

BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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BULLETIN~ October 22, 2007
(October 22, 2007 thru November 19, 2007)

The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from God, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today animates A.A.'s all around the globe.

Pg.151, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, with permission of AAWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Bulletin is now available by email or Business 1st Class. Both forms of mailing will expedite the receipt of the now once-a-month Bulletin. Please: Give some thought to subscribing to the Bulletin. The cost is only \$10.00 a year and you will receive the Bulletin every month. This is an excellent way to keep abreast of all the happenings in the Baltimore Intergroup area!
- The next Intergroup meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 8:00pm at the Episcopal Cathedral, Saint Paul St. & University Pkwy. Enter on Saint Paul St. New Rep. Meeting begins at 7:30pm.
- The next Institution Committee meeting will be on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 7:00pm, University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway. Orientation for new reps, new sponsors and co-sponsors begins at 6:30pm. Please note: Institution lists are now sent directly to Institution Reps, Sponsors, Co-Sponsors and all persons connected with the Committee in a separate mailing. Please call to enroll if you are a Rep or Sponsor.
- There are openings for Volunteers in the Intergroup Office on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Substitutes are also always needed! If interested in this wonderful and necessary opportunity for Service, please call 410-663-1922. (We are looking for members with six months to a year of Sobriety).
- The Sobriety Show will be on March 15, 2008, again at Perry Hall High School. More information will follow.
- Tickets are still available for the Bull Roast. Call the Intergroup Office at 410-663-1922.
- Please call your Alcathon and holiday announcements in to the Office in time for publication.
- **We need your help!** The Baltimore Intergroup is very fortunate to have had the generous support of many Groups who have helped financially when it has been most needed. Very sadly, contributions have fallen off *drastically*, and we need your help again. We count on "the immense good will of our brother [and sister] A.A.'s who [are] only too eager to help." (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 121)
- The 57th Annual General Service Conference has approved an increase in the amount that Individual Members can contribute per year from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. All Individual contributions are tax deductible.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES WITH GUEST SPEAKERS AND REFRESHMENTS

Seekers will celebrate 31 years on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 with refreshments before the meeting. (21224)

Hatch will celebrate 39 years on Monday, November 12, 2007 with refreshments served at 7:00pm followed by the meeting at 8:30pm. (21204)

Claver will celebrate 41 years on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 8:15 pm. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served after the meeting. (21217)

Twelve Steps To Life will celebrate 22 years on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Refreshments will be served at 7:30pm and the meeting will follow at 8:30pm. (21224)

Waterloo will celebrate 18 years on Thursday, November 15, 2007. (21045)

MEETING CHANGES AND OTHER INFORMATION

New Tollgate, Monday, 8:00pm, St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas Lane, is a Step meeting. (21117)

Awake and Ready, Church of the Holy Apostles, 4922 Leeds Ave., meets in the church, but use the white door to enter. (21227)

Agnostics meets in the basement of St. John's Episcopal Church, South Rd. and **Kelly** (not Smith) Ave. (21209)

One Step At A Time has moved to the Catonsville Presbyterian Church, 1400 Frederick Ave. at Beechwood Ave., use the Frederick Ave. entrance. (Tuesdays at 7:00pm). (21228)

S.O.D.A.T.'S MEETINGS, Monday at Noon and Saturday at 8:30pm, are now Open meetings. (21218)

The Eye Opener, at the Serenity Center, 9650 Basket Ring Rd., has cancelled the Wednesday and Friday 7:00am meetings. (21045)

Brooklyn Keep Coming Back, effective November 1, 2007, will have only one meeting at 7:30pm. (21221)

Back To Basics Downtown has moved from St. Vincent's to ODBEC, Fallsway & Madison, and has changed the time to 6:30pm, not 7:00pm. (21202)

Great Fact will hold Traditions Meetings the first three Wednesdays of November, the 7th, 14th and 21st, covering four Traditions each week. (21043)

NEEDS SUPPORT

Do Not Be Discouraged, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Ave. at Slade Ave., back entrance, Tuesdays at 7:30pm. (21208)

NEW MEETINGS

Living In The Solution, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 3710 Roland Ave., side entrance, Saturdays, 6:00pm. (O) (D) (NSM) (21211)

DISCONTINUED

City Line, Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St., will discontinue meeting. (21212)

Lutherville Steps To Freedom, Timonium United Methodist Church, Pot Springs & Chantry Rds. (21093)

Charles & Saratoga, Old Saint Paul's Church, Charles & St. Paul Sts. (21201) *ALL MEETINGS*.

Early Starters Young Persons, Mt. Zion Church, 3006 Old Westminster Pike. (21048)

Brooklyn Keep Coming Back at 8:00pm and **Keep Coming Back Beginners** at 6:45pm, Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 4th & Pontiac. (21225)

IN THE HOSPITAL

Barbara C., wife of Tom C., is in Stella Maris and can receive visitors.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret the passing of our friend in the Fellowship Edward W., longtime member of the Sherwood Group. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Les. L. of the Wrath of Grapes Group in the loss of his father.

MGS AREA 29- DISTRICT MEETINGS and OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

District 34 GSR monthly meetings will be on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. The meeting location is the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 4th St. & Pontiac Ave.

Please Note: The new mailing address for MGS is: P. O. Box 2683, Salisbury, MD 21802.

District 9 (Carroll County) holds its meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm. The meetings are held at the Westminster Senior Center, 125 Stoner Rd.

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.

*******ALCATHONS, HOLIDAY PARTIES and CLOSING INFORMATION*******

City County is hosting Holiday Alcathons at the Brooklyn Heights United Methodist Church, 110 Townsend Ave., Brooklyn Park, MD 21225:

THANKSGIVING– Wednesday, November 21, 2007 from 8:00pm to Midnight and then Thursday, November 22, 2007 from 9:00am to 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE– Monday, December 24, 2007 from 8:00pm to Midnight and then Tuesday, December 25, 2007 from 9:00am to 11:30pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE– Monday, December 31, 2007 from 8:00pm to 1:30am and then Tuesday, January 1, 2008 from 9:00am to 11:30pm

The meetings are one hour long with a half-hour break between. Donations of sweets and snacks are appreciated.

New Cathedral will not meet on Christmas Night or New Year's Night. *(21210)*

New Attitude will meet at Noon and 5:30pm on Thanksgiving Day. *(21144)*

*** Secretaries ***

Please make this available at all A.A. meetings and group conscience meetings. Mail back or Fax by January 18, 2008

12-Step Service Opportunities Are Available!

*We are preparing our 12-Step list for 2007 and your cooperation is needed.

*There are more calls coming in than we have A.A. volunteers to answer them.

Please consider giving your time to help us to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it.

What is the 12-Step
List?

The **12-Step List** is composed of A.A. members who want to carry the message of hope and sobriety to still suffering alcoholics. Calls for help that are received in the Intergroup Office are relayed to sober members who are available in nearby areas. **Twelve Step calls** are for the purpose of talking to the suffering alcoholic. *We are especially in need of volunteers who are available during daytime hours.

Do's & Don'ts:

- Do:** Call the person as soon as possible.
- Do:** Strongly suggest that women talk to women and men to men.
- Do:** Have other A.A. members' phone numbers to help you.
- Don't:** Go alone to pick up a new person.
- Do:** Get someone to go with you if you decide to pick up the new prospect.
- Do:** Make arrangements to meet the alcoholic at a meeting.
- Do:** Share freely your experience, strength, and hope. The most important thing is to convey the help available in A.A. meetings.

KEEP IN MIND. . .

- * It is not A.A.'s responsibility to take active alcoholics to the hospital or detox, although you may choose to do so. We carry the message, not the drunk.
- * If someone is in very bad condition, you or that person can call 911 for help. Hospitals must admit persons going into DTs.

. . .REMEMBER: THAT THERE IS NO BAD 12TH-STEP WORK!

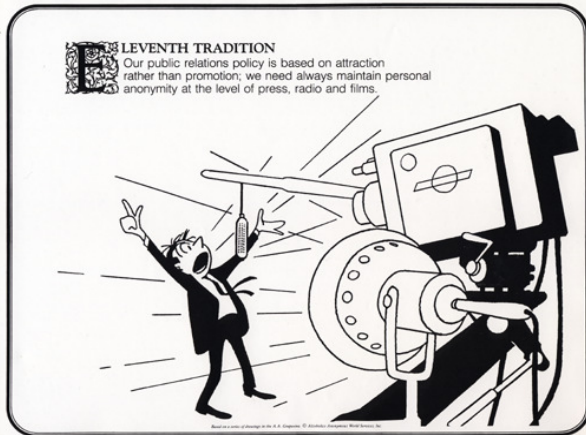
"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail." Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89

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I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.*

THE ELEVENTH TRADITION

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

The long form: Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us. (*Reprinted from "Alcoholics Anonymous" Appendices 1. The A.A. Tradition*)



Alcoholics who have recovered through our program are themselves the strongest attraction that A.A. has. When people are asked what led them to seek A.A. help, the answer given most often is: "An A.A. member." Their chances would have been slim if all of us had remained completely in hiding. But many of us have chosen to tell our friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, doctors, or spiritual advisers that we are in A.A. - and when we do so, we are not breaking our anonymity in the meaning of this tradition. (*Reprinted from the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"*)

We see that on breaking anonymity by press, radio, or pictures, any one of us could easily transfer the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous over onto any enterprise or into the midst of any controversy.

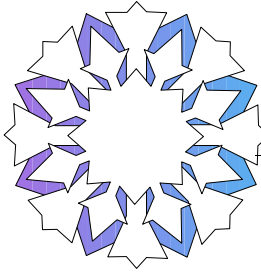
So it is becoming our code that there are things that no AA ever does, lest he divert AA from its sole purpose, and injure our public relations. And thereby the chances of those sick ones yet to come.

To the million alcoholics who have not yet heard our AA story, we should ever say, "Greetings and welcome. Be assured that we shall never weaken the lifelines which we float out to you. In our public relations, we shall, God willing, keep the faith." (*Reprinted from "Language of the Heart"*)

Suppose a sick alcoholic never has the good fortune to meet an A.A. How is such a person going to find us? The search will be difficult if the local group thinks it should be anonymous, too. The Tradition is talking about "personal anonymity" remember? Alcoholics will not be attracted to A.A. if they don't know that it exists or if they have distorted, unfavorable impressions of its members or its program.

Giving the general public an accurate picture of A. A. is the chief job of our public information committees. In addition, they often carry the message to certain groups - from police officers to personnel directors - whose work includes contact with active alcoholics. (*Reprinted from the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"*)

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
 2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
 3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around - even within the Fellowship?
 4. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
- (*Reprinted from "Traditions Checklist from the Grapevine"*)



*Join Intergroup in sending Season's Greetings
to your friends in the fellowship!*

Become a part of this over 30 year Baltimore Intergroup
tradition!

No hassle with cards or postage . . .

Simply make a donation to Intergroup so your
name or group can be listed
in the festive holiday cards which are sent
out twice in December.

Send your warm wishes to all your friends at once!

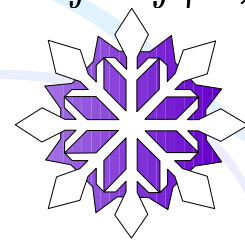
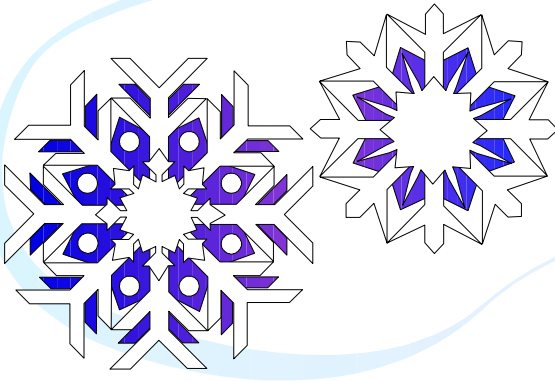
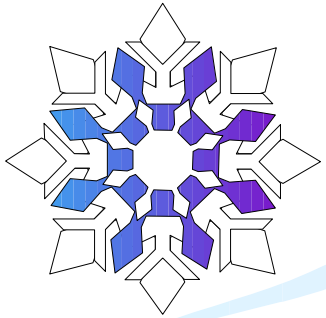
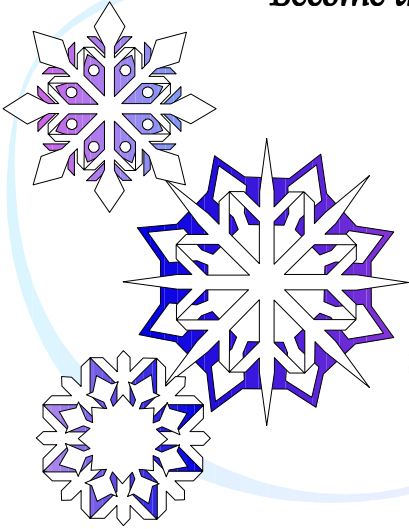
Your participation in his holiday cheer is not
only a sincere way of extending joy and hope to
all your friends, but also a thoughtful
way of supporting your Intergroup.

So, send any amount that is appropriate to:

HOLIDAY GREETING CARD
BALTIMORE INTERGROUP OFFICE
8635 LOCH RAVEN BLVD. SUITE 4
BALTIMORE, MD 21286

Donations may be sent as a group or individually.
The Holiday cards will be mailed on
December 18, 2007.

Please join in our greetings for the fellowship.



BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Institution Committee

“THEY CAN’T COME TO US BUT WE CAN GO TO THEM”

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE AN INSTITUTION REP?



JOIN NOW

SUPPORT YOUR INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

WE NEED GROUPS, WE NEED SPONSORS, AND CO-SPONSORS

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETS 3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

34TH AND GREENWAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-663-1922