

## ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER

Ann (Fairfield Group) - 43 yrs.  
Melanie (Fairfield Group) - 11 yrs.  
Tony (Fairfield Group) - 3 yrs.  
Darcy (Fairfield Group) - 23 yrs.  
Doug (Fairfield Group) - 28 yrs.  
Brian (Chambersburg Big Book) - 4 yrs.  
Woody (Chambersburg Big Book) - 6 yrs.  
Molly (Gettysburg Group) - 5 yrs.  
Amanda (Gettysburg Group) - 1 yr.  
Ginnie (Gettysburg Group) - 4 yrs.  
Mike (Gettysburg Group) - 11 yrs.

### NOVEMBER

Al (Fairfield Group) - 40 yrs.  
Laurie (Fairfield Group) - 30 yrs.  
Carol (Fairfield Group) - 26 yrs.  
Gretchen (Gettysburg Group) - 7 yrs.

### DECEMBER

Mike (Fairfield Group) - 2 yrs.  
Crystal (Littlestown Beginners Group) - 2 yrs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The District is looking for someone to fill the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Please pass it on to your groups and anyone who is interested in doing service work should be encouraged to attend a district meeting.**

**November 14-16 the Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly will be held at Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA. Visit [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org) for details.**

**The Chambersburg Group Turkey Thon - Wed., Nov. 26 from 9am to 10pm and Thurs., Nov. 27 from 9am to 10pm.**

**The Chambersburg Group Christmas Thon - Wed., Dec. 24th from 9am to 10pm and Thurs., Dec. 25th from 9am to 10pm.**

**Shippensburg Bid Committee is looking for people to fill service positions for their Pennscypaa Bid Committee! Elections for positions will be held on Nov. 8th at 12pm at The Harbor 55 W. King St. Shippensburg.**

### 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.

## Personal Reflections

### This moment brought to you by sobriety

I sat in the recliner holding my sleeping 8-month-old grandson in my arms. He often seemed to fight sleep and it took a great deal of patience, plus 10 or 12 Raffi songs, to ease him into slumber. Once he fell asleep in my arms, I hesitated to try to put him in his crib, as this would often wake him. So I sat, and I watched him sleep, and reflected on how it was that I had the opportunity to enjoy this special time with him.

I had gotten sober when my own son was seven. Although he could remember scenes of my drinking, for most of his life he had known me sober. Sober, reliable, patient, and kid-kind—all the things I had not been when drinking.

When my grandson was just a couple of months old and both his parents were returning to work, my son called me and asked whether I might be interested in caring for "Trevor" a couple of days a week. I readily agreed.

Now, as I watched Trevor sleep, I realized that it was the qualities I had developed during sobriety that had lead me to this precious moment. My son and daughter-in-law had trusted me with the thing that was most precious to them in the world. That would never have happened if I had continued to drink.

I believe that the opportunity to care for my grandson is one of the many miracles in my life that has resulted from working the AA program. I don't take that for granted. As I gazed down on the little boy who now owns a large piece of my heart I thought, "This moment brought to you by sobriety."

Darcy  
Gettysburg, PA

## THE 12 CONCEPTS

*The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962.*

### CONCEPT IV

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.