"To gain enough humility and self-respect to stay alive at all, we had to give up what had really been our dearest possessions – our ambition and our illegitimate pride.”

A.A. Comes of Age p.287. Reprinted with permission by AAWS, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The next intergroup meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45pm. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036

• The Intergroup office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of the national holiday. However, the phone lines will remain open and be answered by our volunteers. We thank them for their service!

• Job Announcement! Please see the Office Manager job requirements. We are accepting applications through June 30th!! Must have at least 5 years of sobriety.

• AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action! Be a part of the action by becoming a volunteer at the Intergroup Office. Please contact Misty if you are interested – (410)663-1922.

• The Intergroup office is open from 9am – 4:30pm M-F to purchase literature and chips. Orders can also be shipped or made available for hallway pick up. For your convenience, orders can be placed using our online store. https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/ or call 410-663-1922

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

• The next Institution meetings will be hybrid on Friday, July 21st at 7pm. Join us in person at University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway (Charles Village, 21218). Or Zoom waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Note: the Zoom information has changed to the following – Meeting ID: 851 0978 7096 Password: 036778

• Homegroups and Speakers needed – The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments, both in-person and online. Let us know your group’s preference. 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

• Please note: Many pamphlets and books are out of stock. Click on this link to read correspondence from the Publishing Director at A.A. World Services. While some items may be said by AAWS to be back in stock, it may be...
that we have not yet received any literature we still do not have in stock. Continue to check back here.
We are grateful for your patience!!

- We have specialty enamel anniversary chips for sale in red, blue, and black!
- Despite current printing delays and backstock, our bookstore is stocked with AAWS, Grapevine literature, and some Hazelden titles. We continue to stock pamphlets, cards and other special items that can be purchased online at our Literature Store. Purchases can also be made by visiting or calling the office; Shipping is available for a fee.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

- **Renegades** will celebrate their 3 year group anniversary on Saturday, July 1st. Refreshments will be served at 10:15am followed by the meeting at 11am. All are welcome to attend. (O)(D)(Lit)(Towson, 21286)
- **Courage to Change** will celebrate 2 years of service to the fellowship on Thursday, July 6th. All are welcome. The meeting begins at 6pm. (O)(D)(Step 1-2-3)(Balto., 21206)
- **ODAT** will celebrate their 50-year anniversary on Tuesday, July 25th. Food and refreshments will be served at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7:45pm. (O)(Spk)(Charles Village/Waverly, 21218)
- If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length either in-person or via Zoom, contact us. Call: (410) 663-1922 or email: intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

NEW MEETINGS & MEETING UPDATES

- **NEW LOCATION/FORMAT** – **S.O.S. Liberty Road Group** (O)(D)(Windsor Mill, 21244) This is now a HYBRID meeting with a new location. Meeting time remains at 12 Noon on Sundays. New Address: 3605 Coronado Rd., Windsor Mill, at the One God One Thought Center. Parking and room entrance is at the rear of the building.
- **NEW TIME** – **New Attitude** (O)(D)(Step)(Beg)(Severn, 21144) The Wednesday night group will begin meeting at 5pm-6pm effective July 5th.
- **NEW Women On the Promenade** (W)(O)(Spk/D)(Canton/Highlandtown, 21224) meets on Mondays at 7pm. Meeting takes place in the upstairs church area; please use the main entrance doors in the front of the church; open to all who identify as a woman; not wheelchair accessible.
- **NEW TIME** - **The Bonfire Group** (O)(D)(Beg)(Outdoors)(Severn, 21144) now meets at 8:30pm. Note: Bring your own chair; the meeting takes place around the back.
- **NEW LOCATION** – **Assisi Big Book** (C)(D)(Lit)(Baltimore, 21224) now meets at Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church; 3426 Bank Street, Fridays at 7pm.
- **NEW LOCATION** – **Glen Gardens** (C)(D)(Glen Burnie, 21061) now meets at Rejoice Fellowship (no longer Marley United Methodist) 7606 Quarterfield Road, Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- **NEW – Living the Dream** (O)(D)(Spk)(Waverly/ Charles Village, 21218) meets at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Wednesdays.
- **NEW – Cuidado Con Los 4 Jinetes** (O)(Lit)(Step)(Trad.)(Spanish-speaking)(Kingsville, 21087) meets on Mondays, 6:30pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church.

GROUPS – NEEDS SUPPORT

- **Construction is complete** – new parking lot/new elevator! **Guides To Progress** meets at 8pm on Mondays (O)(Spk/D)(Step)(H) (Baltimore, 21230)
- **Retread** meets at 7pm on Sundays (O)(Beg)(Step)(Sparrows Point, 21219)
- **Sherwood** meets on Fridays at 8pm (O)(D)(Spk.)(Cockeysville, 21030)

DISCONTINUED MEETINGS

- The online-only Wednesday evening meeting, **Charles Village Women’s Big Book** will be temporarily on pause and will not meet for the summer.
- **Before Supper/Grapevine** on Tuesdays at 4pm has been discontinued. (O)(D)(Lit)(Pasadena, 21222)

GROUP INFORMATION & EVENTS
• 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.

G.S.O. & MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE EVENTS
• Here are the General Service Conference Advisory Actions for 2023 as well as the Conference Committee Considerations for 2023 and our Delegate Kurt W.’s Report Back presentation. For more information, visit https://www.marylandaa.org/.

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER for the 51st Annual Area 29 MD State Convention, August 4-6th with Al-anon participation. ANNOUNCING a new location-Delta Hotel by Marriott in Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Click here to register.

What Does a GSR do? How can you help your home group and the still suffering alcoholic? – Join MGS for a Zoom GSR Discussion/Q&A on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am. Meeting ID: 818 6222 7157/No password needed.

District 31 Monthly Hybrid Meeting – Meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, 21146. Virtual Info: Meeting ID: 885 8467 6255 Passcode: district31. Contact district31MD@gmail.com for more information.

District 33 will now meet on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm. New Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9848 4086 Passcode: D33164 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84998484086?pwd=WkJqemdGYXVBVW9kOGwrNTZRcIc2dz09

Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/

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.
June 12, 2023       Next Meeting: July 10, 2023

Dave L. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom.

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

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting. In those minutes, it is reported that Jen G. was stepping down as the Executive Director of Intergroup and that Doug M. would serve as the Interim Office Manager through the end of August. In order for Doug to have check signing and other banking authority, our financial institutions have requested that the following language be added to the minutes: “All business accounts will be transferred from Jennifer Grow to Douglas McKenny. Treasurer John Frain will remain on the accounts.” Our financial institutions also want the full names of the officers to appear in the amended minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make these amendments and approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: J Jack F. (Treasurer) presented last month’s Financial Report. Ordinary income was $11,903.28, which included $10,009.66 from AA groups and $1,837.00 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $16,600.44, yielding net ordinary income of -$4,697.16. Literature revenue was $7,207.93, with literature expenses of $4,694.92, yielding net literature income of $2,513.01. Therefore, net income for May was a loss of $2,184.15.

Total assets were $257,032.72, which includes an Employee Retention Credit of $34,987.40 recently received from the U.S. Treasury. Jen G. explained that this credit is not reported as 2023 income but is accounted for as a refund of 2021 payroll taxes.

Administrator’s Report: Doug M. (Interim Office Manager) reported that during the past 24 working days, there were 7 new/re-opened meetings, 3 closed/cancelled meetings, and 15 meeting changes. There are now 678 total meetings (477 in-person, 104 virtual and 97 hybrid). There were 244 calls for help during office hours, 4,035 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 7 shipped literature orders), 9 12th Step/Bridging the Gap requests, and 123 visitors/literature pick-ups at the office.

Doug reported that since the last Intergroup meeting, he attended an Activities Committee meeting and the weekly office managers’ meetings and has been in contact with Dave L.

Jen’s last day as Executive Director is Thursday, June 15th, but she will continue to be available after that date for training and assistance. We have hired Steve M. as our new Administrative Assistant and Web Manager. We are accepting resumes for the Office Manager position through June 30th. Resumes may be sent to jeng@baltimoreaa.org.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
The number of Bridging the Gap requests has increased in recent months. Volunteers are desperately needed and may sign up at https://baltimoreaa.org/12-step-bridging-the-gap-sign-up/

Activities Committee Report: Jen G., for Paulette R. (Chairperson), reported that the Sobriety Show is scheduled for September 30th at the Catonsville Methodist Church. The Friends of Bill Golf outing is scheduled for October 16th. The Bull Roast will take place on Sunday, November 19th at Columbus Gardens. Details for these events will follow.

Answering Service Committee Report: Doug M., for Melody B. (Chairperson), reported that last month there were 128 calls, including 6 12th Step calls. One shift needs to be filled, so volunteers are needed.

Public Information Committee Report: No report.

Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees: Ferdinand B., chairperson, had nothing new to report.

Speakers Committee Report: No report.

Literature Committee Report: No report.

Internet/Website Committee Report: No report.

Institution Committee Report: No report. Jen G. mentioned that the number of institutions looking for AA meetings is increasing, so the Committee needs more sponsors and co-sponsors. Jen G. also reported that the committee is trying to distribute more literature to draw down their surplus funds.

Outreach Committee Report: No report.

Chairperson Report: Dave L. thanked Jen again for her years of service to Intergroup. He has been in contact with Doug M. to discuss and plan for the transition period.

Nominations: Lucy H. (Chairperson of the Nominations Committee) continued the process of securing nominations of candidates for the trusted servant positions (officers, directors, and committee chairs) that will be filled in the elections in August. 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.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Chris K. announced that District 10 is presenting a workshop entitled “Handling Grief in Sobriety” on June 24th from 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4301 Raspe Avenue, Baltimore, MD.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
# Group Contribution List

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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 Chairperson 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)
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: Mike W.* Group: Hopkins

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: Don B.* Group: Strangely Insane

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

Nominee Name: David R.* Group: Daybreak
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: Patti V.*
Nominee Name: Kathleen W.*
Nominee Name: Mel W.*
Nominee Name: Melissa B.*
Nominee Name: Becca H.*
Nominee Name: Mary Ellen K.*

Group: 24 Hour Group
Group: As Bill Sees It – Arbutus
Group: Timonium Group
Group: Fort Smallwood Fri Night
Group: Hot Dog 12&12
Group: Day By Day A.A.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises Chairperson 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: Steve S-W.*

Group: ABC

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

BOARD AT LARGE (vote for 3)
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises Chairperson 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: Lucy H.*
Nominee Name: Jack F.*
Nominee Name: Rod B.*
Nominee Name: Barb S.*

Group: Hopkins
Group: Cowenton
Group: Catonsville Beginners
Group: Magothy 12 & 12

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: Ferdinand B.*

Group: Glen Burnie HOW
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: Eddie T*   Group: Wrath of Grapes

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: Mike C.*   Group: 164
   Nominee Name: Lucy H.*   Group: Hopkins

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: Glen Burnie HOW

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: Odyssey G.*   Group: Mustard Seed

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: Patti V.*   Group: 24 Hour 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)
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: Mike C.*   Group: 164
FROM REVISED BYLAWS 2012

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.
The Baltimore Intergroup Activities Committee Presents

**THE 2023 SOBRIETY SHOW**

**SEPTEMBER 30**

A free fellowship event! No tickets required! Enjoy a night of entertainment!

- Hot Dogs • Meatball Subs • Pizza • Soft Drinks • Coffee • Cakes
- All proceeds benefit Baltimore Intergroup

Catonsville United Methodist
6 Melvin Ave.
Catonsville, 21228

Doors at 5 p.m.
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Show to follow at 7 p.m.

A Baltimore A.A. event since 1958!

Sponsor the Show with a contribution and have your group's name listed in the program!
Friends of Bill W. 13th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday October 16, 2023

First Come First Serve
100 Player Max!

**COST PER PLAYER: $150**

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP**

**$100 PER SIGN**

- Registration at 8 AM
- Shotgun Start at 9 AM
- Awards & Luncheon Follow
  At 2 PM or end of play

- Captain’s Choice Format
- Single best ball on each shot)
- No handicap required
- Mulligans and Raffle Tickets
  sold at Registration
- Prizes for Individual Play

**MENU**

- Breakfast at 8-9 AM
  Donuts, Pastries & Coffee
- Lunch at 2 PM
  Oysters on the Half Shell
  Pulled Pork
  Fried Chicken
  Italian Sausage
  Grilled Chicken Breast
  Caesar Salad
  Assorted Salads
  Cheese & Pickle Tray
  Soda & Water

**Sparrows Point Country Club**
919 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Proper Golf Attire Required
No Denim Permitted

All proceeds benefit
**Baltimore Intergroup**
8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-663-1922

**REGISTER NOW!**
BECOME A FAITHFUL FRIEND!

Faithful Friends are A.A. members who pledge monthly contributions of $5 or more 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 have the option to receive a free hardcopy subscription to our monthly bulletin delivered by first class mail.

Faithful Friends are committed to supporting AA knowing that we spent 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.

NAME:______________________________________________________

ADDRESS:___________________________________________________CITY:___________________STATE:__________

ZIP:______________PHONE NUMBER:________________________________

EMAIL:________________________________________PLEASE SEND MY FREE BULLETIN VIA: □ P.O.  □ No, thank you.

MONTHLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:

☐ $5
☐ $10
☐ $25
☐ $50
☐ Other__________

OR YEARLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:

☐ $60
☐ Other__________

To pay:
Visit www.baltimoreaa.org/contribute to contribute online or call the Intergroup Office at 410-663-1922 or send us a check made payable to: Baltimore Intergroup.

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

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments; that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document; that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and "balance of powers" between the Conference and the General Service Board. "This....may look like a collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." On the one hand, "the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board."

"If... the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the trustees... will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate authority...neither will be seriously tempted to make a ‘rubber stamp’ out of the other...In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule."

Concept Checklist

- Do we act responsibly regarding the “power of the purse?”
- Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the W.S.B.?