

Very Dear Recovery Community,

I have consulted with the Board president and other board members regarding COVID:19 and I have become familiar with the safety issues re: the coronavirus.

Regardless of how hard we work to keep the center sanitized there is no way I can be sure that our guests or staff will be safe in this environment.

Therefore, I, with the support of the Board I have made the decision to close the Turning Point.

As of Wednesday, 3/18/2020 the building will be closed for meetings and other general use.

If any groups would like to obtain their "totes" please call the Turning Point to make arrangements to do so.

The recovering community has been creating virtual groups for support during this time. We are working toward making support available in the coming days as well.

As new opportunities become available we will do our best to inform you and we would appreciate information about any links or alternate meeting places (AA, NA, OA, All Recovery, Recovery Dharma, DRA etc..)

· This is March and for those of you who are "12-steppers" I am reminded of this from step 3 in the Twelve and Twelve, page 38, "When WWII broke out, this spiritual principle had its first major test. A.A.'s entered the services and were scattered all over the world. Would they be able to take discipline, stand up under fire, and endure the monotony and misery of war? Would the kind of dependence they had learned in A.A. carry them through? Well, it did. They had even fewer alcoholic lapses or emotional binges than A.A.'s safe at home did. They were just as capable of endurance and valor as any other soldiers. Whether in Alaska or on the Salerno beachhead, their dependence upon a Higher Power worked. And far from being a weakness, this dependence was their chief source of strength."

May you stay safe and be well.

With appreciation for each and every one of you,

Sheila Young, Executive Director, Second Wind Foundation, (Upper Valley Turning Point)