WCI Chatter
03/14/2021

Announcements

Service Opportunities for Your Home Group

Is your Home Group looking for additional service opportunities? Please see below opportunities that are currently available.

Mountain Manor Treatment Center - *New Opportunity!*

We are very excited to announce that Mountain Manor Treatment Center/New Horizon/Safe Harbor will be opening back up for 12 step meetings effective March 15, 2021. Group contact persons will be notified individually, and we encourage you to attend and participate with your home group. If you are unable to make it, please contact the treatment center and let us know. A little bit of notice goes a long way. Even an hour's notice gives the counselors on duty an opportunity to plan an alternative activity.

COVID 19 Protocols for Bringing in Outside Speakers

First, we would just like to thank the speakers for your continued willingness to serve and to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to this treatment facility. We are asking that you send no more than four speakers for the time being in order to observe social distancing requirements. We are asking speakers to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and to go directly to the security shed so that a nurse can come and take temperatures and go through COVID 19 protocol questions. We are asking that speakers wear a mask at all times while at the facility with the exception of when you are speaking. We are asking that speakers maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from patients at all times. Please no hugging or handshaking until further notice. Together we can make this safe for everyone and again we would like to thank you for your willingness to share your time and resources and continue to share a message of hope. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the treatment center.

L. Kye Stephenson CSC-AD
Primary Counselor
Mountain Manor Treatment Center
9701 Keysville Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
301-447-2360
301-447-1719(fax)

Orenda Center for Wellness - (Females Only) – *3 Meetings Still Open!*

The WCI Corrections & Treatment Committee is looking for a few more female AA members to deliver in-person meetings for the **Orenda Center of Wellness** in Frederick, MD. These are in-person meetings held each **Monday & Wednesday** evening at 7:00pm.

Women in this program are transitioning from inpatient treatment and have 90 days or less of sobriety.

Meetings are held at 600 West Patrick St, Frederick MD. Free parking is located behind the building. Below are the AA Meeting details:

- No more than 2 females for each meeting
- At least one of the 2 speakers must have a minimum of 1 year of sobriety
- Meeting start time is 7:00pm
- In-person meeting – (not a Zoom meeting)
- Focus is on beginners in AA
- Coordinate meeting details with **Kelsea K – Director of Orenda Center of Wellness**

There are currently three meetings that are still open:

- 5th Wednesday – OPEN
- 1st Monday - OPEN
- 3rd Monday - OPEN

The WCI Corrections & Treatment Committee will provide contact details to Kelsea K at Orenda to confirm the commitment and ensure a smooth transition into this service position. If interested, please email **WCI Institutions** at institutions@westcentralAA.org.

Report from The NERAASA 2021 Completed Roundtable

Hello, my name is Kathi and I'm an alcoholic. I am the Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Chair for Maryland's 10 Intergroups and I was the Recorder for the Central and Intergroup Office Roundtable. Our moderator was Sean C., Chairperson for Area 13. We had 21 participants on Friday and 29 on Saturday, with tech support from Deanna in Area 11 and interpretation by Rosa. 11 Areas were represented.

Our group consisted of 2 paid office administrators, intergroup chairs, vice chairs, and volunteers, 3 intergroup Reps/liaisons/delegates, 3 intergroup treasurers, and members from the Area 13 Hispanic Intergroup and the Area 44 Polish Intergroup. We also had one *Distric*t whose Area solely relies on district volunteers for managing all of their Twelfth Step calls.

On AA in a Time of Change, Intergroups are navigating the front line as usual but with added pandemic work and less volunteers. A few of our hot topics included:

1. Keeping up with evolving meeting lists and developing lists that are searchable. This level will not decrease when the pandemic is over since virtual meetings are here to stay.
2. Finding avenues of communication with groups for meeting changes and updating the website. Most are using various email platforms and find it beneficial to require these changes in writing.
3. Part time workers have seen increases in their workloads because the volunteer foot traffic is down. Offices rely on volunteers to answer the phones which allows the special workers to focus on their paid assignments. We need effective remote phone systems and volunteers to help field the calls.
4. Answering services are always an ongoing topic, everyone uses something different. We explored a new reasonably priced vendor for phone services and potential email support, this has been researched by the Vancouver Intergroup with good results.
5. At least two Intergroups collaborate in joint committees that overlap Area and Intergroup. Intergroups find that more awareness or education is needed as many members are not clear on the separate functions of each entity.
6. We also have many groups struggling to establish a new Intergroup in many desert pockets. The ICOAA Seminar was mentioned as an avenue for support in their shared purpose. They know well that most intergroups don't have enough resources and look for ways to do more with less by working together.

   Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Meeting Information and Changes

In-Person Meetings

New Live (In-Person) Open Meeting - Friday Nite [W]rap

Where: The CLUB

When: Fridays at 10:00 pm

Location: 205-B Bucheimer Rd, Frederick, MD 21701

Masks Required

This is a unique format where each **person** will share, in depth, about what is on your mind and struggles you have been through throughout the week. Cross talk is welcomed and highly encouraged. All we ask is you to be honest and introspective. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect.

New Live (In-Person) Open Meeting - SNL REBOOT

Where: The CLUB

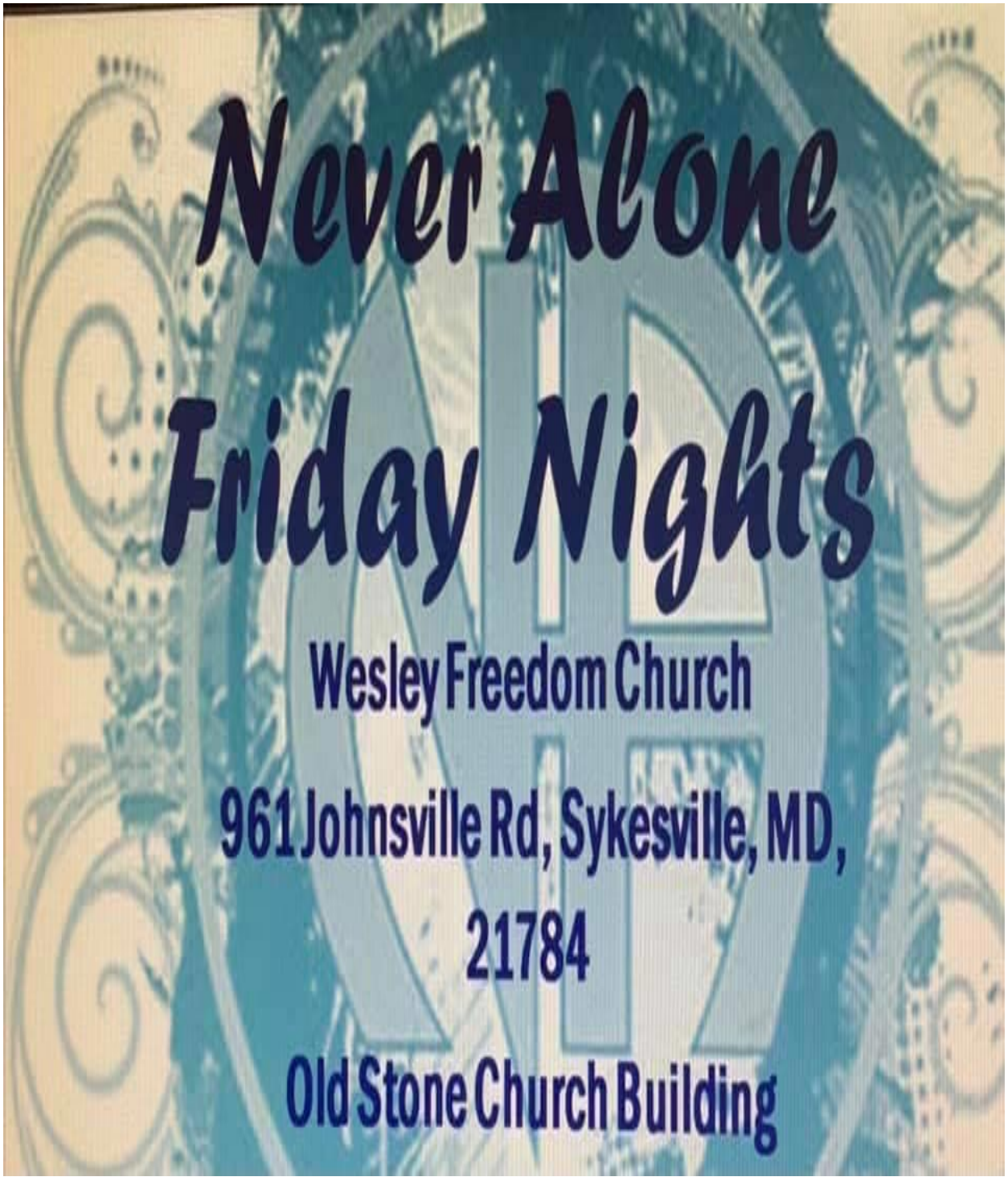
When: Saturdays at 10:30 pm

Location: 205-B Bucheimer Rd, Frederick, MD 21701

Masks Required

We begin and end the meeting with a reading from the Big Book. During the meeting, we go around the room for people to share how the Big Book topic relates to our life in recovery, for people to share what's on their minds or read something that has moved them.

New In-Person Meeting: “Never Alone”, Friday’s at 6:00 pm



Reopening In-Person Meeting

Zoom and Hybrid Meetings

164 Group - Tuesday and Friday at 8:00 pm on Zoom

THE BRUNSWICK MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM MEETING

When: Monday's, 7:00 pm

Zoom ID: 497 968 8177

NEW FREEDOM GROUP - Hybrid (In Person 50% capacity and on ZOOM)

Where: Grace Trinity United Church of Christ

When: Friday's, 8:00 pm

Location: 9501 Baltimore Rd. Frederick, MD

Zoom ID: 891-6412-1383 No Password

THE REVELATIONS GROUP - Open Zoom Meeting

This is a weekly meeting, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

This week, March 20th, our Speaker will be Steve T.

Click This Link to Join

https://zoom.us/j/950848616?pwd=Y3JzRHljcmtKM2JlVDFhQnh3T2FKdz09

Meeting ID: 950 848 616

Password: 608633 (If prompted)

--Or--

Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 950 848 616

Password: 608633

All are welcome, especially newcomers!

Institutional Commitments Announcement

Volunteers are currently taking meetings into Institutions. The Institution committee is always looking for both men and women volunteers.

For more information and available commitments see the new Institutions Page on the WCI Website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SERENITY IMPROVEMENT GROUP
MARCH SATURDAY VIRTUAL SPEAKERS
8pm Eastern time

Mar. 13	Don L.	Bellingham, WA
Mar. 20	Tara R.	Stuart, FL
Mar. 27	Larry T.	Bellflower, CA

Please show support by your attendance and respect by muting your microphone.
Thank you for your consideration.
Attendance limited to 500 — arrive early

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/285801921

Meeting ID: 285 801 921
THERE IS NO PASSWORD REQUIRED

7th Tradition: PayPal: SIG.Serenity@gmail.com

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Defective Characters Presents

Founded: March 26, 2020

ID: 201-411-5493 PW: Hilo808

1ST ANNUAL SPEAK-A-THON

APRIL 3, 2021

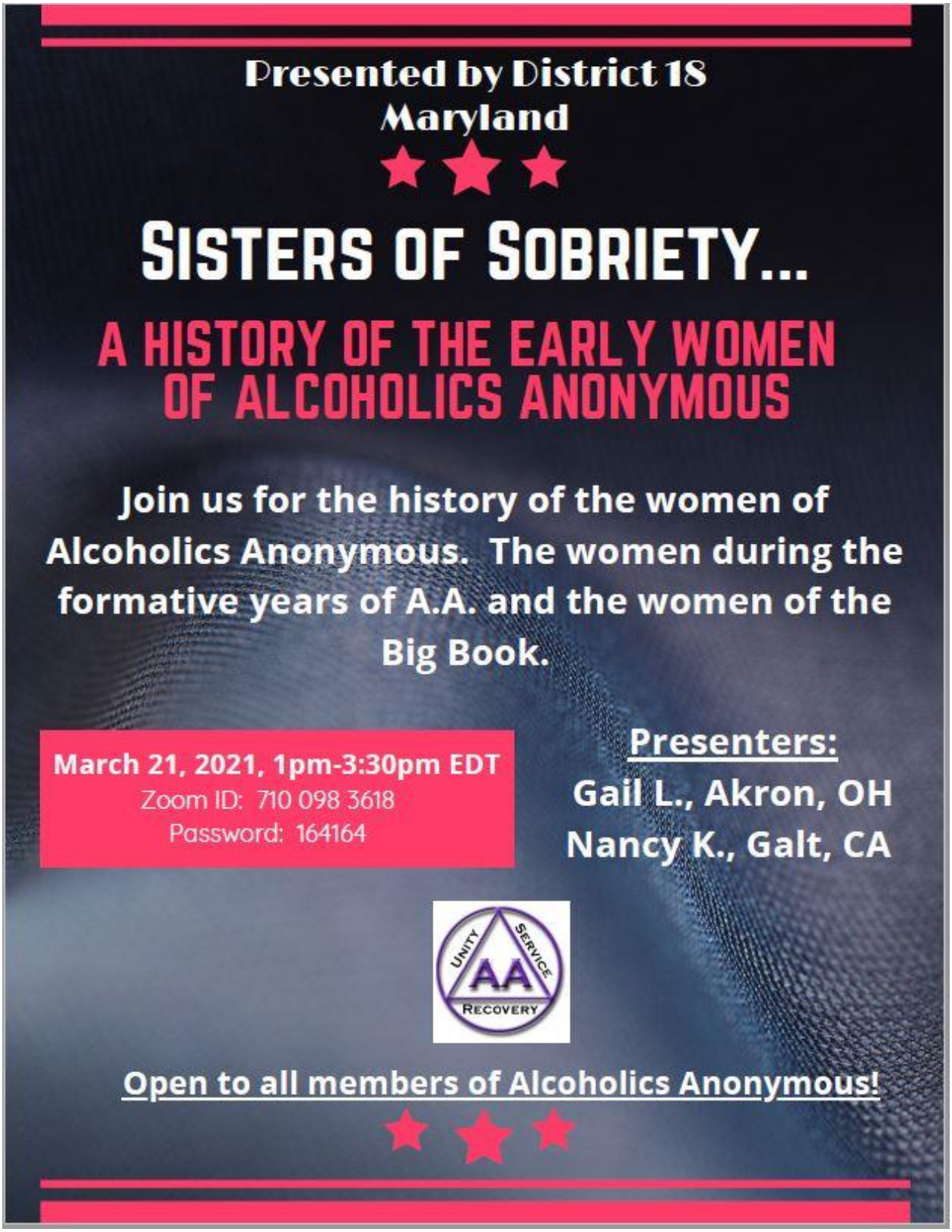
8:30AM TO 8:30PM

In any meeting, anywhere, A.A.'s share experience, strength, and hope with each other, in order to stay sober and help other alcoholics. Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.'s speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity.

-Forward to the 4th Edition

MD General Services Mini-Conference - Zoom, April 10th.

Women's Workshop March 21st (Zoom)



2021 CONTRA STUDY

March 4, 2021 through June 24, 2021
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time
Moderated by Panel 68, Area 29 (Maryland) Past Delegate Don B.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 3864 4308
Passcode: 330331
Dial-in number for phone callers: +1-301-715-8592

We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the
CONcepts, **TRA**ditions & A.A. Service Manual

Mar 4, 2021 – Registration & Orientation
Mar 11, 2021 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3
Mar 18, 2021 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6
Mar 25, 2021 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9
Apr 1, 2021 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12
Apr 8, 2021 – Service Manual, pp. S1-S14
Apr 15, 2021 – Service Manual, Chapters 1, 2 & 3
Apr 22, 2021 – Service Manual, Chapters 4, 5 & 6
Apr 29, 2021 – Service Manual, Chapters 7, 8 & 9
May 6, 2021 – Service Manual, Chapters 10, 11 & 12
May 13, 2021 – Service Manual, pp. S96-S148
May 20, 2021 – Concepts 1, 2 & 3
May 27, 2021 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6
Jun 3, 2021 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9
Jun 10, 2021 – Concepts 10 & 11
Jun 17, 2021 – Concept 12, Warranties 1, 2 & 3
Jun 24, 2021 – Concept 12, Warranties 4, 5 & 6

CONTRA Study Materials (provided via email upon request):
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (free access at www.aa.org)
The A.A. Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2018-2020 edition
AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist, November 2018 revision
2021 CONTRA Study Service Manual Questions
A.A.W.S. Concepts Checklist, 08/18 edition

We will cover approximately three chapters of reading material per week, with associated questions. Only those who have read the assignment and have written answers to the weekly questions will be asked to read their answers to the group. All others are welcome to join the meeting and listen.

For more information, contact:
2021contrastudy@gmail.com

Come to the Virtual Zoom

AA Treasurer's Workshop !

This workshop is for:

***all Treasurers of Alcoholics Anonymous**

***anyone who is interested in what happens to your donation after you put it in the 7th Tradition basket.**

Presented by Terry P., Treasurer Area 29

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID 872 5740 7910

Passcode 521245

Call in: 301.715.8592

Topics will include:

***where your donation goes**

District 1-Calvert County, MD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ZOOM WORKSHOP ON THE TRADITIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

APRIL 3 - 11:00 - 3:00 EST

Presenters: Clif G. (AA) and Lori G. (Al-Anon)
Oklahoma City, OK

This is a workshop you do not want to miss!

It is said that the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon is the most cherished quality our fellowships have. Our lives, the lives of all to come depend squarely upon it. The practice of our 12 steps puts our lives in order, but not necessarily our relationships. How to live successfully with others can be found within our Traditions. They are in reality, guidelines for our behavior.

ZOOM ID: 786 456 1273

Passcode: 101661

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - ONGOING

Do you know anyone new to AA? Do you have any new sponsees? Take advantage of this beginner orientation! Feel free to come check it out even if you're not new!

The format includes:

*An introduction to Alcoholics Anonymous (What is AA? What is a Big book? What is a Home Group? What is a Sponsor...)

*A speaker sharing about their beginning into the program

*20 minutes of Q&A (There is no such thing as a dumb question)

When: Last Saturday of each Month, 1:30 pm Eastern

Where: Join via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84039113545?pwd=akdzMTFBQmZSZ2o1TWZ2elVLWSttdz09

Meeting ID: 840 3911 3545; Passcode: 164164

CARC IV

DISTRICTS

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2/21/21
&
3/14/21
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pass out Agenda Items
Sunday 2/21/21
1:00 pm

PRESENTATION TO AREA DELEGATE AND ALT-DELEGATE
March 14th, 2021
1:30 - 5 pm

Topic: CARC IV Initial Meeting
Time: Feb 21, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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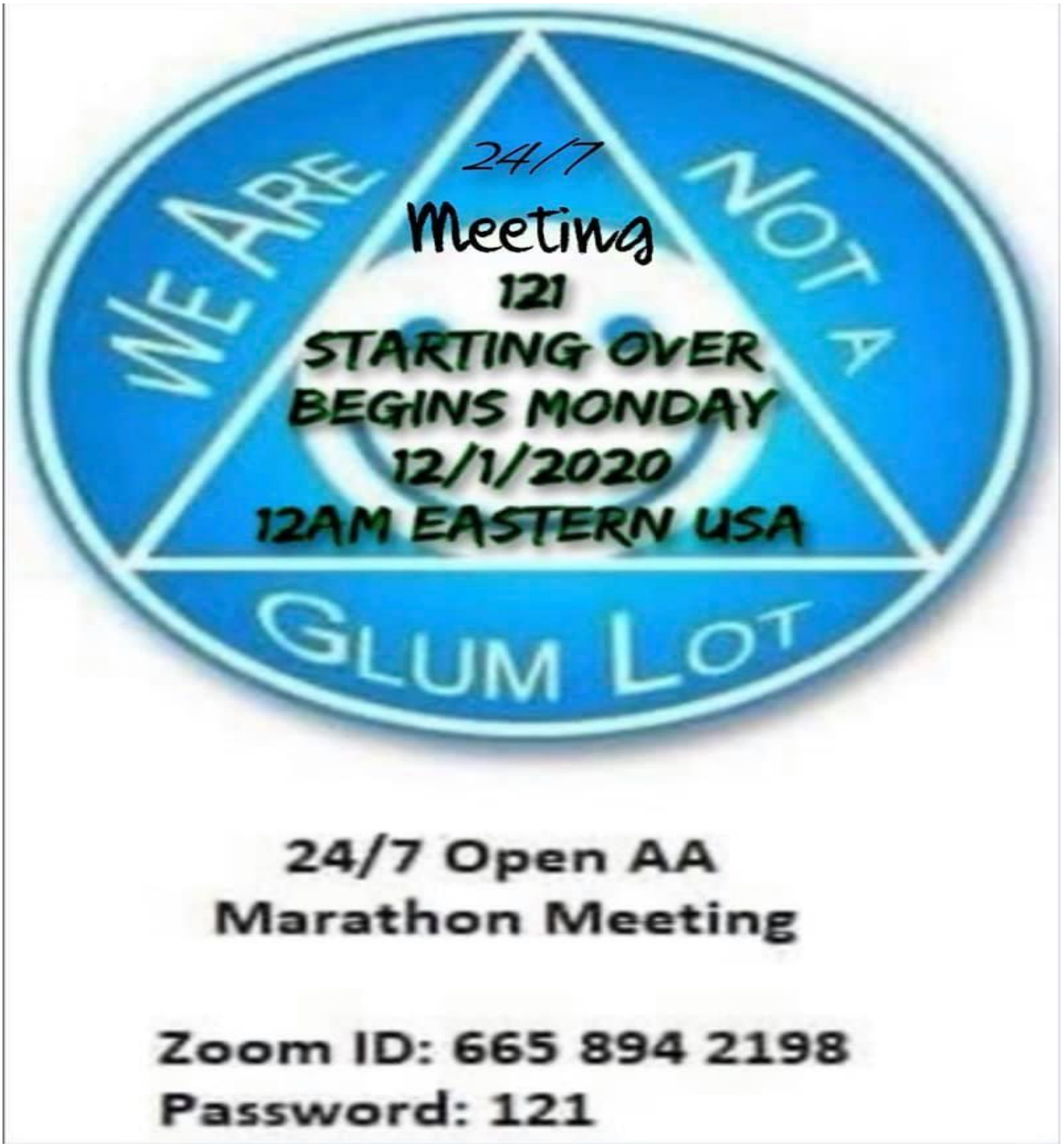
Find your local number:
https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcw4yg3KTZ

Conference Agenda Review Committee IV
All are invited!
If you don't know what this is?
Contact me district7@marylandaa.org
Opportunity to use your research skills!

24/7 Open AA Marathon Meeting - We Are Not a Glum Lot



INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS: SHOWING THE TIME DIFFERENCE

Central Europe + 6 hours https://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/online-meetings/

New Zealand +16 hours https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604

Australia + 12 to + 14 hours https://aa.org.au/meetings/online-aa-meetings/

United Kingdom +5 hours https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/members/regional-&-local-websites/Not~in~a~Region/Online-Groups

OTHER NEWS

Grapevine and La Viña Are Here to Help: To help members during this time, Grapevine is giving everyone free access to all of its 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (The audio to Grapevine's stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. Also, here is a link to Grapevine's Youtube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information. To enter, visit: www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help.

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