

SOBER TIMES

Williamsburg, VA Intergroup Information

District 38

Fall 2014

Independence Day Recap

We celebrate many freedoms on our national holiday, July 4th, but to those of us in the Fellowship, "Independence Day" is also an opportunity to rejoice in our personal and collective freedom from the bondage of alcoholism.

The joy was abundantly clear on the faces of the approximately 130 recovered fellows, friends, and family in attendance at Williamsburg's Area Intergroup's annual picnic held at Chicahominy River Park. The Special Events Committee showed their love and devotion by providing great food and spirited decoration. Superb side dishes and desserts were generously provided by all. Nadia shared her experience, strength, and hope. Mitzi generously provided red, white, and blue hand-braided bracelets by the dozens; and Tom P. led the group through an inspiring sobriety "count down".

Spiritually influenced? The forecasted hurricane was "spirited" away just in time. Our faith was tested but we bravely chose to "trudge the road of happy destiny" and we were rewarded with the best weather for this event in recent history!

Special thanks to committee members for their hard work and devotion to all who attended and made this a true celebration of the spirit! If YOU are interested in becoming a member of the Events Committee, please contact Carol D. through the Evens email address: events@aawilliamsburg.org

2014 VAC Convention a Success!

Fun was had by all in August at the VAC hosted by Historic Virginia District 38. Approximately 480 people attended the conference, 163 of which were from Williamsburg. There were many smiling faces in attendance and new friends were made. Guest speakers from across the country shared their stories, workshops offered a more in-depth look at the *Grapevine*, "The Four Founding Moments", and "The Story of the Big Book of AA", plus entertainment and am yoga.

The Convention committee did an exceptional job of pulling it all together and hosting a fabulous event! They raised enough money to send an additional donation to the VAC, which will help to fund next years event being held in Fredericksburg. So if you couldn't make it this year, I suggest trying to go next year!

Grapevine Literature Now Available

Looking for some new literature? The Intergroup bookstore will now have Grapevine literature available. This is AA approved and comes in the form of the monthly magazine, books, cd's, and electronically. Talk to your home groups Intergroup representative to find out what's available .

BOOKSTORE HOURS ADDED

Now Open 1st & 2nd Wednesday
of the month at the
Intergroup Office

5:30-6:30pm

Intergroup Openings

In December, ALL Intergroup leadership and committee chairmanship tenures end. New tenures begin in January, with new people serving our Williamsburg AA area in these roles.

If you would like to serve, discuss it with your sponsor and/or in home group. Committee chairpersons are **appointed** by the

Intergroup. The Intergroup chair, alternate chair, treasurer and secretary are **elected** by the home group Intergroup Reps.

Think. Pray. Consider

Service Today!



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For a full lists of intergroup
committee meetings please
visit aawilliamsburg.org

EVENTS

Gratitude Dinner

Monday November 10th
United Methodists Church, Richmond Rd

Thanksgiving Alkathon

Thursday November 27th
8am-8pm, meetings every 2 hours
At the Wesleyan Foundation on Jamestown Road
Feel free to bring a dish to share!

Be on the lookout for more details to
come! There will be flyers and
information available at
aawilliamsburg.org

Meeting Change: The Sunday night 8pm
meeting at Eastern State Hospital is now a
step study meeting

ON THE BEAM

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TYFAITHQOLONAMA
URTKCCXNKHRILPT
FMUSIOEYATGVMPI
YUISESNFJZIIOJE
QDYHTDUSQNVGJMN
KSTYUEODICEEOVC
DKINEDLMODNDZJE
SELFFORGIVENESS
CSIUVKNAURSRAJH
XGMEIOVSAZSXABH
HYUEILMTKNDPNTD
TLHTCEIEGARUOCE
KHCEPOGRATEFULU
NALUNGKMBJLOMOP

ACTION	CALM
CONSIDERATE	COURAGE
FAITH	FORGIVENESS
GIVING	GRATEFUL
HONESTY	HUMILITY
LOVE	MODERATION
MODESTY	PATIENCE
SELF-FORGIVENESS	TOLERANCE
TRUST	

Puzzle written by John and Cheryl Outman