



Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Inc.



Spiritual Retreats for Recovering Alcoholics

January 17, 2018

ANNUAL MEETING

Greetings and Salutation's Matt Talbot Retreat Group Officers and Happy New Year!

As our meetings have evolved and as more of our retreat groups responded by attending, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the theme for the upcoming Annual Meeting – “**Group Solutions**”. Every year we hear about some of our groups teetering on the brink of collapse, trying to survive and requesting ideas how to pull themselves up. With conditions as it were; I find it prudent, that during our annual meeting we might reflect and share what it is that helps us to move forward and grow as a membered groups. I'm sure that with your ideas and diligence, we can encourage these struggling groups, and help them continue to pursue and persevere through their difficulties.

With that being said, you are invited to attend the Annual Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Business Meeting on **March 4, 2018**, located at “The Pines Manor” Edison, New Jersey at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Also included in this mailing are several items for your review:

- Agenda/Meeting Information
- Directions
- Group Information sheet (Please complete and return) (Due November)
- Meeting Response Form (Please complete and return)
- Proxy

We are utilizing the option of the Proxy form, so we ask that if you are unable to attend, please sign and return.

Your attendance at the meeting and/or your mail-in comments, question and suggestion are very important to the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement. We are looking forward, in anticipation, to see or hear from you. May God Bless you and keep you....

Warmest Regards

Yours-In-Service

John Bodnar

President – Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Board of Trustees

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To: All Matt Talbot Retreat Groups
Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Annual Meeting
The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ ~ Sunday March 4, 2018

10:30 AM	Workshop	Questions, Concerns, Complaints, and Ideas
Noon	Lunch	Up to three (3) members from each group without charge. If you would like to bring additional members, additional meals are available at cost. (\$25.00)@
1:00 PM	Annual Meeting	Begins immediately following lunch.

***We Need New Trustees** willing to commit time and share their expertise to help maintain The National Retreat Movement. Please forward your nomination along with a solid recommendation that illustrates your selections capability as a new Board member.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting

1. Welcome: John Bodnar – President
2. Reports to Delegates
 - a. Treasurers Report: Shannon Sked – Financial Statements will be available at www.matttalbotretreats.org in the Group information area when received.
 - b. Secretary's Report: Michael Schiavo/Lou Polonkay
 - c. Annual Luncheon (Brunch) Report: Michael Schiavo
3. Board of Trustees Election
4. Business from the floor or requested by groups not in attendance.

Whether or not your group plans to attend, please fill in the enclosed response form and return it to us. Also, please fill in the information on the back of the response form which will give us current information about your group. While it would be wonderful to have all 202 groups in attendance, we realize that distance alone prevents this. Please submit your comments and suggestions. If you cannot attend, please sign and mail in the enclosed PROXY.

Election Notice – Please read carefully

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees will expire: John Bodnar, Michael Schiavo, Bert Lancaster, Manual Calderon and Barbara Abramson. Not all of these trustees may ask to be re-elected. To fill any of the **six (6)** positions, you may nominate by submitting individual names and qualifications up to one (1) week prior to the Annual Business meeting.

Selection Criteria:

1. He or she must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting in order to briefly qualify and demonstrate their involvement with the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement and Purpose.
2. He or she should demonstrate reasonable understandings and responsibilities as a Board of Trustee member.
3. He or she must be a member of the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement with three (3) years continuous sobriety, and generally have made at least two retreats.

Space for your nominees is provided on the enclosed response form

Register/Respond On-Line: www.matttalbotretreats.org/gps.html

Directions to the Pines Manor are enclosed ~ See reverse side or go to www.pinesmanor.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE PINES MANOR

**2085 Route 27 (Lincoln Highway) Edison, NJ 08852
(732)287-2222**

FROM THE TURNPIKE

NJ Turnpike

To Exit 10. Follow signs to 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick) Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half mile on the right.

FROM THE NORTH

Garden State Parkway South

To exit 129. Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 south. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Interstate 287 South

Follow to Exit 3 (Metuchen-New Durham). Make a right off the exit onto New Durham Road. At the first light, make a left onto Talmadge Road. Go through the first two traffic lights and prior to the third traffic light, the side entrance of the Pines Manor will be on your left.

Route 1 South

Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH

Garden State Parkway North

To Exit 127. Take Interstate 287 North and follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Interstate 287 North

Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is half-mile on the right.

Route 1 North

To the Plainfield Ave. jug handle. Cross over Route 1 and go to the second traffic light, which is route 27 South. Make a right onto Route 27 North. Go 4 traffic lights. Pines Manor is approximately 1 mile on the left.

FROM NEW YORK

Staten Island

Take 440 South over the Outerbridge Crossing. Route 440 South becomes Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

New York City

Take either George Washington Bridge, the Holland Tunnel, or the Lincoln Tunnel, to NJ Turnpike South. Get off at Exit 10. Follow signs to Interstate 287 North. Go about two miles to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Response form: Matt Talbot Annual Meeting
R.S.V.P. the favor of your intentions by February 25, 2018
Complete reverse side of form with current group information.

To: Secretary of the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Inc.:

Please be advised that Group Number _____ (will attend) (not attend) the Annual Meeting on Sunday March 4, 2018 @ 10:30 AM. The numbers of Delegates who will attend will be _____.
Each group may enlist two (2) voting delegates. **Option:** additional membership may attend lunch, paying \$25.00 to off-set the cost of lunch.

Entrée choices: (Incomplete selections will be severed chicken)

Beef: _____

Chicken: _____

Vegetarian: _____



We would like to nominate the following for the Board of Trustees (please print carefully):

We would like the following, considered for discussion and/or action at the annual meeting:

Please be advised: Groups commitments of representation at the Annual Meeting are solely responsible for their attendance. Committed groups failure to attend will be held responsible for cost of the meal.

Signed By: _____

Medallion No: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Return Mail to: Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Inc.
P. O. Box 572, Audubon NJ 08106
Online registration: www.matftalbotretreats.org/gps.html



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Proxy

The undersigned, being a member of Group: _____

I hereby authorize, constitute and appoint:

(If left blank, the Secretary of the Board shall act as my proxy)

As my agent and proxy to attend and represent my group at the Annual Meeting of Matt Talbot Retreat Movement Incorporated, on March 5, 2017 and at all adjournments thereof, and for the undersigned to vote for such action as may come before the meeting, said voting by agent and proxy to be according to the voting power the undersigned would be entitled to cast, if personally present.

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

GROUP # _____

PRINTED NAME: _____