

# WCI Chatter

## 03/07/2021

### Announcements

#### Service Opportunities for Your Home Group

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

#### Orenda Center for Wellness - (Females Only)

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](mailto: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 *District* 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**



**RE-OPENING IN PERSON**

***The Firing Line***

***Angel M.  
Celebrates 2 years!!***

***Guest Speakers:  
Sean N. and Brad M.***

**March 8 - 6pm EST**

**5 E. 2nd St  
Frederick MD**

## 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.

[Click This Link to Join](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/950848616?pwd=Y3JzRHljcmtdKM2JlVDFhQnh3T2FKdz09>

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

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



Maryland General Service, Inc. Area 29 invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

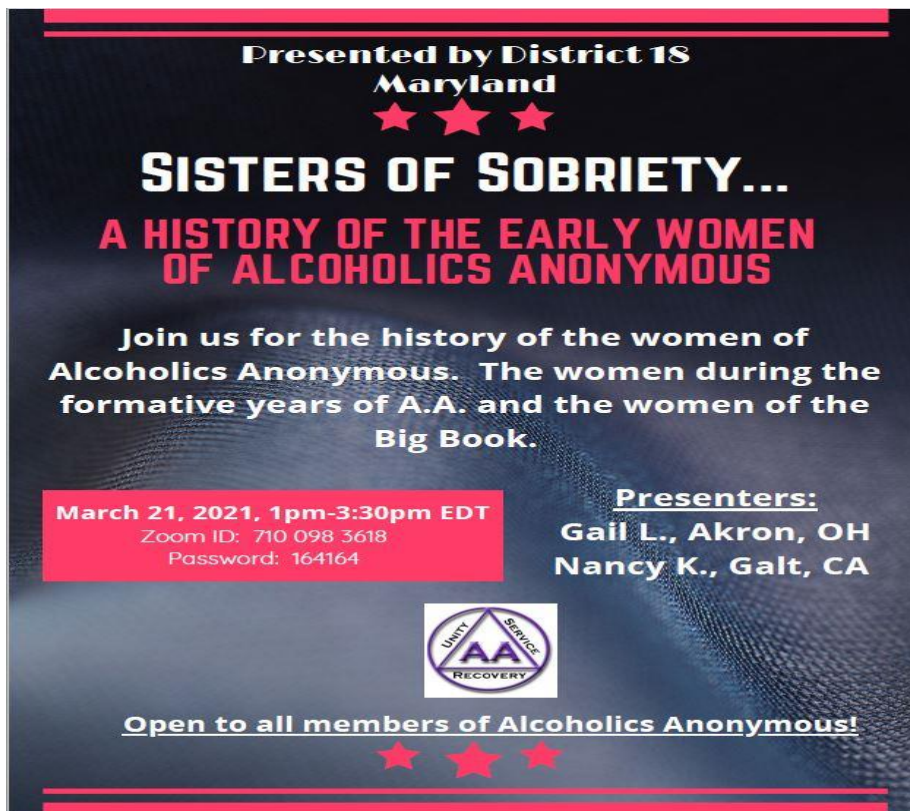
### Mini-Conference

April 10, 2021  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting opens at 8:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3352329265?pwd=ZTIDcUx6aTUwWXlYaXNndm1tbW52Zz09>  
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For questions contact [altdelegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:altdelegate@marylandaa.org)

**Speaker—Racy J.**  
*(Serves on Public Information Desk at General Service Office)*

Women's Workshop March 21st (Zoom)



Presented by District 18  
Maryland  
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## SISTERS OF SOBRIETY...

**A HISTORY OF THE EARLY WOMEN  
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Join us for the history of the women of Alcoholics Anonymous. The women during the formative years of A.A. and the women of the Big Book.

**March 21, 2021, 1pm-3:30pm EDT**  
Zoom ID: 710 098 3618  
Password: 164164

**Presenters:**  
Gail L., Akron, OH  
Nancy K., Galt, CA



Open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous!

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# **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  
**CON**cepts, **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](http://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](mailto: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=akdzMTFBQmZSZ2o1TWZ2eIvLWSttdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 3911 3545; Passcode: 164164

# CARC IV

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## 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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82465081023?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82465081023?pwd=cWdJcUwzbEg5NmtzVEFvWk9kSIVPdz09)

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcw4yg3KTZ>

**C**onference **A**genda **R**evision **C**ommittee **IV**

All are invited!

If you don't know what this is?

Contact me [district7@marylandaa.org](mailto: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](http://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help).



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