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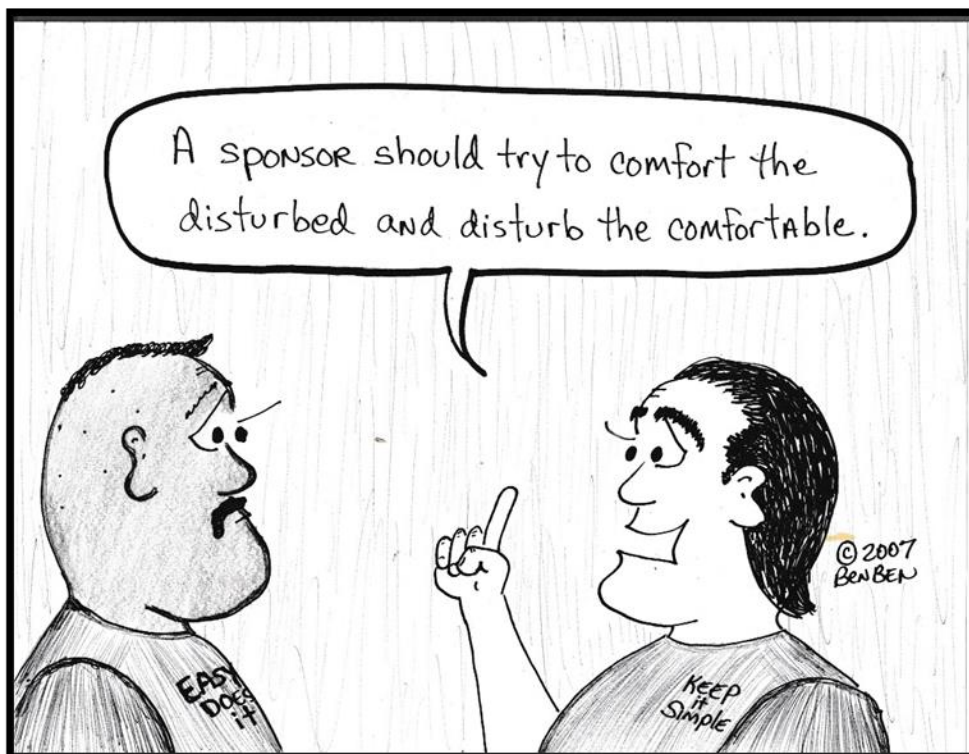
\*\*\*Letter from the editor: Hi family! Can you believe it? I was just writing about the beach and summer and here we are a couple weeks away from the holidays! This will be a special one for me because a new member of the family, my first child, will be joining us for the family gatherings this year. Another amazing gift of recovery! Most importantly, this is only possible because of you... my friends, family and network in Narcotics Anonymous. I have come to strongly believe what I had always heard: Recovery has to come first! Anything you put in front of your recovery you will lose. As busy as I've been, one thing I'm never too busy for... service! It keeps me clean and it will keep you clean too! Please help us serve at [straighthope@cprna.org](mailto:straighthope@cprna.org). I am so grateful to for you and if no one's told you they love you today, I do! Please keep coming back! Happy Holidays!!!

## Step Twelve

*Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

My sponsor and the friends I have made in recovery have been willing to help me unconditionally to stay clean and sober. They seemed genuinely excited to carry the message that the program works and were happy that I was doing well. They also empathize with my struggles in life and offer support for my issues such as the difficulties with my marriage, work, health, and finances. The fundamental message of recovery is that anyone can get clean and sober, lose the desire to drink and drug and find a new way to live. It is a paradox of our sobriety to consider that we can only keep what we have found in the program by giving it away to others. The more I try to give away what was freely given to me, the more I appreciate my own recovery. When I began to work Step 12, my focus shifted to the service work of helping others. I can help the newcomers by reaching out and welcoming them to the meetings and encouraging them to keep coming back. I try to introduce these newcomers to other members so they can get to know them too. Hopefully they will feel welcome and more comfortable at meetings. I also frequently offer to exchange phone numbers with newcomers explaining that using the phone and calling others in recovery has been important to my success. I tried to call them just to say hello and let them know it was nice to meet them. I also direct newcomers to other meetings, especially meetings that I go to or meetings that might be convenient for them.

Ben C.



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*Tradition 12*

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## Tradition Twelve

***Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.***

Many of us choose a home group, letting other home group members know about our decision to join and trying our best to attend that meeting regularly. Many home group members participate in the group conscience meetings to decide how to allocate contributions collected and other decisions such as group format. These monthly group conscience meetings are the collective conscience of those that attend to discuss old and new business of the group. Occasionally homegroups will conduct a group inventory to evaluate how well the Fifth Tradition is being emphasized by the group, that is, how well the group is carrying the message to the still suffering individuals. I feel a special connection with other homegroup members and count on their ongoing attendance and support. Having a service position at my homegroup strengthens my sense of contribution. This can include being the chairperson, treasurer, greeter, coffee maker or any other assigned positions to carry out functions needed for a well-organized meeting. Everyone is equal at the meeting regardless of homegroup status, sobriety date, service position or sponsorship status. We learn to practice principals including anonymity, honesty, patience, tolerance, and humility with everyone at our home group whether we like them or not. We might not like everyone, but we learn to love them as homegroup members.



## *Meeting Announcements:*

Wednesdays at 10:00PM Infectious Recovery Beginners Meeting ZOOM 867 161 320

The Making a Difference NA meeting is Hybrid !!! Thursdays 8 PM. Silver Spring Christian Reformed Church 1501 Arcola Ave (intersection of Arcola Ave. & Kemp Mill Road) in Silver Spring, MD. 20902. ZOOM 520 984 331 p/w 123456. The home group is looking for trusted servants to help with transition to hybrid and as always welcomes new home group members.

Sunday 6:00 pm Topic of Cancer Zoom ID: 817 1770 9889 P/W 438560. Topic of Cancer is an NA meeting above all. It has been started for people who are also dealing with cancer. While cancer in recovery is the focus, it is still an open NA meeting and all are welcome.

## *Celebrations:*

Fri 12/9 7:00PM Anthony W 29 yrs; One Step At A Time Zoom 891 7121 3309 pw 349943

Tues 12/13 Jay H 4 yrs; All About Change

Tues 12/13 8:00PM Leslie K 36yrs; & Mariah P 36yrs; Carrying The Message, ZOOM 862 2444 3740, pw NArocks

Mon 12/19 7:00PM Matt J. 7 yrs;. Illness in Recovery (in-person) Millian Memorial UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr, Rockville, MD, 20853

Mon 12/19 Jerry R. 6 yrs; Oasis

Tues 12/20 Javon 2 yrs; & Rob 2 yrs; All About Change

Wed 12/21 7:30PM LaTonia R. 22 yrs;. Wednesday Willingness (hybrid) ZOOM 800 990 800 pw 016212 / 30 Courthouse Square, Suite G1, Rockville, MD

Sun 12/25 12:00PM Victor (aka) Bonafide 36 yrs;. Progress in NA zoom 973 466 3601 pw 875711

Mon 12/26 7:00PM Jackie T. 4 yrs;. Illness in Recovery (in-person) Millian Memorial UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr, Rockville, MD, 20853

Tues 12/27 Tessa 6 yrs; All About Change

Wed 12/28 7:30PM Ron B 22yrs; Wednesday's Willingness (hybrid) 30 Courthouse Square, Suite G1, Rockville, MD Zoom 800 990 800 pw 016212

Fri 12/30 7:00PM Older Toddlers annual Class of 30 Years meeting featuring speakers from the class of 1992. (hybrid) ZOOM 903443801 pw Recovery12 / Christ Episcopal Church 4001 Franklin Street, Kensington, MD, 20895

Sat 12/31 7:30PM Doug A & Doug F 32 yrs; Off The Beaten Path ZOOM 862 2444 3740 pw NArocks

Fri 1/6/23 Ben C. 35 yrs;. Older Toddlers ZOOM 903 443 801 pw Recovery12

Sun 1/8 Richard B. 11 yrs; Squeaky Clean

Sat 1/14 7:00PM Anne E. 33 yrs;. Good Deal ZOOM 769 038 042 pw 8675309

**Events:** NA events can be found at [www.cprna.org/events](http://www.cprna.org/events)

**BANA Special Events Presents HYBRID Christmas Spiritual Breakfast!**

12/25/22, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Manassas Church of the Brethren, Address: 10047 Nokesville Rd, Manassas, VA 20110

Zoom ID: 822 228 001; Password: 078 030

<https://zoom.us/j/822228001>



**Montgomery Area Special Events presents Holiday Potluck and Marathon Meeting**

12/25/22, 2:30 PM -8:30 PM

2:30pm 1st meeting  
3:30pm dinner  
4:30pm 2nd meeting  
5:45pm 3rd meeting  
7:00pm last meeting  
Ugly sweater contest! Gift card prizes! 50/50 raffle!  
Silent auction!



**Montgomery County Area NA Special Events**

2023  
**NEW YEARS EVE MARATHON!**

~ FOOD ~  ~ FUN ~  
~ FELLOWSHIP ~

**Christ the Servant Lutheran Church**  
9801 Centerway Road, Montgomery Village, MD  
Event starts at 6:30pm and ends at 1:30am.  
Meetings at:  
6:15 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:45 pm, 10:00 pm & 12:15 am  
Free Raffles from 11:15pm to 11:45pm  
with Lots of Prizes!!!  
Sparkling Cider Toast at Midnight!

Please bring a food item, snack, or dessert to share.  
Donations can be sent to: Cash App: \$2022mase or  
Zelle/DayDai: [Bradleymsheldon1964@gmail.com](mailto:Bradleymsheldon1964@gmail.com)

For more information contact:  
Layla @ 240 793-6039  
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**Montgomery Area Special Events presents 2023 New Year's Eve Marathon!**

12/31/22 – 1/1/2023, 5:30pm – 1:30am

Food – Fun – Fellowship \* Bring a snack or dessert to share!

Meetings at 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, @ 12:15