



Wilson District 25 News

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District News

Next District meeting is **December 28th, 5-6pm**. All are not only welcome to help, YOU are needed! The November 23rd, 2008, District meeting welcomed several new General Service Representatives (GSRs) from various groups. José A., DCM, and Bobby R., ADCM, and Ana K., a GSR, reported on the Fall Virginia Assembly meeting, at which they participated in discussions and decision making affecting AA in Virginia. Wilson District 25 took on no new duties, but is now better informed on how we can do our part to extend the hand of AA in our Area. The District will coordinate with groups for a 36 hour Alcothon of continuous meetings at Christmas, and extended meeting hours at New Year's. A GSR training session at the Serenity Club is planned for January 11, 2009, at 5pm. Please address suggestions for the good of AA at The Serenity Club to Ana K., the point of contact between the District and The Club.

DISTRICT MISSION PRIORITIES:

1. Promote group autonomy and communications.
2. Develop group and district self support capacity.
3. Assist groups to fill positions.

The Intergroup Unity Newsletter, Member News Board and Literature Table carry local social/educational/service information. **We insist on enjoying ourselves; you can, too.**

Special Events ~ see back

Group News

Spotlight on: Sunday Anniversary Celebration Speaker Meeting. Among the oldest groups in Northern Virginia, but now rebuilding, temporarily served by several volunteers, a Dec. 14th business meeting will elect trusted servants. Celebrating months, a year or multiples? You're invited to Celebration Sunday, please attend, and schedule your day, soon.
Group Builder Tip: Continuing with previous tips on Tradition 5, group purpose, is your group ready to carry the message beyond simply conducting your meetings? A "starter service" for a group could be to commit to support one of the less developed meetings at the Club. Several 4pm and 5:30pm meetings are in this category.

Current Meeting Schedule

OD-Open Discussion ~ *Chip Meetings
Mon - Sun 7:30am (Sunrise Group)
Monday - Friday 12:00 (Nooners*)
Monday - Friday 4:00 (The Beginners)
Monday - Friday 5:30 (H.A.L.T.)
Monday - Friday 7:00 (Twilight Zone)
Mon 7pm OD (Beginners)
Tues 7pm Literature OD (Big Book)
Weds 7pm 3rd Step (Turn It Over*)
Thurs 7pm OD (Lamplight*)
Fri 7pm Literature OD (Living Sober)
Sat 7pm Literature OD (Grape Vine)
Sun 7pm OD (Mt Vernon Sun. Nite)
Saturday Noon (Wilson Men's Stag Mtg.)
Saturday 3:30 (Serendipity~Women's)
Saturday 5:00 (Freedom Group)
Sunday 10:00am (From the Heart)
Sunday 3:30pm (Bailey's Crossroads*)

See the Group Matrix, Member News Board, for more group information.

Please distribute your AA group contributions for the good of AA (as suggested by our founders)

Nov. Anniversaries

Martina M. ~ 2 months – Nov. 2nd
 Andy S. ~ 4 months – Nov. 2nd
 Greg O. ~ 2 months – Nov. 6th
 Stanley C. ~ 1 year – Nov. 8th
 John B. ~ 3 months – Nov. 9th
 Jack D. ~ 11 months – Nov. 11th
 Bonnie C. ~ 4 months – Nov. 15th
 Holly M. ~ 3 months – Nov. 15th
 Carol R. ~ 8 months – Nov. 17th
 Janice J. ~ 1 month – Nov. 18th
 William W. ~ 5 months – Nov. 20th
 Carol P. ~ 4 months – Nov. 21st
 Alex P. ~ 6 months – Nov. 21st
 Garrett B. ~ 6 months – Nov. 21st
 Maryann ~ 2 months – Nov. 22nd
 Maureen B. ~ 3 months – Nov. 26th
 Serena B. ~ 9 months – Nov. 26th
 Bobby R. ~ 9 months – Nov. 28th
 Carolyn S. ~ 3 months – Nov. 30th
 Debbie W. ~ 8 months – Nov. 30th
 Jeannie ~ 2 years – Nov. 30th

(Please contact Cynthia A. if you have any updates for next month's newsletter)

Traditions Corner / Month 12

Tradition 12:

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

The Long Form

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Step 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Announcements - Upcoming AA events



See fliers on Resource table for more information

Local Special Events

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING

THIS ONE HOUR SESSION PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES FOR NEW OR PROSPECTIVE GSRs, GIVEN BY A FAIRFAX DISTRICT GSR EVERY SECOND TUESDAY @7PM.

AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA INTERGROUP,
8501 LEE HIGHWAY, FAIRFAX, VA
(ARLINGTON INSULATION BLDG. 2ND FLOOR)
703-876-6616

IF YOU ARE A NEW GSR, OR ARE WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BECOMING A GSR, OR JUST WANT GSR INFORMATION, THIS TRAINING SESSION IS FOR YOU!

NEXT SESSION
TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2008

From the Grapevine

Once Over Lightly

OUT WEST, an old cowhand--with a bit of a skinful and nothing much to do--ambled into the local blacksmith shop one afternoon. Without thinking too clearly, and with the air of a lord passing on the merits of his serf's labors, he picked up a horseshoe for inspection. Unfortunately, he picked up one that had very, very recently come from the forge. He dropped it promptly, tucked his seared hand into the pocket of his jeans, and pretended aplomb and nonchalance.

"Kinda hot, wasn't it?" chortled the smithy.

"Nope," drawled the cowhand. "Just don't take me long to look over a horseshoe."

THE NOISY DRUNK in this tale didn't think he'd had his fill of booze, but nevertheless was being thrown out by the bartender. Watching the struggle, one of a pair of spectators in the bar remarked, "Isn't that disgusting?"

"Yeah," said the other. "And the hell of it is, tomorrow is payday, and I'll have to go through the same routine myself."

Ham on Wry

A MAN CAME HOME IN THE EVENING. His first words were, "Pour me a double, honey. It's a jungle out there!" His wife sighed with disgust and said, "Oh, that's the same excuse you use every night, Tarzan."

Vance G.
District of Columbia

"Now that I'm sober, I no longer wake up in the morning, roll over, and introduce myself."

Anonymous

Send us your favorite AA humor!