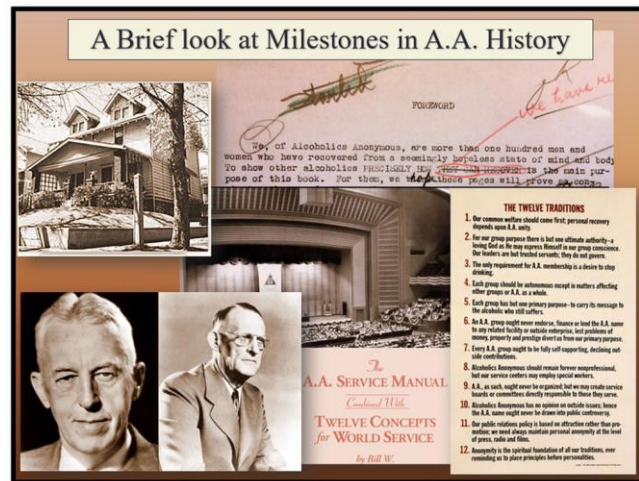


# WCI Chatter

## Sunday, January 30, 2022

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

A power point presentation exploring the story of the events following the historic meeting of our AA cofounders Bill W. and Dr. Bob. Part 2 will cover events from 1935 thru 1971.

# 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](mailto:chair@westcentralaa.org)

**Doug C., WCI Chairman of the Board:** [board@westcentralaa.org](mailto:board@westcentralaa.org)

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

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## ***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 \(aa.org\)](http://aa.org)

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## **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](mailto:memberservices@aa.org) or 212-870-3023. You can still make contributions online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) using a major credit card or PayPal.

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## 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](mailto:office@westcentralaa.org)

## **Meeting Information and Changes**

**Hitting the Books – Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7:30 pm – Live meeting**

**Jeff B. will be celebrating 38 years of continuous sobriety!**

**Peace in Christ Lutheran Church**

**8798 Adventure Ave. Walkersville MD 21793**

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**Sunday Morning Special Group Live, Thurmont, Sunday, 10:00 am**

**Due to recent bad weather, you may want to call first to check on our meeting:**

**Mark 240-285-4534 or Joanie 301-639-6265**

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**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, 118 East 2nd Street, Frederick, MD**

**Downstairs at right of church, basement of adjacent building**

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**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**Recovery on the Mountain – Saturday's at 9:30 am – Middletown MD is back to LIVE meetings.**

**Zion Lutheran Church, 107 W Main St Middletown MD 21769**

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**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**

**Masks are Required.**

**This is an Open, Speaker/Topic discussion meeting.**

**Speaker: Heather**

**Date: Saturday, February 5th, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.**

**(Doors Open at 10:30 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: 6086**

**All are welcome, especially newcomers!**

# THE FIRING LINE

Monday Night Speaker Meeting  
January 31st - 6:00 pm EST

Hosts: Joyce K.  
Midtown Group

LOCATION:  
5 E. 2nd St  
Frederick MD

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**SUSPENDED through  
1/31/2022**

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**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.

**Grapevine 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](mailto: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!**

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**HAGERSTOWN AREA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – MEETING FINDER**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

LIVE! IN-PERSON!



# NERAASA

# 2022

**Northeast Regional  
AA Service Assembly**



**FEB. 25-27  
WPA AREA 60  
PITTSBURGH, PA**

**This is as close as it gets in the Northeast Region  
to where it all started ... Dr. Bob's House in Akron, OH  
is just 2 hours away.**

**DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL PITTSBURGH - GREEN TREE  
BOOK WITH A DISCOUNT AT NERAASA.ORG**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
INFO2022@NERAASA.ORG  
OR GO ONLINE AT NERAASA.ORG**

# 2022 CONTRA STUDY

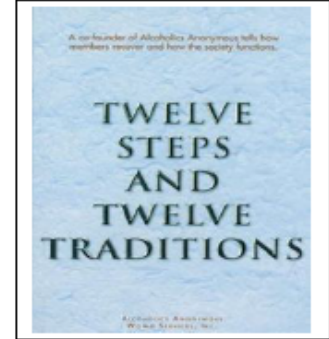
January 6, 2022 through April 21, 2022  
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time  
Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland)



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](http://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](mailto: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

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## *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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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***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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

