



# Manassas District News

FEBRUARY 2020

MANASSAS DISTRICT WEBSITE  
[aamanassas.info/](http://aamanassas.info/)

## Monthly District Meeting

Second Tuesday, Bethel Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.  
All are Welcome!

**WE CELEBRATE!!**  
- ANNIVERSARIES -  
DEC 2019/JAN 2020

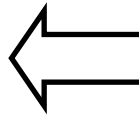
NAME	YEARS
Brenda M.	4
Jim B.	5
Kathleen R.	8
Tim R.	10
Danny S.	11
Nik B.	31
Charles K.	32

### District Officers 2019-20

**DCM:** John J.  
**ADCM:** OPEN  
**Treasurer:** Pati J.  
**Secretary:** Kenzie L.  
**Intergroup:** Kerri M.

### Committee Chairs

**Archives:** Steve M.  
**CPC/PI:** Yvette G.  
**Corrections (M):** Cameron F.  
**Corrections (F):** Sarah S.  
**Literature/GV:** OPEN  
**Newsletter:** Sara J.  
**Treatment Ctrs:** Sarah S.  
**Website:** John W.



These are celebrants for December 2019 & January 2020 that were not listed in January newsletter due to combining months. We celebrate all of you, and are now back on our monthly schedule!

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

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR DCM

*Dear Friends,*

We had a great movie night with "Changing Lanes" - lessons for all - and service work will keep you in the middle - it was a great success with the help of many folks! Thank you, Keith S., for a great night AND AA Jeopardy! Maybe you can bring it back for us another time.

There are a lot of AA events beginning to take shape for this coming year, not only around the area, but here in our own district as well. There are always opportunities to meet new friends - and old - to be of service, and to make spiritual connections. Our district will be looking at a Spring Spiritual tune-up in a couple months, a combined event with Woodbridge District again for our delegate share (June), a combined picnic with Centreville District (September), a Fall Spiritual tune-up (October), our 69th Anniversary of AA in Manassas (October), and our Alcathon (December). We cannot host these events without your support and service. Please, accept the call to make these events a success -- together we stay sober. And there are also events put on by some of the groups themselves: the Buckhall Groups with their anniversary meeting and the Sober at Sunrise Pancake Breakfast, just to name two.

Our district's involvement in Corrections is well known around Northern Virginia. So, I attended the PWC Adult Detention Center Volunteer Orientation on 25 January "just to see what it was all about." I am now accepted as a volunteer to take meetings into the jails. At some point, I will accompany Cameron F. to take a meeting or two into the jail. There are continuing needs in this area: both male and female, Spanish-speakers, and veterans. Contact **Cameron F.** or **Sarah S.** for information and qualifications.

I continue to learn and experience AA's spiritual program through service and attendance - a type of service in itself.

*S-O-B-E-R: Step Out Before Ego Returns.*

Thank you for the service you do, and thank you, for letting me be of service.

*John J.*  
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### Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

### Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

### Concept Two for World Service

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Check website or see GSR for details**



<b><u>The Key To A Healthy Group Workshop</u> Alexandria, VA</b>	<b>Saturday, February 15, 2020</b>
<b><u>Loudoun District #10 23rd Annual Day Of Sharing 2020</u> Ashburn, VA</b>	<b>Saturday, February 22, 2020</b>
<b><u>Happy Hour Group hosts its 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off</u> Winchester, Virginia</b>	<b>Saturday, February 22, 2020</b>
<b><u>Write For The Grapevine</u> Herndon, VA</b>	<b>Sunday, March 8, 2020</b>
<b><u>SERENITY WEEKEND</u> Williamsburg, VA</b>	<b>March 20-22, 2020</b>
<b><u>NVI Open House, Spring 2020</u> Fairfax, VA 11 AM to 2PM (Phone Training 10 AM)</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21, 2020</b>
<b><u>Movie Night</u> Woodbridge, VA</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21, 2020</b>
<b><u>SPRING ASSEMBLY 2020</u> Delta Marriott Chesapeake Norfolk, Chesapeake, VA</b>	<b>April 3 - 5, 2020</b>
<b><u>Northern Virginia Intergroup 60th Anniversary Celebration</u> Burke, VA</b>	<b>Saturday, April 18, 2020</b>
<b><u>VAC Archives Open House</u> Waynesboro, VA</b>	<b>May 16, 2020</b>

## **Freed Prisoners**



### **Letter to a prison group:**

Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn't any really essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.'s now know.

Therefore, when you members come into the world of A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be - not what you were - is all that counts with us.

Mental and emotional difficulties are sometimes very hard to take while we are trying to maintain sobriety. Yet we do see, in the long run, that transcendence over such problems is the real test of the A.A. way of living. Adversity gives us more opportunity to grow than does comfort or success.

From, "As Bill Sees It" Page 234 1. Letter, 1949 2. Letter, 1964



## **NEW MEETINGS / CHANGES**

### **NAME CHANGES:**

**"Something-Something" Group is now "As Bill Sees It." (meets Wed 7:00 pm Grace United Methodist Church)**

**"Saturday Night At Trinity" is now "The Saturday Night Group." (meets Sat 7:00pm" Trinity Episcopal Church)**

**These have been updated on GSO (Meeting App), VAC websites.**

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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.

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