

# District 12 Newsletter

February 2012

## NEWS WANTED!!!

AA-Related Articles ~ AA-Related Events ~  
Group Activities ~ Group Anniversaries ~  
Group Member Birthdays ~ Submit items to  
your home group's GSR or send e-mail to:  
[secretary@aavirginiadistrict12.org](mailto:secretary@aavirginiadistrict12.org).

**Submission deadline for the March  
Newsletter is February 17, 2012, with a  
publication date of February 22, 2012.** This  
newsletter and other information may be  
viewed on the District 12 website at  
[www.aavirginiadistrict12.org](http://www.aavirginiadistrict12.org)

## Upcoming Events 48th International Women's Conference

The 48<sup>th</sup> International Women's  
Conference will be held in Washington, DC  
February 16 -19, 2012, at the Washington  
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (1-800-228-  
9290) – Ask for IWC. The conference is a  
closed AA women's event for registrants  
only. Registration Fee: \$35.00

Website:

[www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

## Sobriety Anniversaries

Date	Name	Years	Group
Feb. 5	Karin P.	1	Grafton
Feb. 5	Ron H.	3	Grafton
Feb. 9	Valerie W.	1	Grafton
Feb. 19	Daniel S.	7	Grafton
Feb. 22	Tom S.	1	Grafton

## Peninsula Answering Service

District needs help covering the phone lines  
for shifts listed below. Contact Becky M. to  
get started.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	8am – 8am
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	8am – 4pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8am – 8am
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8am – 8am

## Meeting Updates

### Hilton Roundtable Meeting

The Hilton Roundtable meeting, held on  
Saturdays at First United Methodist Church,  
10246 Warwick Blvd. at 6:30, now meets in  
Room 207 (second floor). There is an  
elevator allowing access to the handicapped.  
Meeting format is Open/Steps/Traditions.

### 25th Street Discussion Group

**Meetings** on Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday have CLOSED.

### District 12 Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend district  
meetings which are held monthly.

**Location:** Warwick Church of Christ (corner  
of J. Clyde Morris Blvd. and Jefferson Ave. in  
Newport News)

**Date:** 4th Wednesday of every month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

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## **36<sup>th</sup> Oceanfront Conference**

**Location:** The Cavalier Hotel  
**Date:** Friday-Sunday February 17-19th  
**Time:** 2:00 Registration begins  
8:00 Early Bird Meeting

See website for more details:  
<http://www.aavirginia.org/hp/events/Feb/OceanfrontConference2012>

## **District 12 Archives Meeting**

**Location:** Vinny's on J. Clyde across  
from Angelo's  
**Date:** February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
Contact Mic P. for more info.

## **District 12 Fund Raiser \$2 Spaghetti Dinner**

**Location:** St. Stephens Church  
372 Hiden Blvd., Newport News  
**Date:** Friday, February 24th  
**Time:** 6:30pm (following the Happy  
Hour Meeting)  
**50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes**

Contact Mary B for more info

## **Members' Corner**

Jane S. 35+ ardent AA member, co-founder of the "Another Chance Group" in the Link Building on Warwick Avenue, is recovering slowly but comfortably from shoulder replacement surgery with her daughter, Patti, in Maryland. "Janey" is hoping that the regimented physical therapy sessions can be successfully relocated and scheduled to Newport News early next month. We miss your love, care and "evil eye" Jane, hope you can rejoin us soon.....Another Chance Group, Bob M.

## **2012 Chili Bowl**

Sober friends gathered once again on New Year's Day for the annual Chili Bowl. Started by the late Dee D. and continued by Claudia P., it's a great way to start the new year - sober and with good company! Dee hosted

the event for 10 years, and for many, it was a favorite event not to be missed. When Dee passed away in 2006, she left behind a legacy. Everyone wondered what would happen to the Chili Bowl now that she was gone. A few people tossed around the idea of hosting it, but for one reason or another weren't able to do so. Finally, Claudia was inspired to take it on and have it at her house. Thus the tradition continues...Claudia has hosted it for 6 years now, and it's still a holiday favorite. This year, Claudia is selling her home where she's lived for 10 years to find something smaller and easier to take care of. So this is most likely the last year she'll be hosting it. Who will take over next year? It's time to pass the torch. Will it be you?

## **Service Opportunities Corrections**

Women's meetings are held at the Williamsburg Regional Jail and the Newport News City Jail thanks to Lorraine W. and Suzzette K. The Newport News City jail is in need of more volunteers. For more info, contact Becky M.

### **I AM RESPONSIBLE**

**When anyone, anywhere,  
Reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of A.A. always to be  
there.**

**And for that, I am responsible.**

