# **Background Notes**



District 0490 Central New York Area 47

# December 2019

#### A.A. PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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## AA Responsibility Pledge

I am responsible,
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to
be there.
And for that: I am responsible."

### **Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change.
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference



# **Happy Holidays from District 0490**

For December, we are going to keep this newsletter short and sweet. From all us at District 0490, we would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Remember, you don't have to drink. There are AA meetings in the area on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve and New Years Day.



# **District 0490 Events**

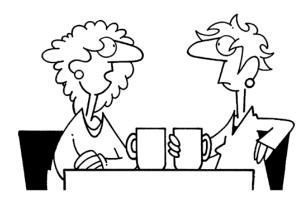
Is your group holding a special anniversary meeting, picnic, event, etc? If you wanted listed in the newsletter, please send a email to: aadistrict0490@gmail.com.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Candlelight Anniversary Meeting	Last Sunday of Month	8:00 pm	Oneida First United Methodist Church [Main & Grove]	Speaker Meeting, Medallions for Milestones, Cake and Fellowship!
District 0490 Business Meeting – Dec only [open to public]	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Oneida Parks & Recreation Center	
New Years Eve Celebration	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Oneida First United Methodist Church [Main & Grove	TBA

## And Finally . . .



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"I'd like to spend the holidays with my loved ones, but after the third day, they're not loved ones anymore!"

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What would you like to see in the newsletter?

Would you like to tell people about your recovery - a step, tradition or spiritual experience? Send us a short story and we'll have it published in the next edition of the newsletter!

Did you recently see an article about recovery you would like to share your opinion about or perhaps start a discussion?

The newsletter is where you can share your experience, strength and hope with another alcoholic.

Please send all comments, questions, concerns and stories to: aadistrict0490@gmail.com .

DISTRICT 0490 INFORMATION		HOTLINE NUMBERS		
PO Box 481	Next District Meetings:	Ondeida	315-533-1227	
Oneida, NY 13421		Rome	315-201-6644	
Email: district0490@yahoo.com	TBA for 2020	Utica	315-732-6880	
Website: www.aadistrict0490.org		Syracuse	315-463-5011	
AREA 47 INFORMATION		AA WORLDWIDE SERVICES		
CNY Area Committee Registrar P O Box 18063 Rochester, NY 14615 Website: www.aacny.org	Next Meetings: TBA for 2020	Grand Central Station Box 459, NY 10163 Website: www.aa.org		

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