



STRAIGHT HOPE

Newsletter from the Montgomery Area of Narcotics Anonymous

WE NEED YOU

Want to help with our newsletter?
 Email Taylor G at moco.news@cprna.org
 ALL SUBMISSIONS WELCOME!

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ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRANT	# OF YEARS	MEETING	DATE
ERIN D.	5	LIVE AND LET LIVE	9/4/20
MICHAEL L.	2	FRESH START	9/5/20
MITCH O.	36	OASIS	9/7/20
BRENDA	1	LIVE AND LET LIVE	9/11/20
SHELLEY M.	1	MONDAY MIRACLES	9/14/20
GEOFF K.	5	LIVE AND LET LIVE	9/18/20
VAUGHN D.	34	MONDAY MIRACLES	9/21/20
MARC S.	18	ILLNESS IN RECOVERY	9/21/20
SHIRLEY S.	22	ILLNESS IN RECOVERY	9/21/20
JAY G.	5	GENTLEMEN'S CLUB	9/23/20
CHRIS M.	3	GENTLEMEN'S CLUB	9/23/20
JERRY C.	2	GENTLEMEN'S CLUB	9/23/20
ANDRE L.	1	GENTLEMEN'S CLUB	9/23/20
CECILY F.	6	THE ALTERNATIVE	10/11/20
SARAH B.	4	THE ALTERNATIVE	10/18/20
KARI M.	7	PEOPLE'S RECOVERY	10/21/20



Virtual Meetings are a New Normal

Navigating uncertainty to stay clean

Our disease might be incurable and fatal, but our fight to stay alive is strong—even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. When Governor Hogan shut down the state, there seemed to be uncertainty for addicts at many turns. From work to school, our families, and other outside activities, one theme carried in our meetings and sponsorship families: how will we stay clean without meetings? How can I give back to the program if I feel like the rug has been swept from under me? Luckily for us, our traditions have kept us alive and well even during these uncertain times.

The Montgomery Area of Narcotics Anonymous has been meeting regularly online. Although certain service positions aren't as useful on the web (coffee making, key tags, etc) we have found a unique opportunity to expand service in a whole new way.



Some coffee makers have become public relations coordinators—sharing our home groups and other meeting codes on virtual platforms across the web. Our fellows have attended international meetings while, similarly; our hometown meetings have attracted speakers and participants from around the globe. The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel. What an interesting time to stay clean. With the help of our traditions and your selfless service, our recovery community continues to thrive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Password Limitation

Many of the meetings in our Region have passwords that contain letters or special characters. This setup does not allow members dialing in by phone to join the meeting. If your meeting has a password that is not numeric, there are a few options that can be made:

- Change password to numeric.
- Change the settings of your password to generate a numeric password.

Remember to always update your password on the regional website!



Meetings Subcommittee is Looking for Volunteers

The Meetings Subcommittee’s purpose is to maintain an up-to-date list of meeting places and contact persons at those facilities and to stock “Starter Kits” for new meetings. If you are interested in serving the Area to promote Unity, you are qualified! An understanding of the Twelve Traditions are suggested and there is no minimum clean time required, just a desire to serve! Contact: Robert F. 240-372-5072 robert.farrah@gmail.com

Public Relations Subcommittee Needs Help!

Montgomery County has invited NA to an Addiction/Recovery Virtual Resource Forum. It will be held Friday, October 1, 2020 from 6pm–9pm. They are looking for virtual support and trusted servants to staff this event. If you are able to serve, please contact Elizabeth at 240-676-8428 or elizleek@gmail.com



EVENTS

Fall Speaker Jam

The Montgomery Area Fall Speaker Jam will be held the weekend after labor day. Come celebrate the start of Fall with your friends! Hosted by the Special Events Committee.

When: Saturday, September 12, 2020

Time: 1pm-7pm

Meeting ID: 876 1298 6083

Password: 749698

C&P Regional Public Information Phonline Orientation

The phone line is a resource for people to call and speak to a recovering member of Narcotics Anonymous. First, trusted servants sign up for certain time slots. During those times, calls are forwarded to their phone. A typical call can be from a sick and suffering addict, family member wanting more information, or even a substance abuse professional seeking literature. An orientation is extremely important for any member that wishes to serve on the phonline. During the orientation we go over the do's and don't. How we respond in ways that are in line with the 12 traditions of NA.

When: Sunday, September 6, 2020

Time: 3:00pm

Join us on Zoom!

ID: 816 7633 9792 Passcode: 123456

The Journey Continues 2020

The Washington Northern Idaho Region presents over 100 speakers from around the world sharing their experience, strength and hope for 72 hours straight. The purpose of this event is to celebrate our recovery and bring the community together to raise funds for Narcotics Anonymous World Services.

When: Friday, September 4th @ 3pm EST through Monday, September 7th @ 3pm EST

ID: 898 3283 6418 Passcode: 9999

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