



# HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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## December 2018 Newsletter

### HAIG INFORMATION

#### Monthly Meeting:

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

### TRUSTED SERVANTS

#### Officers:

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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 XI:

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and

**December 15 – Area 29 Assembly** – Special Election for new Area Chairperson, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm for all DCMs and GSRs at Severna Park UMC, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD

**December 16 – Hagerstown Area Intergroup – DATE CHANGED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY** – 3:30 pm at 6 N. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown. All Intergroup Reps, Officers and Committee Chairs should attend the meeting.

**7:00 pm December 24 to 8:00 pm December 25 – HAIG Christmas Alcathon** – meetings every 90 minutes at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 108 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown. Holiday buffet, fellowship and meetings. Please bring a side dish or sweet to share. Volunteers are needed to chair meeting and greet attendees. Please see your IGR to volunteer or call/text 240-816-1531.

**Mark Your Calendars for the New Years' Eve Dance** at St. John's Episcopal Church (Drybridge), 101 N. Prospect Street, Hagerstown. There will be dancing to a DJ and more! Watch for flyers.

## December Anniversaries

Date	Celebrant	Yrs	Group	Time
12/1	RJ S.	5	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/7	Wayne B.	28	Fellowship	6:00 PM
12/7	Tom M.	37	Williamsport	8:00 PM
12/8	Rich G.	29	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/8	Steve G.	14	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/10	Brian S.	1	Summit Ave	7:00 PM
12/14	Kris R.	6	Fellowship	6:00 PM
12/14	Mark E.	5	Williamsport	8:00 PM
12/21	Jessica B.	1	Fellowship	6:00 PM
12/26	Bridgette D.	3	Maple Ave	7:30 PM
1/5	Lauren I.	4	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
1/11	Rich P.	3	Fellowship	6:00 PM

### Intergroup Meeting Minutes November 25, 2018

Steve W. (Chair) opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Officers in attendance included Denise N. (Secretary). Committee Chairmen present included Annamarie C. (Activities), John B. (Corrections-men), Bryan R., Treatment, Bob C., Finance, Nancy B. (Where & When). 8 Intergroup reps were present and 1 visitor.

**Chair's report:** Steve read highlights of the minutes from the November newsletter and details from the November Treasurer's report as sent by Jen L.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer submitted the following via email:

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$2,956.09</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>		
On Awakening	\$532.00	
Serenity	\$25.00	
<b>Total Donations:</b>		<b>557.00</b>
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$3,513.09</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Jennifer L. for Line 2-Oct	\$59.80	
Maria T.- Seed for Xmas Alcathon	\$300.00	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>		<b>359.80</b>

whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform an acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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### HAGERSTOWN AREA MEETING INFORMATION

**Big Book Study** – Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm until January 22, 2019 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 802 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown.

**Summit Avenue Beginners Meeting** meets Mondays, 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm before the regular 7:00 pm meeting. Open to beginners as well as long timers.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**December 8 – Mountain Breakfast** – 9:00 am to noon, Old Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Rd, Cascade, MD. Fellowship at 9:00, Breakfast at 10:00, Speaker at 11:00 - \$7.00 donation. ***This breakfast has been held the second Saturday of the month for many years. It now needs your support in order to continue.***

<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>3153.29</b>
Prudent Reserve:		(900.00)
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>2,253.29</b>

**Secretary:** Denise N. had no report

**Committee Reports:**

**Activities committee:** (Annamarie C.) – A cooler was purchased for \$62.54 and \$77.19 was returned from the funds received for this purpose. Gratitude Breakfast was a success with 81 in attendance. 97 tickets were sold at \$8.00 each and \$97.50 was taken in from the 50/50 raffle. Total income was \$873.50 less \$583.35 in expenses = \$290.15 to return to HAIG today. **Annamarie made a motion to receive \$150.00 as a deposit on the \$450 cost for the DJ for the New Year's Eve dance. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** That leaves an amount of \$218.15 to return to HAIG.

**Answering Service:** (Brittany C.) Sent text to report that volunteers are needed. She and Cheryl still need to return the money they did not spend on pamphlets for the September workshop.

**Corrections-Men:** (John B.) The Corrections Committee would like to do some workshops in 2019 for all current volunteers and anyone who is interested in taking meetings into the jail and prison. We have therefore submitted to the HAIG Finance Committee a request of \$500 for the 2019 Corrections budget.

We are still looking for volunteers and used Grapevines for the WCDC and MCTC. John attended the 2018 National Corrections Conference in Portland, ME the first weekend in November. There was a lot of sharing about relationships to facilities, sponsoring meetings and individuals from the outside, and use of Pink Can funds. Many areas shared that the Pink Can funds are used for both corrections facilities and other institutions. John was in favor of that idea. Expenses to attend the Conference were \$515.20. Since HAIG approved and budgeted for \$500; an expense voucher with supporting documentation for \$500 was submitted to the HAIG Treasurer.

**Corrections-Women: (Carol B.) – absent**

**Pink Can Report:**

<b>Beginning Balance 10/28/18</b>		<b>\$340.61</b>
Fellowship Hall	\$ 13.15	
Hagerstown Group	\$ 20.00	
Serenity	\$ 5.00	
Summit Avenue	\$ 8.00	
<b>New Balance 11/25/18</b>		<b>\$386.76</b>

**Finance:** (Bob C.) The 2019 Budget was submitted and approved. Income is projected to be \$4,000 with projected expenses of \$3,435 for an anticipated balance at the end of 2019 of \$565.00.

**Grapevine:** Still looking for Representative. Steve will speak with a few who have expressed interest.

**HAIG Inventory Ad Hoc:** (Jennifer L., Jeanne C.) No activity

**News Letter:** (Bridgette D.) Absent – No report. The Intergroup Reps asked if help was needed since the newsletter is not being printed until two weeks or more after the Intergroup meeting and then is not getting distributed to all groups. Mary E. volunteered to call Bridgette to see if she could help.

**Outreach:** (Chad G.) Absent – no report

**Public Information:** (Erica G.) Absent – no report

**Treatment:** (Bryan R.) – Has done research on history of Pink Can. Would like to order 12&12s for Cameo house now from his budget even though he would have to pay shipping. It has been two months since he was approached for the literature. It was suggested that he go ahead and do that. He does not need Intergroup to vote to use his budget.

**Website:** (Mike E.) Absent – no report

**Where and When:** (Nancy B.) The Where and When is printed quarterly. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter edition was printed at the end of September. The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, January 2019 edition, will be printed at the end of December and will be available at the December Intergroup meeting. Meeting changes should be sent to meetings@hagerstownaa.org. Changes will be incorporated into the January 2019 paper version and forwarded to Mike E. and Brittany C. as received to update the website and the answering service.

**District 20 DCM:** (Scott L.) Absent – no report Steve mentioned that the District would like input from the groups on what workshop to hold in 2019. Only 9 people attended the November “Principles before Posting” workshop.

**Intergroup Rep reports:**

**12&12@12:** (Nancy B.) Present – no report

**Fellowship Hall:** (Manny R.) submitted six anniversaries and reported that Monday and Friday noon meetings could use support.

**Gratitude: (Jeff F.)** The meeting had its' 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this month. Money is being sent to HAIG and District 20. Attendees all have home groups so Gratitude remains a meeting. Money will not be sent to GSO or MD General Service until it becomes a group.

**Hagerstown Group:** (Matt S.) \$20 submitted to Pink Can and a number of anniversaries were turned in for the newsletter.

**Maple Avenue:** (David) The group needs a pink can to begin submitting contributions. He will work on that.

**Oak Ridge:** (Mary E.) This is her first IG meeting as IGR. Welcome!

**On Awakening:** (Lorraine) Submitted Pink Can money. Group does not want anniversaries in the newsletter.

**Summit Avenue:** (John B.) Submitted Pink Can money and one anniversary. John reported that the 6:00 Beginners meeting is doing well.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

1. Annamarie reported that the New Years' Eve Dance will be held at Drybridge. A flyer is coming. Donation is \$5 at the door. **A motion was made that IG provide \$218 seed to cover \$100 for the church and have money for food and sodas. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** (Note that the odd number of \$218.00 is the cash amount that was being returned from the Gratitude Breakfast. The money was handed back to Annamarie.)
2. Steve asked the group to approve changing the date of the HAIG meeting next month to December 16 at 3:30 pm due to the Christmas holiday.
3. John B. made a **motion that “the funds donated to the Corrections Pink Can be used for Institutions as well as jails and prisons at the discretion of the Corrections committee.”** The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. This means that the Treatment Committee can request literature for institutions. The Corrections Committee, which manages the Pink Can funds, will provide what literature is available or order at their discretion.

Meeting closed at 4:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

The next HAIG Intergroup Meeting will be **December 16, 2018 at 3:30 pm. This is a different date due to the Christmas holiday, everyone is welcome to attend.**

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