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District 15 Happenings

NEW
Camden Women's meeting, Fridays, 6pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 33 Chestnut St. in Camden.

Showing it Works!

April Anniversaries

Jane M., 12 yrs

Dave H., 19 yrs

Cindy H., 17 yrs

Prayer & Meditation
Tuesday, April 17

Jane W., 12 yrs

Mountain View
Sunday, April 22

Alison L., 6 yrs.

Doug G., 4 yrs

Beth B., 4 yrs

It's In the Book
Wednesday, April 25
(potluck at 5:30)

Spring Fling

The 2nd Annual Old Timers Dinner and Dance

April 14 at Watts Hall in Thomaston

Spaghetti dinner from 5:00 until 7:00 followed by a Speakers meeting honoring three Speakers with 30 or More Years of Sobriety from 7:00 until 8:30. Then the DANCE, with DJ Mark Elwin

Tickets for the Dinner and Dance are \$5.00

There will be a Raffle for a Professionally Framed James Wyeth Print named "The Buoy Tree." Tickets are \$3.00 each or \$10.00 for four.

Want to keep Springing and Flinging?

There are other events around the Area that will keep you going until May. April 21, District 14 will be holding their event in Fairfield. April 27, District 19 will be having their Fling in South Paris. For details, go to www.aamaine.org.

There is also **The 59th Bath Group Anniversary** banquet celebration May 19th. Call George at 522-6150 for information or go to www.aamaine.org.

Area Assembly

Actively reaching out the hand of AA

What's amazing about an Area Assembly is a gymnasium full of people who care so passionately and take so seriously that they are responsible whenever someone reaches out for the hand of AA, that they travel large distances, sit on hard, metal folding chairs and get AA business done. About 200 representatives from across the state and some from Canada met in Old Orchard Beach on the weekend of March 23-25 for the Area 28 Assembly. Every AA group has a vote if their GSR is there to represent them.

The Assembly voted overwhelmingly to authorize purchase of our first translation equipment, beginning the process of making AA more fully available. A year ago, a special fund was established to purchase the equipment entirely through specific contributions and a committee was established to survey and recommend specific equipment. The fund, and the purchase process, will continue.

The Assembly also voted to continue our fund to assist struggling districts, hearing several sto-

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Tanglewood

10th Annual Big Book Weekend

June 8-10

Jay S. from California will be leading an intensive exploration of the Steps in the Big Book of Alcohol Anonymous during the tenth annual Big Book weekend. The event will be held at the Tanglewood Camp in Lincolnville, Friday June 8 through Sunday June 10.

Check-in begins at 4 pm on Friday. You can camp at Tanglewood, stay in one of the cabins, or commute from home. Meal tickets include two breakfasts, lunch, and a lobster dinner.

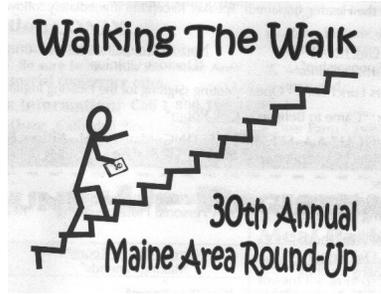
Space is limited and registrations are already pouring in. Call Brian at 785-3176 .

**August 24-26
Camp AFG**

Maine Area's annual Al-Anon convention with AA participation
Unity and Friendship
Special national speaker (not yet announced)
Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, ME

A Maine area convention for Al-Anon and Alateen members to gather for fun and fellowship, to celebrate their beginnings, enhance their understanding of the program, and to find ways to attract new members.

Camp AFG is a three-day event in a wonderful setting. Here are just some of the activities available: keynote speaker at noon
• all day workshops • canoeing • camp fire • live entertainment, music • spiritual speaker on Sunday morning • childcare • hospitality room • Al-Anon literature for sale • raffle • hiking • night walks with a guide • AA speakers • lakefront cabins • great food • swimming • fun and relaxation. Details soon at www.campafg.com



**July 20-22
Sugarloaf USA**

Maine Area's annual AA convention with Al-Anon participation

Speakers: Angie P, Cincinnati; Kathy H, Al-Anon, Cincinnati; Maureen H, Kittery Point; Sandy B, Tampa; Bob D, Las Vegas.

Workshops on Sponsorship; Doctor's Opinion; What is a Home Group?; Came to Believe; Making the Decision; A Personal Housecleaning; Reading and Receiving Inventory; Making Amends, Ridding Our Character Defects; District and Area Service; A Spiritual Awakening.

Make housing reservations early. Look for a flyer at your meetings or contact Lisa L, 205-0486, llowry@maine.rr.com to have one sent.

Learning a Little Tiny Bit About Humility

When I had about a year in the program, I took my then three-year-old daughter, Anna with me while I shopped in a GREAT BIG New Jersey mall . It was Saturday and the mall was very crowded. Anna ran ahead of me . I ran to catch up with her. By the time I managed to pass the group of

shoppers, Anna had disappeared. I was terrified.

After searching for her I contacted Security who turned out to be a teenager with terminal acne. He said, "Just look for her where she usually hangs out." I screamed at him, "She is three years old." He said, "Try the Puppy Palace."

I started to cry. Just then a fellow AAer named Bill saw me and came to help. Now Bill had a terrible reputation in AA. He was a counselor and "hit" on both newcomers and his own clients. Most of us sneered at him.

Bill said he would call the police, he would walk up on the stairs and landings with me and we would look down for Anna. Most of all, he was just there and holding my hand. I was no longer alone. In due time Anna was found. Bill went on his way.

I learned that you don't have to be the best person in AA to be a tremendous help to someone. I learned to not judge a person by his reputation. I learned to be truly grateful for the kindness shown to me by someone who overlooked my sneers. I began to learn a little tiny bit about humility. Jean B

My 12th Step work is best when I know that I don't know what I am doing and know that God does.

Personally, it developed (as it generally does for me) into an intensive growing experience. As usual, I got impatient and resentful. I got critical and judgmental. I took other peoples' inventories all over the place. I was sure I knew what we ought to do and how we ought to do it. My self-righteous arrogance bloomed, and God reminded me that I still have these defects of character, whispered "silly bear" in my ear, and allowed me to participate in this miracle of life and passion. Just another drunk, with my beloved brothers and sisters who care so passionately and love each other so strongly and unabashedly. Even while we argue. Isn't that a miracle? Peter L.

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ries of the success of the fund thus far in providing seed money and revitalizing AA in several districts.

The Assembly also began the process of revising the Area handbook to clarify the roles of the District Committee Members (DCM's) and District Chairs.

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For a list of Area officers and committee chairs, go to www.area28.aamine.org