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April 2024 Newsletter

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IDAA Conference 2024

July 10-14 - Baltimore:

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IDAA Recovery Story

Embracing the Journey – Fran L.

Recognizing the phone number of my attorney I quickly picked up the call during a busy workday ten years ago. "Fran, the state has issued an emergency suspension of your license." Out of all the consequences of my addiction that was the one that had never occurred to me. Three years previously when I was "12th Stepped" by the DEA showing up at my home, I promptly went to (my second) 90-day treatment, signed up for the PHP and monitoring, completed Aftercare, and was diligent about ten to twelve AA meetings

weekly. One attorney had carefully unwound the DEA's concerns, and I had recrafted my life in recovery, for two years working at my favorite job in a long career. I told my lawyer, "I have thirteen patients on ventilators, what do I tell them at work?"

My attorney uttered the words that saved my life over the next long painful stretch. "It will never get worse than right now." Somehow that was consoling. If I could just get through the next few conversations, things would begin to get better. She gave me some words to tell the CMO ("I don't know what's happening right now, but the state

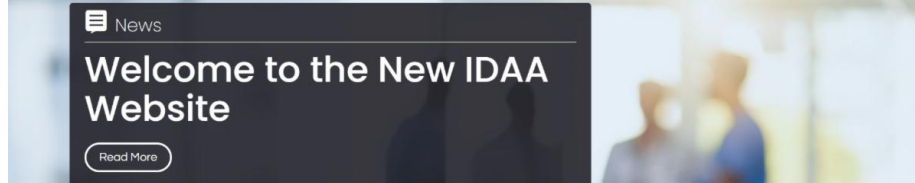
has suspended my license.”) and I called in the back-up physician.

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Bulletin Board

Are you a member of IDAA? Dive into our Bulletin Board, a virtual hub where members connect, share, and seek advice. Celebrate milestones, share reflections, and connect with fellow members. Whether you're looking for meeting recommendations or want to deepen your recovery journey, this platform is your gateway to the vibrant IDAA community.

Topic Ideas Include:

- Jobs (seeking employee(s) or employment)
- Affirmations
- Connections/Network Building
- Advice seeking

[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

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75th Annual Conference Baltimore
July 10-14, 2024

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



Early-Bird: Early Bird Rates **ENDING** 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](#)

[Click Here for Additional Updates:](#) Childcare, Medical Equipment Rentals, Aquarium Discounts and more!



Silent Auction

Greetings from the Baltimore LAC Silent Auction Chair!

Exciting news: we're hosting an in-person Silent Auction at our Conference in Baltimore. Your donations make a huge difference in supporting our mission.

Please submit items by June 20.

Here are some donation ideas:

- Vacations/Homes: Timeshare vouchers, vacation properties
- Gift Cards: Dining, shopping, gas, airlines, fitness
- Electronics/Technology: Computers, Netflix subscriptions, Bluetooth speakers
- Gift Baskets: Rainy day games, campfire goodies, movie nights

Reach out to Executive@IDAA.org to donate or with questions.

Thank you for your support!

Warm regards,
Fran L. - Auction Chair, Baltimore LAC



Scholarship Applications 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

In anticipation of the upcoming Annual Conference, kindly forward any details regarding members who have passed away in the last year. As part of our longstanding tradition, we will be recognizing these members during the conference.

Please send the information to executive@IDAA.org. If possible, include a photograph and a link to the obituary.



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@IDAA.org. Together, let's make a difference!

Check out the newly launched IDAA Ambassador Resource Page! Carefully created by the IDAA Communications and Membership Committees, these resources are perfect for sharing information with your network. Take a peek! [Click Here](#)

Monthly Speaker Meetings

Monthly Speaker Meetings – Did you know IDAA hosts a monthly *virtual* speaker meeting? Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday each month. We hope you'll tune in for the next one on May 18th at 8 pm EST, the meeting opens at 7:30 for casual

conversation!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Monthly Speaker Meeting

[Learn More Here](#)



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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Upcoming International and US Meetings:

July 10-14, 2024

- **75th 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](#)

November 7-10, 2024

- **46th Annual New England Professionals Group (NEPG) Conference**
- Venue: The Nonantum, Kennebunkport, ME
- [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.

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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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