

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

CHAMBERSBURG BIG BOOK MEETING

OCTOBER

Tim – 5 years

CHAMBERSBURG GROUP

NOVEMBER

Bob – 7 years

THE FAIRFIELD GROUP

SEPTEMBER

Doug – 32 years

Chris – 28 years

OCTOBER

Darcy – 27 years

Paul – 2 years

November

Laurie – 34 years

Carol – 30 years

GREENCASTLE GROUP

SEPTEMBER

Anthony – 31 years

Craig – 16 years

Craig – 15 years

NOVEMBER

Dave – 37 years

Jesse – 34 years

Dave – 10 years

Ted – 16 years

DECEMBER

Steve – 20 years

Ben – 2 years

HANOVER

DECEMBER

Andy – 7 years

Martin – 7 years

EVENTS

District 35 Picnic

September 22nd from 12pm to 4pm at Laurel Lake, Pine Grove Furnace State Park in the Laurel Pavillion. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Rolls, Chips, Drinks & Coffee provided. Covered dishes and desserts are appreciated.

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 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.

What is the Safety Card for A.A. Groups?

In line with Tradition One stating that our common welfare must come first safety is an important issue in A.A. Groups. Hopefully most groups will rarely if ever deal with harrasment or violence, but if it does it is important for a group to know how to quickly handle the situation and get back to the primary focus of keeping sober.

The A.A. General Service Office has provided cards that can be printed and basic guidelines to help groups develop solutions to keep meetings safe. For the guidelines please see the attached document "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare".

Click here to read Safety and A.A. Our Common Welfare from the General Service Office

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf

SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

(The General Service Office has made this optional statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

Suggested Statement on Safety

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Service Material from the General Service Office

Our Common Welfare

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

—Tradition One (Long Form)

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an A.A. meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety — to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry A.A.'s message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.