



# IDAA

*A Recovery Fellowship for Healthcare Professionals and Their Loved Ones*

March 2024 Newsletter

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## IDAA Recovery News and Updates

### Not a member? Join Today!

If you are not a member of IDAA you are missing out on a number of services that are only available to IDAA Members through the **IDAA Member Portal!**

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### IDAA Conference 2024

**July 10-14 - Baltimore:**

- [Register Now - Early Bird Rates](#)
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- [Baltimore Merchandise](#)



### IDAA Recovery Story

*Attitude of Gratitude* – Richard P.

Hi, I'm Richard Pearson, I'm 78 years old, my sobriety date is 8/11/1987. I have been a member of IDAA since 1996.

I started recovery having grave emotional and mental problems, there were no licensing issues.

My childhood was very confusing to me, there was a passive alcoholic father and a passive aggressive controlling mother. At the age of eight, my mother informed me I was a mistake, that statement haunted me for 34 years. At the age of 20 I fell in

love with Mary, the girl of my dreams. We made plans to marry after I graduated from Optometry school. Mary jilted me after just 10 days away at school and she informed me she had found someone better. With a broken heart I promised myself no one would ever hurt me like that again and I closed my feelings.

[Read More](#)



## 75th Anniversary Campaign

This year marks an important milestone in IDAA history - our 75th Annual Conference of International Doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous. To support this event and our broader mission, we invite you to contribute to our 75th Anniversary Campaign. Your donation will help us host the conference, offer scholarships, and expand our services beyond this event. Your contribution will also ensure the longevity and impact of IDAA for years to come. I hope you will join us in celebrating

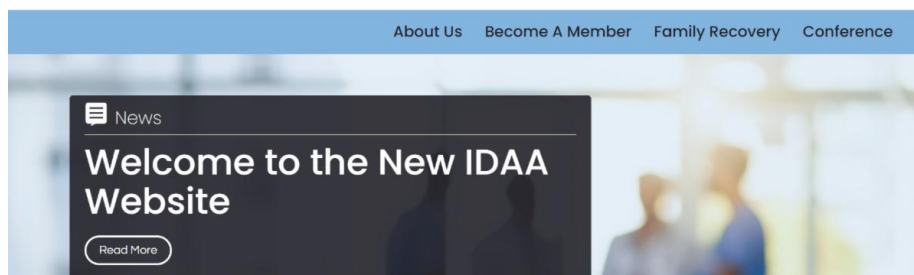
this achievement by making a donation [here](#). All donors will be recognized at the 2024 Annual Conference.

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## Bulletin Board

Are you a member of IDAA? The Bulletin Board serves as an excellent virtual community for sharing personal queries and seeking advice from fellow members. Have you achieved a significant milestone in your recovery journey? Feel free to share your reflections, triumphs, and needs with other IDAA members here. Whether you have a favorite IDAA meeting or are searching for recommendations in your area of interest, this platform offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow members, deepen your involvement in recovery, and engage with the broader IDAA community. [Click Here to Access the Bulletin Board](#)

Already a member and need help logging in? [Click Here](#)

## Interested in joining?

In honor of the launch of our new website, use discount code *IDAA2024* to receive \$200 off your first year of membership! Code must be applied during checkout to receive a discount.

\*Available to new members only

## Scholarship Applications NOW OPEN!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Now Open!



Scholarships are now open.

Scholarship recipients, like newcomers at a 12-step meeting, are the most important people attending each IDAA Annual Meeting. Thanks to the generous contributions of our members, we can continue the tradition of offering full and partial scholarships for members and sometimes their families.

Scholarships are offered for registration fees, CE's, and lodging only and are available for both individuals and their families.

Additional details/applications available [here](#).



## Forever Sober

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Burns Brady. Dr. Brady played a significant role in the expansion of IDAA membership, particularly during Gordi H.'s tenure as Executive Director and during his time serving on the IDAA Board. Despite not being able to attend the Annual Conference in recent years, Dr. Brady remained connected with numerous members.

IDAA is grateful for Dr. Brady's years of service and tireless efforts to inspire and support others on their recovery journeys.

[Click Here for Obituary](#)

[Share a Memory on the IDAA Bulletin Board Here](#) (Must be logged in to access)

If you know of the passing of an IDAA Member please send information to [Executive@IDAA.org](mailto:Executive@IDAA.org). Each year we honor our Forever Sober members at the Annual Conference.

## Join the IDAA Board of Directors

We're delighted to announce upcoming openings for two vital roles on the Board – Fundraising Committee Chair (new) and International Member At-Large. If you're enthusiastic about driving positive change and influencing IDAA's trajectory,

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



we welcome your involvement!

### Positions Available:

- 1. Fundraising Committee Chair:** This pivotal role will spearhead efforts to secure the financial resources essential for the organization's growth and sustainability in collaboration with our Fundraising consultant.
- 2. International Member At-Large:** Representing the diverse perspectives and needs of our international members beyond the United States.

### How to Apply:

Contact us at [executive@idaa.org](mailto:executive@idaa.org) to express your interest or request further information.

Let's shape IDAA's future together!

Yours in Service,  
Adam Scioli  
IDAA Board Chair

## become an IDAA AMBASSADOR



### IDAA Ambassador

Become an ambassador for change with the IDAA Ambassador Program! If you're a member passionate about spreading the message of hope and recovery, this program

invites you to represent IDAA within your network. Equip yourself with informative materials designed to make a meaningful impact. Join hands with us in reaching out to those in need, fostering a community of support and understanding. Ready to be a beacon of hope?

Learn more about the IDAA Ambassador Program by reaching out to [info@IDAAs.org](mailto:info@IDAAs.org). Together, let's make a difference!

**\*\*NEW\*\***

IDAA Informational slides have been developed to help aid our Ambassadors. This resource can be used as a guide, a presentation, or forwarded along to an individual or organization in your network.

[Download Slides Here](#)

[IDAA Informational Page](#)

## 75th Annual Conference Baltimore July 10-14, 2024



Schedule at a glance now available. [Click Here](#)

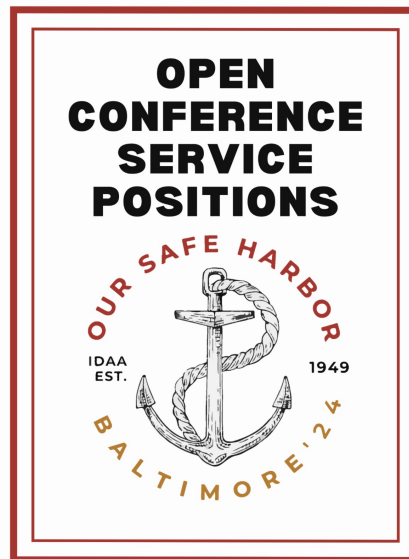
**Early-Bird:** Early Bird Rates end May 10th. [Click Here to Register Now](#)

**Lodging:** There are a limited number of rooms available at the hotel, book early to ensure you can stay on-site. [Click Here to Reserve Your Room](#)

**Exhibitor:** Exhibitor space is limited, reserve yours now! [Click here for additional information.](#)

**Merchandise:** Baltimore Merchandise is NOW available for purchase [Click here](#)

**Save the Date:** Scholarships Open March 1st



### Volunteers Needed

The Baltimore LAC is looking to fill the following service positions:

- Golf Lead
- Presenters/Leads for Family Recovery Track (formerly Al-Anon)

If you are willing to serve or have questions, please send an email to [Info@IDAA.org](mailto:Info@IDAA.org)

### Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly Speaker Meetings – Did you know IDAA hosts a monthly *virtual* speaker meeting? Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month. We hope you'll tune in for the next one on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm EST, the meeting opens at 7:30 for casual conversation!



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Monthly Speaker Meeting

Learn More  
Here

**36<sup>th</sup>**  
annual Tuerk Conference on Mental Health & Addiction Treatment

Save the Date

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**Tackling  
The Addiction Crisis**  
Back in Person — Mark Your Calendar

Baltimore Convention Center

7:30 am (networking optional) 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sponsorship Opportunities Available  
Call Nancy Rosen Cohen at 410-625-6482  
or email: [info@ncaddmaryland.org](mailto:info@ncaddmaryland.org)



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Here



**UPCOMING  
INTERNATIONAL  
& US MEETINGS**

HAVE A MEETING TO ADD?  
EMAIL  
[EXECUTIVE@IDAA.ORG](mailto:EXECUTIVE@IDAA.ORG)



## Upcoming International and US Meetings:

**March 15-17, 2024**

- **Australian & New Zealand Doctors in Recovery – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**
- Sydney, Australia
- Please see:  
<https://www.idaa.org/sites/adr>

**July 10-14, 2024**

- **75<sup>th</sup> Annual IDAA Annual Conference – International Doctors in AA**
- Venue: Baltimore Waterfront Marriott Hotel,

Baltimore, MD

- [Click Here for Details](#)

**October 10-13, 2024**

- **British Doctors + Dentists Group (BDDG)**  
– **Annual Convention**
- Venue: TBD
- [Click Here for Details](#)

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## What is IDAA?

IDAA is a nonprofit organization committed to empowering healthcare professionals and their families in their journey to recovery from substance abuse and addictive behaviors. We connect individuals struggling or in recovery from addiction and loved ones to supportive communities, both online and in person. Here, they can find inspiration, strength, and hope as they hear personal stories of recovery from addiction as told by fellow healthcare professionals. To further our mission, we gather annually for a conference, delving into the educational depths of addiction as a disease and providing invaluable spiritual support to one another.

## Get In Touch

**International Doctors in  
Alcoholics Anonymous**

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Contact Us



**Mission Statement:** The mission of IDAA is to carry the message of recovery to healthcare professionals and their families.

**Vision Statement:** IDAA envisions recovery for all healthcare professionals and their families impacted by addictive disorders.

**IDAA Inclusivity Statement:** IDAA envisions Recovery for all health care professionals and their families impacted by addictive disorders. We celebrate Diversity and are committed to Equity and Inclusion of people from all Racial, Ethnic, Cultural, Sexual/Gender and Spiritual identities. Many Recovery Pathways in addition to AA are represented at the IDAA Annual Meeting, Regional Meetings, and on our virtual and email meetings.

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