

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Robin (Practice These Principles Meeting) - 1 yr.
Rick (Fairfield Group) - 27 yrs.
John (Fairfield Group) - 15 yrs.
Jerry (Crossroads Group) - 37 yrs.
Kerry (New Hope Women's Group) - 4 yrs.
Teresa (New Hope Women's Group) - 9 yrs.

AUGUST

Sara (Fairfield Group) - 33 yrs.
John (Fairfield Group) - 30 yrs.
Rhomda (Fairfield Group) - 19 yrs.

SEPTEMBER

Doug (Fairfield Group) - 28 yrs
Chris (Fairfield Group) - 24 yrs
Bev (Fairfield Group) - 16 yrs
Greta (New Hope Women's Group) - 26 yrs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The District is looking for someone to fill the Public Information position in Franklin County

The Chambersburg Group Annual Picnic will be on August 10th at Scotland Park in Scotland, PA from 10am to 6pm.

The Sunday night Chambersburg Big Book Meeting will be doing the 56 retired stories from the first 3 editions of the Big Book starting on August 10th. We welcome everyone to join us.

The Fayetteville Crossroads Group will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Sat. Sept. 27th at Norlo Park in the 1st pavilion, with a cookout from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

The Election of new district officers will be held during the Oct. 20th district meeting. Nominations are accepted at the Sept. meeting, but can also be made at the October meeting.

Statement of Purpose

District 35 Newsletter "The Communicator" is published to foster unity and facilitate communication among AA members and groups. The Communicator aims to be instrumental in carrying the AA message. This quarterly newsletter seeks to publish groups histories, anniversaries and functions with the purpose of bringing us all together. In the future we will include personal stories of experience, strength and hope. Material will be reviewed by a committee member of The Communicator. Nothing published by The Communicator should be thought of as a statement of District 35 or AA policy.

Littlestown Thursday Night Beginners Group

The Littlestown chapel meeting is held on Thursday nights at 7 PM located at Littlestown Chapel on Bollinger Rd. The current Littlestown meeting was started in September 2004 by Tim, Mike, Jim, Chuck, Chris, and Lisa. The first couple of meetings were held at Jim home. Tim was designated by the group to try to locate a hall. He was able to acquire the Littlestown Chapel. The church community were very excited and supportive in getting the meeting up and running. The group immediately registered with GSO.

Prior to the current meeting there was another Littlestown meeting held downtown by the fire station This meeting folded due to lack of support. Ann and Norm were instrumental in attending that meeting.

The Littlestown group has a tradition of holding group conscience meetings at one of the members home every 3 months. This tradition enhances fellowship and the meetings are not rushed and allows for better attendance since most members have weekends off. A typical Sunday meeting involves breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, and donuts which members cooked up. As the breakfast winds down, the GSR calls the meeting to order and group concerns are addressed. It can be a real spiritual experience at times. Jobs are assigned at this time on a 3 month rotation. God is indeed working through our group conscience.

The group focuses on the beginners where we try to connect with the newcomer and get them involved in AA. The group studies the steps and traditions . The first three meetings of the month focus on a step. The fourth meeting of the month covers a tradition. The group has grown in the last seven years.

We have had outside "eating meetings" seasonally and have tried many things from babysitting services that the group has gradually phased out. One night each month, group members jump in a truck/car and travel to other meetings allowing fellowship and each members gets a chance to connect with other members as well as hearing other groups' message.

THE 12 CONCEPTS

CONCEPT III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."