Step 10
Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10
Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept 10
Every service responsibility should be matched by equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

The Principle of Step 10
Discipline

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• The next Intergroup meeting we be held on Monday, October 10th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45m. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
• Carry the Message – We need temporary sponsors for men at the Helping Up Mission who want to stay sober. Please contact Intergroup or see enclosed flyer if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.
• October 31st Deadline- The GSO staff is asking AA members to submit shared experiences/stories for the upcoming publication of the 5th Edition AA Big Book in English, 4th Edition AA big book in Spanish, the pamphlet entitled AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic. See this link for more details.
• The AAWS Subcommittee on Self-Support is looking for additional shared experience regarding the use of virtual baskets. Their earlier request resulted in 66 responses, but they would like to hear from more Group Treasurers, District Treasurers, Intergroup Treasurers, and Area Treasurers. Please send submissions to: Eileen A. at corrections@aa.org
• Grapevine is looking for stories of experience with each Step and Tradition. Pick your favorite and write about it! Upcoming Magazine topics to consider: November: Gratitude and Fun in Sobriety. On a lighthearted note: Grapevine is also looking for jokes or anecdotes of humor to publish. For submissions email: gveditorial@aagrapevine.org
• The Answering Service is our 24-Hour Help Line – we are always recruiting volunteers to answer calls during the hours when the office is closed. Please contact the Intergroup office if you want to be a part of this vital service.
• The Intergroup office is open from 9:00am – 4:30pm for the purchase of literature and chips. Orders can also be shipped or made available for hallway pick. For your convenience, orders can be placed using our online store. https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
• The next Institution meetings will be held on Zoom on Friday, October 21st at 7pm. Waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Meeting ID: 886 6629 3910/ Password: 229395
• **Homegroups & speakers needed!** The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments to speak in-person or online. Your group can decide what it is most comfortable doing. [Please fill out this form](#) if you or your home group would like to carry the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before). Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.

**GROUP ANNIVERSARIES**

• **Whatever It Takes** will celebrate 22 years on October 5th. Fellowship, snacks and cake will be served at 11:30am followed by a speaker at noon. (O)(D)(Halethorpe, 21227)

• **Sobriety Saturday Night** celebrates 7 years on October 8th at 7pm. Sweets, treats, and fellowship start at 6:30 pm with a guest speaker to follow at 7pm. (O)(D)(Spk.)(Canton/Highlandtown, 21224)

• **Retread Group** will celebrate 50 years on October 16th. Food and fellowship starts at 6:30 pm. (O)(D)(Sparrrows Point, 21219)

If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length on Zoom or in-person, please let us know by calling 410-663-1922 or send us an email at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

**GROUP INFORMATION / NEW or REOPENING MEETINGS**

• **Dipsomaniacs** (Canton, 21224) will conduct a "Back to the 40's Big Book Study" which will take place every Tuesday meeting during the month of October – Bring your own Big Book and highlighter!

• **Arbutus Sunday Night** (Arbutus, 21227) is having a Back-to-Basics workshop on the first four Sundays of October – October 2, October 9, October 16, & October 23. All 12 Steps will be covered in those four weeks. Big Books will be for sale if you don't have one!

• **NEW MEETING** – **Elkridge Saturday Morning** (O)(D) (Elkridge, 21075)St. Augustine Church, enter Paul E. Burke Wing, 5976 Old Washington Rd.

• **Monday Night Big Book** (Pasadena, 21122) will meet online only until further notice. Monday 7pm Meeting ID: 895 2759 2358 Passcode: 372642

• **Waterloo** (Columbia, 21045) will only meet on Zoom until further notice due to church repairs. Thursday 8:30pm Meeting ID: 896 8752 7129

• A Digital Newcomer's Packet is available: [Please post this link for a digital newcomer's packet](#) in your meeting chats so newcomers can get quick and easy access to meetings, literature, and online resources.

• For all virtual meetings or meeting changes, [please use this form](#).

• For all in-person meetings or meeting changes, [please use this form](#).

**GROUPS – NEED SUPPORT**

• **Cover to Cover** (Sparrows Point, 21219) on Tuesdays at 7pm.

• **Monday Night Big Book Study** (Canton/Highlandtown, 21224) on Mondays at 7:30pm

• **Guides to Progress** (South Baltimore, 21230) on Mondays at 8pm.

• **Putty Hill** (Towson, 21204) on Sundays at 6:30pm – HYBRID

**DISCONTINUED MEETINGS**

• **Early Bird Early Weisers** will no longer be meeting on Monday mornings, 6:45am at the Weisman house. (Baltimore, 21218)

• **Captain's Table** has discontinued the Tuesdays Noon meeting as of 8/1/22. The other Captain’s Table meetings will continue as usual. (Towson, 21286)

• **The AA Speaker Tape Meeting** has discontinued (O)(Spk)(Online)

• **AA For Atheists and Agnostics** (South Shore Recovery Club) has discontinued the Thursday meeting. The Monday meeting will continue as usual.

• **St. Mark’s Thursdays** at 8:30pm, 30 Melvin Ave has discontinued (Catonsville, 21228)
**INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE**

- **Daily Reflections are back in stock!** We’ve got both regular and large print available!
- Our stock of Grapevine literature is “many and varied”! It reflects the experience, strength, and hope of our many members and on a variety of topics related to recovery, unity, and service. Visit us in-person or shop online for Grapevine titles.
- The Intergroup Bookstore is stocked and ready for your orders. (Some items are backordered because AAWS is out of stock and items need to be printed and delivered.) You can order from Intergroup by phone or online. Pick-up at the office or we can ship orders to you.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! The 28th Annual Friends of Bill W. Bull & Oyster Roast** – Sunday, November 20th from 1pm-5pm, Columbus Gardens, Tickets $38. Click here for the event details or purchase tickets by clicking here. (Flyer Enclosed)
- **Central Delaware Intergroup** is hosting its annual Blue Hen Roundup on October 1st. Click here for information and registration form. For additional info/special requests, email: support@cdiaa-de.org
- **District 9 Events Committee presents – Pumpkin Painting/Chili Cook-Off** on October 8th from 2-5:30pm. See the exciting detail by clicking here. Tickets are $8 (advanced purchase only) If you can’t afford a ticket, there are donated tickets available.
- **District 10** will host its annual Unity Picnic at Double Rock Park on Sunday, October 9th from 12-4pm. Click here for flyer with details for the event.
- **The 857 Club is having a Halloween Party** Friday, October 28th from 9pm-12midnight. Tickets are $10 Believe in Recovery and join the fun, food, & fellowship. Click here for flyer
- **District 18** – invites you to a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29th Doors open at 7pm; Speaker at 7:30pm; DJ/Dance from 8-11pm Tickets are $10. Click here for more info and flyer.
- Please Contact the Intergroup office by phone (410)663-1922 or by email intergroup@baltimoreaa.org to let us know about your special events or workshops. To learn about various celebrations, go to https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/. *Event Announcements in the Baltimore Intergroup monthly bulletin are limited to those sponsored by Baltimore Intergroup; committees, groups or other Intergroups in Area 29; also Maryland General Service Area 29; MGS districts; and G.S.O.*

**G.S.O. / A.A.W.S. / MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE - AREA 29 INFO & EVENTS**

- **The Area 29 Grapevine Committee** is looking for members in our Area that have previously published articles and are interested in sharing their “literary” experience at our upcoming Article writing workshop in November. If interested in participating, please contact Brandi T at grapevine@marylandaa.org. The Area 29 Grapevine Committee meets virtually every fourth Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to participate.
- **2025 International Convention -MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY** - Planning is underway for the 2025 International Convention on July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Given the impact and uncertainty of the Covid-19 virus, it’s vital we obtain feedback from the Fellowship to incorporate in our planning. Kindly take a few minutes and answer the questions in the link below. Your responses are of great value in helping us to better plan for the International Convention. (All responses are anonymous.) Please respond by October 31, 2022. Click here for survey: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UhCs6p
• Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/

IN MEMORIUM
• We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Fred Schneider, formally of the Riverside Park Group (Sunday) and Linthicum Monday Night. Fred passed away with 42 years of sobriety.
• We remember in our prayers those close to Jack D. of the Pasadena group who passed away this past July with 51 years of sobriety.

I am responsible.... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.
Dave L. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Group Representatives: There were three new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the August 8, 2022 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Jack F. (Treasurer) noted that there was an error in the distributed Financial Report, in that it included both August’s and September’s rent. The corrected Financial Report (with August rent only) shows ordinary income of $7,897.71, which included $6,060.62 from AA groups and $1,789.00 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $16,463.19, yielding net ordinary income of -$8,565.48. Literature revenue was $3,876.86, with literature expenses of $5,285.58, yielding net literature income of -$1,408.72. Therefore, net income for August was -$9,974.20. Total assets were $236,254.65. Jack encouraged home groups and members to support the upcoming Golf Outing and Bull Roast.

Administrator’s Report: Jen G. reported that during the past 24 working days, there were 1 new meeting, 2 re-opened meetings, no re-hybrid meetings, 1 closed/cancelled meeting, and 32 meeting changes. There are now 700 total meetings: 479 in-person, 119 virtual and 102 hybrid. There were 287 calls for help during office hours, 4,272 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 11 shipped literature orders), and 111 visitors/literature pick-ups at the office.

Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended meetings of the Institution Committee, Activities Committee, Advisory & Personnel Committee, and the weekly office managers’ meetings. Also had weekly calls with Dave L. as our new Intergroup Chairperson. Jen will be meeting with the Golf Outing committee tomorrow in preparation for the Friends of Bill Golf Outing scheduled for September 26th.

“Daily Reflections” is finally back in stock. Also have plenty of copies of “As Bill Sees It” (hard back, soft back, and large print). Stop by in person or order by phone or online for pick up or delivery.

The office is looking for substitute volunteers to answer calls during office hours, either in the office or from home. For more information, call 410-663-1922 and ask for Misty.

Please pass around a 12th Step sign-up list in your home groups. We need an updated list, and we need lots of volunteers to answer Bridging the Gap and 12th Step calls in all zip codes. Please call the Intergroup Office with meeting
changes, openings and closings so the meeting directory and website is up to date.

**Activities Committee Report:** Paulette R. (Chairperson) reported on preparations for the Bull and Oyster Roast scheduled for November 20th at Columbus Gardens. Seating will be tables of eight. Tickets are $38. Volunteers are needed. Dick M. gave an update on the Friends of Bill Golf Outing scheduled for September 26th. Player slots are filled. Home groups and members are encouraged to sponsor holes.

**Answering Service Committee Report:** Melody B (Chairperson) reported that in July, there were 135 regular calls and 3 12th Step calls. Three shifts rotated. In August, there were 139 regular calls and 3 12th Step calls. Two shifts rotated. The committee needs new volunteers for the waiting list to fill future openings.

**Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees:** Patti V., (Chairperson), reported that the committee assisted, and will assist, the CPC Committee in staffing the AA exhibit table at the events described below.

**Cooperation with Professional Community Committee Report:** Ferdinand B., Chairperson, reported that on August 19th-20th, the committee staffed an AA exhibit table at the East Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders in downtown Baltimore. On September 15th, the committee will have an exhibit table at the Tuerk Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center. On September 29th-30th, the committee will have an exhibit table at National Association of Social Workers Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum. On October 27th, the committee will have an exhibit table at the Power of Aging Expo at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

**Speakers Committee Report:** Jeremy J. (Chairperson) stated there was nothing new to report.

**Literature Committee Report:** No report.

**Internet/Website Committee Report:** Mike C. (Chairperson) stated there was nothing new to report.

**Institution Committee Report:** No report. Jen reported that the committee will be holding its annual elections at this month’s meeting.

**Outreach Committee Report:**

**Nominations Committee Report:** Lucy H. (Chairperson) reviewed the nominees for each trusted servant position and, since there were no contested positions, the entire slate was approved by acclamation. Please see the list of new Trusted Servants that is being distributed with the bulletin.

**Chairperson Report:** Dave L. reported that he has had weekly phone calls with Jen since his election as Chairperson and is otherwise getting up to speed on his new position.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
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- Anonymous                       $65.00  Birthday Plan $102.00 $840.19
- Districts                      $10.00  Faithful Fivers $428.00 $4,726.41
- Gratitude Box                   $2,975.24 In Memorium $5,343.00
- Individual                     $1,211.00 Subscriptions $48.00 $264.00
- **5 Sources Contributed**      | $1,799.00 |

**Total Contributions for August** $7,849.62
28th Annual Friends of Bill W.

Bull & Oyster Roast

Sunday, November 20th
Doors open at 1PM.
Buffet open 1-4PM.
Live music 1-2:45PM.
AA meeting at 3pm.
Raffle drawing at 4PM.
DJ & Dancing 3:30-5PM!
Fun & Fellowship ALL DAY!

CALL 410-663-1922 TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Top round of beef, Virginia baked ham, seasoned turkey breast, Maryland crab soup, beef bar-b-que, penne pasta, meatballs, mashed potatoes, Italian sausage, green beans, tossed green salad, and much more, plus cake, soft drinks & coffee

Buy tickets online @ BaltimoreAA.org

Tickets $38 // 1-5 PM

New Venue! Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave., 21236
Help Support the Bull Roast on November 20th

Two Ways to Help!

Be a Volunteer!
Help us With:
- Set up
- Clean up
- Door Greeters
- Raffle Tickets
- Prize & Money Wheels
- The Memorial Wall
- Buy Tickets & reserve Tables
- Spread the Word!

Donate Gratitude Gift Baskets!
We’re asking homegroups to create themed gift baskets to raffle. Some basket theme ideas:
- Recovery
- Coffee
- Sports
- Game night
- Hair and Nail
- Suprise us!

(Suggested value between $25 and $75. Since we are self-supporting, all items must be purchased or donated by AA members. We cannot accept prizes that are donated from outside of the fellowship.)

Call Intergroup at 410 663 1922

All proceeds help offset the rising cost of hosting the Bull Roast

Drop off all donated baskets by Nov. 15 to Intergroup
Carry the Message & Pass It On
Sponsorship Opportunities

We need temporary sponsors for men at the Helping Up Mission who want to stay sober!

If you’re interested, contact the Intergroup Office:
(410)663-1922
Intergroup@BaltimoreAA.org

Thanks for your willingness to be of service!
12th Annual
Blue Hen Roundup
Hosted By Central Delaware Intergroup

Date/Time: Saturday, October 1, 2022 (Lunch Included)
Location: St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church - Great Hall
425 North DuPont Hwy Dover, DE

Schedule
8:00 am  Registration, coffee, donuts, fellowship
9:00 am  Al-Anon Speaker DeSiree C., Springfield, VA
10:30 am AA Speaker Christa V., Ocean City, MD
11:30 am Break
12:00 pm Invocation - Lunch and music
2:00 pm  AA Speaker Turpy, Washington D. C.
3:30 pm Break
4:00 pm  Sobriety Countdown AA and Al-Anon
4:30 pm Ticket Drawing for Gifts

Blue Hen Roundup Conference Registration for Saturday, October 1, 2022
Cost: $20.00

Name: __________________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________ Phone: __________________________

City _________________________ State: ________ Zip: _______________________

$20.00 per person. Mail registration form and check or money order payable to:
Central Delaware Intergroup
PO Box 853
Dover, DE 19901

Please include your phone number on your check or money order.
For additional info/special requests, e-mail us at support@cdiaa-de.org
Please remember all children require adult supervision.
Maryland General Service District 10

Unity Picnic
Sunday, October 09, 2022
12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

Bring some cash! Our Grapevine Committee will set up a display table with Grapevine books and related items for sale!

Meet our District 10 Officers & Trusted Servants!

Double Rock Park, Rich Pavilion
8211 Glen Road, Parkville, MD 21234

2:00 pm Open Speaker Meeting—Irving M. Washington D.C.

District 10 will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, cheese, charcoal, lighter fluid, foil, plates, napkins, utensils, water, ice & coolers.

Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share (entrée, salad, fruit, chips, side dish, or dessert). Please include a serving utensil, if needed.

The park no longer offers electricity and does not permit generators, gas grills or amplified music. Charcoal grills, coolers & games are welcomed.

Free Admission. We will pass a 7th Tradition basket during the meeting.

Raven Fans Note: Ravens have a night game this week!
DISTRICT 9 EVENTS COMMITTEE IS HOSTING A

PUMPKIN PAINTING

PAIRED WITH A

FACE PAINTING, TOO!!

$8 PER TICKET

If you can’t afford a ticket, there will be a donated ticket available.

CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

2:00PM TO 2:30PM FELLOWSHIP
2:30PM TO 4:30PM PAINTING & CHILI
4:30PM TO 5:30PM MEETING

SAINT BENJAMIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
700 KRIDERS CEMETERY ROAD
WESTMINSTER, MD 21158

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE "WINNERS"

CHILI COOK-OFF PARTICIPANTS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!
THERE ARE ONLY TWENTY (20) SPOTS AVAILABLE!
SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT EVENTS@D9MDAA.ORG

ALL DISTRICT 9 EVENTS ARE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING
Believe in Recovery at
THE 857 CLUB
PRESENTS A
HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY OCT. 28
9 PM TO MIDNIGHT
100 S. HAVEN ST.
DONATION - $10.00
FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP
MUSIC AND DANCING
GAMES - PRIZES
TICKETS AVAILABLE
HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 29th, 2022

Church of the Holy Apostles and St. Stephen
901 Courtney Rd
Arbutus, MD 21227

Tickets: $10
Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Speaker: 7:30 PM
DJ Terry Tee: 8-11 PM
+ Costume Contest
+ 50/50 Raffle
+ Door Prizes

Coffee, water, sodas and snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a sweet or savory snack to share.

For more information, call
410-663-1922 or email
district18@marylandaa.org.
**CALL FOR STORIES**

**Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos**

**Deadline: October 31, 2022** The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcohólicos Anónimos more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action: ‘The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.’”

In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition.

Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

**A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic pamphlet**

**Deadline: October 31, 2022** The trustees’ Literature Committee has opened a call for stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action regarding the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic,” stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African-American, Canadian and Caribbean A.A. members from the English-, French- and Spanish-speaking Black communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Experience, strength and hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Sponsorship
- A.A. service
- Safety and racism
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.

Submit Via Email  Email: pamphletstories@aa.org  Subject line: “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic”

**Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos**

**Deadline: December 15, 2022** In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that “A Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference,” the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic
- Newcomer and oldtimer experiences
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health

Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be approximately 5-6 pages.

Submit Via Email  Email: 4LGHistorias@aa.org  Subject line: “Fourth Edition Spanish”

Please include your full name, postal and email addresses, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether or not their story is selected for publication. Stories written in Spanish, English or French will be accepted. We suggest you keep a copy of your manuscript for your files. The respective designations Pamphlet or Fourth Edition should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

To Submit Via Postal Mail  Send to: Attn. Literature Assignment  General Service Office, Box 459  Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

Thank you for your participation in the process!
Celebrate your Anniversary and help carry the message! Please participate in the:

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY PLAN

Please complete this form -- call or email the office by the 15th of the preceding month for anniversaries to be printed in the bulletin. Or, mail them by the 10th to allow time for delivery.

Please list the name and phone # of the person to contact if the Intergroup office has any questions:

Name: _________________  Group: ________________________  Phone #: ____________________

For over the past 45 years, many anniversary celebrants have donated $1.00 per year of sobriety to the **Birthday Plan**. Your donations help us CARRY the MESSAGE to the still suffering alcoholic.

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** Individual members may contribute up to $5,000 in any year of sobriety; $5,000 posthumously. As always, this is only a suggestion and may vary as an individual desires. **

Please Keep In Mind

- List the date the individual will celebrate; NOT the actual anniversary date.
- List first names and last initial.
- List group name as it appears in the directory.
- Call the Intergroup Office or email to intergroup@baltimoreaa.org
- If mailing, please post before the 10th of the month, to allow time for delivery.
- Make checks payable to: Baltimore Intergroup
Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who pledge to make monthly contributions of $5 or more (up to $416 each month) or yearly contributions of $60 or more (up to $5,000 per member per year). These monthly or yearly gifts are made beyond what’s contributed to the basket at meetings and go directly to support the Intergroup Office. As a thank you, you will receive a free subscription to our monthly bulletin.

The idea of Faithful Fivers in A.A. was born when we remembered that we wasted much more than $5 each month during our drinking days! Because A.A. is fully self-supporting in keeping with the Seventh Tradition, the money necessary for A.A.’s survival and day-to-day operations can only come from individual A.A. members and A.A. groups. Your generosity keeps the Intergroup office open and running smoothly so that A.A. can be available to carry the message to suffering alcoholics in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Baltimore Intergroup Council
8635 Loch Raven Blvd., # 4 BALTIMORE, MD 21286
410-663-1922 • intergroup@baltimoreaa.org • www.baltimoreaa.org

YES! PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A FAITHFUL FIVER!
NAME: _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________ STATE: _______________ ZIP: ____________

PHONE NUMBER: _______________________________________________

EMAIL: ________________________________________________________

MONTHLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:

☐ $5
☐ $10
☐ $25
☐ $50
☐ Other __________

OR YEARLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:

☐ $60
☐ Other __________

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ MONTHLY AUTOMATIC CHARGE: Call the Intergroup Office at 410-663-1922 and we’ll set it up. Or visit: www.baltimoreaa.org
Select ‘Contribute Online’ and follow the prompts for Faithful Fiver
☐ My check is enclosed!

Please make checks payable to:

Baltimore Intergroup
8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4
Baltimore, MD 21286

PLEASE SEND MY FREE BULLETIN VIA: □ Email □ P.O. □ No, thank you

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!
Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

The Tenth Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A. A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

The long form: No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever. (Reprinted from "Alcoholics Anonymous" Append. 1. The A.A. Tradition)

The Washingtonian Society, a movement among alcoholics, which started in Baltimore a century ago, almost discovered the answer to alcoholism. At first the society was composed entirely of alcoholics trying to help one another. The early members foresaw that they should dedicate themselves to this sole aim. In many respects the Washingtonians were akin to A.A. Their membership passed the five hundred thousand mark. Had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the full answer. Instead, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes. Abolition of slavery, for example, was a stormy political issue then. Soon Washingtonian speakers violently and publicly took sides on this question. (Reprinted from page 125-126 Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age)

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our united harmony as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever? If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our Tenth Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy—serious controversy! (Reprinted from pp 89-90 The Language of the Heart)

2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “A.A. opinion”?
3. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside A.A.? Inside A.A.? (Reprinted from The Traditions Check List)

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