

WCI Chatter
Sunday, January 16, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM WEST
CENTRAL
INTERGROUP (WCI)**

On Wednesday, January 5,
2022 West Central
Intergroup's Board of
Directors named Doug W.
Interim Chairperson.

**WESTCENTRAL
INTERGROUP
NEWS**

January 8, 2022

DOUG W., OF THE WESTMINSTER MONDAY NIGHT STEP GROUP, NAMED AS WEST CENTRAL INTERGROUP'S INTERIM CHAIRPERSON.

Recent resignations of former Chairpersons at West Central Intergroup necessitated swift action by the WCI Board of Directors, who appointed Doug W. to the position of *Interim* Chairperson this past Wednesday. Doug, who has held various service positions for WCI and at the District level for many years, will serve as Interim Chairperson, until a "special election" can be held. This action was one of urgency and supports WCI's primary purpose.

Article II of the WCI Bylaws, titled "PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION" states:

"The primary purpose of the Corporation, like that of the individual A.A. group, is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. It serves groups by carrying out functions that are best handled by a central office. These functions are described in some detail in the General Service Office (GSO) publication, "A.A. Guidelines -- Central or Intergroup Offices."® The Corporation shall be guided by the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service of Alcoholics Anonymous, which contribute to consistency and continuity in the organization's work."

Q: What is the West Central Intergroup?

A: West Central Intergroup's Preamble (as documented in West Central Intergroup of MD, Inc. bylaws) states:

"West Central Intergroup of MD, Inc. (hereinafter identified as the corporation) is a body of men and women whose purpose is to provide services to those individuals or groups of individuals in our geographic area (which is comprised of Frederick County and other surrounding counties) who seek the means of arresting the disease of alcoholism through the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Q: What is a "special election"?

A: *Article VII, section D of the WCI Bylaws state "Special elections to fill Officer vacancies shall be held when necessary. At least thirty (30) days' notice of said special election shall be given to the WCI voting body". Furthermore, Article VI of the Bylaws, titled "Membership and Voting" explains that "Designated Intergroup Representatives or their Alternates, elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons may participate in discussion and voting. The Directors may participate in discussion but do not vote. No proxies will be allowed. Any A.A. member may attend an Intergroup Council meeting but only the above named have voting rights"*

The WCI Board of Directors is committed to expediting the documented process of facilitating a "Special Election" as expeditiously as possible. The intergroup will keep our local AA Community informed of all details of the election through your homegroup's WCI Council Members, via our website (<https://westcentralaa.org/>) and here in our weekly "Chatter" newsletter.

FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

For more information, or if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact

If you have questions, comments or concerns please reach out to:

Doug W. F., WCI Interim Chairperson: chair@westcentralaa.org

Doug C., WCI Chairman of the Board: board@westcentralaa.org

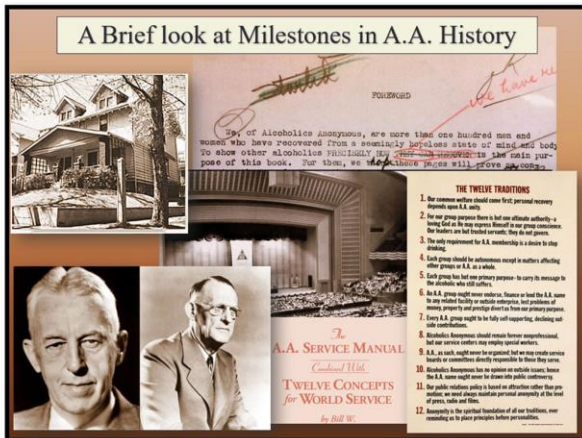
For a copy of the WCI Bylaws you can contact your **WCI Secretary, Michelle T.** at
secretary@westcentralaa.org

DON'T FORGET

Be sure to check with your WCI Council Representative, the WCI website and this Chatter newsletter for information in the coming weeks.

" Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." Alcoholics Anonymous, page 567

West Central Intergroup of Maryland
PO Box 1771
Frederick, MD 21702-1771



We invite you to join us
February 12, 2022
10:00 AM

For The PowerPoint Presentation
“Milestones in A.A. History”

A.A. Development 1935-1971
 (Presented by Mike M., Brunswick Maryland)

Peace in Christ Lutheran Church
 8798 Adventure Ave
 Walkersville MD 21793





Are you a District 40 GSR - Interested in becoming a GSR for District 40, or just District 40 "Curious?"

The District 40 Monthly Meeting

Will be held Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. at 115 W. 2nd Street. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679494100>

Meeting ID: 876 7949 4100

Passcode: 315885

Looking for a Meeting?

The Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Guide App

Brought to you by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Meeting Guide is a free of charge meeting finder app for iOS and Android that provides meeting information from A.A. service entities in an easy-to-access format.

Link: [Alcoholics Anonymous : Meeting Guide \(aa.org\)](https://www.aa.org)

Some sad news, Tom C. passed away on December 7th, 2021:

Here is a message from Tom's daughter:

His memorial service will be held on Saturday April 30th, 2022 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 106 W Church St, Frederick, MD 21701 at 1 pm. If any want to attend, they would be most welcome. AA was a huge part of Dad's life. I'm certain he would not have made it to age 83 without AA.

Anne

New Method for Mailing Contributions to The General Service Board

Effective Immediately, Please Mail Contribution **Checks To**

Post Office Box 2407
James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Anticipated questions and answers about this change can be found [HERE](#). If you do not see your question, please contact our Member Services team for assistance at memberservices@aa.org or 212-870-3023. You can still make contributions online at www.aa.org using a major credit card or PayPal.

THE ORENDA CENTER OF WELLNESS (SABILLASVILLE MD)

Orenda inpatient needs speakers Friday's and Saturday's at 7 pm. Needs to be 1 year sober. Contact **Heather R. at (240) 440-3151**.

Office Volunteers for West Central Intergroup of Maryland AA Office

Looking for a service opportunity?

The **WCI Office Committee** is seeking several AA members to volunteer in the office answering the phones and performing other light duties.

The office is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday and is located in downtown Frederick.

Federated Charities Building
22 S Market St
Frederick, MD 21701

Candidate requirements and responsibilities include:

- Minimum of one-year continuous sobriety
- Work a two-hour shift each week; same day and time each week
- Answer the phone
- Send out 'Where and When' pamphlets
- Sell AA literature

There are several openings and training will be provided by the **WCI Office Committee** chair.

If interested, please contact Bob W at 240-291-5411

You may also email office@westcentralaa.org

Meeting Information and Changes

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Recovery on the Mountain – Saturday's at 9:30 am – Middletown MD is now meeting **ONLINE ONLY** until further notice due to COVID protocols. :

ZOOM Information:

Meeting ID: 132 364 180

Passcode: BillW

LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/132364180?pwd=dmR1RjE2S1VzemwvRXF0WDV3Q0V6dz09>

THE REVELATIONS GROUP - **HYBRID MEETING**

Saturday's at 11:00 am

The Frederick Presbyterian Church (Around Back, in the Basement)

115 West Second St, Frederick MD

Speaker: Home Group Member, Chelsea. will be celebrating 4 years of Continuous Sobriety!

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

(Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.)

Masks are Required.

[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: 6086

All are welcome, especially newcomers!

The Morning Meditation Meeting – 6:00 a.m Daily on Zoom:

CANCELED - Effective January 1st, 2022

THE DOWNTOWN STEP GROUP MEETING – IN-PERSON

Sunday's 7:30 pm

This Meeting Needs Support. Please Join Us If You Can

St. John's Catholic Church, 116 East 2nd Street, Frederick, MD

**You are invited to help Tom F. Celebrate 36 years of Sobriety
At Approaching Grace AA
Saturday, January 29th at 7:00 pm
Grace Episcopal church
5740 Green valley Rd (Rt 75)
New Market, Maryland**

THE FIRING LINE

Monday Night Speaker Meeting
January 17th - 6:00 pm EST

Hosts: Brandon C.
Westminster, MD

LOCATION:
5 E. 2nd St
Frederick MD



**SUSPENDED through
1/31/2022**

XRDS AA on Tues Night

7PM

ALL LEVELS OF SOBRIETY ARE WELCOME!
@ 511 W. SOUTH ST, FREDERICK, MD
(AT THE CROSSROADS CENTER)

We read from *Living Sober*, the *Alcoholics Anonymous* big book and *the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions*. Beginners in AA are encouraged to attend!
Adults only please to respect the newcomer.
Masks currently required.

**Meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85217774704?pwd=TVhEdFpKdmxSRINvNnJHU1pYWdVaQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 1777 4704

Passcode: 019347

Hosted by: Brandi D., Area 29 Grapevine Committee Chair

For more info: grapevine@marylandaa.org

Group and District GVR's encouraged to attend 😊 ,

All are Welcome!

***Are you looking for a fun service position? Please join us and find out more! All are welcome to attend!**

HAGERSTOWN AREA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – MEETING FINDER

[Meetings Archive - Hagerstown Area Alcoholics Anonymous](https://www.hagerstownaa.org)
[\(hagerstownaa.org\)](https://www.hagerstownaa.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 CONTRA STUDY

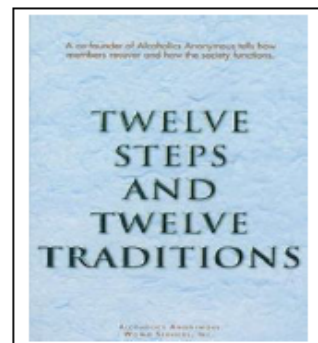
January 6, 2022 through April 21, 2022
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time
Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland)



Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6152 9673
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, TRAditions & The A.A. Service Manual



Jan 6, 2022 – Registration & Orientation

Jan 13, 2022 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3

Jan 20, 2022 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6

Jan 27, 2022 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9

Feb 3, 2022 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12

Feb 10, 2022 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 85-104

Feb 17, 2022 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 105-14, 160-2

Feb 24, 2022 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 164-8

Mar 3, 2022 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 169-73

Mar 10, 2022 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 155-9, 163

Mar 17, 2022 – Service Manual, pp. 115-154

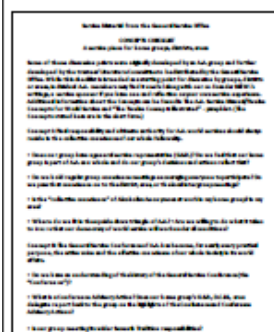
Mar 24, 2022 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2 & Con 1 2 3

Mar 31, 2022 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6

Apr 7, 2022 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9

Apr 14, 2022 – Concepts 10 & 11

Apr 21, 2022 – Concept 12



CONTRA Study Materials (provided via email upon request):

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, B-2 (free download at www.aa.org)

The A.A. Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Service, BM-31, 2021-2023 edition

AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist, July 2018 revision

2022 CONTRA Study Service Manual Questions

A.A.W.S. Concepts Checklist, SMF-91, 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 invited to read their answers to the group. All others are welcome to join the meeting and listen.

Presented by District 28, Area 29

For more information, contact:

2022contrastudy@gmail.com

Footprints in the Winter Sand

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Friday, February 4th - Sunday, February 6th, 2022

Schedule

Speakers

*Friday,
February 4th*

3:00 pm – Open A.A. Speaker
Meeting

Sue H.
Severna Park, Md.

4:30 pm – Open Al-Anon
Speaker Meeting

Kim C.
Newark, De.

8:30 pm – Open A.A. Speaker
Meeting

Judith R.
Bismarck, ND.

*Saturday,
February
5th*

10:00 am – Open Al-Anon
Speaker Meeting

Rick B.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.

2:00 pm – Open A.A. Speaker
Meeting

Steve W.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

8:00 pm – Open A.A. Speaker
Meeting

Jennifer K.
Plano, Tx.

9:30 pm – Dance

*Sunday,
February 6th*

10:00 am – Open A.A. Speaker
Meeting

Marie M.
Millersville, Md.

Footprints in the Winter Sand Conference Registration – 2022

**There is limited seating – please register early. There will be NO REGISTRATION sold at the door.
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!**

Registration is \$25.00. **Your cancelled check will be your confirmation, so it is suggested you register early.** Make checks payable to: Footprints in the Winter Sand (or just Footprints)

Mail to: Footprints in the Winter Sand
P.O. Box 1079
Salisbury MD 21802-1079

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____

No. of people attending: A.A. ____ Al-Anon ____ Other ____
Total Registrations: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Only 10 tickets per registration!

Only the person who orders the registration may pick up the tickets.

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* For Committee Use Only

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Date posted: _____

Cut along the dotted line, and mail top portion.

Footprints in the Winter Sand 2022 Information

FREE CHILD CARE (During Speaker Meetings)

Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired.

A.A. & Al-Anon Workshops, presentations, and discussion meetings.

Registration/Information desk opens 12:00 Noon on Friday

Speaker CD's or Tapes available for sale immediately following each meeting.

~~Reminder: We will not be sending out registration confirmation. Your cancelled check will be your confirmation.....~~

Lodging is NOT REQUIRED to attend Footprints in the Winter Sand. If you wish to obtain lodging for the weekend, we recommend you stay at the Clarion Resort, where the conference is being held.



The Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel

10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City MD 21842

Telephone Numbers

Local: 410-524-3535

Toll Free: 800-638-2100

Room Rates

Double/Double	\$95.00
Executive King	\$115.00
Studio King	\$125.00
Cabana	\$145.00
1 Bedroom Condo	\$135.00
2 Bedroom Condo	\$185.00
3 Bedroom Condo	\$235.00

Horizon's Restaurant – Indoor Swimming Pool
Whirlpool, Sauna & Exercise Room

Web Address: www.clarionoc.com

FOR RESERVATIONS – YOU MUST CALL, AND SAY YOU ARE ATTENDING “FOOTPRINTS IN THE WINTER SAND.” IF YOU REGISTER THROUGH THEIR WEB PAGE, YOU WILL NOT GET THE LOWER GROUP RATE FOR FOOTPRINTS

Rates are per night, based on single or double occupancy while condominium rates are based on a maximum of two people per bedroom. For condominiums, rates do not include daily housekeeping service. Rates are exclusive of 10.5 % sales tax. Children under 18 years of age can stay in parent's room free of charge, using existing bedding. Extra person charge is \$15.00 per person. Check in time is 4:00 pm. Guests arriving before 4:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms become available. Check out time is 11:00 am. A deposit equal to one night's room and tax is required to hold each reservation. Such deposit shall serve to confirm the reservation for the date(s) indicated and, upon check-in, shall be applied to the final night of the reserved stay. A personal check, money order or a valid American Express, Master Card, Visa or Discover card number and expiration date is acceptable for deposit. Cancelled reservations will receive a refund, if notice is given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival, and a cancellation number is obtained. There will be no refunds for early check-out. Personal checks will not be accepted as a form of payment once guests are at the hotel. Each individual is responsible for making their own reservation by January 3rd; otherwise rooms held for Footprints will be released for public use. For clarification of these rates, or for more information, please contact the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel.

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

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.



If you have an Event/Announcement/Anniversary/Recent Meeting Change you'd like to appear in a future issue of Chatter, please send details to wcichatter1@gmail.com. Our Website is located at <http://westcentralaa.org/>. To unsubscribe from Chatter, please go to the website and click on the Chatter Tab at the top. Our List of Meetings (Including In-Person, Online, or Hybrid) is also posted on the website, click on "[Meetings](#)" at the top of the page. There is also a Printable Version of the meetings on the website. To Add, Remove or Change a Meeting, on the website, go to the "Meetings" Tab and choose "[Meeting Change](#)". Also, please direct your AA friends to the website to [subscribe](#) to Chatter if they are so inclined. Scan the QR Code below to visit the WCI Website.

