

**WCI Chatter**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Announcement from WCI. Special Election**  
**May 19, 2022.**

West Central Intergroup of MD, Inc. (WCI) will be conducting a special election at the May 19, 2022 Council Meeting for the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. Anyone interested in standing for one of these positions may send an email to "[board@westcentralaa.org](mailto:board@westcentralaa.org)" highlighting their service experience and qualifications. A nominee may also stand from the floor at the meeting. It is recommended that the nominee have three years of continuous sobriety and experience at the Steering Committee level. These positions will run until June 21, 2023. If you have any questions, you may email the Board at the above address.

Thank you for considering.

Mark D. , BOD Chair

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**The WCI Central Office**

The Federated Charities Bldg. 22 S. Market St., Suite 7 Frederick MD, 21701

**Click the following links for Office hours and more information:**

**[Office Hours for April, 2022](#)**

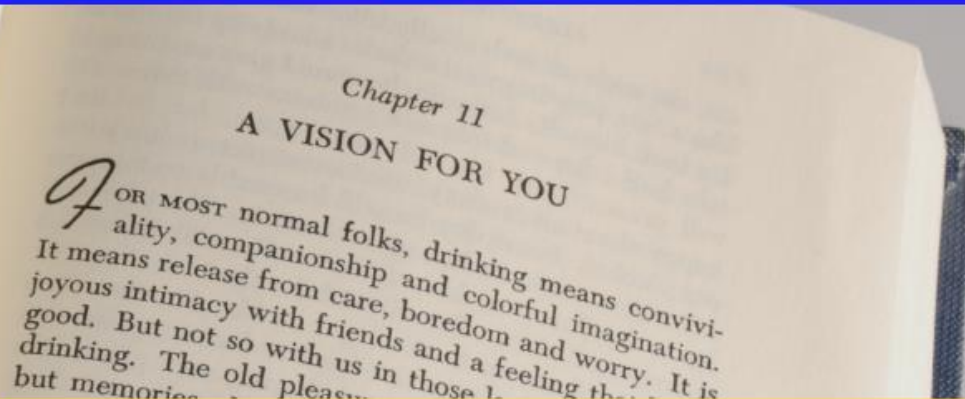
**[More West Central Intergroup Information](#)**

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"The WCI Literature Committee ([literature@westcentralaa.org](mailto:literature@westcentralaa.org)) would like to remind you that literature and other items can be purchased at a 50% discount for a limited time. Please visit <http://westcentralaa.org/literature-select/> to place your order. Be

advised that literature purchased in this way will not be shipped to you. Arrangements will be made between you and the Literature committee for the literature to be picked up at a designated time. Thank you for taking advantage of this feature on our website!!"

# 12TH STEP & BRIDGING THE GAP WORKSHOP



**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**Doors Open at 10:00AM for Coffee and Donuts.**

**Presentation starts 10:30AM**

The Primary Purpose of an AA group is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Learn to handle a safe and effective 12th step call, what Bridging the Gap is, and how you can be of service.

**Peace in Christ Lutheran Church**

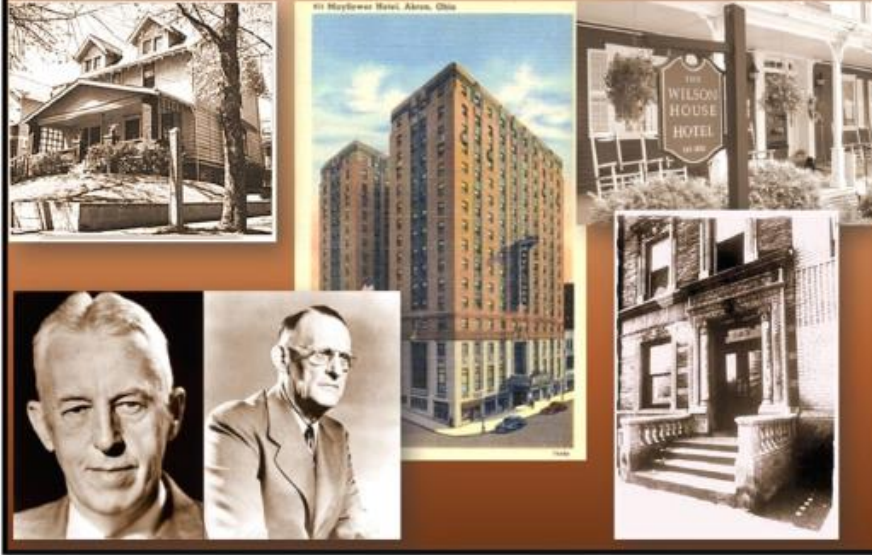
8798 Adventure Ave, Walkersville, MD

SPONSORED BY WEST CENTRAL INTERGROUP, HOSTED BY THE 12TH STEP AND  
BRIDGING THE GAP COMMITTEES

**[The Orenda Center of Wellness](#) in Sabillasville, Maryland, is looking for women with at least 6 months of sobriety to bring meetings into their inpatient treatment facility. If you are interested in a once a month commitment on an evening at 7pm please contact [dray@theorendacenter.com](mailto:dray@theorendacenter.com)**

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## A Brief Look at A.A.'s Founding Moments



D40 & D41 invite you to join us  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
10AM-1PM

For The PowerPoint Presentation  
**“Founding Moments”**

The story of the events that led to the historic meeting of our cofounders, Bill W.  
and Dr. Bob.  
(Presented by Mike M., Brunswick Maryland)

Damascus Road Community Church  
(Location is in the back of the church in the gymnasium)  
12826 Old National Pike  
Mount Airy MD 21771

**AA Safety Card, Updated April, 2022**

## **SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS**

*The General Service Office has made this optional card available as an A.A. service piece for in-person/online groups that wish to use it. Please feel free to utilize, choose a section(s) or adapt the text to your group's needs.*

**Tradition Five states:** Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Any person seeking help with a drinking problem is welcome at this group. No A.A. entity determines an individual's membership in Alcoholics Anonymous. It is this group's conscience that if any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting.

This group strives to safeguard the anonymity of A.A. members and attendees; however, keep in mind that anonymity in A.A. is not a cloak for unsafe and illegal behavior. Addressing such behavior and/or contacting the proper authorities when appropriate, does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is meant to ensure the safety of all in attendance.

The short form of Tradition One states: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group strives to create a safe meeting environment in which alcoholics can focus on achieving sobriety.

### **Service Material from the General Service Office**


#### **Additional Sharing:**


- Safety is a topic within A.A. that groups and members can address. Developing workable solutions to help keep meetings safe can be based on the principles of A.A. In discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and placing principles before personalities.
- Predatory behaviors and unwanted sexual advances are in conflict with carrying the A.A. message of recovery and with A.A. principles.
- A.A. does not provide medical advice or detox services; it has no opinion on outside issues, including medication. Medical advice should come from a qualified physician.
- The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. Groups and members strive to create a safe environment for the alcoholic who still suffers.
- If safety concerns arise, individuals can speak with a sponsor, members of the group, a trusted friend and/or a professional to address the concern.
- Service entities, such as areas, districts and intergroup/central offices, are available to help provide A.A. services and shared experience. All groups and entities in A.A. are autonomous. There is no government within A.A. and no central authority to control or direct its members, but we do share our experience, strength and hope.


*For more information on this topic, see the service piece "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" (SMF-209) at aa.org.*



DISTRICT 9 IS HOSTING A  
**G.S.R. WORKSHOP**

 Tuesday,  
May 17, 2022

 6:00PM - 7:00PM

 St. Paul's Church of Christ  
17 Bond St., Westminster, MD  
21157

or [zoom.us](https://zoom.us)  
**Meeting ID: 813 6366 2040**  
**Passcode: 863221**

This Workshop is open to  
All AA Fellowship.  
The District 9 Business Meeting will  
follow at 7:00pm.

**For more information:**  
[workshop@d9mdaa.org](mailto:workshop@d9mdaa.org)

Speaker  
**Brigitte F**  
Chairperson  
Area 29, Panel 72

"Your groups link to  
A.A. as a whole"

When you're a general  
service representative  
(G.S.R.)

- What is a G.S.R.
- Duties of the G.S.R.?

And much more!

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## Meeting Information and Changes

### New In-Person Meeting:

The "Serenity Seekers", Friday, 8:30 pm Damascus Methodist Church  
9600 Main St, Damascus, MD (In Youth Chapel)

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**Effective Immediately, Meeting Cancellation:**

The "Any Lengths", meeting has been **cancelled**.  
Formally met Sat, @3pm, 723 N. Market St. Frederick

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**New In-Person Meeting:**



**Drop The Rock**  
**Wednesday, 7:00 pm**  
**1890 N. Market St.**  
**Frederick, 21701**  
**Around back, Suite #301**

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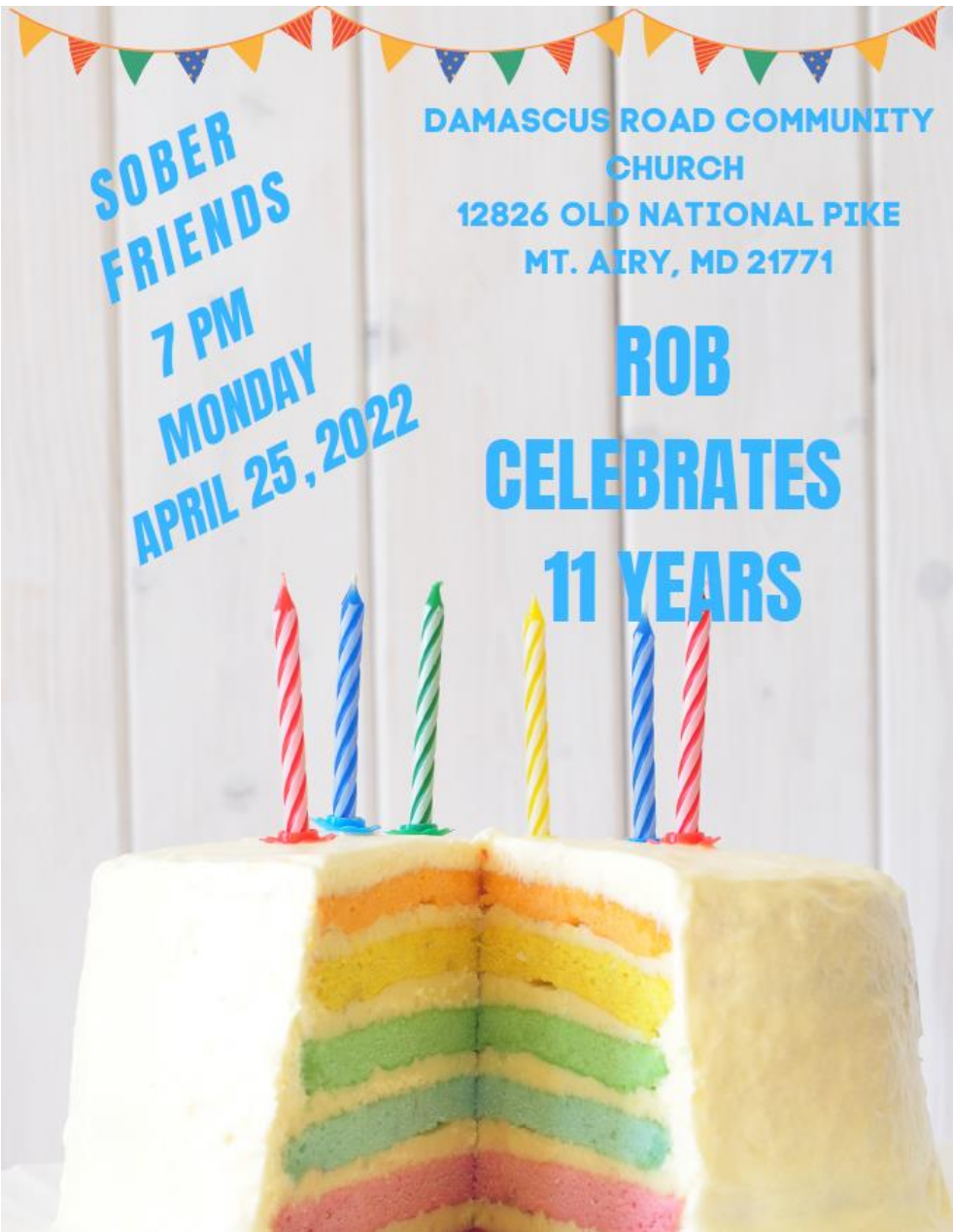
**Two New In-Person Meetings**

**Red Door Women's Meeting – Tuesday, 10:30 am**  
**Red Door Men's Meeting – Tuesday, 12:00 Noon**  
**Church of the Transfiguration,**  
**Braddock Heights**  
**6909 Maryland Ave. 21703**

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**Effective Immediately, Meeting Cancellation:**

The Jefferson Campfire meeting has been **cancelled**.  
It used to meet on Tuesday at Noon at The United Church of Christ in  
Jefferson MD.



**SOBER  
FRIENDS**

**7 PM  
MONDAY  
APRIL 25, 2022**

**DAMASCUS ROAD COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
12826 OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
MT. AIRY, MD 21771**

**ROB  
CELEBRATES  
11 YEARS**

# THE FIRING LINE

Monday Night Speaker Meeting  
April 25th- 6:00 pm EST

Hosts: Genevieve A  
The Midtown Group

LOCATION:  
5 E. 2nd St  
Frederick MD

Next week we will meet at  
1890 N Market St, Ste 301

**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 OPTIONAL**

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

**Speaker: Revelations Home-Group  
member JT. will be celebrating 12 years  
of continuous sobriety!**

**Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 11:00  
A.M.**

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

**Zoom Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password:  
6086**

**All are welcome, especially newcomers!**

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**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!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## CARRYING THE AA MESSAGE INTO TREATMENT FACILITIES



Join your Area 29 Maryland General Services Treatment Committee to share your Area's, Intergroup's, and/or District's experiences from Treatment facilities in an effort to increase our ability to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic on a collaborative ZOOM session on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.**



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9916553971?pwd=eVoreWJoTUVvVTMrYVvk3dmNmYkI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 991 655 3971

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(Washington DC)

Let's share our experiences!

- What is working in facilities and what isn't?
- How to expand our Bridging the Gap Program – or how to get involved in the program.
- What can Area 29 Treatment Committee do to help?



# Accessibilities in Area 29

May 1st @ 4pm

devoted  
to DCMs, GSRs,  
and Intergroups

841 2499 3206  
pw 326186

[accessibilities@marylandaa.org](mailto:accessibilities@marylandaa.org)

## **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

### *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)

**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.

