

DISTRICT 42 & YOU

DISTRICT 42 NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/16 Area Assembly -
Frederick, MD
- 9/13 District 42 4th Step
Workshop
- 9/20 Area Committee -
Ocean City, MD
- 10/30 - 11/2
Fall Conference

CONTRIBUTIONS

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DISTRICT 42 MEETING

The monthly meeting is held
At St. Paul's Church from
7:00 to 8:00 PM on the
Second Tuesday of the
month. - All are welcome

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District 42 Histories:

The following is the first of the Group histories that will begin appearing in District 42's Newsletter. The group histories will be presented in order of their founding. The first of which is the Crofton Open Group.

The Crofton Open Group:

How the Crofton Open Group got started is a story in itself. Ginny B's husband had a drinking problem and she became dedicated to Al-Anon. She personally delivered Al-Anon literature to churches in the Crofton community. One minister -



Rev. Fred Wood of the Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church - wanted to get meetings going at his church. Ginny rounded up interested AA and Al-Anon members. Ginny B. & Bob M met with Rev. Wood and began the discussion on starting meeting there. The Crofton Open Group was started in July 1974. Along with Ginny B. and Bob M., Jay B., Bob O'C., Nancy & Bob R. were involved. Wes. T. was giving guidance along the way. It is believed that Bob. M. led the first AA meeting -- in attendance were Bob O'C, Jay B., as well as Bob R. Paul R. then became involved, along with Adam B., John H., John K., Vince S., Gail Y., Richard H., Michael H., Fred M., Tom C., Dave B., and Gene H. Pat and Al L. were two members who left to form the Crofton Monday Night Meeting.

Back then, the AAs met in the kitchen and Al-Anons met in the big meeting room. On the first Friday of every month, there was a speaker meeting in the large room. The average size of the meeting was around 20 people. In the late 70's and early 80's, Grace B., Jack B., Joe G., Rick R., Joe and Kay McM., Morgan J. and others attended regularly and some became home group members (and some are still home group members).

Just before one of the group's founders Bob O'C died he said to a new comer that he was sponsoring, "I'd feel a lot better about dying if I knew you were going to stay sober." Twelfth Step work and Sponsorship were the passions of the early

members of the Crofton Open Group.

During the 34 years that Crofton Open has been in existence other groups were created, some as the result of a "resentment and a coffee pot." Some of those groups include the Crofton Monday night meeting, the Tuesday night Crofton Step meeting (actually an offshoot of the Monday night meeting), the now defunct Bowie Grace Step meeting, and the Bowie City Hall meeting.

The Crofton Open Group still meets at Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church at Ardsley Place and Crofton Parkway every Friday night at 8:00 pm. The meetings consist of Al-Anon, an AA open discussion meeting and an AA step meeting. The main focus of the group continues to be to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic while Al-Anon continues to carry their message to the suffering family members and friends. One of the main advantages of our meeting has been having both fellowships in one place so that families can recover together.

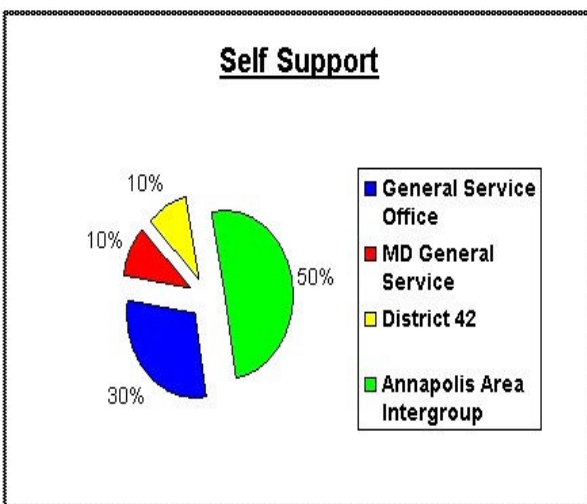
Each September the group celebrates its anniversary with a joint AA/Al-Anon speakers meeting and a covered dish buffet before the meeting.





District 42's First Workshop:

On September 13th from 11 to 2 District 42 will be hosting a Fourth Step workshop. Lunch will be provided. The workshop will be at the Community United Methodist Church at the intersections of MD 424 and Ridell Road. The presenters for the workshop will be provided by the Workshop committee from Maryland General Service. Since District 42 has just restarted, its funds are limited so all the groups in District 42 are bring asked to contribute \$25.00 to help defray some of the costs for the workshop. Please send in your contribution to the address listed below.

November Event:

Another event that the District will be sponsoring is the Area Committee meeting in November. This will be the first time that the Area will be meeting in our District. Please stay tuned for more details.



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