



# HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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## December 2017 Newsletter

### HAIG INFORMATION

#### Monthly Meeting:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month – 3:30 pm  
6 N. Mulberry St, Hagerstown, MD

### TRUSTED SERVANTS

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WCDC Women Carol B.  
WCDC Men John B.  
MCTC Bob B.

Submit anniversaries, articles,  
etc.: newsletter@hagerstownaa.org  
Deadline for submissions is the  
4th Sunday of each month.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial

unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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### HAGERSTOWN AREA MEETING INFORMATION

**Angels in Recovery** at 12 PM Friday could use support.

**Serenity** at 2 pm Friday and Saturday could use support.

**Living Sober** is a new meeting at 11000 Bower Ave, Hagerstown MD. They meet on Mondays at 7 pm.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**December 2 – Area 29 GSR and DCM Transition Training** – All incoming and outgoing DCM's, GSR's, and Alternates should attend. It will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Blvd, Severna Park, MD.

**December 9 – Mountain Breakfast** – will be 9:00 am to Noon, Old Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rd, Cascade, MD. Fellowship at 9:00, Breakfast at 10:00, Speaker at 11:00 – \$7.00 donation.

**December 9 – Area 29 Transition Assembly** –GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs, Alt DCMs, Area Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs,

and Area Officers should attend. All are welcome to attend. It will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 3755 St. Paul St, Ellicott City, MD.

**December 16 – Fellowship Hall Group 6:00 pm Speaker Meeting** – Pete from WV is the speaker.

**December 17 – Hagerstown Area Intergroup** – meets at 3:30 pm at 6 N. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown. All Intergroup Reps, Officers, and Committee Chairs should attend the meeting. **\*\* NEW DATE DUE TO CHRISTMAS\*\***

**December 17 – District 20 Meeting – CANCELLED DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.**

**December 23 – Hagerstown Group Speaker Meeting** – Speaker will be announced.

**December 24-25 – HAIG Alcathon** – Meetings will start at 7 pm Christmas Eve, and end 8 pm Christmas day at 644 Frederick St, Hagerstown, MD (where ARG meets). A turkey will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Maria T. or Victor S. to help or for more information.

**December 31 – HAIG New Year's Eve Speaker and Dance** – will be at St. John's Episcopal Church (Drybridge), 101 S. Prospect Street, Hagerstown, MD. Fellowship at 7 pm, and Speaker at 8 pm with DJ following. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. \$5 suggested donation at the door.

### December Anniversaries

Date	Celebrant	Yrs	Group	Time
12/1	Judy H.	3	Firehouse	9:00 AM
12/1	Gina M.	2	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
12/1	Dave S.	33	Williamsport	8:00 PM
12/2	Ed D.	40	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/4	Maria T.	5	Firehouse	9:00 AM
12/8	Byan R.	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
12/8	Tom M.	36	Williamsport	8:00 PM
12/9	Annamarie C.	2	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/11	Mark E.	4	Summit Ave	7:00 PM
12/11	Chris M.	3	Summit Ave	7:00 PM
12/15	Danny P.	2	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
12/16	RJ	4	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/22	Jason S.	2	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
12/29	Greg Z.	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
1/5	Jocelyn	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
1/5	John	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM

### Intergroup Meeting Minutes November 19, 2017

Jennifer L. (Chair) opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Barb C. (Treasurer), and Brittany C. (Secretary) were the officers in attendance. Committee Chairs present included Annamarie C. (Activities), John B. (Corrections- Men's), Bob C. (Finance), Erica G. (Public Information), and Steve W. (Where and When). Eight Intergroup reps were present. Two visitors attended, and District 20 DCM Craig T.

#### Chair's Report:

- I'm looking for chairs for the following committees: Grapevine, Outreach, Ad-Hoc Intergroup Inventory, and Website. Please contact me if you are interested.
- The Website has been updated.
- The last Area Intergroup Liaison Call talked about budgeting. The guest for the next call will be Victor K., the incoming Area 29 Chair. Let me know if you want to participate on the call.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:		\$ 2,383.85
<b>Contributions:</b>		
ARG	\$ 100.00	
Firehouse	\$ 160.00	
Maple Avenue	\$ 175.00	

Serenity	\$ 15.00	
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 392.50</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$ 2,776.35</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Line 2 Answering service (Barb)	\$ 44.80	
Where & When	\$ 48.54	
PO Box Annual Fee	\$ 132.00	
Copies Reimbursement	\$ 8.46	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$ 233.80</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		
Prudent Reserve:	-\$ 900.00	
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$ 1,642.55</b>

### Committee Reports

#### **Activities:** (Annamarie)

1. Submitted \$143.00 in receipts for the coffee pots, and the change from the advance.
2. The Gratitude Breakfast was a great success! 77 tickets sold, 59 people attended. Assets: \$616 tickets, \$64 50/50 raffle, \$58 basket, and \$400 seed money. Liabilities: \$289.82 food, \$100 rent, \$37 supplies, \$64.04 donuts, and \$20 thank you gift. Net Gain: \$627.11
3. The Next event will be the New Year's Eve Speaker and Dance. See Events for details. A motion passed (7-0) to provide seed money (\$350 for the DJ, \$100 rent, and \$100 snacks and decorations) for the event.

**Answering Service:** (Jay Z.) No report.

#### **Corrections- Men's:** (Bob B. and John B.)

1. We placed an order for 500 "AA Meeting in A Pocket" books for the WDCDC and MCTC. We can also still use Grapevines! We still have applications for the Detention center and MCTC; applicants must have one year of sobriety and not be on probation or parole. Thank you for all of your support!
2. Applications to take meetings into prisons will be coming around to meetings, and we are looking for volunteers with no personal relationships to those currently in the prison system. Those applying must by at least one to (preferably) two years sober.

#### **Pink Can Report:**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$ 414.88</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>		
As Bill Sees It	\$ 50.26	
Fellowship Hall	\$ 10.50	
Firehouse	\$ 51.65	
Hagerstown Group	\$ 27.00	
New Visions	\$ 16.00	
500 AA Meeting in A Pocket	-\$ 168.00	
<b>New Balance</b>		<b>\$ 402.29</b>

**Corrections- Women's:** (Carol B. via e-mail) We are still in need of female volunteers.

**Finance:** (Bob C.) The budget is at a current coverage of \$69.59 as of the end of 2017. We are still attempting to contact all committee chairs in order to set 2018 budget. Corrections committee will have its own line in the next fiscal year.

**Grapevine:** (Dee M. via text from Jan W.) Everything is good. Appreciated the table set aside for her at the Gratitude Breakfast. The A.A. Grapevine is providing free shipping for online orders until December 31. Go to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

**HAIG Inventory Ad Hoc:** Looking for new chair. Contact Jennifer L. for details.

**Newsletter:** (Bridgette D.) No report.

**Outreach:** Looking for new chair. Position description is in the bylaws, and there is no sobriety requirement. Contact Jennifer L. if interested.

**Public Information:** (Erica G.) We will be setting up a table at the Hagerstown Area Religious Council's Recovery Walk on Saturday, December 16 at the Bridge of Life Church, 14 S. Potomac St. from 12-3 pm. Contact Erica if interested in volunteering for the PI Committee.

**Treatment:** (Jason S. via text) We will be checking in with the hospital to make sure everything is still going well with the meeting space, otherwise everything is going well.

**Website:** Parker has resigned (thanks Parker!) In need of a new chair. The Intergroup Chair will be handling updates until a new one is found.

**Where and When:** (Steve W.) New Where and When's are here! One new meeting was added: Living Sober 11000 Bower Ave. Hagerstown MD. Mondays at 7 pm.

### Additional Reports:

#### **District 20 DCM:** (Craig T.)

1. Contact Scott L. or Craig T. if you are interested in serving as Alternate DCM or District Secretary.
2. December 2 is the Area 29 GSP and DCM Transition Training. See Events for more info.
3. Area 29 Transition Assembly is December 9. See Events for more info.
4. The 2018 MGS State Convention will be held in Frederick MD on June 29, 30 and July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. The District meeting for December 17<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

#### **Intergroup Rep Reports:**

**ARG:** (Victor) ARG is now a cat-free facility!

**Chewsville:** (Jennifer L. reported) Jim T.'s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary was postponed on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We are wishing him a full recovery.

**Fellowship Hall:** (Tim F.) Submitted ten anniversaries and \$23.15 to the pink can. The monthly speaker Pete from WV. Just a reminder, parking has moved to the southern lot (across from the lot on E. Washington Street). Entrance to the building is still the same. There will be a "Fellowship Hall" sign soon.

**Firehouse:** (Maria T.) Submitted two anniversaries and \$147.65 to the pink can.

**Gratitude Meeting:** (Jeff F. via e-mail) Everything is well.

**Living Sober:** (Jason) Present, but missed group reports.

**Maple Avenue:** (Jeanne C.) Nothing to report.

**Mountain:** (Eric Y.) Submitted two anniversaries.

**Serenity:** (Erica G.) Submitted \$10.00 to the pink can and \$15.00 to Intergroup.

**Summit Avenue:** (Henry R.) Submitted two anniversaries and \$7.00 to the pink can.

**Williamsport:** (Laura K. via e-mail.) Submitted two anniversaries.

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

1. Maria T. brought the idea to host an Alcathon for Christmas Eve to Christmas to HAIG. The Hub Club and Ladders to Leaders has donated their space (where ARG meets) to be open for that time period. Maria T. is willing to head up the coordination efforts. Victor S. will help. ARG offered to donate coffee and coffee supplies. After much discussion, the following motions were made and passed:
  - a. HAIG organize and host the Christmas Alcathon from 7 pm Christmas Eve to 8pm Christmas day (vote 8-0).
  - b. HAIG pay \$50 rent for the space (vote 8-0).
  - c. HAIG donate \$150 for food and supplies (turkey, ham, etc.) (vote 8-0).

People are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be meetings held around the clock, and a basket passed at each meeting. Contact Maria T. or Victor S. if you want to help.

Meeting closed at 4:40pm with the Lord's Prayer.

**The Next Intergroup Meeting is December 17, 2017 at 3:30 pm.**

<b>Send Group 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions to:</b>	
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