Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

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In every A.A. story, pain has been the price of admission into a new life. But this admission price purchased more than expected. It led us to a measure of humility, which we soon discovered to be a healer of pain. We began to fear pain less, and desire humility more than ever. – *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions*, p. 75. Reprinted with permission by AAWS, Inc.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next intergroup meeting we be held on Monday, July 11th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45m. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036

- The **Intergroup office will be closed on Monday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day. Thanks to our volunteers who will be answering the phones during office hours.

- **PLEASE HELP!** Sign up to volunteer on our 12th Step list and Bridging the Gap list. [Please post this link](#) in meeting chats to let members know they can **sign-up online** to help carry the message. Groups can also print the enclosed 12 Step form to distribute during meetings for members to sign up. For more information about this service opportunity, please see the enclosed flyer.

- 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/](https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/)

- **ES&H Needed!** 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 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.

- **Attention Online Meetings!** Our new online meeting format includes buttons for phone access. Please let us know your Zoom phone info and password so we can make meetings accessible to people who don’t have internet access.

**INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

- The next Institution meetings will be held on Zoom on Friday, July 15th, 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

- **Sponsors, co-sponsors & 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
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.

INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE

- NEW ARRIVAL to our Literature Store! A new Grapevine publication: Fun in Sobriety: How AA members learn to live sober and enjoy life to its fullest. This book features 50-plus inspiring stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they’ve learned to have a good time after putting down the drink. Chapters include travel, outdoor activities, arts & hobbies, social entertainment, fun-filled AA activities and sober events.
- The Intergroup Bookstore is stocked and ready for your orders. (*Some items are backordered with AAWS where they’re out of stock and 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.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 REOPENNING MEETINGS

- **Waterloo** will only meet on Zoom until further notice due to church repairs. Thursday 8:30pm Meeting ID: 896 8752 7129
- **The Hunts Church Group** (Towson, 21204) has NOT moved. It meets on Wednesdays at 12:30, in Hunts Church at the corner of Joppa and Old Court Roads. All are welcome.
- **Towson Group** (Towson, 21286) is reopening and will start meeting again on Mondays at 8pm starting on June 6th at Babcock Presbyterian Church (Pastor’s House), 8240 Loch Raven Blvd. **Guides to Progress** (S. Baltimore, 21230) on Mondays at 8pm needs support.
- **Cover to Cover** (Sparrows Point, 21219) on Tuesdays at 7pm needs support.
- 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sessions by the Sea** is September 6-11th. Visit www.sessionsbythesea.com for registration information.
- District 9 Events Committee is hosting a **Family Picnic** on July 9th, 11am-4pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and/or information, contact: events@d9mdaa.org  Click here for flyer
- SAVE THE DATE! The **12th Annual Friends of Bill W Golf Tournament** is Monday, September 26th. See enclosed flyer for registration and sponsorship information.  Click here to register on our website.
- COMING IN THE FALL... **Blue Hen Roundup** hosted by Central Delaware Intergroup.  Click here for information and registration form. For additional info/special requests, email: support@cdiaa-de.org
- 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. & MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE - AREA 29 EVENTS

- 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 Mark M., who passed away in May with 18 years of sobriety. He was member of the Monday Night Big Book Study Group in Canton before he retired in Arkansas.

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.
Mike W., for Marc M. (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 two new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the May 9, 2022, meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike W., for Jack F. (Treasurer), reported that ordinary income in May was $9,453.18, which included $7,718.05 from AA groups and $1,707.25 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $16,753.17, yielding net ordinary income of -$7,299.99. Literature revenue was $5,934.29, with literature expenses of $5,164.38, yielding net literature income of $769.91. Therefore, net income for May was -$6,530.08. Total assets were $231,643.87.

Administrator’s Report:
Jen G. reported that during the past 24 working days, there were 5 new meetings, 9 re-opened meetings, 3 re-Zoomed meetings, 4 closed/cancelled meetings, and 35 meeting changes. There are now 693 total meetings: 224 virtual, 365 in-person, 104 hybrid. There were 335 calls for help during office hours, 3,797 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 12 shipped literature orders), and 81 visitors/ literature pick-ups at the office.

Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended meetings with the Institution Committee, Activities Committee, the monthly MGS Intergroup liaison meeting, and the weekly office managers’ meetings.

There is a lot of interest in the part-time Volunteer Coordinator position at the Intergroup Office. Jen conducted seven phone and in-person interviews for the position and expects to make a hiring decision soon.

Home groups are encouraged to pass around a 12th Step sign-up list. Many volunteers are needed to answer 12th Step/Bridging the Gap 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 that the Sobriety Show will be held outdoors at the Angel Park Amphitheater in Perry Hall on Saturday, June 18th from 2:30-5:00 pm. The event will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Intergroup will sell snacks, sodas, and...
baked goods. Volunteers are still needed. Jen G. mentioned that registration is open for the Friends of Bill Golf event this September.

**Answering Service Committee Report:** Lisa, for Melody B (Chairperson) reported that there were 153 regular calls and 312th step calls. Two shifts were rotated. The committee needs new volunteers for the waiting list to fill future openings.

**Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees:** No report

**Literature Committee Report:** No report.

**Internet/Website Committee Report:** Mike C, Chairperson, reported that there was no activity last month other than some maintenance work.

**Institution Committee Report:** No report.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Melissa B. (Chairperson) reported that Committee attended the 40th anniversary of the Legacy Group on May 16th. The West Baltimore Group is celebrating its 75th anniversary on June 15th.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Mike C., for Lucy H. (Chairperson), continued the process of securing nominations of candidates for the trusted servant positions (officers and committee chairs) that will be filled in the elections later this year. Mike reviewed each of the positions to be filled and accepted additional nominations. Please see the “Sample Ballot” that is being distributed with the bulletin for a complete list of the elective positions and the nominations made to date. Nominees must be present at one or more of the Intergroup meetings for May, June, or July.

**Chairperson Report:** No report

**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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Total Contributions for **May**        | **$9,425.30** |       |                             |        |       |
BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC.
Sample Ballot

Please read below to find out more about council positions, descriptions, qualifications and terms. Except where indicated, groups can vote for only 1 person per position from the field of nominees.

All nominees must be present at one or more Intergroup meetings during May, June or July.
An *asterisk next to a nominee’s name indicates their presence at a May, June or July meeting.

OFFICERS

INTERGROUP CHAIR
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year of service; can be re-elected 1 time only (can serve maximum of 2 consecutive 1-year terms)
Description: The Executive Director of the Intergroup Council presides over monthly Intergroup meetings; is an Ex-Officio member of all committees; and may create committees when needed.

Nominee Name: *Dave L. Group: Wrath of Grapes

INTERGROUP CO-CHAIR
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year of service; can be re-elected 1 time only (can serve maximum of 2 consecutive 1-year terms)
Description: The Co-Chair shall serve to assist the Chairperson. He/she shall preside over the Intergroup Council meeting in the absence of the Chair. The Co-Chair shall assist the Chair by attending committee meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall report to the Chair.

Nominee Name: Group:

TREASURER (2-year term; not up for re-election this year)
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Prepares monthly financial reports and files all federal and state financial papers and reports.

Nominee Name: Group:

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Assists the Treasurer and acts as the treasurer for the Activities Committee.

Nominee Name: Group:

RECORDING SECRETARY
Qualifications: 2 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Prepares monthly Council minutes.

Nominee Name: *Mike W. Group: Hopkins
COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (vote for 8)
Qualifications: 1 year of continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Organizes, conducts and promotes events sponsored by the Council including the Sobriety Show, Golf Tournament, Bull Roast, and other activities.

Nominee Name: *Don B.  
*Becca H.
Group: Strangely Insane  
Fort Smallwood Fridiay

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises Chairman on all matters not specifically assigned to a standing committee. Advisory only, upon request of the Chairperson. All decisions to be voted on by Council.

Nominee Name: *Odyssey G.
Group: Mustard Seed

ANSWERING SERVICE COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Coordinates phone volunteers for the hotline during all hours when the office is closed.

Nominee Name: *Melody B.
Group: Brooklyn Keep Coming Back

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Explains to health and education professionals in the community what AA is and how we cooperate according to our traditions.

Nominee Name: 
Group:

LITERATURE COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year can be re-elected.
Description: Coordinates and facilitates the sale of AA related literature to groups at monthly Council meetings and other Intergroup sponsored events.

Nominee Name: 
Group:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (vote for 2)
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Encourages members to run for office; receives all nominations, reviews qualifications and counts votes.

Nominee Name: *Lucy H.  
*Mike C.
Group: Hopkins  
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OUTREACH COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Maintains a communication link between the Intergroup Council, the Intergroup Office, and all of its members and AA groups.

Nominee Name: *Melissa B. Group: Fort Smallwood Friday

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises and adopts appropriate guidelines for personnel policy and procedures for the Intergroup Office.

Nominee Name: *Marc McM. Group: Roland Park Steps & Traditions

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Provides AA information at health fairs and other events; handles all media requests for information on AA.

Nominee Name: Group:

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Provides speakers for groups outside of AA that request information about the AA program.

Nominee Name: Group:

WEBSITE COMMITTEE (vote for 2; 2 year term; not up for re-election this year)
Qualifications: 5 years of continuous sobriety/2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Manages the Intergroup Council website and its related functions.

Nominee Name: Group:
C. **Nominations** - Nominations for candidates for the Board of Directors and elective positions on the Standing Committees may be made and recorded at the regular May, June and July meetings of the Intergroup Council. Any such nominations may be made from the floor or in writing and submitted to the Intergroup Administrator. The names of all such nominees shall thereafter be turned over to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select candidates for any positions for which nominations have not otherwise been made and shall make a determination relative to the qualifications and willingness of each nominee to serve in the position for which he or she has been nominated.

The Nominating Committee shall submit a report reflecting the names of all qualified persons whose names have been placed in nomination and its findings at the regular July meeting of the Intergroup Council. Additional nominations may be made from the floor or in writing until the close of business at the July meeting of the Council. A listing of all qualified nominees shall be published two weeks prior to the regular August meeting of the Council. In addition to the qualifications of any nominee as otherwise stated in these by-laws, any given nominee must be present at no less than one meeting of the Intergroup Council within the three months immediately preceding the August meeting. In the event that he or she should fail to make such an appearance, his or her name shall be removed from nomination.

**ELECTION GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

The annual election of officers and elective members of the Standing Committees, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be held at the regular August meeting of the Intergroup Council. Election for all Directors and Chairperson of the Standing Committees shall be by closed ballot, except in instances where a candidate for any given position is unopposed, in which event the Secretary shall cast the ballot for that candidate by acclamation. Election to any position shall be achieved by that candidate receiving the greatest number of votes. No person may be on the ballot for more than one officer position during the same term. The following policies guide the election of officers and committee chairs of the Intergroup Council:

1. Each AA Group in the Baltimore Intergroup may have one representative at the Council monthly meetings.
2. No person can represent more than one group.
3. Each representative has one vote on election of officers.
4. Officers and Committee Chairpersons each have one vote.
5. When a member is nominated for an office or committee he/she must attend the May, June, or July Council Meeting to be eligible for election.
6. Please note jobs of Officers and Committees have various recommended lengths of sobriety.
7. Votes are cast at the August meeting by a closed ballot and are counted by the two elected and an appointed member of the Nominating committee.
8. Officers and Committee members are elected by simple majority vote.
9. At the August meeting Officers, Committee Chair and Intergroup Representatives sign in for an accurate count in the election.
— CALL FOR STORIES —

Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

**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 Alcoholics Anonymous 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, Alcoholics Anonymous, 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, Alcoholics Anonymous, 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 Alcoholics Anonymous: “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:

- Experience, strength and hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Sponsorship
- A.A. service
- Safety and racism
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health
- Diversity of social status
- Newcomer and oldtimer experiences
- 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!

Box 4-5-9, Spring 2022
REGISTER NOW!
100 PLAYERS MAX!

COST PER PLAYER: $150

Registration: 8:00 am

Driving Range & Putting Green
Open 8:00 a.m.
Shotgun-Start at 9:00 am
Awards & Luncheon Follow at
2:00 pm or End of Play

Proper Golf Attire Required
No Denim Permitted

TOURNAMENT FORMAT
Captains Choice Format
(single Best Ball on Each Shot)
No handicap required

Mulligans $5.00 each
Raffle Tickets Sold at Registration
(Tickets eligible for raffle table prizes)

Prizes for Individual Play,
Including Longest Drive
(Men & Women) & Closest to the Pin

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Team
50/50 RAFFLE

HOLE SPONSORSHIP
$100 PER SIGN

Please add the message for your sign, which will be placed around the golf course.

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Examples:
Easy Does It from the 1-2-3 Group
OR
In memory of Joe B.
OR
One Day at a Time from John D.

Name: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Sparrows Point Country Club
Directions:
1-695 Essex
Exit 41 Cove Road
Keep right at the fork
Merge onto Cove Road.
Turn left onto North Point.
Turn right on Wise Ave.

Destination will be on left;
919 Wise Ave.

MENU

Breakfast at 8:00 - 9:00 am
Donuts, Pastries & Coffee

Lunch at 2:00 pm
Oysters on the Half Shell
Pulled Pork
Italian Sausage (Sweet & Spicy)
Grilled Chicken Breast
Fried Chicken
Assorted Salads
Dessert & Refreshments
REGISTER NOW!
$150 per Golfer

Players:

Name__________________________

Phone__________________________

Email__________________________

Name__________________________

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Total amount included $---------

Baltimore Intergroup
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous

The Intergroup Council exists
to serve and unify the
activities of A.A. groups in the
Baltimore Metropolitan area.
The mission of the Baltimore
Intergroup Council and Office is
to service the 500 groups and more
than 1,000 meetings in the area,
and to assist all people who
call for help for alcoholism.

Make checks payable to:
Baltimore Intergroup
8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4
Baltimore, MD 21286

Register online at:
www.baltimoreaa.org

For More Information Contact
the Intergroup Office at:
410-663-1922
Email: jeng@baltimoreaa.org
OR
Dick M. at: 410-375-8490
Email: rcmikulski@msn.com

All proceeds to benefit
Baltimore Intergroup

Friend of Bill W.
12th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 26, 2022
Sparrows Point Country Club
919 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Sponsored by
Baltimore Intergroup Council
Activities Committee
TRIVIA NIGHT

Presented by

July 16th, 2022
Fellowship: 6:30-7PM
Trivia: 7-9PM

St. Stephens and Holy Apostles Church
901 Courtney Road
Arbutus, MD 21227
(the corner of Wilkens Ave and Courtney Rd)

Coffee and water will be provided. Bring a snack or sweet to share.

If you have any questions, contact Stephanie M. at district18@marylandaa.org.
District 9 Events Committee is Hosting a

Family Picnic

Saturday, July 9, 2022

11:00am to 4:00pm

Deer Park United Methodist Church
2205 Sykesville Road, Westminster, MD

Join us, rain or shine, for a day of fun and Fellowship!

Buy 1 Ticket at $8.00 or 2 for $12.00

Bring your family, a lawn chair, a blanket! There will be activities and games!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and/or information, contact: events@d9mdaa.org

All District 9 Committee Events Are Fully Self Supporting
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

Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!
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.

**Birthday Plan**

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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
Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

**Long form Seventh:** The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority. (Reprinted from “Alcoholics Anonymous” appendices 1. The A.A. Tradition)

“Passing the basket” at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of A.A. Our own contributions support the group, the Intergroup, the General Service Office, and all A.A. activities.

We do have to be practical. A group can hardly hold its regular meetings on a street corner, and an empty basket won’t fill a coffee urn. As soon as we become active in a group, we learn how many expenses are involved in making its meetings effective. Then our horizons broaden. What about Intergroup or central offices so many of us called to ask for help? Phone companies don’t give free service. Beyond our own locality, we learn about the A. A. General Service Office and the work it does for groups everywhere. A.A. activity is self supporting at all levels, and in every case the responsibility comes right back to us, the individual members, for we are A.A. (Reprinted from pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated”)

In another meeting the whole subject of money in A.A. got a more healthy kicking around. A.A.’s principle of “no compulsory fees or dues “can be construed and rationalized into “no voluntary group or individual responsibility at all,” and this fallacy was exploded with a bang. There was complete unanimity that through voluntary contributions the legitimate bills of groups, areas, and A.A. as a whole must be paid or we could not properly carry our message. It was agreed that no A.A. treasury ought to get overstuffed or rich. Nevertheless, it was emphasized that the notion of keeping A.A. “simple” and “spiritual” by eliminating vital services that happened to cost a little time, trouble, and money was risky and absurd. (Reprinted from pp 30 “Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age”)

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can’t afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Is a group treasurer’s report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
3. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received? (Reprinted from “Traditions Checklist from the Grapevine”)

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