “A.A. on the Potomac” which sketches the Washington Group’s early development and which places the origin of the so-called “squads” in the year 1944. [Cf. *New Reporter*, October 2017, p7] As the year 1945 closes, the *Grapevine* runs a series outlining the various plans and methods followed by different groups throughout the country. The December issue on St. Paul, Minnesota’s methods cites the “Washington pamphlet.” [Note: WAIA’s Archives has a copy of each 1) this pamphlet “Alcoholics Anonymous: An Interpretation of Our Twelve Steps” with attendant background sources and 2) a Julius S. interview describing the pamphlet’s publisher—“Uncle Dick” with whom Julius has a scheduled meeting at the Euclid clubhouse circa 1945.] These methods around the country seem to be efforts to reduce relapses.

Washington A.A.’s Twelfth-Step tradition again gets reported in the March 1946 *Grapevine* issue where it quotes *The Washington Times-Herald*:

“Eight new patients and six who were formerly treated at the Force School presented themselves as willing subjects for an alcoholic cure when the Polk Health Center Alcoholic Clinic for ...[African-Americans] went into operation January 15.

“Co-operating with the new clinic is the Wash-

ington ...[African-American] Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, which meets Fridays and Sundays at 8:30 p.m. in the YMCA at 1816 Twelfth St. NW. The group supplies volunteer clerical help for the clinic, and alcoholics who require group therapy are referred to the organization by the doctors.” [Note: The Force School at 1740 Massachusetts NW serves as the meeting location of the Washington Squad One beginning in the third quarter of 1946. Formerly, the squad meets at the Washington Group Club house at 1368 Euclid Street, NW. The *DC News* dated May 11, 1946 reports: “Alcoholics Anonymous...revealed yesterday that the organization is to be evicted from its quarters {an apartment building}....as ‘undesirable tenants.’”]

The *Grapevine*’s March 1947 issue reports about the appearance of a woman member of the Washington Group on the Ruth Crane “Modern Woman” broadcast on WMAL. The program guest is familiar with the objectives of A.A. and of the District of Columbia’s alcoholic clinics. She is trained by the Yale Summer School on alcoholism. Likely, she is Lib S. who would go on to give prodigies of service to our area, to the General Service Office in New York, as well as to Baltimore.

The *Grapevine*’s October 1947 issue recounts a Memorial Day celebration by the A.A. groups in Washington in memory of their deceased members—particularly Lt. Col. H. C. and J. H. M. (noted founder of the Washington Group known as Fitz M.) Members journey to these two grave sites laying a wreath at H. C.’s. The *Grapevine*’s January 1948 issue announces the formation of the Central-Atlantic Region “group”—comprised of all Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia individual groups—to share in a day-long forum climaxed by an annual dinner.

75 Years Ago This Month— *continued*

The *Grapevine*'s October 1972 issue recounts some of thirty-seven-year-old Fred F.'s story beginning in the Fall of 1954—then a spent news-media, public-relations hound. Introduced in the hospital to A.A. by Ed D., Fred sprinkles *Grapevine* issues with a wide range of experiences over the years from May 1969 to January 1983. Notably, Fred invites other Areas to inaugurate the Washington initiated Mini-Conference in the May 1974 issue. As it turns out, in the *Grapevine*'s August 2018 issue, the Washington Area's General Service Assembly Chair, Lynette D. relates her experience as chair of the Mini-Conference Committee, under the nurturing wing of our beloved past-Delegate Carmella.

In the *Grapevine*'s June 1972 issue, Fred reports on “the Airmen’s Group”:

“In the Washington, DC area, there is an ‘A.A. squadron’ of about 20 former Army, Navy, Marine and Air Corps flyers who hold a special A.A. meeting once a year, on December 7.”

This calls to memory, Sandy B.'s film “Carrier Operations in a Blackout” shown at his anniversary on December 7 each year in Rosslyn—drunken scrambling pilots in a keystone-cop-type escapade.

The *Grapevine*'s October 2009 issue publishes the Area 13 Delegate Elaine G.'s talk at the Northeast Regional Forum entitled “Inclusive Never Exclusive”—a phrase em-

ployed by Bill W. in his August 1946 *Grapevine* essay on the Third Tradition. Elaine explains with the experience of our Area:

“...a number of black alcoholics had found sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous. Out of this came the first black Alcoholics Anonymous group; this can be found in ‘Jim’s Story’ in the *Big Book*. The group is still in existence today and is known as the Cosmopolitan Group in Washington, DC.”

Currently, Irving M., an active member at the Area 13 Assembly and the Northern Virginia Intergroup, is a notable contributor. He reports in the *Grapevine*'s February 2018 issue on a meeting-lead in which he is interrogated by group members. This sounds like a moral steel-wool scrubbing revealing painful memories but nevertheless uncovering peace. In the *Grapevine*'s December 2018 issue, Irving calls for a “Big Hug” for you’re A.A. Intergroups!!!!!!!!!! Go Irving!!

50 Years Ago This Summer— *The A.A. Service Manual* emerges from A.A.'s press and is billed as the brand new, complete revision of the "Third Legacy Manual." It still would contain Bill's original, beautiful history and inspired explanation of the conference structure as first published in 1955. However, many vital General Service representatives, committees, delegates and area activities are newly introduced.

The first open A.A. meeting in Hungary is held on June 12, 1969.

25 Years Ago This Month— The *Grapevine's* 50th anniversary is celebrated June 25th at the Glenmont Methodist Church, 12901 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD with free workshops including a Grape-a-thon from noon to 6 pm, an open A.A. meeting from 8 to 9 pm, and a dance (with a suggested donation of \$5.00) from 9 pm to midnight.

Thanks to our Archives Committee for providing a look back . . .

NEVER BUY A DOG WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK



What an udder joke lolololo!

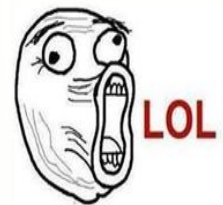
**YOU BRING THE
ALCOHOL, I'LL
BRING THE BAD
DECISIONS.**

Dogs are welcome in this hotel. We never had a dog that smoked in bed and set fire to the blankets. We never had a dog that stole our towels and played the T.V. too loud, or had a noisy fight with his traveling companion. We never had a dog that got drunk and broke up the furniture....So if your dog can vouch for you, you're welcome too. *The Management*

3 drunk guys entered a taxi. The taxi driver knew that they were drunk so he started the engine & turned it off again. Then said, "We have reached your destination". The 1st guy gave him money & the 2nd guy said "Thank you".



The 3rd guy slapped the driver. The driver was shocked thinking the 3rd drunk knew what he did. But then he asked "What was that for?". The 3rd guy replied,- "Control your speed next time, you nearly killed us!"



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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 _____

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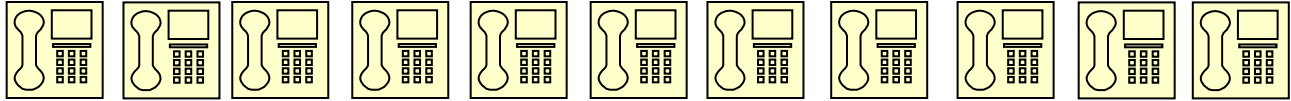
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I authorize WAIA to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

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**

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or Email: aa-dc@aa-dc.org**

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.

H&I Opportunities for Service

Email: hni@aa-dc.org

Call/Text: (240)370-6165

- **Veterans (VA) Hospital**
The VA Hospital on Irving St in NW DC seeks volunteers to bring meetings. They are scheduled for 8pm on Monday nights.
- **Clarksburg County Correctional Facility**
Women's JAS at Clarksburg Jail is seeking female volunteers to bring in a meeting once a month on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings.
- **Clarksburg County Correctional (MCCF)** seeks volunteers for the Youth Offenders Unit on Wednesdays 7-8 pm or 7:30-8:30 pm and Thursday evenings 6-7 pm.

Please contact us if you are interested or can help us! Thank you for your service!

A.A. members urgently needed for Corrections Correspondence Service – especially men!

The General Service Office has an urgent need for A.A. men to write to inmates through the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS).

Currently there are 200 male inmates waiting for an outside A.A. member to write to them. (Female A.A. members in prison can get linked right away, thanks to all the female volunteers who have signed up.) We need your help to alleviate this problem.

CCS is not a traditional pen pal service or automatic sponsorship service. This service offers the opportunity for A.A. members on the inside and the outside to share experience, strength and hope with each other via postal correspondence. G.S.O. only makes the initial connection, which is a random match between inmates with a drinking problem and outside members of the same gender who live in another region or province away from the correctional facility. The CCS program does not assign sponsors, but a sponsorship relationship may develop after the initial contact is made.

For more information and forms to participate:

In English: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-correspondence-service.

In Spanish: https://www.aa.org/pages/es_ES/corrections-correspondence-service

Mail Call means everything for those incarcerated. One on one sharing – one A.A. member to another – helps both the insider as well as the outsider. Those who participate express that carrying the A.A. message and sharing experience, strength and hope is everything. Please distribute CCS forms and send to corrections@aa.org

CORRESPONDENCE FORM — for Outside A.A. Members Only **CCS-3**

PLEASE PRINT - Return to address below

I am a MALE FEMALE How many inmates are you able to write to?: _____

I can correspond in English French Spanish Other language _____

Name: _____ Phone (office use only): _____
(First and Last)

Address: _____ Email (office use only): _____
(P.O. Box or Street Address, City, State or Province, Postal or Zip Code)

THREE WAYS TO RETURN THIS FORM G.S.O:

Email: corrections@aa.org

Please download and save this form to your computer. Complete the requested information and save. You can then email the form to corrections@aa.org, or mail it to the attention of the Corrections Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163 or fax it to (212) 870-3003. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Postal Mail to:

A.A. World Services, Inc.
Grand Central Station P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

By Fax: 212-870-3003 (Attn: Corrections)

FORMULARIO DE CORRESPONDENCIA — Sólo para miembros de A.A. de afuera **SCC-3**

ESCRIBA EN LETRAS DE IMPRENTA - Enviar a la dirección de abajo

Soy HOMBRE MUJER ¿Con cuántos reclusos puede cartearse?: _____

Puedo escribir en Español Inglés Francés Otro idioma _____

Nombre: _____ Teléfono (sólo para uso interno): _____
(nombre y apellidos)

Dirección: _____ Email (sólo para uso interno): _____
(calle y número o apartado postal, ciudad, estado o provincia, código postal)

TRES MANERAS DE DEVOLVER ESTE FORMULARIO A LA OSG:

Correo electrónico: corrections@aa.org

Favor de bajar este formulario y guardarlo en su computadora. Suministre los datos solicitados y guárdelo. Entonces puede enviar el formulario por email a corrections@aa.org, o por correo postal a la atención del Corrections Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163 o por fax a (212) 870-3003. Gracias por su voluntad para servir.

Correo Postal:

A.A. World Services, Inc.
Grand Central Station P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

Fax: 212-870-3003 (Atención: Corrections)

What's The Point !?!?

"12 Steps to Emotional Sobriety"

June 1 & 2, 2019

→ Washington, DC ←

Speaker: Wayne B., Glendora, CA, USA

Wayne will share his experience related to his life-changing investigation into the history of Bill W's "The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety;" his re-taking of the 12 Steps accordingly; and a guiding Sponsorship Ethos.

**Five Points Business Center
2316 Rhode Island Ave. NE Washington, DC 20018**

Saturday: Registration 9:00am to 10:00am Sessions I - IV 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday: Registration 9:00am to 10:00am Sessions V - VIII 10:00am to 5:00pm

[There will be a 15 minute break between sessions, and a 1 hour lunch break from 1-2 pm]

→ Pre-Registration: \$35.00 -- At the Door: \$40.00 ←

For more info, contact Kerry O. at: (202) 695-2238 or email to: dcfriendsofbillw@gmail.com

Sessions I - IV Steps 1 - 3: Alcoholism: The Invisible Disease <i>We Uncover The Problem</i>	Sessions V & VI Steps 4 - 9: To Live Life in the Mainstream <i>We Discover and Discard The Results of The Problem</i>	Sessions VII & VIII Steps 10 - 12: W/ The Source & The Solution <i>We Recover from The Problem</i>
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Fill out, detach, and mail your registration to: Friends of Bill W., P.O. Box 5492, Washington, DC 20016
Include a Check or Money Order made payable to Friends of Bill W., or Register online at dcbillw.eventbrite.com

Name _____

Name Tag _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest Name _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please check applicable box: AA AI Anon Friend of AA

"Life's in Session ... Are you IN or out?"



Silver Spring Group 74th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us to celebrate 74 years of sharing our
experience, strength, and hope!

Thursday, June 13, 2019

St. Luke Lutheran Church

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

7:00 p.m. – dinner and fellowship

8:00 p.m. – announcements

8:30 p.m. – speaker meeting

A main dish and beverages will be provided.
Sign-up sheets for side dishes and desserts,
as well as service positions, will be circulated.

Sponsored by the Silver Spring Group



**Area 13 - Washington Area
General Service Assembly (W.A.G.S.A.)**

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019

REPORT BACK ASSEMBLY!

Join us at our Spring Assembly where your AA Area Delegate gives a report of "The Conference" along with other area business and important local AA related issues.

- Doors: Doors open at 8 AM
- DCM / Alt-DCM Training: 9 AM to 10 AM
- GSR Training: 9 AM to 10 AM
- Assembly: 10 AM to 4 PM
- Place: Holy Cross Hospital
- Address: 1500 Forest Glen Road
- Silver Spring, MD 20901
- Room #: EDU 1 - 3

Questions?
Or for more
information visit
www.area13aa.org or
email chair@area13aa.org.

All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. However, only AA Group General Service Representatives (G.S.R.s), or their alternates, District Committee Members (D.C.M.s), or their alternates, committee chairs, and area officers may vote.

*Doors open at 9am for light fare. Lunch served at 12pm.

“We heard story after story of how *humility* had brought strength out of weakness”

49th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

Advanced Registration And Meal Selection

Advanced convention registration must be post-marked by June 18th 2019
Make check payable to **MGS State Convention** and mail to: MGS State Convention, P.O. Box 793,
Arnold, MD 21012 or register on-line at <http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention/>

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please contact me regarding Service Opportunities at the Convention: Yes No

Accessibility accommodations? Please list: _____



Registration Options:

		# of Registrants	Subtotal
AA Registrants	\$29/person	x _____	= \$ _____
Al-Anon Registrants	\$29/person	x _____	= \$ _____
Contributed Registrations	\$29/person	x _____	= \$ _____
Registrations and All Meals	\$127/person	x _____	= \$ _____

—Must specify Banquet option below—

Meal Options -If your registration includes ALL meals, only Banquet selection is required (no-fee)

Friday Lunch _____ \$19/person x _____ = \$ _____

Deli Buffet (salad with dressings, potato salad, pasta salad, and an assortment of cheeses and lunchmeats. Gourmet cookies and brownies for dessert)

Friday Dinner _____ \$27/person x _____ = \$ _____

Barbeque Buffet (mixed green salad with two dressings, coleslaw and potato salad, barbeque chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, corn, warm rolls and chocolate cake and apple pie)

Saturday Lunch _____ \$22/person x _____ = \$ _____

American Buffet (grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken breast. Texas chili. Assorted cheeses, lettuce, tomato and condiments. Baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. Gourmet cookies and brownies for dessert)

Saturday Banquet _____ \$30/person x _____ = \$ _____

All options are served with choice of mixed green or Caesar salad, rolls and butter, cheesecake and carrot cake

Option 1: Grilled Chicken with lemon caper sauce, whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables x _____ = \$ _____

Option 2: Petit Sirloin with blackberry demi glaze, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables x _____ = \$ _____

Option 3: Jerk Salmon with pineapple salsa, cilantro rice, seasonal vegetables x _____ = \$ _____

Option 4: Vegetarian option x _____ = \$ _____



Total Amount Due: = \$ _____

Online convention registration: www.marylandaa.org/state-convention

“We began to fear pain less, and desire *humility* more than ever.” -All quotes Alcoholics Anonymous 12 & 12 pg. 75

“Everywhere we saw failure and misery transformed by humility into priceless assets.”

“It brought a measure of humility, which we soon discovered to be a healer of pain”

› SUNDAYS
7PM FOR 4 WEEKS THIS
JULY 7, 14, 21, 28

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WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
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- › THOSE LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

1341 WISCONSIN AVE NW QUESTIONS TEXT: 3152638503
OR EMAIL: WESTSIDEBACKTOBASICS@GMAIL.COM

WAGSA Area Committee

2nd Monday
June 10, 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

14 Promises 32nd Group Anniversary

Saturday June 1, 2019

10:00 AM – Noon

Jones Memorial United
Methodist Church
4625 G St SE, Washington
DC 20019

Food to follow Meeting

Silver Spring Group 74th Anniversary

Thursday June 13, 2019

7:00 PM—9:30 PM

St. Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Rd
Silver Spring, MD

7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Announcements
8:30 PM Speaker meeting

A main dish & beverages provided, sign up to bring a side dish or dessert

WAIA Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 11, 2019

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 PM

The Church in Bethesda
5033 Wilson Ln
Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information go to
aa-dc.org

Metropolis Club Annual Picnic

Saturday June 22, 2019

9:00 AM—Dusk

Chuck Brown Park
2901 20th St NE
Washington, DC 20018

Meeting at Noon

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

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| 228 | A Way of Life | | Crossroads of Recovery | 132 | Hyattsville Discussion |
| | AA at CUA | 171 | Daily Reflections, NW | | Hyattsville Hope |
| | AA & Family Issues | 60 | Darn Good Big Book | 12 | Informed Group |
| 20 | Addison Road | 220 | Darnestown Men | 730 | Into Action, Germantown |
| | Adams Morgan Meditation | 60 | Deanwood Women Rap | 180 | Investment |
| 153 | All Are Welcome | 75 | DC Young People | | Irreverent Women |
| | Among Women | | DCC Noon | 250 | Jaywalkers |
| | Anacostia Group | 17 | DCC Women Fri. | 600 | Just Before Noon |
| 420 | Andrews Armed Forces | | Del Ray Acceptance | | Just For Today |
| 145 | As Bill Sees It, NW | 120 | Divine Intervention | | Kensington Big Book |
| 325 | As We Understood Him | | Dunn Drinking | 48 | Kensington YP Step Study |
| 360 | Aspen Hill 5th Chapter | | Dunrobbin | 254 | Keys to Kingdom |
| 60 | Aspen Hill Phoenix Mon. | | 8AM Men's Big Book | | Kid Friendly Big Book |
| 67 | Aspen Hill Phoenix Fri. | | Early Times | | Kingman Park |
| 500 | Attitude & Action | 237 | Epiphanies | 226 | King Str. Recovery |
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| 60 | Change of Life | | Get It Off Your Chest | 245 | Messengers |
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SERENITY RIDGE—Wednesday, 7:00PM, Difference Makers Church, 11210 Bethesda Church RD, Damascus, MD

ROCK CREEK YOUNG PEOPLE—Tuesday 7:00PM, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Ln, Bethesda, MD 20814

LAFAYETTE SQUARE (Restarting) Tuesday, Noon, St. John's Parish House, 1525 H St, NW Washington, DC

NEW STOMPING GROUNDS— Sunday, 6:00 PM, Greater Tried Stone Baptist Church, 1363 Otis PL, NW, Washington, DC 20010

CONSCIOUS CONTACT—Monday, 6:30 PM, Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th St, NW, Washington, DC 20036

THE 12th STEP GROUP—Wednesday, 6:15 PM, St Stephen Martyr Church Rectory, 2436 Pennsylvania, NW, 20037 (Ring bell at Rectory gate)

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A WAY OF LIFE —Tuesday, 8:30PM, Bethesda United Church of Christ, Bethesda, MD

ROUNDTABLE—Monday, 8:30PM, St. Anne's Church, Tenleytown, NW Washington DC

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