

# THE HAND OF A.A.



## DISTRICT 36 PI/CPC COMMITTEE REACHES OUT



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### PI MISSION STATEMENT

As part of the responsibility of the Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (PI/CPC), this unofficial and informal newsletter is presented monthly as a "Workshop in Print". It is designed as a public information forum to the A.A. fellowship of District 36. Any opinions expressed are those of the author and are not endorsed by District 36, any group, or A.A. as a whole. In the spirit of the Traditions, Anonymity, Service, Sponsorship and Spirituality, monthly quotes, as written by our cofounder, Bill W. will be published and notification of upcoming District events and opportunities for service work will also be highlighted. Carrying the message and communication is our goal.

With your help, this forum may grow in content and purpose. PI encourages the fellowship to contribute constructive words of wisdom, praise and/or concern to the Committee. The PI newsletter will be distributed at the monthly District 36 meeting to your Group's GSR. Attend the monthly meetings of PI/CPC or the District to let us know your comments and suggestions. Submissions may be e-mailed to [picpc.district36@yahoo.com](mailto:picpc.district36@yahoo.com). Group Secretaries and A.A. members may request an in depth District contact list and/or e-mail distribution. of this communication tool. Remember that it is "our" responsibility to "Pay It Forward."

Soberly yours, KEA and GAD

### A.A.'S RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE

*I am responsible...*

*When anyone anywhere reaches out for help,*

*I want the hand of A.A. always be there.*

*And for that: I am responsible.*

### MONTHLY SERVICE COMMITTEES

#### and CHAIRS

Chair:: Scott A.

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed. C&T (3/5) 6:30 Lex. Pk. Meth.**

DCM: Steve B.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tue. Dist36 (3/11) 6:30 Placid Harbor**

D- 36 Rep. Tom O.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. SMIA (3/19) 10AM Pr. Frederick**

Chair: Kathy A. Co-Chair Gloria D.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. PI/CPC (3/17) 6:30 Lex. Pk. Bapt.**

Chair: Elisa S.

**4<sup>th</sup> Mon. Grapevine (3/24) 6:30 Lex. Pk. Bapt.**

Chair: Rod P.

**4<sup>th</sup> Mon. Archives (3/24) 6:30 Lex. Pk. Bapt.**

Chair: Patricia R.

**Fri. Spirit. Retrt. (3/) 5:30 St. Paul's Meth.**

### Opportunities to Carry the Message

St. Mary's County Detention Center

Men: Wednesdays@7:00 P.M.

Women: Mondays@7:00 P.M.

Anchor Drug & Alcohol Center

Fridays @ 7:30 P.M.

Marcey Halfway House

Sundays 7:00 P.M.

Compass Women's Halfway House

Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M.

### Upcoming District 36 Events

Spirituality Retreat June 27,28 &29

Placid Harbor

### A MESSAGE FROM BILL

An understanding of AA's 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition of anonymity as it applies to individuals and to **dissemination** of public information is essential and is considered to be the cornerstone and greatest single protection assuring the continued existence and growth of our fellowship. Our co-founder Bill W., wrote **ostensibly** about anonymity more than forty plus years ago. These inspired words still stand true to form today as they did when first written. These monthly quotes are for your information and application.

#### Anonymity as a spiritual message

"We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have,"

"...anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today **keynotes** A. A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal **distinction** as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human **aspirations**, we believe that each of us takes part in the **weaving** of a protective **mantle** which covers our entire Society and under which we may grow and work in unity." (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.187)

#### Words to Live By

"All A.A. progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards. (As Bill Sees It, p.271)

#### Prayer and Meditation

"During the process of learning about humility, the most **profound** result of all was the change in our attitude toward God."

(Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 75)

"My prayers consist mostly of saying thank you to my Higher Power for my sobriety and for the wonder of God's **abundance**...as long as I have the humility to be grateful for what I have, God continues to provide for me. (Daily Reflections, p. 208)

#### Recovery Tool Box

***Don't give up five minutes before the miracle.***

***Keep coming back; it works if you work it.***

#### What's the Point?

When a newcomer asks for your phone number do you ask for theirs in return? When is the last time you called your Sponsor or asked for help and guidance? Are the 12 Steps important in your daily life? Did you pray for God's guidance upon awakening today?

***IF NOT - WHY NOT?*** [this is PI/CPC's new slogan]

#### The Point Is...

1. **dissemination** - the act of dispersing something; circulation
2. **ostensibly** - on the face of it; apparently
3. all-**pervading** - widespread; extensive; encompassing
4. **keynotes** - represents; as an example; signifies
5. **distinction** - importance; honor; individuality
6. **aspirations** - ambitions; desires; hopes
7. **weaving** - making; enabling; developing
8. **mantle** - veil; environment; atmosphere
9. **profound** - of importance; amazing; unbelievable
10. **abundance** - unconditional love; outpouring; wealth