



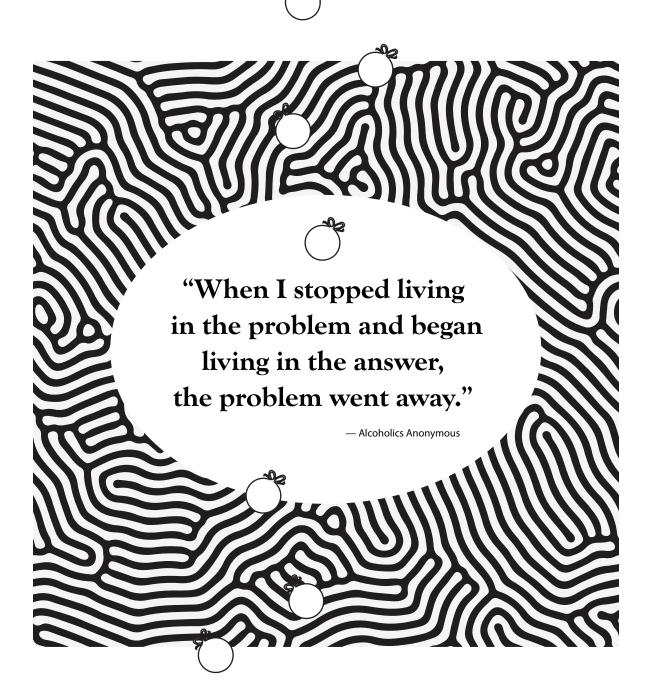


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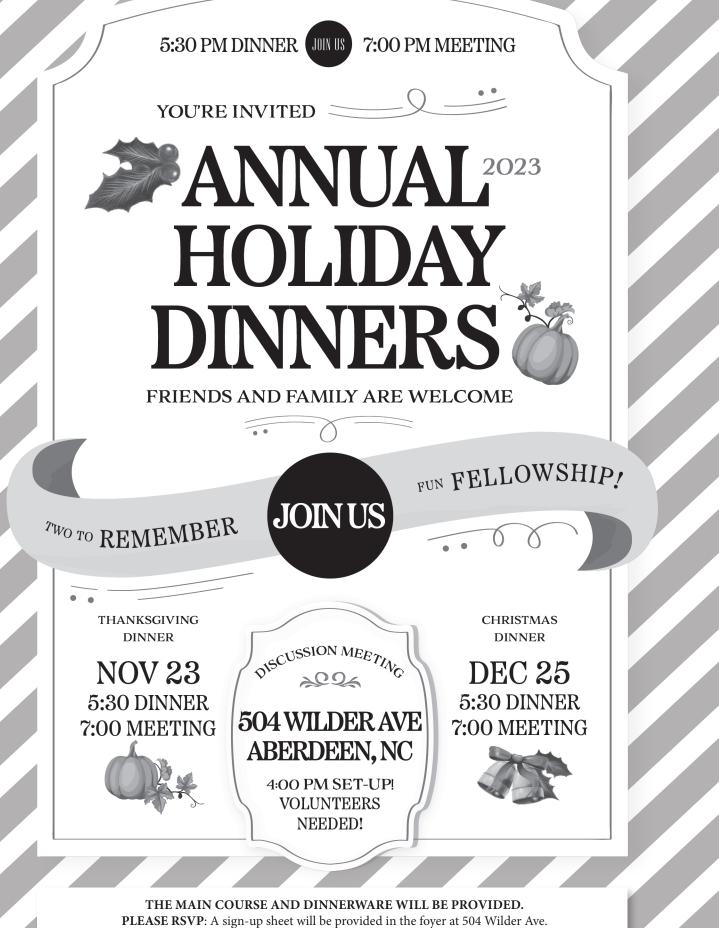
SANDHILLS INTERGROUP

HOLIDAY 2023



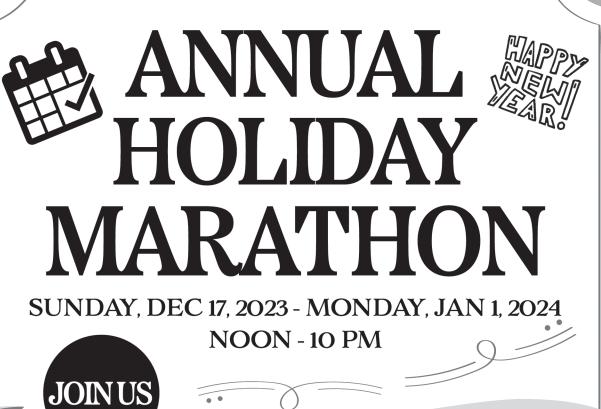
Moore County Alcoholics Anonymous Holiday Events





PLEASE RSVP: A sign-up sheet will be provided in the foyer at 504 Wilder Ave.
Please include: How many will be attending, side dish(es) you will bring and how many people each will serve, desserts (wanted however, we would be grateful for more side dishes than desserts).
If you have any questions regarding the dinners please contact Chris Torres @ 910-315-3774.

## THE WILDER BUILDING 504 WILDER AVE, ABERDEEN, NC



## Doors to the Wilder Building will remain open with two or more AA members in the building.

A MEMBERS OFFERING EXTRA SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS

There will be coffee, games, puzzles, and meetings held to provide a safe place for those in need, and service opportunities for AA members.

Beginning Dec 1st, a sign-up calendar will be avialable on the front wall of the main room. The sign up will be in a daily format with two hour blocks from 12pm to 10pm. We ask that at least two people sign up in each two hour block to be present in the building.

If your homegroup would like to book a specific block of time, please contact one of us listed below before the calendar is posted on Dec 1st.

We are so blessed to have the Wilder Building for our service work, fellowship, and recovery. Please sign up to help keep our traditions strong for our community.

Marathon questions or requests please contact: Kirk S 910-705-6355, Lynn Y 910-315-1202, MaryKay W 910-603-0234

# The "Loophole"

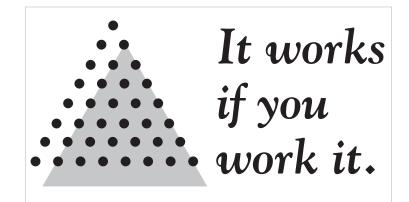
Things were not running smoothly within the infant AA program during the winter of 1939. Bill W. (AA Founder) was pressing to get what would be called the "Big Book" assembled and sent to the printers. His efforts were being frustrated by factions within the fellowship. Theists, desists, liberals, psychologicals, radicals, agnostics and atheists were jockeying to imprint their ideologies on the "Steps". The disagreement was focused on the word "God" in the steps. Hank P. and Jim B. stood firm against the consensus and Bill W's reluctance to modify the Steps as he had written them. Eventually Bill was to capitulate ... his intention was clear " ... the Steps would have to be more explicit, leaving not a "single loophole through which the rationalizing alcoholic could wiggle out". Thus the qualification "as we understand him" was added to Steps 3 and 11. In The Language of the Heart pg. 201, Bill states "Those expressions ... have proved lifesavers for many an alcoholic. They have enabled thousands of us to make a beginning where none could have been made had

we left the Steps just as I originally wrote them." The gateway had been widened so that all who suffer from alcoholism might pass through, regardless of their belief or lack of belief. The "loophole" had been created through which many of us "rationalizing drunks" could wiggle IN.



**I HE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART** Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings

- Submission from the first Sandhills Intergroup Newsletter, 2002



## Sandhills Intergroup

The Sandhills Intergroup is a central office established to aid groups and meetings in Moore County carry the AA message to alcoholics who still suffer.

## Please visit our recorded speaker page at www.MooreCountyAA.org

- Search for your favorite speakers
- Search by speaker categories
  - Women in AA
    - Young people in AA
  - Oldtimers
- Category playlists

### Sandhills Intergroup also provides:

Phone support: 910.420.0575

#### Website: www.MooreCountyAA.org

#### Newsletter:

*Visit our website to read our 21-year newsletter archive and subscribe for FREE!* 

We are funded solely by the AA groups in our county and we **NEED, ASK and THANK YOU** for your contributions and input.

**JOIN Intergroup!** We meet at 9 am the first Saturday of each month at 504 Wilder Ave, Aberdeen, NC. *All AA'ers welcome!* 

Visit our website to learn more about AA meetings and events. There is a solution and all are welcome!

### www.MooreCountyAA.org

Questions or comments email us at: **moorecountyaa@gmail.com**