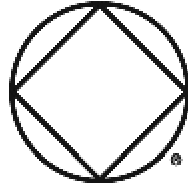


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NORTHWEST AREA

Home Groups

RECOVERY IN HUNTING
PARK
22ND & HUNTING PARK AVE
MON / 7:30 PM

PART OF THE SOLUTION
4700 WISSAHICKEN AVE
MON & THURS / 7:00 PM

LIFE IS A TERRIBLE THING TO
WASTE
5725 SPRAGUE ST
TUE & THUR / 7:00 PM

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY
5725 SPRAGUE ST
FRI / 7:00 PM

SERENITY ON SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
5725 SPRAGUE ST
SUN / 3:00 PM

2ND CHANCE AT LIFE
2ND & 65 TH ST
THURS / 6:30 PM

RECOVERY IN THE MORNING
WAYNE & LOGAN STS
MON – SAT – 9:00 /AM-

ONE SOLUTION
HAINES & MCMAHON STS
WED / 7:00 PM

JUST SAY NO
WALNUT LN & WOOLSTON
WED / 7:00 PM

CLEAN AND SERENE
PULASKI & WINONA STS
WED / 7:00 PM

STEPPING INTO SERENITY
6201 ARDLEIGH ST
FRI / 5:30 PM

UNITY IS A MUST
39 E SCHOOLHOUSE LANE
WED / 4:00 PM

TRANSITION IN RECOVERY
5722 GREEN ST
SAT / 12:30 PM

WAKE UP TO RECOVERY
29 W RITTENHOUSE ST
TUE & THUR / 9:00 PM

PLEASANT AFTERNOON
5725 SPRAGUE ST
FRI / 12 NOON

MT. AIRY GROUP
PICKERING & GOWEN STS
TUE & THUR / 7:30 PM

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW
BROAD ST & CHELTEN AVE
SUN / 7:30 PM

WEST OAK LANE
LIMEKILN PIKE & CHURCH
LANE
MON / 7:00 PM

POWER WITHIN
237 E ASHMEAD ST
SUN / 10:00 AM

LIFE AFTER DEATH
6671 GERMANTOWN AVE
SUN / 7:30 PM

THE GERMANTOWN GROUP
44 E HAINES ST
FRI / 6:30 PM



GET IN SERVICE

OUR NORTHWEST
AREA NEWSLETTER
NEEDS YOUR HELP!
COME JOIN OUR
SUBCOMMITTEE
EVERY 3RD
SATURDAY AT 10
AM, LOCATED 5725
SPRUGUE ST

IF YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, AND ARE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT, THEN WE ARE READY TO TAKE THE STEPS.

STEPS IN THIS ISSUE ARE:

STEPS 1, 2 and 3

1. WE ADMITTED THAT WE WERE POWERLESS OVER OUR ADDICTION, THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE

WE DO RECOVER

WE CANNOT CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE ADDICT OR ADDICTION. WE CAN HELP TO CHANGE THE OLD LIE. "ONCE AN ADDICT, ALWAYS AN ADDICT, BY STRIVING TO MAKE RECOVERY MORE AVAILABLE. GOD, HELP US TO REMEMBER THIS DIFFERENCE.

WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT OR HOW MUCH YOU USED OR

2. WE CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD RESTORE US TO SANITY

3. WE MADE A DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.



WHO YOUR CONNECTIONS WERE, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE YOU HAVE, BUT ONLY IN WHAT YOU WANT TO DO ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM AND HOW WE CAN HELP.

JUST FOR TODAY, YOU NEVER HAVE TO USE AGAIN

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1. Use of the NA language
2. No profanity.
3. Articles should be no longer than one legal Page handwritten or $\frac{3}{4}$ page typed

UPCOMING EVENTS

1) UNITY SUB-COMMITTEE
HOSTING 12 HOUR
MARATHRON-
SAT/4/19/08 /10 AM-10 PM
FINLEY RECREATION CT.
UPSAL & MANSFIELD ST

STICK AND STAY GROUP
OF NA
19 TH YEAR
ANNIVERSARY /
MARATHRONS /COOK-
OUT/ SAT/4/19/, 12 PM- 10
PM AND SUN.4/20 10 AM-
9PM at 15 TH YORK ST
WINCHESTER REC.
CENTER

MESSAGES OF STRENGTH & HOPE

UNITY THROUGH SERVICE

Service is at the heart of my recovery. It started with my first coffee making position and continues today. Freely giving of my myself without expecting anything in return, just hoping that another addict can get a ray of hope and have a chance at a new way of life; that's what it 's all about!

Sometimes when I go to service meetings it seems more like a struggle over money property, and prestige (power). People have be known to call the Area and Regional Committee meeting a "circus" and with good

reason. The thing to remember is that these people used to be worse. I don't want to come off as some highly recovered guru. I've been right in the middle of the circus. I was a trouble making, motion-writing fool. I hope I can keep from doing that anymore. For myself, I've found that my ego caused me to take positions for prestige to write motions to control things the way I though they should be. I took my character defects to battle and you know we have plenty of those weapons. I totally lost the purpose of service; carrying the message to the still suffering addict. Today it's much easier to put aside my petty differences. It works better to try to pull together for the common Good of all addicts. I have to continue to learn about the traditions so I can do my part to look out for NA as a whole. I

work the steps for my personal recovery and to keep my character defects out of service. Today I am sometimes able to be there to smooth service meetings, to do my part to make service more unifying. To paraphrase a saying, "The lie is dead; there us unity through service".

Nobody ever said service was easier and a lot more Fun. The point I am trying to get across is that the path we take can be a Long hard struggle or we can try to make it a smooth, easy and fun experience. In the end though, after it is all said and done, I have faith that we will find service work to be a very unifying experience. I'm going to be in on it!!!
Are you????

Anonymous

DESIRE

(Friend or Foe)

Quiet Desire keeps me
company through the night;
how it slips in when I think
I'm alone

It wraps its gentle wings
around my heart, while
holding it ever so lightly.
As I wake, it softly speaks to
me in the morning sun as the
night is done.

It walks with me during the
days and lifts me up when I am

low. It may motivate me when
I am slow.
Is this my friend or is this
possibly my foe????

Jackie R.

CELEBRATING CLEANTIME

January

HARRIETTE B - 9YRS
ERICA B - 4 YRS
NATHAN D - 13 YRS
THOMAS M - 1 YRS
DOREE - 1 YRS

March

JAMILLA M - 8 YRS
REGINA M - 13 YRS
ELIJAH G - 3 YRS
KEVIN W - 12 YRS
TARWAN L - 2 YRS
GAMEL - AZIZ 17 YRS

February

KEVIN B - 11 YRS
KEVIN F - 7 YRS
ROSE C - 18 YRS
SANDRA H - 14 YRS
AL D - 17 YRS
DARRYL - 3 YRS
LINDA W - 3 YRS
LINDA T - 5 YRS
ANGIE D - 2 YRS
ELEZAAR - 17 YRS
STAN - 1 YRS
GILBERT - 2 YRS

**WANT YOUR CLEAN DATE
LISTED, GOT A POEM OR A STORY
TO SHARE, GIVE IT TO YOUR
HOMEGROUP GSR OR TO NEWS
LETTER CHAIRPERSON, SHIRL A**