

Friends Of Bill FREDERICKSBURG

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THE NEWSLETTER IS BACK!

A look at what's happening around District 30.

From the Newsletter Chair

Welcome to the August issue of Friends of Bill W.!

After a little time away, the District 30 newsletter is officially back in rotation. With a new Newsletter Chair and a fresh start, this felt like a good opportunity to breathe some new life into it while keeping what has always made it ours: local A.A. news, service, fellowship, and the experience, strength, and hope of District 30.

The hope is for this newsletter to become more than a place for announcements. It can be a snapshot of what District 30 actually feels like: the service happening behind the scenes, the groups that make up our District, the people carrying the message, the events that bring us together, and some of the humor and personality that make A.A. feel like home. And that means we need your help.

Have a group announcement, meeting change, upcoming event, service opportunity, story, artwork, poem, sobriety milestone, funny recovery joke, piece of A.A. history, or just an idea for something you'd like to see here?

Send it to
newsletter.district30va@gmail.com

You don't have to be a writer. A rough idea is plenty.

In love & service,

*Your District 30
Newsletter Chair*

OUR 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.

SAVE THE DATES

AUG 29

Chili Cookoff
Step 12 Panel +
Bingo

SEPT 16

District 30
Officer Elections

SEPT 18-20

VSCYPAA XXX
Fredericksburg

Halloween

Dance
Date / Details
TBA

JAN 15-16

2027 VAC Winter
Meeting
Fredericksburg

Details inside →

AROUND THE DISTRICT

CHILI COOKOFF STEP 12 PANEL + BINGO SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 • 3-7 PM



Christ Lutheran Church
1300 Augustine Ave.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Come hungry and stick around for an afternoon of food, fellowship, sharing, Bingo, and prizes.

4 PM • Step 12 Panel

A panel of A.A. members will share their experience with Step 12.

5 PM • Bingo

Everyone gets one free Bingo card, with prizes up for grabs.

Think your chili has what it takes? Anyone can enter the cookoff, and everyone gets a vote for their favorite.

Suggested Donation: \$10

COMING TO FREDERICKSBURG

VSCYPAA XXX

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

The Virginia State Conference of Young People in A.A. celebrates its 30th year right here in Fredericksburg this September.

The weekend will include 100 - 300 alcoholics from all over Virginia and across the country!

Sobriety Countdown (Hype/YPAA version)
Speaker Meetings • Panel Meetings • Workshops • Dancing • 24-hour marathon meetings and games into the early A.M. hours of the night • FUN

Holiday Inn Fredericksburg Conference Center at 20 Sanford Dr.

Registration + hotel information:
VSCYPAA2026.com

Thank you, 2026 Host Committee for your dedication and service!

SEPTEMBER 16 • 7 PM

District 30 officer elections are coming up at the September 16th District meeting.

The four elected positions are:

DCM • ADCM • SECRETARY • TREASURER

Only the four officer positions are elected. Committee chairs and coordinator positions are appointed later by the incoming DCM.

Interested in standing for an elected position, or just wondering what one of these service commitments actually involves?

Position descriptions can be found in the District 30 Service Manual, and now is a great time to start asking questions and learning more.

AREA NEWS

FROM THE VAC SUMMER MEETING

District 30 was represented at the Virginia Area Committee Summer Meeting in July, where one of the larger discussions centered on Area finances.

With expenses currently exceeding contributions, VAC leadership has been looking at ways to reduce costs while maintaining essential Area service work.

One decision already made: the 2027 VAC Summer Meeting will be virtual-only, a change projected to save approximately \$8,000.

Additional cost-saving recommendations are expected to come before the full Fall Assembly as the next Area budget is developed.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE VIRGINIA AREA IS COMING TO FREDERICKSBURG JANUARY 15-16, 2027

It's official: District 30 will host the 2027 Virginia Area Committee Winter Meeting at the Holiday Inn Conference Center on Route 17.

As the hosting District, we'll be asked to help with registration and hospitality and host the Friday-night and Saturday-morning recovery meetings.

An ad hoc planning committee is expected to be formed as January gets closer, which means there will be plenty of opportunities for District 30 members to get involved and be of service.

More to come!

BETWEEN MEETINGS...

Future issues need a little personality, too.

Send us your clean recovery humor, doodles, comics, strange-but-universal meeting-room observations, A.A. trivia, or anything else that makes District 30 feel like District 30.

MORE WILL BE REVEALED...

Thank you for reading!

- HOME GROUP SPOTLIGHTS • LOCAL A.A. HISTORY • MEMBER ART • STEP, TRADITION & CONCEPT FEATURES •
- RECOVERY WRITING • PUZZLES • RULE 62 • SOBRIETY MILESTONES • SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES •

