



Manassas District News

OCTOBER 2020

MANASSAS DISTRICT WEBSITE
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Monthly District Meeting

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. NOW ON ZOOM!!
All are Welcome!

WE CELEBRATE!! - ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER 2020

| NAME | YEAR (S) |
|--------------|----------|
| Amy | 4 |
| Brian R. | 8 |
| Tom W. | 18 |
| Lisa F. | 24 |
| Margaret W. | 22 |
| Priscilla C. | 31 |

District Officers 2019-20

DCM: John J.
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 Secretary: Kenzie L.
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Committee Chairs

Archives: Steve M.
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*If you don't drink, you won't get drunk
Thank you for allowing us to serve!!*

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DCM

Dear Friends!

I recently attended the VAC Fall Assembly, and even though it was not in person, it was still a tiring event! Yet there was a lot of business accomplished, acquaintances renewed, ideas discussed, and information presented. 476 members were registered, 44 active Districts attended, and 6,152 years of sobriety, and 4,318 years of service were counted. One of the bigger items of interest was the Area inventory.

Meeting on line had its benefits and its drawbacks. The biggest benefits were not having to wait in long lines at restrooms or coffee pots, new electronic voting procedures helping speed up that process, time to travel to the venue was very short (!), and you could have attended even parts of it with minimal cost to your groups.

There were some drawbacks: not meeting in-person was the biggest one not being able to pick up AA literature & materials to bring back to you.... during breaks, not being able to talk one-on-one with a VAC officer, friend, new friend, committee chair, or my

"service sponsor," but the energy was great even when it was late and people were tired. We got it done!

The Twenty-Four-Hours-a-Day passage for today (October 12th as I write this) talks about still being on a "free ride" in AA and not doing service work, which I have written about a number of times over these last nearly 2 years. If you don't give it away you can't keep it, as one of our slogans says. Another way to look at it is that God cannot put anything into a vessel that is already full, and this being the 10th month, the 10th Step tells us this is a lifetime proposition - done one day at a time.

Even though our in-person meetings continue due to the generosity of Bethel Lutheran Church, our in-person events have been canceled out of necessity. In this difficult time, we need to be an active district more than ever, we just have to do things a little differently. We still have on-line opportunities. In fact, we are planning to host our 69th Anniversary of AA in Manassas as an online event. I do not like the term "virtual event" - there is nothing virtual about a live on-line event. A meeting is a meeting is a meeting. As far as "virtual," I recently completed a "virtual marathon" for a fund raiser - I ran 26.2 miles, and believe you me, there is NOTHING VIRTUAL about actually running that distance!
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Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept Ten for World Service

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Check website or see GSR for details

FALL Upcoming Events



VAC: <https://aavirginia.org/events/>
 NVI: <https://nvintergroup.org/nvi-area-events/>

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| VAC Virtual Corrections Workshop Sun. 1:00PM - 3PM Click on flier for more info. | October 18, 2020 |
| VAC Growth Workshop Zoom Meeting <u>Online</u> , VA Sat. 10:00am - 1:00 pm Free Find out more » | October 24, 2020 |
| NVI Website: Alexandria District's Virtual Fall Workshop – The Healthy Homegroup Sat. 10:30am - 1pm Virtual Workshop. | October 31, 2020 |
| Virtual Workshop: Sober During the Age of COVID <u>Zoom</u> , Sat. 9:30 am - 2:00 pm Reston, VA 20170 free Find out more » | November 7, 2020 |
| NVI Website: Northern Virginia Presents A Zoom Gratitude Breakfast 2020 Virtual Breakfast – Sunday 8:45am to Noon | November 8, 2020 |
| Workshop: Clarence Snyder, The Home Brewmaster Saturday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm <u>Zoom 816 5514 9755 PC</u> 018426, Norfolk, VA 23509 Find out more » | December 12, 2020 |

DCM Report (cont'd from page 1)

As I have previously written, Service is one of our three legacies on the three sides of the triangle on that chip you carry - Service, Unity, Recovery. Service at the group level is critical; however, to insure that AA will continue to be available to the future alcoholic, service is a necessity at the district and beyond to the Area. We will soon be electing new officers for the district in 2 months. We need people to step up to fill these positions so that AA service in Manassas can continue to help the still-suffering alcoholic. There are plenty of resources to draw on – for instance, I will continue to be available as a past DCM consultant. And there are many more who can and will help you.

Let's talk about continuing service. The GSO office up in New York spends a great deal of money to help the suffering alcoholic. Even in this time of COVID, GSO still continues to serve even though their offices are closed down. Contributions are way down, and they have had to draw heavily from their reserves. They stay in operation from two sources: contributions and literature. Our supporting GSO in whatever way we can, by check or putting into the "virtual basket" will insure its continuation. As Jim Carter was so fond of saying, "Service beyond the coffee pot"

Be safe, stay healthy, stay sober, thank you for the service you do -

Thank you for letting me be of service!

John J.
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"I am responsible. Whenever anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there. And for that, I am responsible."



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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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