



Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all - every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.

Big Book, page 76.

WAIA March 2025 Announcements

WAIA's 80th Gala: Back to the 80s!

[Get your tickets today!](#)

We invite all of the community in the AA DMV, friends, and of course newcomers to the **80th WAIA Gala on Saturday April 5, 6:30pm, at the Silver Spring Civic Center!**

*As a reader of the New Reporter, use **promo code REPORTER** to get **10% off** your ticket price! For a limited time only so get your tickets or table today! (Note that the transaction fee is optional).*

If you have questions, email gala@aa-dc.org

Calls for Service

H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) Co-Chair: Here Ye Here Ye... Are you a fairly organized person, have about 15 hours a month to devote to leading a Service Committee? Then boy oh boy is it your lucky day, the **Hospitals and Institutions Committee is looking for a Co-Chair** that will step into the Chair position in the very near future. Please contact Eryn C to discuss, 301-651-4942.

WAIA Office Committee Chair: The Office Committee makes recommendations to the Executive Committee/Board regarding office operations and personnel policies for WAIA staff. Current board members, current and past officers and past executive committee members are eligible to serve as chair. Contact chair@aa-dc.org.

OFFICE and HELPCHAT Volunteers Needed!

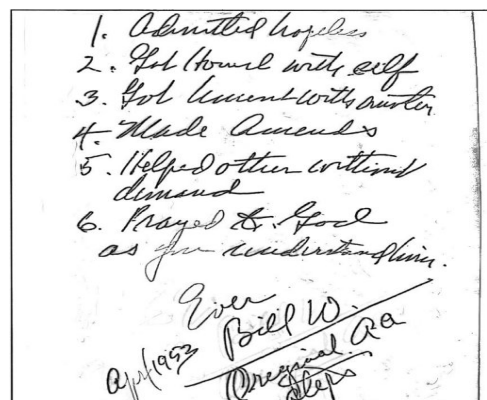
Available In Person Shifts: Sunday 10 AM-1PM, Tuesday 1-4 PM, Wednesday 4-7 PM, Saturday 1-4 PM.

Available Remote Shift: Thursday 7-10 PM

Email help@aa-dc.org for more information or call 202-966-9783; ask for Luella or Clo'via

NIGHTWATCH Volunteers Needed (1 Year Sobriety Requested) email Nightwatch@aa-dc.org to volunteer.

80 Years-Ago This Month— The first reported women's prison group meets on March 18, 1944, at Clinton Farms in Clinton, New Jersey. [Cf. aa.org/archives.timeline] Previously, in September 1942, Warden Clinton Duffy of the San Quentin prison pioneers the first AA group's meeting behind prison walls attended by twenty-eight inmates. As of January 1, 2018, there are 1,360 correctional facility groups with over 34,524 inmate AA members. [Cf. Box 4-5-9, p. 2, Aug-Sept 2005 and The Sixty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous: 2018 Final Report]



55 Years-Ago This Month— The Metropolis Club initiates Friday midnight meetings. On March 2, 1969, the Metropolis Club hosts the traditional Old-Timers Meeting, then called "the roll-call meeting". The WAIA Reporter would continue covering this celebration of long-time sobriety up through the first quarter of 1972.

25 Years-Ago This Month— The Washington Area's Conference Delegate Mark L. solicits the feedback of groups from our area on a potential floor motion in New York to have Intergroups be made a formal part of the Conference structure. [As it turns out at the Conference, "The Policy and Admissions Committee re-affirmed the Conference's 1991 Advisory Action stating that Inter-groups are part of the process and that they can participate in it greater by participating in area assemblies and the Delegate should make a greater effort to communicate and work with the intergroups." Cf. Minutes Washington Area General Service Assembly, Area Committee Meeting, May 9, 1994]

The High Noon Group, having met Monday thru Friday for many years at downtown's Western Presbyterian Church relocates, along with the church, to 2401 Virginia Avenue, NW. Additionally, beginning March 7, 1994 the group forms another High Noon group one block southwest at the United Methodist Church, 20th and G street, NW. [presently the sole meeting location for the group.]

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



This is the how and why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal, we are his agents. He is the Father, and we are His chil-dren. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successful-ly, as we became conscious of his presence, we began to lose out fear of today, tomor-row or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood him: "God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Re-lieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficul-ties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love and Thy Way of Life. May I do Thy will always!"
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 3rd edition, pp. 62-63.

Letting Go

To “Let go” does not mean to stop caring, it means I can’t do it for someone else.

To “Let go” is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.

To “Let go” is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To “Let go” is not to try to change or blame another, it’s to make the most of myself.

To “Let go” is not to care for, but to care about.

To “Let go” is not to fix, but to be supportive.

To “Let go” is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.

To “Let go” is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their destinies.

To “Let go” is not to be protective, it’s to permit another to face reality.

To “Let go” is not to nag, scold, or argue, but instead to search out my own shortcomings and correct them.

To “Let go” is not to adjust everything to my desires, but to take each day as it comes. And cherish myself in it.

To “Let go” is not to criticize and regulate anybody, but to try to become what I dream I can be.

To “Let go” is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the future.

To “Let go” is to fear less and love more.



Bill Wilson on the Serenity Prayer

“We treasure our “Serenity Prayer” because it brings a new light to us that can dissipate our old time and nearly fatal habit of fooling ourselves. In the radiance of this prayer we see that defeat, rightly accepted, need be no disaster. We now know that we do not have to run away, nor ought we again try to overcome adversity by still another bulldozing power drive that can only push up obstacles before us faster than they can be taken down.” As Bill Sees It, 20

Live Serenely

“When a drunk has a terrific hangover because he drank heavily yesterday, he cannot live well today. But there is another kind of hangover which we all experience whether we are drinking or not. That is the emotional hangover, the direct result of yesterday’s and sometimes today’s excesses of emotion – anger, fear, jealousy, and the like, If we would live serenely today and tomorrow, we certainly need to eliminate these hangovers. This doesn’t mean we need to wander morbidly around in the past. It requires the admission and correction of errors – now.



Heard at a Meeting

Despite sometimes having an arrogant exterior, an alcoholic is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy, and caring. However, these feelings don't usually involve anyone else.

Oldie But Goodie

"I really want to thank you for sticking with me through all the years of drinking and the first five years of my sobriety," said the AA member to her spouse on her fifth year anniversary. "But I'm curious. If I started drinking again, would you still love me?" After pondering the question for about a tenth of a second, her husband said, "Of course I'd still love you. I'd miss you, but I'd still love you!"

Early Bird Prayer

Dear Higher Power, so far today I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for the kind of day you have given me. But in a few minutes, Higher Power, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help! Amen

Senility Prayer

GOD grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.

A Joke for Laughs

A guy sees a beautiful woman at the other end of the bar. He walks up to her and says, "Where have you been all my life?" "Well," she says, "for the first half of it, I wasn't even born".



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SCHEDULE

Peter M.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Friday Night Steps 1, 2 & 3; Sunday Morning Step 12
Don L.	Bellingham, WA	Saturday Morning Steps 4 & 5; Saturday Afternoon Steps 8 & 9
Jennifer H-K.	Plano, TX	Saturday Afternoon Steps 6 & 7; Sunday Morning Steps 10 & 11
Tina A.	Hollister, CA	Saturday Night AA Keynote Speaker
Larcine G.	Hawthorne, CA	Saturday Afternoon Al-Anon Keynote Speaker

“THE POINT IS, THAT WE ARE WILLING TO GROW ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES.”

~ BB, pg. 60

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Anniversary Of the
KID FRIENDLY
Women's Big Book Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025
6:00 pm***

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310 Tulip Avenue
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Enter by side door on Maple
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Potluck from 6:00-7:00
AA Meeting 7-8 PM
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IC25 Chit-Chat



There is still time to register and attend A.A.'s 90th Anniversary Celebration!

Room inventory is being added continuously. Please keep checking through the link provided in your registration confirmation. In addition to hotels there are still dorm rooms available. [Register here!](#)

What to expect?

Over 20+ Hospitality suites, collecting pins and how some people bring some to trade or share.

Convention tales:

I've been to every convention since I got sober except for San Diego. I tell people I will always plan to attend the next one. I plan to be at St. Louis in 2030, universe willing. There are tons of volunteer opportunities to "help me feel a part of" as well as feeling the spiritual experience just being around the loving fellowship. People travel from all over the world attend and the energy and vitality of Alcoholics Anonymous is on full display. Perhaps you've gotten chills when reciting the serenity prayer, imagine saying it within a 50,000 seat stadium packed full of people. The best is meeting up with people I haven't seen in years and having little meetings with people while relaxing or travelling on the public transit systems.

Do you have a story?

Share it with the 2025 International Convention desk by emailing 2025ic@aa.org.

Save
the
Date!

2025 AA International Convention

July 3-6, 2025



Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
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Area 13 WAGSA Committee Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:00 PM —7:00 PM

Orientation for GSRs + DCMs

7:00 PM —9:00 PM

WAGSA Committee Meeting

In Person

5656a 3rd St NE

Washington, DC 20011

For more info: area13aa.org or email: chair@area13aa.org

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR

<https://aa-dc.org/events>

Events are updated
regularly!

If you would like to
submit an event, send an
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WAIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025—8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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| 501 Darnestown Men's | 270 Sunday Morning Breakfast |
| 218 Darnestown Men's Online | 144 Sunday Morning Brunch |
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| 151 District 20 | 5 The Way Group |
| 180 Epiphanies | 247 Thursday Small Group |
| 20 Foggy Bottom Young Peeps | 170 Twelve Point Bucks |
| 180 Free Spirits | 91 Village Idiots |
| 300 Georgetown Group | 256 Westmoreland Women |
| 312 Good News Beginners | 142 West Side Women |
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| 105 Northeast New Hope | |
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| 50 Old Fashion Group | |
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Why not share it with all of us? If you'd like to contribute to the *New Reporter*, please send in your material to:

newreporter@aa-dc.org



Day

March 5, 2025	Ricky M.	Welcome Group	32 years
March 5, 2025	Carleton H.	Welcome Group	33 years
March 5, 2025	Dorothy E.	Welcome Group	33 years
March 5, 2025	Linda J W.	Welcome Group	16 years
March 17, 2025	David P.	Hill Lunch Group	41 years
March 22, 2025	Glorianne S.	No Home Group	27 years
March 5, 2025	Ricky M.	Welcome Group	32 years

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