

Manassas District News



APRIL 2020

MANASSAS DISTRICT WEBSITE
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Monthly District Meeting

Second Tuesday, Bethel Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.

All are Welcome!

WE CELEBRATE!!

- ANNIVERSARIES -
MARCH 2020

NAME	YEARS
Geoff L.	13
Frank C.	14
Alice P.	18
Tim B.	19
Jonathan	20
Eugene H.	30
Dawn	31
Doug W.	39
Margaret S.	39
Sherry W.	39

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		Treatment Ctrs:	Sarah S.
		Website:	John W.

*If you don't drink, you won't get drunk
 Thank you for allowing us to serve!!*

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DCM

Dear Friends!

Last year, in April, I wrote about our Declaration of Unity Statement: "This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come." Over the last 6 weeks, our lives have changed significantly so that, to me, this statement takes on a whole new meaning. Bethel Lutheran Church continues to support us, even though they have closed to in-person group worship, but have kept open an entire wing of their facility for our 12-step groups - thanks to the new security doors off the sunroom they are able to do this - because they understand that for many of us an in-person meeting cannot be replaced. And in the paraphrased words of Pastor Jeff: if

we entirely close our facility, where will they go? We have more meetings at Bethel than any other facility in the Manassas area.

Continuing to meet in person is critical to not only the newcomer, but also to the long-timer and everybody in between. However, like me, probably many folks have cut back on their in-person meetings either consciously or because their facility closed or they have gone to entirely online and phone meetings. So, our common welfare these days does include social distancing and using masks and gloves.

Tradition 4 states that "Each group should be autonomous [self-governing] except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." I truly appreciate the autonomy that our individual groups have. However, to continue meeting at Bethel, we all need to do the things we should



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Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept Four for World Service

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check website or see GSR for details

STAY TUNED!!!



LIST OF ONLINE & PHONE MEETINGS:

Northern VA Intergroup LIST

<https://nvintergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/TEMPORARILY-CANCELED-MEETINGS-AS-OF-4-4-20.pdf>

Virtual meetings

<https://nvintergroup.org/>

PHONE-ONLY MEETINGS (WAIA)

<https://aa-dc.org/phone-meeting-list>

ONLINE MEETINGS (WAIA)

<https://aa-dc.org/meetings?tsml-time=upcoming&tsml-type=ONL>

Online meetings thru GSO

<https://beta.aa-intergroup.org/>

<https://beta.aa-intergroup.org/oiaa/meetings/>

DCM Report (cont'd)

do to insure that we can continue to meet in person, including social distancing, using masks (it is a requirement in Maryland and it could become so in Virginia), gloves, and cleaning tables/chairs/ other items before and after use. Security of the facility is also an imperative. The building needs to be locked between meetings and after the last meeting of the night ends. Do not assume that someone from Bethel will come by to lock up as they have reduced their in-person checks (their camera security still works!).

For those of you still keeping an in-person meeting going, a VERY BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. But if you show up and open up, but no one else shows up, please, do not be discouraged. It is important to "keep the doors of AA open" - but in keeping with tradition 4, your group may do as it chooses and meet or not meet. There are several one-off meetings around the area besides Bethel that are still having in-person meeting opportunities; it would be sad to have them close and have only Bethel meetings still going.

There are a lot of online and phone meetings out there; check the websites that have listings (i.e., Northern VA Intergroup and WAIA – Washington Area Intergroup Association. There are even recommendations from GSO at aa.org). Even some meetings on the Meeting Guide app have their online site listed.

Like recovery, we can do this together!

Be safe, stay healthy, and Thank you for letting me be of service!

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INTERGROUP NEEDS PHONE VOLUNTEERS!

Northern Virginia Intergroup Needs Phone Volunteers. If you have a year or more sobriety and could volunteer for as little as three hours a month, please call. Monthly training (TEMPORARILY CANCELLED)

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