



STRAIGHT HOPE

Newsletter from the Montgomery Area of Narcotics Anonymous

WE NEED YOU

If you would like to be of service and help with our newsletter, please email Taylor G at moco.news@cprna.org

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ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRANT	# OF YEARS	MEETING	DATE
MIKE W.	22	Progress in NA	1/3/21
MELANIE L.	4	Oasis	1/4/21
BEN C.	33	Older Toddlers	1/8/21
ZACK J.	3	All About Change	1/12/21
TOMMY H.	10	People's Recovery	1/13/21
SHAHAB N.	18	Fresh Air	1/13/21
JEFF B.	21	Crossroads	1/14/21
ANNE E.	31	A Good Deal	1/16/21
DAVID F.	4	All About Change	1/19/21
GABRIELLE D.	2	People's Recovery	1/20/21
MIKE M.	5	Crossroads	1/21/21
ELLEN S.	33	Making a Difference	1/21/21
NOAH L.	7	Hugs Not Drugs	1/23/21
TOYA G.	23	Progress in NA	1/24/21
ALEX L.	12	Stepping Free	1/28/21
BILL S.	35	Older Toddlers	1/29/21
TIM L.	1	Older Toddlers	2/5/21
DIANE GANT	9	Older Toddlers	2/5/21
ALEX C.	36	Older Toddlers	2/5/21
ALEX C.	2	Progress in NA	2/7/21
KYLE P.	10	Stepping Free	2/11/21
DAVE M.	23	Older Toddlers	2/12/21
JASON F.	2	Oasis	2/15/21
MIRIELI F.	7	People's Recovery	2/17/21
MARC	28	Progress in NA	2/21/21
NATALIE Y.	10	Talking Heads	2/21/21
MATT G.	14	Talking Heads	2/21/21
LUKE J.	1	People's Recovery	3/3/21
ALLISON L.	2	People's Recovery	3/10/21
HOPE K.	2	People's Recovery	3/17/21



Meetings Subcommittee's Pivotal Role in Helping Our Primary Purpose

a call to service by Robert F.

The group is the primary vehicle by which our message is carried. It provides a setting in which a newcomer can identify with recovering addicts and find an atmosphere of recovery. Fellows start meetings so that the NA message can be carried to the still-suffering addict in the most effective way – addict to addict. The Meetings Subcommittee can help by adding new groups to the printed and digital meeting lists (*Want a copy of our latest meeting list? See page 4!*) The primary purpose of an NA group is to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. The group provides each member with an opportunity to share and hear the experience of other addicts learning to live a better way of life without the use of drugs.

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The Montgomery Area Meetings Subcommittee meets every month (currently on Zoom) on the Second Thursday at 7PM. Some Areas refer to this type of committee as "Outreach". The Subcommittee Chair reports to the Area Service Committee at their monthly meeting, just like the other Subcommittee Chairs do. We provide "Starter Kits" to new groups which contain literature (like a Basic Text, Group Readings, IP's and MASC forms) to help launch their meetings. We maintain a list of current meeting places that may serve as a potential location for their new meeting.

In an effort to promote unity and communication throughout the fellowship, we encourage each group to participate in Area Service by sending a Group Service Representative (GSR) to the monthly Area Service meeting. We call and/or visit groups that have been absent from Area Service. Through NA service we have the opportunity to give back what was so freely given to us. We use this opportunity to also expand our network of recovering addicts to help us stay clean one more day. You can join the committee or learn more by attending our next meeting: Zoom ID 854 2078 0106 Password 123456





ADDICTS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR ONE DAY AT A TIME

a note of gratitude by Taylor G

The Montgomery Area Special Events Committee hosted a virtual New Year's bash where addicts celebrated by living in the moment, reflecting on the past, and sharing resolutions for the future.

Reflecting on the past presented an opportunity for our fellows to practice acceptance where they had felt wronged, upset, or discouraged. Similarly, when looking to the future, addicts were presented a choice: to saunter down the formidable path of fear, or conversely; let go and let God.

I heard at a meeting that our Higher Power lives in the present moment. Even now, as we are participating in reading this Newsletter. We can connect with our Higher Powers at any time. Perhaps then serenity is not only a gift; but a choice we can make every day.

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I am deeply grateful and truly humbled to wish you all a happy new year. How great is it that we have a whole new year of opportunities ahead? I am grateful for the gentle reminder that we can restart our day at any time. Just for today, I choose my Higher Power, who has gifted me serenity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online & Printable Meeting List

Visit our region's online meeting list [here](#).

You can search by area, day of the week, location, meeting format and more. You can also find a printable Montgomery Area NA Meeting List updated as of January 2021, with all relevant Zoom information on hybrid, in-person, and Zoom meetings. Don't miss out on your copy [here](#).

Are People Still Meeting in Person?

The Montgomery Area still has in-person and hybrid meetings you can attend both on Zoom and in person. As the days get colder, in-person meetings are pausing or returning to their virtual platforms until the winter is over. The [online meetings](#) list is the best way to get the latest most up-to-date information. Currently, the three NA meetings you can still attend in-person are NA @ Noon, New Way of NA and Upcounty NA.

THE HISTORY OF NA

Long after NA was found in 1953, members formed Spanish speaking meetings throughout the World. Did you know that we have one in our Montgomery Area? Solo Por Hoy was founded in 2007 & is celebrating 14 years on January 7th!

NA @ NOON HYBRID

Monday-Friday
 Christ Congregational Church
 9525 Colesville Rd
 Silver Spring, MD, 20901
 Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4686 0935
 No Passcode

NEW WAY OF NA

Mondays @ 4PM
 Tuesdays @ 5:30PM
 Rockville Metro Club
 12319 Washington Ave
 Rockville, MD 20852

UPCOUNTY NA HYBRID

Friday @ 7:30PM-9PM
 Emory Grove UM Church
 8200 Emory Grove Rd
 Gaithersburg, MD, 20877
 Zoom Meeting ID: 489 867 1344
 Passcode: uprecovery



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IT WORKS—STEP ONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NAWS

NAWS Needs Help with Local Service Toolbox Project

NA World Services has been working on a local service toolbox—a collection of tools that reflect our Fellowship’s best practices and experiences delivering services locally. They already have some materials, such as PR, Planning, and H&I Basics, but there are many more that are lacking or that have not been revised or adapted in years. The “Basics” seem to be a good approach because they are perhaps less overwhelming than a large handbook, and they are easier to translate and revise. NAWS believes a “toolbox” with small-scale pieces will have the same advantages.

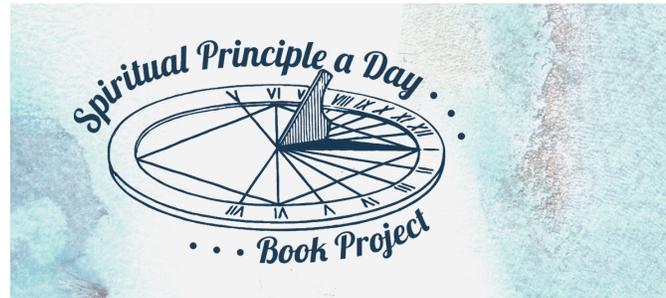
The next focus of the project is virtual meetings best practices, and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. To prepare for the creation of this much needed service tool NAWS has created an online survey to begin collecting your experience on a range of topics. The survey is open until the end of the year. You can participate at na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox

You Can Follow NAWS on Instagram

NA World Services now has an Instagram account!
[@narcoticsanonymous](https://www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous)

A New Book in the Making

The Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project is looking for trusted servants to help write and review material. See more [here](#).

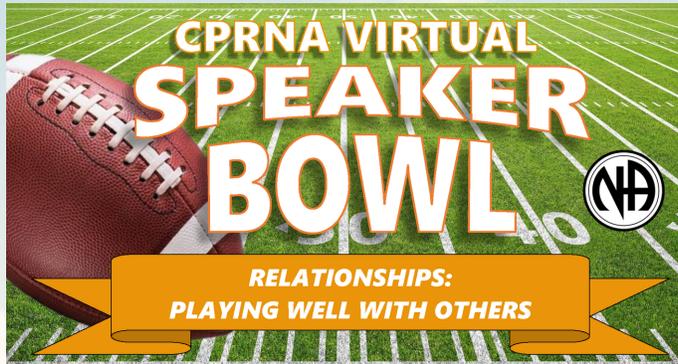


THE WORLD CONVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS COMES BACK TO THE DISTRICT!

Did You Know?

NAWS happily announced that they have finalized a site for WCNA 39. After almost 30 years, the World Convention will be returning to Washington, DC, 29 August – 1 September 2024!

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 6, 2021 • 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM ET

10:00-10:25	Sponsorship: It's a Committed Relationship	2:30-2:55	Marriage in Recovery
10:30-10:55	Virtual Meetings: Fellowship and Connecting During COVID	3:00-3:25	Self-Centered vs. Service-Centered
11:00-11:25	Friendships, the Courage to Trust	3:30-3:55	God, Self, then Others
11:30-11:55	Representative vs. the Real Me	4:00-4:25	Unrealistic Expectations of Others
12:00-12:25	Love vs. Lust	4:30-4:55	They're Ready to be in a Committed Relationship but I'm Not
12:30-12:55	Take Down Your Walls	5:00-5:25	Staying in Past the Expiration Date
1:00-1:25	The Fellowship: A Part Of vs. Apart From	5:30-5:55	Bridging Two Worlds: Relationships Outside of NA
1:30-1:55	Hurt People Hurt People	6:00-6:25	Parenting in Recovery
2:00-2:25	New Family Dynamics During the Pandemic	6:30-6:55	My Higher Power and Me; Conscious Contact
7:00-8:00	Main Speaker: Antoinette B. 12 Steps, a Spiritual Relationship that Works		

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82491801338?pwd=UldlbDFkeW9NSlZlR2lxL3MrM3pudz09>
Meeting ID: 824 9180 1338 Passcode: 607320
The Chesapeake and Potomac Region needs your support! More info at CPRNA.org.

NEED SERVICE? CPRNA.ORG

Chesapeake & Potomac Regional PUBLIC RELATIONS PHONELINE 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 phonenumber. During the orientation we go over the do's and don'ts. How we respond in ways that are in line with the 12 traditions of NA. Most of our positions require a one year clean time requirement. 12th step volunteers must have at least three years.
 When: Sunday, January 10, 2021
 Time: 2:30pm
 ID: 893 9940 6263 Passcode: 886265

FELLOWSHIP FOR FREEDOM AREA OF NA IN TOPEKA KS PRESENTS

ALL ABOUT LOVE

AN ONLINE ZOOM EVENT FEBRUARY 13TH 2021 12PM
 NOON CST 1PM (EST) TO 9:35PM CST 10:35PM (EST)
 WITH FELLOWSHIP, OPEN MIC & DANCE PARTY TO FOLLOW

DERRICK H. MADISON, WI	-A NEW WAY OF LIFE 12:12-15
EDWINA RM. MADISON, WI	-NO MATTER WHAT 12:40 TO 1:15
TOMI S. SPENARD, AK	-SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION 1:20-1:55
BLAINE J. TOPEKA, KS	-TRADITION 12 2:15-2:45
ABI E. TOPEKA, KS	-THE JOURNEY CONTINUES: RELATIONSHIPS 2:55-3:25
ALIA M. KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	-GETTING OUT OF OUR OWN WAY 3:30-4
DERWIN L. MADISON, WI	-ACTING OUR WAY INTO THINKING DIFFERENT 4:15-4:45
DIA A. MADISON, WI	-APPLYING SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES 4:50-5:25
NICOLE B. MADISON, WI	-SIMILARITIES RATHER THAN DIFFERENCES 5:30-6
MOLLE F. KANSAS CITY, MO	-FINDING OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD 6:05-6:40
MARGO TUSCON, AZ	-UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 6:45-7:15
KEVIN K. PARK CITY, UT	-TRADITION 5 7:20-7:50
MARLOWE G. SAINT LOUIS, MO	-MOVING BEYOND SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY 7:50-8:30
MICHAEL R. HOUSTON, TX	-NEVER ALONE 8:30-9

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AT 9PM BEFORE WE MOVE INTO FELLOWSHIP & FUN, IN HONOR OF ADDICTS WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR. ❤️

WHEN: SAT FEB. 13TH 2021
WHERE: ZOOM
MEETING ID: 392 752 9638
PASSWORD: 082130
TIME: 12PM NOON CST TO 9:35PM CST

ZOOM MEETING ID 392 752 9638 PASSWORD 082130

NA ZONAL WEEKEND HOSTED BY THE CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

AUTONOMY ZONAL FORUM

January 30-31, 2021
 Saturday: 10 AM-9 PM
 Sunday: 9 AM-2 PM
 Meeting ID: 229 265 8822
 Passcode: recovery
www.autonomyzonalforum.org

AZF Theme:
 "NA Service...is the collective responsibility of our fellowship as a whole." It Works How And Why, pg 213

AZF Updates * Lunch Time Meeting * Workshops
Main Speaker Meeting
KARAOKE - WHO'S GOT TALENT?
 email 62jones@cua.edu NLT Dec 31st with your musical selection

Greg J., C&P RD (301) 917-4893
 Patricia J., C&P RDA (202) 486-0784

All Are Welcome (including GSRs, RCMs & Chairpersons)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CREATING OUR COMMON WELFARE

Speakers from **NAWS & SPAD Workgroup**
 + **GAMESHOW**
 + **BRIDGING THE GAP**
 + **HELPLINE COMMUNITY**
in the cloud

FEB 13TH @ 9AM
 Virtual via Zoom
 MTG ID: 625 642 7131
 PASSWORD: COCW

DANA Unity Subcommittee Presents

GAME NIGHT

6PM EST

Saturday
 JANUARY 9TH
 ID: 550 864 4500
 Password: 1234

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WEBSITE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS:

THE 2021 1st TRIANNUAL SERVICE WORKS

SERVICE TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY

PUBLIC INFORMATION 11am-12pm	PHONE LINES 12pm-1pm	WEBSITE 1pm-2pm

PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC RELATIONS, PHONE LINES & WEBSITE

SATURDAY JANUARY 9th 2021
ZOOM ID: 99206620344 PW: 990851

FOR INFORMATION CALL
 RUBEN (951) 453-1087
 BOB (909) 560-5685

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