



AA Area 73 District 11 Newsletter

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West Virginia – Wild, Wonderful, and Sober

Grapevine Corner

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” - John F. Kennedy

“In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.” - José Narosky

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.” - Arthur Ashe

Welcome to August which I call the middle of summer. The August issue of Grapevine Magazine features stories of experience, strength and hope from members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the military. These stories are quite inspiring and often written while they are far from home. The titles of these service members’ stories are: “One of the guys”; “Trudging in Korea”; “Active duty”; “Military members we’re listening”; “Sinking ship”; and “Safe landing.” I especially enjoyed “One of the guys.”

Grapevine is developing a smartphone app for both Grapevine and La Viña magazines. They would like your input and thoughts about the app as development progresses. Go to www.aagrapevine.org for more information.

You may want to check out some popular books from Grapevine:

Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier: In this collection of Grapevine stories, sober women and men describe the transformations sobriety can bring as they practice the principles of AA in all aspects of their lives.

The Language of the Heart: This book features all of AA co-founder Bill W.’s writings in Grapevine. Bill was Grapevine’s most prolific contributor, writing more than 150 articles from 1944 to 1970. Great for meetings and AA history buffs!

Voices of Women in AA: Inspiring and courageous stories demonstrating the various ways women alcoholics found sobriety in AA. Includes stories of early AA pioneers and by some of the first female members.

Prayer & Meditation: Features powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. An integral part of AA recovery is learning to connect spiritually. The stories in this book show how members begin to pray and meditate and then branch out to develop very personal and often creative ways to practice.

The Best of Bill: A handsome new edition of five of Bill W.’s most powerful Grapevine articles sharing his thoughts on faith, fear, honesty, humility, and love.

To receive the Grapevine quote of the day, log on to www.aagrapevine.org and provide your email address at the end of the quote. Grapevine has started providing stories of the

8th Step

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

8th Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

8th Concept

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

8th Promise

Self-seeking will slip away.

8th Reward

A clean conscience instead of a sense of guilt.

week in email which is another good reason to sign up. While on the you can subscribe to The Grapevine magazine, order books, and play with the sobriety calculator among other things. Please don't forget to read At Wit's End which is near the end of the magazine.

*Also, every Monday is Grapevine's fun half-hour Grapevine Podcast. It features jokes, interviews, and member sharing at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast. You can also follow Grapevine on Instagram at: [alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv).

And Finally:

-My friend kept asking what my military rank was, but I kept telling him it's Private.

-A cookie and a piece of cake joined the army, but eventually, they abandoned their fellow soldiers. Now, they are wanted for dessertion.

-A drill sergeant yells at his young trainee, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning, private!"

The private replies, "Well, thank you very much, sir."

Pat McElroy

AREA NEWS

1. Here's some info for those wishing to make financial contributions:

- District 11
Make check payable to
District 11
PO Box 1831, Martinsburg WV 25402
- Area Contribution:
Make check payable to
Area 73
PO Box 461, Morgantown WV 26507-0461
- General Service Office contribution:
Make check payable to
GSO
Po Box 459, Grand Central Station. New York, NY 10163

DISTRICT NEWS

1. Please plan to attend the 73rd Annual Area 73 AA Conference with this year in Ridgely, West Virginia. Dates are **August 11-13** The event will be held at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ridgely WV and there is an (optional) special with a reduced lodging rate that includes 5 meals! Here's a link to a flyer for more details: <https://aawv11.org/district-events/> You can register online at <https://www.aawv.org/wvstatecon> or for additional information contact them at: convention@aawv.org Larry C (740) 350-0175 Adrienne B (856) 701 9459

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2. New “WHEN & WHERE” pamphlets are on the process of being compiled and printed, Ask your GSR for copies to distribute
 3. For groups that cannot afford to send their GSR to the 2 Area Assemblies, it was suggested that perhaps District 11 could provide scholarships. If we have enough people going we can room together and definitely carpool this will cut down on the cost to the groups and the district. Please talk to your groups and see if this is something that you think the district should do. We will be discussing this over the next two months and then make a final decision so please do get your group’s and GSRs input.
 4. A District AA member is carrying the message into the VA Hospital in Martinsburg. The VA is allowing him to bring a weekly speaker each Wednesday to an (open) at 4 pm. If you have an interest in volunteering to be a speaker, please discuss this with your GSR.
 5. Please note that if you’d like to view the monthly newsletter online, you can do so at <https://aawv11.org/>
 6. And, if you’d like to have the newsletter delivered to your inbox every month, please send an email request to AAdistrict11@gmail.com
 7. **We would like to celebrate YOUR birthday!** Please email your annual birthday information including: First name, last initial, anniversary date, and name of home group to: AA-district11@gmail.com
 8. If you know when/where you will be celebrating, please be sure to send to the above email address not later than the 25th of the month before your anniversary.
 9. GSRs and long time meeting members, please notify us here if you notice any inaccurate info on the anniversary lists (members no longer active, in the area, or deceased).
 10. **If YOU have an announcement you want posted here** (sober room for rent, items for sale, looking to carpool to meetings, etc.) please send your announcement to us at AAdistrict11@gmail.com. Deadline for submission in next month’s newsletter is the 25th of each month

Coming Events *(Please see your local secretary for more information)*

1. **District 13 is having a picnic** on Saturday, August 26 at Hampshire Park. Flyer attached.
2. **Early After Work Group will be hosting a picnic on August 26**, War Memorial Park, Creek Pavilion.
3. **The Inaugural “Mountaineer Recovery Village” Regional Golf Tournament**, Monday, September 18th, at the THE WOODS GOLF CLUB - Hosted By: The Woods Men’s and Women’s Golf Associations. Flyer attached
4. **Eye Opener Group picnic is scheduled** for October 21st in the main pavilion in War Memorial Park.

For more detailed information, please speak with your group's GSR.

District 11 Meetings On-line

According to the latest Where and When published June 2021, all groups are meeting in person or have a hybrid meeting format except for the following which are on-line.

Daily at 7:30am- Eye Opener Group Hybrid

<https://www.gotomeet.me/EyeOpenerGroup>

Dial in at [\(646\) 749-3122](tel:6467493122)

Access Code: 604-461-373

Daily at 5:30pm - Early After Work Friends of Bill W. Group

Zoom Meeting ID 671-314-2769

Password: 118

Daily at 7:00pm - Doomsdayers Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 942-899-066

Password 049396

Sundays at 2:00pm - Women On A Journey Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 274-008-239

Password: woaj

Wednesday at 7:00pm – Wednesday Night Men's Group Hybrid

<https://www.gotomeet.me/EyeOpenerGroup>

Dial in: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:16467493122) Access Code 604-461-373

Let's Celebrate

Anniversaries for August and the first week of September. As of March 1st the district has 4,099 year of sobriety with an average of 14.4 years per member.

Name	Anniversary	Years	Group	year
Diane H	8/16/2015	8	11th Step Group	2015
David S	8/3/2011	12	Berkeley Springs	2011
Kelly W	8/8/1988	35	Berkeley Springs	1988
ANTHONY.H	8/19/2016	7	Eye Opener	2016
BO.M	8/17/2016	7	Eye Opener	2016
CANDACE.F	8/6/2017	6	Eye Opener	2017
CHRISTIAN.H	8/26/2014	9	Eye Opener	2014
CLIFF.S	8/28/2017	6	Eye Opener	2017
CRYSTAL	8/27/2011	12	Eye Opener	2011
JONATHAN.P	8/2/2017	6	Eye Opener	2017
ROBERT.O	8/26/1996	27	Eye Opener	1996
RYAN.B	8/8/2017	6	Eye Opener	2017
SHARI.P	8/24/2015	8	Eye Opener	2015
STEVE.W	8/6/2014	9	Eye Opener	2014
TERRANCE.F	8/7/2007	16	Eye Opener	2007
TERRI.B	8/4/2012	11	Eye Opener	2012
NATE.H	8/7/2014	9	Good Orderly Direction	2014
Bryan M.	8/11/2018	5	Hancock Open Door	2018
Bob H	8/2/2015	8	HOW	2015
GIDEON.E	9/1/2019	4	Good Orderly Direction	2019
Olin D	9/5/2014	9	11th Step Group	2014
DANA K.	9/5/1997	26	Design for Living	1997
OLLIE.T	9/7/2016	7	Eye Opener	2016

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS.....

Anyone wishing to submit an announcement, or story for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by emailing Pam Washington at AAdistrict11@gmail.com