



Hagerstown Area Intergroup Newsletter

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HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP INFORMATION

MONTHLY MEETING:

4TH SUNDAY EACH MONTH 4:30PM
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ANSWERING SERVICE:

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OFFICERS:

Chairman: Adam G.
Treasurer: Bob C.
Secretary: Anne B.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Activities: Robin S.
Answering Service: Carol B.
Corrections: Men- John B.
Women- **Vacant**
District 20 DCM: Gene S.
Newsletter: Gidget G.
Public Information: Henry R.
Website: Wayne G.
Where & When: Carol W.



STEP 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

TRADITION 6

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

CONCEPT VI (short form)

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

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WORKING STEP SIX

When we tried to clean ourselves up with our own power and "discipline" we kept ourselves agitated, confused, in denial, and worn out, and we were in almost constant emotional pain. We were like the man who tore the scab off his arm every morning to see if his wound had healed.

But it was in doing the sixth Step that I saw why I had become so exhausted. I'd been trying to do *God's part* in the spiritual growth and healing process. In the program I was told that my part was "being entirely ready", being ready to *let God* be the controller and life-changer of myself and others. When I did that, my sponsor said, I would see how God's power is released to flow through our lives to clean them only when we quit trying to control the *how* and *when* he is to use that power...At first this sounded like a call to complacency - until I got into Step Seven. This attitude of readiness to let God reach into our lives and uncover and remove the things that make us spiritually and emotionally sick is paradoxically the doorway to active and effective change of specific lifelong habits and sins. But it means turning loose of our control-even of our healing.

-A Hunger for Healing, p. 112-113

A.A. ANNIVERSARIES

May 26 th	Missy S.	1 yr.	West End	7:00pm
May 26 th	Marty M.	1 yr.	West End	7:00pm
May 28 th	Deb K.	3 yrs.	Fellowship Hall	9:30am
May 28 th	Mary H.	6 yrs.	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
June 4 th	Tom D.	1 yr.	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
June 11 th	Barry M.	9 yrs.	Fellowship Hall	9:30am
June 16 th	Gordon G.	2 yrs.	West End	7:00pm
June 22 nd	Dave L.	2 yrs.	Mountain Group	7:00pm
June 22 nd	Steve C.	2 yrs.	Mountain Group	7:00pm
July 9 th	Joan S.	25 yrs.	Fellowship Hall	9:30am
July 10 th	Bob C.	7 yrs.	Hagerstown	8:00pm
July 14 th	David L.	8 yrs.	Maple Avenue	7:30pm

MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 5th – Mountain Group's 10-Year Anniversary – Fort Ritchie, Cascade, "On the Lake", 10am 'til it's over! The Group will be roasting pork loins and providing "pulled pork" sandwiches and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. Speaker will be our own David L.

June 12th - Mountain Group Breakfast – Germantown Church of God, MD Route 491 near Fort Ritchie. Fellowship-9:00am, Breakfast-10:00am, and Speaker ()-11:00am. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship. Show up early if you can help out Carole H, Mark F, and Beth N in the kitchen.

June 17th-20th: 40TH Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention – Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Conference Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. See flyers for registration information and events scheduled or log onto: www.marylandaa.org

June 20th –District 20 Meeting- Fellowship, 4:30pm. All GSRs should attend.

June 27th – Hagerstown Area Intergroup Meeting– Fellowship Hall, 4:30pm. **Voting will take place for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary** to take office for one year. **Nominations can still be submitted at the meeting prior to voting for these positions.** Also, several committee chairs are scheduled to rotate. **New chairpersons are needed to fill these positions.** Note: Committee chairs are voluntary positions appointed by the Intergroup Chair. Volunteer today!



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May 23rd 2010 - HAIG Minutes

Chairman Adam G opened the meeting at 5pm with the Serenity Prayer. In attendance: Bob C-Treasurer, Nancy B-Area 29 Delegate, Gene S-DCM, John B-Corrections, Gidget G-Newsletter/Williamsport, Tom T-Summit Avenue, Dave S-Leitersburg Alternate, Andy M-Fellowship Hall, Brandon C-Hagerstown, Steve K-Maple Ave, Steve C-Mountain Group, Lori G-New Paths, Jeff P-No Instant Sobriety, Vicki F-Boonsboro ABSI, Anthony T-West End Alternate, Ty L-Leitersburg GSR, and Darrell S-District 20 *Grapevine* representative.

Treasurer's Report- April 2010

Beginning balance	\$ 828.42
Add Donations/Revenue:	
Chips	\$ 38.00
Maple Avenue	70.00
Mountain Group	30.00
New Visions	60.00
Williamsport	36.00
Total Donations/Revenues	<u>234.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 1,062.42
Less Expenditures:	
Antietam Call Center	284.84
Verizon	<u>68.01</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(352.85)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 709.57

Submitted by Bob C, Treasurer

Pink Can Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 185.88
Less Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 185.88

Submitted by John B, Men's Corrections

PI Committee Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 208.26
Less Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 208.26

Submitted by Henry R, PI Chair

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Robin S- Absent. No report.

Answering Service: Carol B- Absent. Women with one year or more of sobriety are needed to assist in taking calls from female alcoholics who call our service for help. Please see your intergroup representative if you are interested in helping.

Corrections: Men's: John B reported that more volunteers are still needed to help cover the 7pm Wednesday and 8pm Sunday night men's meetings. **Women's: Michelle L** is no longer living in the area; therefore, **a new chair for the Women's Corrections is needed.** If you are interested in this position or taking meetings into the Detention Center, please see John B. for information. The women's meetings are currently held on Tuesday evenings.

District 20: Gene S reported that the bonfire meetings held so far have educated twenty-four members on the functions and differences between District 20 and the Hagerstown Area Intergroup as well as the business structure of A. A. World Services. Future bonfire meetings will be randomly scheduled—look for flyers.

District 20 would like to attend group conscience meetings to discuss each group's role in District 20. Please email Gene S. or Dick T. at BigGene58@yahoo.com or RFTrump@aol.com, respectively.

Don't forget the upcoming 40th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention June 17-20th. Please also check out www.marylandaa.org for upcoming events in Area 29 and reports from our Area Delegate.

A.A. Grapevine: Darrell S. reported that our General Service Office in NY is requesting that all members complete a questionnaire to ascertain how the A.A. Grapevine might better meet the needs and expectations of its current and future subscribers. Please see Darrell S, District 20 GV Chair. or Nancy B. for a questionnaire. You may also complete one online at: www.marylandaa.org. Remember to request a subscription to the *Grapevine* in lieu of a cake for your next anniversary. **To order a Grapevine magazine subscription, go to: www.AAGrapevine.org.**

Newsletter: Gidget G. This position will be open in June, see Gidget with questions and consider volunteering!

Public Information/CPC: Henry R reported that the public service announcement (PSA) that is placed with the local newspaper does not include the HAIG website address. The newspaper will be contacted and asked to include this information. More committee members are still needed to help spread the message—if you can help, please attend the next committee meeting at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 802 Summit Avenue on June 25th at 6:30pm.

Website: Wayne G- Absent. Visit the Hagerstown Area Intergroup website at www.hagerstownaa.org.

Where & When: Carol W- Absent. Sent supply of new *Where & When's* for each group to the meeting with Vicki F.

DEAF'S FRIENDS OF BILL W.

Meetings for the hearing-impaired are held at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays at 4 E. Church Street in Frederick. For more information, contact Tony S. at wedgewaves05@yahoo.com

GROUP REPORTS:

Recycled Group- there will be no meeting on June 24th as the Church needs the room that is used by the group.

Serenity- has moved to *Christ's Reformed Church* located at 140 W. Franklin Street (next to the REACH shelter). New meeting times: Mondays and Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm-Open Discussion meetings; Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm-Closed Big Book meetings; Saturdays, 2:00-3:00pm- Open Discussion meetings. A.A. books are still available at Serenity for \$1 below cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections for Hagerstown Intergroup Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held at the June meeting. All Intergroup representatives were reminded to ask if anyone in their respective home groups is interested in serving as an officer of Intergroup or as chair of a committee. "New blood" is needed to keep our local A.A. innovative and vibrant. New officers will be elected at the June 27th HAIG meeting. Per the current by-laws, only Intergroup reps can vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were submitted as follows: Chairman-Adam G; Treasurer-Bob C and Gidget G; Secretary-Brandon C. **Nominations can still be made-and are strongly encouraged-at the next meeting prior to voting. Many chairpersons are rotating out in June. HAIG will need new A.A. members to fill these positions.** Per the bylaws, officers are elected for one year terms. Committee chairs are appointed by the Chairperson.

Darrell S. has agreed to serve as the *Grapevine* rep for District 20. He encourages each group to designate their own *Grapevine* representative as well.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Please send your group's 7th Tradition contributions to:

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