

STRAIGHT HOPE

The Montgomery Area Newsletter...a meeting in print

\$\$ Priceless \$\$

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Our Region recently voted to join the North East Zonal Forum (NEZF). Get to know your new Zone...learn more about **OUR ZONE**:

Northeast Zonal Forum
of Narcotics Anonymous

nezf.org

GET INTO THE ZONE

nezf.org

2/11 6-9 PM: Women Do Recover Meeting Anniversary!

2/14: New Meeting Starts At Progress Place!

8-9pm EST
Come to the back in the parking lot. Please call don't text

WOMEN DO RECOVER

9727 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20910

February 11, 2025
ALL IS WELCOME WHEN ARRIVED
PLEASE CALL
AZELIA P. (301)300-4661
KATRINA J. (240)381-6936 or
Joy T. (240)405-0694

WOMEN DO RECOVER 1YR. ANNIVERSARY!!

Narcotics Anonymous

Starting 2/14/25!

Progress Not Perfection

Fridays 3:30PM- 4:30 PM

Progress Place
8106 Georgia Avenue, Room 205
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Parking is limited

Email Art, Articles, Anniversaries & NA Announcements to: straighthope@cprna.org

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SCAN TO GET YOUR COPY OF "STRAIGHT HOPE" ONLINE!!!

Get your Straight Hope Newsletter at <https://www.cprna.org/our-areas/news/montgomery-area/>



Step of the Month

Step 2: "We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity"

I almost start to laugh at those that knock on my door and want to "inform" me of all the details about God. Funny, it seems that those that most want to tell me about their God seem to be the least interested in hearing my ideas on the matter.



~ Ben C.

Tradition of the Month

Tradition 2: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern."



Living Miracles

2/1	Adelita J.	32 yrs	Beachcombers
2/3	Diane L.	13 yrs	Staying Aline
2/6	Dave D.	30 yrs	Crossroads
3/7	Tim L.	5 yrs	Older Toddlers
2/8	Johnny	1 yr	Fresh Start
2/8	Shirley B.	5 yrs	Women's Step & Tradition
2/9	Alex C.	6 yrs	Progress in NA
2/10	Graham H	5 yrs	Oasis
2/15	Susie H.	40 yrs	Meeting Makers Make It
2/15	Linda D.	41 yrs	Women's Step & Tradition
2/16	Mike C.	38 yrs	Sun Morning Spiritual
2/16	Ben F.	7 yrs	Today's Recovery
2/16	Danny S.	8 yrs	The Alternative
2/16	Beth C.	40 yrs	The Alternative
2/16	Dave M.	40 yrs	The Alternative
2/17	Abby A.	4 yrs	Oasis
2/17	Joe W.	4 yrs	Illness in Recovery
2/21	Ryan E.	10 yrs	Older Toddlers
2/21	Ellen C.	35 yrs	One Step at a Time
2/22	Teresa S.	35 yrs	The Gut Bucket
2/22	Thom E.	32 yrs	The Gut Bucket
2/22	Thaddeus M.	30 yrs	Uptown
2/22	Francis W.	5 yrs	Uptown
2/22	Eric W.	30 yrs	Uptown
2/23	Dwight S.	35 yrs	Progress in NA
2/23	Chris C.	1 yr	Today's Recovery
2/23	Natalie Y.	14 yrs	Talking Heads
2/23	Bill H.	39 yrs	Talking Heads
2/24	Mirielli G.	11 yrs	Illness in Recovery
2/24	Abby A.	4 yrs	Oasis
2/26	Jack L.	8 yrs	Gentlemen's Club
2/26	Brian C.	29 yrs	Keeping it Real
2/26	Larry B.	29 yrs	Keeping it Real
2/28	Bobby P.	39 yrs	Older Toddlers
2/28	Bill S.	39 yrs	Older Toddlers
3/1	Al G.	8 yrs	Share on Saturday
3/1	Sheri V.	32 yrs	Off the Beaten Path
3/2	Tom M.	15 yrs	Today's Recovery
3/9	Ethan B.	1 yr	Today's Recovery
3/12	Alveeta C.	4 yrs	Wednesday Willingness

Our latest issue approved by my home group is to return to in-person meetings from our Zoom platform as the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. We decided not to require face coverings as mask requirements have loosened in our county. We also voted to go hybrid and continue the Zoom meeting at the in-person meeting by utilizing a large-screen TV.
~ Ben C.

NA Related Announcements

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Do Recover is hosting an eating meeting for their Group's anniversary on **Tuesday, February 11, 6pm-9pm** 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD
New Meeting! Progress Not Perfection starts **Fri. 2/14 @ 3:30 PM** at Progress Place, 8106 Georgia Ave., Room 205, Silver Spring, MD. Parking is limited.
Another New Meeting! Steps at Glenmont starts **Mon. 2/10 @ 6 PM** at Glenmont UMC, 12901 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Park in the back. Parking in the back. Call 240-779-6588 or 240-615-3311 when arriving.
Stepping Free will be moving its meeting time from 8:30pm to 8:00pm starting **March 6, 2025**.
New Way of NA, Tuesdays at 5pm has moved to Millian Memorial UMC, Outreach Recovery, 13016 Parkland Dr., Rockville, MD.
Solo Por Hoy has moved to the Festival Center, 1640 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC-Rock Creek Area.
Illness in Recovery will no longer be a handicap access meeting. No access to elevator. The church will be closed anytime MCPS is closed, so there will not be a meeting when MCPS is closed for weather.



Be in the KNOW! We have a TON of great information for GSRs and groups! Links can be found at <https://www.cprna.org/our-areas/info/montgomery-area/>. If you can't locate these documents, email masc@cprna.org and ask for them.

Opportunities to Serve

Area Service Nominations & Elections: Montgomery Area still has several service opportunities available: Alternate Secretary, RCM Alternate, and many Area Liaisons. Email masc@cprna.org for more info or come to Area Service the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 PM: Zoom ID: 876 1298 6083; Password: 749698

Regional Service Committee Meeting: Saturday, February 8th Hosted by the South Potomac

Open Regional service opportunities: Vice Chair, Vice Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Convention Oversight Comm At-Large Reps 1 & Rep 2, H&I Vice Chair, Literature Chair & Vice Chair, Policy Chair & Vice Chair, Special Events Vice Chair, Free State Regional Service Office Rep 1.

Regional Convention

A banner for the CPRCNA 2025 XXXVIII convention. It features the text "Register early for the 2025 convention and save! Pre-Registration only \$25" at the top. Below is the CPRCNA logo with "2025" and "XXXVIII" and the dates "APRIL 11-13, 2025" and "Ocean City, Maryland". A large gold coin with the number "38" is shown, with the text "See you next year!" below it. At the bottom, it says "CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC REGIONAL CONVENTION".

**\$25 EARLY
REGISTRATION
FOR CPRCNA
ENDS 2/9!**

www.cprna.org



CPRCNA 39 (2026 convention) meets the second Thursdays, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting ID 84914728396; No passcode.

EVENTS

NA events can be found at: <https://www.instagram.com/naglobalevents/> and <https://www.cprna.org/event-calendar/>

CENTRAL MARYLAND SPECIAL EVENTS PRESENTS...

SWEETHEART VALENTINE'S DANCE

Dress to IMPRESS!

02.15.25
8 PM - 12 AM

TICKETS
\$10 in advance
\$15 at the door

Food and Entertainment Services provided by:
Art by Art Photography
DJ D-Nice
Pines Catering Services

Saturday, 2/15 8PM-Midnight

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 6600 Laurel - Bowie Road,
Bowie, MD 20715**

Cost: \$10 – \$15

366 P (443)354-8831



CPRSC Meeting

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Subcommittees	10 AM – NOON
Lunch	12:00 PM
Meeting	1 PM - 6 PM

HOSTED BY: South Potomac Area

Carolina Church
9901 Allentown Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

(across the street from Friendly High School, drive around to rear of church)

CONVENTIONS IN 2025!



Narcotics Anonymous
Chesapeake & Potomac Region

C&P Region Tech Talk

Sunday, February 23, 2025
12 Noon—2 PM

Learn about the technology the C&P Region uses to carry the message. Exchange ideas on performing service. Find out how you can carry the message too!

Regional Technologies: Google Drive, Websites, Phonline, BMLT, Meeting Lists, etc.

Meeting ID: 671 727 103
Passcode: 654321


Questions? Contact Anne E. or Tammy G.
info@cprna.org





MAHCNA XIX
Un Camino Espiritual

MAHCNA * February 7-10
Sonesta White Plains, 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, NY



Northeast Freedom Area
Convention XVI
REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE!

NEFACNAXVI * February 21-23
Sheraton Baltimore North, 903 Dulany Valley Road, Towson MD
<https://www.nefacna.com>



CIRCLE OF SISTERS
DANCING WITH PURPOSE & GRACE

Circle of Sisters * March 28-30
"Dancing with Purpose & Grace"
Anchorage, AK 99501
<https://www.circleofsisters.org/>



"Limitless Strength"
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APRIL 10-12, 2025
CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC REGIONAL CONVENTION
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
www.CPRCNA.org

CPRCNA 38 * April 10-12
"Limitless Strength"
[Roland E. Powell Convention Center](https://www.cprcna.org)
Ocean City, MD
www.cprcna.org