STRAIGHT HOPE

The Montgomery Area Newsletter ... a meeting in print

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"We ALL Are PR" Flyer Drive

The Montgomery Area Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee and our NA members (you!) are canvassing **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** with a **FLYER DRIVE**! We are asking that each Home Group post at least one flyer in our community.

The purpose behind this flyer drive is to post NA information in relevant locations so the people who need us can find us!

This flyer was posted by a member at the **Montgomery County Crisis Center** off of Piccard Drive in Rockville. What a great location to carry the message!

Go to page 3 to see how you can carry the message!



About the Drive

The Chesapeake & Potomac Region is providing all Areas in our Region to have space on the Drive for their archives.

Our Area Drive has all sorts of info that is helpful for our GSR's, Groups, and our Members..

Check it out! It only takes a click!

We're having an NA Booth at the Montgomery County Fair August 8th-16th! Do some service! Sign up for a shift and get free admission into the fair! Text or call Anne (301) 979-1072; Elizabeth (240) 676-8428; Mitch (202) 716-2407; or Shelley (202) 812-2505. Help Carry the Message of HOPE.

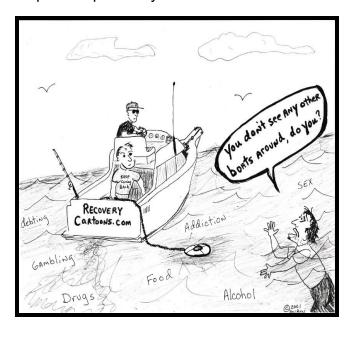
Thanks from the Montgomery Area Public Relations Subcommittee

Step of the Month

Step 7: "We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."



The time has come in Step 7 to surrender my shortcomings. First, I trust that letting go of my defects and stopping acting out on these shortcomings will be beneficial to me. My sponsor makes the distinction that my defects are flaws in my character, and shortcomings are the behaviors when I act on those flaws. Even though I've been clean for many years now, I still struggle occasionally with unhealthy impulses. If God could remove my desire to use drugs, why couldn't He go further and remove these shortcomings? Step 7 asks me to trust the God of my understanding to help me improve my character. ~ Ben C.



Living Miracles

7/1 Rhonda N. 29 yrs Life on Life's Terms 7/2 Ari K. 1 yr Freedom in the Village 7/2 Deenie B. 38 yrs People's Recovery 7/4 Danielle B. 8 yrs Upcounty NA 7/5 Cynthia S. 38 yrs Ladies in Recovery 7/9 Mary S. 17 yrs Talking Heads 7/10 Kirby 5 yrs Stepping Free 7/11 Brian M. 28 yrs Clean Works 7/11 Jim S. 24 yrs Clean Works 7/13 Rob R. 35 yrs Easy Like Sunday Morn 7/14 Val G. 37 yrs Monday Miracles 7/15 Frenise L. 17 yrs at Progress In NA 7/17 Berlin 40 yrs Under New Mgmt 7/19 Scott P. 38 yrs Fresh Start 7/19 Bobby G. 19yrs Fresh Start 7/19 Lissa H. 34 yrs Gut Bucket 7/20 Colleen P. 4 yrs Squeaky Clean 7/20 David V. 40 yrs Talking Heads 7/20 Kennon R. 8 yrs Closed Sunday 7/21 Dodd B. 26 yrs New Beginnings 7/22 Chris J. 15 yrs Life on Life's Terms 7/24 Greg C. 28 yrs Serenity in the Park 7/27 Dave S. 12 yrs Today's Recovery 8/1 Travis W. 2 yrs Up County NA 8/2 Jerry F. 42 yrs Gut Bucket 8/6 Veronica H. 35 yrs Gut Bucket 8/8 Chasity V. 5 yrs Upcounty NA 8/4 Brad W. 1 yr Oasis 8/4 Jen S. 1 yr Steps at Glenmont 8/4 Ryan 2 yrs Illness in Recovery 8/8 Chasity V. 5 yrs Up County NA

Tradition of the Month

Tradition 7: "Every NA group ought to be fully self-sustaining, declining outside contributions."

While using drugs, most of us were dependent on others financially due to the unmanageability of managing money in our addiction. My financial issues included the exorbitant amount of money I wasted buying drugs, the jobs I lost, legal fees, and other poor choices and mismanagement that led to my economic chaos. ~ Ben C.

NA Related Announcements

GROUP & MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Literature Chair, Danny O. has stepped down after MANY YEARS of selfless service. "Thank You Danny!" is NOT ENOUGH!!!! When Covid hit, Danny went out of his way to get literature to our groups. Now that he has stepped down, no one has yet to volunteer to fill his shoes. How will we go about satisfying the impending concerns regarding Literature? Should Area Service be In-Person or Hybrid??? Talk to Todd S. yamakatodd@gmail.com or 301-996-7969

Two new full-time paid positions are open in NA World Services in California: **Administrative Assistant & Project Coordinator**. Go to https://na.org/contact-us/ to learn more!

Sunday, July 13th - Regional Picnic and Unity Day/Speaker Jam! FREE Food, Fun, & Fellowship! Lansburgh Park, 1098 Delaware Ave. SW, Washington DC.

World Unity Day! Every year, we come together to say the Serenity Prayer for the addict who still suffers and to celebrate the miracle of recovery. You can join the 24-hour celebration anytime from 12 am EST, September 6th to 12 am EST, September 7th. The Serenity Prayer will be at 12 noon, September 6th. Please go to www.na.org for more information.

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Convention News

CPRCNA 39 is around the corner...

GET INVOLVED!

REGISTER EARLY!

cprcna.org

NA Flyer Drive in Montgomery Area!

Go to our Montgomery Area webpage and look for the above flyer graphic on the left-hand side of the page: .https://www.cprna.org/our-areas/info/montgomery-area/ You will find the link to the flyers and directions on how to post them. If you need the information printed for you, just email na-montgomery@cprna.org and a member of our Public Relations Subcommittee can get it to you!

You can also click on the below links if you are reading this newsletter online:

Flyers for Montgomery Area 2025 Flyer Drive & Directions for Posting NA Flyers

The Montgomery Area of NA PR is hosting a **Help Carry the Message!**

Narcotics Anonymous Booth

Problem with Drugs?

Narcotics Anonymous

Our Message is **HOPE!**





Sign up for a shift at the NA Booth at the Montgomery County Fair and get in FREE!

August 8th - 16th 10 AM - 10 PM

Text/Call any of our MANA Public Relations Members
Anne (301) 979-1072; Elizabeth (240) 676-8428
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Spiritual Brunch

Metag at 12 pm

with 2 Speakers

And Much More!

Brunch provided by Tickets: \$25

Reese's Catering

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD

7th Annual Chesapeake & Potomac Region Special Events & Public Relations Picnic

"We ALL Are PR!"

Narcotics Anonymous Unity Day & Speaker Jam!

Sunday, July 13, 2025 11 AM - 6 PM

FREE * DJ * FOOD * BBQ * FUN

We ALL Are Public Relations Representatives of NA: NA Members, Trusted Servants, and YOU!

Lansburgh Park

1098 Delaware Ave., SW Washington, DC 20024

Contact: Anne E. 301-979-1072 / Eloise C. 202-215-2920

More Events in 2025!

NORVANA Bonfire Meetings

The Last Saturday of Each Month
July 26 & August 30
7:30 PM-9 PM

Bush Hill Presbyterian, 4916 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA

43rd Annual BRANA Campout

July 18 - 20, 2025

Natural Chimneys Park and Campground Mt Solon, VA 22843

https://branacampout.org/

World Unity Day - Coming Soon!

Sept. 6 midnight - Sept. 7 midnight Serenity Prayer: 9/6 @ 12 noon

https://na.org/naws-events/annual-events/

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