



## FRIENDS of BILL W.

District #30

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**Statement of Purpose:** "Friends of Bill W." is the newsletter for A.A. District #30 in Virginia. It provides a voice that will cultivate the spirit of our district's common welfare and A.A. unity.

### In The Spirit of Service

Dear Readers, thanks for all the great newsletter input and suggestions! Please keep it coming! Submissions, anniversaries, event notifications, and ideas can be sent to: [newsletter@aadistrict30va.org](mailto:newsletter@aadistrict30va.org). We are taking a short break from printing the newsletter to be distributed at meetings due to the corona virus protocols currently in place. We'll be back to printing newsletters as soon as we are able to meet again in person! XXX

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Hot-Line Volunteers Needed:** Call (540) 752-2228, email [hotline@aadistrict30va.org](mailto:hotline@aadistrict30va.org), or reach out to XXX

### DISTRICT 30 CORNER

(District business, DCM reports, Literature)

*DCM message:* Hello District! hope everyone is doing well in these trying times. I miss seeing all of you and we'll be back together soon enough. I would just like to give a shout out to our District as a whole for our quick response on the Zoom meetings. I know they're not in person, but it's what we have available now and it's working. I would like to give a huge thank you to Matxxx, Stefxxx, Theresa, and Merxxx for putting this together. We have 34 zoom meetings up and running to this point and still growing. This will probably be part of our new normal. I've heard praise and skepticism alike about zoom, but either way we adapt and we learn and we grow from different experiences. See you all in the ZOOM ROOMS.

**Thanks in ADVANCE for everything in the FUTURE**

Daniel S. DCM

### DISTRICT 30 ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBD

### EVENTS

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### ANNIVERSARIES

#### FEBRUARY

Names omitted in web version for anonymity.

#### MARCH

Names omitted in web version for anonymity.

### FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT & HOTLINE CHAIR

Happy Spring District 30! First, thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve as Entertainment and Hotline Chair. I hope all are well and be safe.

Unfortunately, with the Covid 19 Virus, all district sponsored events have been put on hold. However, the committee will continue to discuss opportunities for future events.

The Hotline Committee has done an awesome job manning the phones throughout this change in our fellowship. During the first few weeks of the pandemic, the committee had to navigate our new meeting dynamics, providing solutions for those looking for meetings. Now, things are slowing down. Most of the calls are families reaching out for help. Thanks to our Al-Anon friends for stepping in and helping with these situations.

Wow, what a great show of action! Talking about connection -- District 30 put together 34 Zoom Meetings online and our members are able to continue to show up no matter what! If you would like to host a meeting please contact [distric30online@gmail.com](mailto:distric30online@gmail.com).

I would also like to share how grateful I am to be able to be of service to the district. I have been home bound since October, and being able to help with the hotline and now with the zoom meetings, gives me that feeling of being part of this wonderful fellowship.

If you have any Questions you can email me at [entertainment@aadistrict30va.org](mailto:entertainment@aadistrict30va.org).

Thank you, TW

## ARCHIVES TODAY

This was originally going to be an article on a District 30 Group "Birthday". But like so many things in these uncertain times, their annual celebration was deferred until a later date. So instead, I would like to share some recent happenings in Archives.

Our VAC Spring Assembly was cancelled, but its committees still had virtual meetings that many of our GSRs and local committee chairs attended. At its meeting, the Archives Committee announced its decision to postpone the previously scheduled May Open House until the fall of this year. The Archives Office in Waynesboro will also remain closed until then.

Your VAC Archives Chair, XXX, sent out announcements publicizing the San Francisco/Marin County (virtual) Archives Seminar "AA in War and Crisis – a Historical Perspective" that several of us were able to attend on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The seminar panelists presented information on AA's activities during periods of crisis in US history, including WWII, 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina. Presenters included personal narratives of those times/events. There were more than 400 people in attendance. For anyone who may have missed it, your GSR will have a link to the recording, or you can message me directly through the district 30 website-[aadistrict30va.org](http://aadistrict30va.org), using the dropdown menu under contacts.

While it hardly needs mentioning, I would like to bring up the historic importance of the experience we are currently going through. Related to this, I am appealing to all of you for help in setting up a District 30 archives record of that experience. Those of you who are writers or journal keepers or who would simply like to participate in this project, please contact me directly or through the archives link on the district website. In order to create such an archive, we will be needing basic info, like timelines, from those who were instrumental in setting up the first virtual meetings, as well as narratives of your AA experiences as groups or as individuals during the early days of this pandemic. I am sure XXX would love to have some of these stories to publish in the newsletter, but apart from that, what you write or share will become an important contribution to the local District 30 Archives. With gratitude in advance-

Yours in service, Archive AB