

District 3 Serenity Times

May 2020

A.A. Principles

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Words from Bill W.

To those who have made progress in A.A., humility amounts to a clear recognition of what and who we really are, followed by a sincere attempt to become what we could be.

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Message From our Delegate:

With so much uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 crisis, as well as the NYS Executive Order by the governor that there be no gatherings of any size, many groups have now closed their doors to face-to-face meetings and instead are hosting virtual meetings through various platforms.

Those groups that have opted to stay open in real life have done so of their own accord, and Area 48, to be in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, does not endorse this practice.

1 - Tradition 4 states that every group is autonomous except when affecting AA as a whole. Keeping the brick and mortar doors open puts our members health and safety at risk, which could reflect poorly on AA as a whole, and should a member become sick after attending such a meeting, it certainly would.

2 - Tradition 10 states that the AA name should never be drawn into public controversy. Reports are coming in from all over the country of members and groups being disbursed by police, some resulting in citations. These incidents could also raise issues with our 11th Tradition of anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Area 48 will continue to provide members with the most updated information as it is provided to us and we wish everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Delegate's COVID -19 Statement2020

Message From our own District 3 DCM:

A lot of the churches we hold our meetings at will be expecting rent during the time we were not holding meetings. Please put a little aside--if you can--and instead of putting a dollar or two in the basket when it comes around, put in a five or a ten. We understand that some of us are not working, but those who can, should try to give a little more.

Everyone should try to reach out to each other at this time and say, "Hey, I was thinking of you."

Alcohol sales are way up, and suicides are up too. When this is all over a lot of people are gonna be realizing that they have a problem with alcohol. I want the hand of AA to be there for every newcomer.

Upcoming Events:

The next district meeting is a zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4724797096?pwd=UnltTE1jZmdwV05Ka2tLcGdYc0VmUT09>

Password: GSR

Come to the GSR meeting and see how service to your district can enrich your sobriety. Positions we need to fill: Treatment, Special Needs/Accessibility, Bridging the Gap, Young People's Representative. Corrections is looking for men and women to volunteer to go through the process in order to be able to bring meetings to prisons. If you're interested contact Tim B 518-221-3045

Online Meetings

- Palenville Monday Night Step Group 7:30 pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/918764127?pwd=eGYrcXJFNGIDYzFWR2tTdjZUSjF1dz09>

- Just for today zoom meetings.
Password for all three meetings: today

Tuesday Beginner's Meeting at 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/841402926?pwd=R0130FJ4NDR1akdIMjhERWVrc21BQT09>

Thursday Big Book at 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88603632149?pwd=Rkl2Q0RLL25sdEc4c3ozVHNxMWJJOdz09>

Sunday Speaker Meeting at 1 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83055557372?pwd=ZE9yclFDbmJKR3JOMWx4d1FMRnlhUT09>

- Sunday Morning Meditation Zoom Meeting Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 am.
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8894904261> Password: 770344
- <https://kqwbovkyvjf6ihu-dbthtechfree.adb.us-ashburn-1.oraclecloudapps.com/ords/f?p=122:7::::>
(this link is for telephone and online meetings all over the country)
- YES (Youth Enjoying Sobriety) Meeting, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 07:00 pm
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/682296000>

Phone Meeting:

- Dial 1-701-802-5143 and enter code 1739438 #. Meetings every night at 7 pm.

Anniversaries

These anniversaries are being *announced* not celebrated. My apologies if I get anything wrong or miss anyone—a lot of these are from last year's May newsletter.

- Westerlo Group, Route 143, Nancy M, 17 yrs
- Windham Mountaintop Serenity Group, Alexia K. 18yrs
- Windham Saturday night REBOS, Debbie D 2 yrs
- Original Greenville Group, Anthony B. 9 yrs.
- Cairo Second Chance Group, Bob P. 46 yrs
- Cocksackie Gratitude Group. Ena E. 2 yr.
- Greenville Higher Power, Marie G. 6yrs, Aggie H. 16yrs, Bill G. 34 yrs
- Just for Today, Marla B 5 yrs. Marcie 1 yr.



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