

WCI Chatter
Sunday, May 01, 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" 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

The WCI Central Office

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

Email: office@westcentralaa.org

Office Hours for May 2022 – coming soon.

"The WCI Literature Committee (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!!"

[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

The next IGLC meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Kathi K., Area 29, Panel 72 Accessibilities Committee Chair will be joining us and discuss resources and recommend activities that will help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those with accessibility needs, both inside and outside the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. Diane F., Area 29, Panel 72 Treatment Chair will be joining us and discuss how the BTG Representative set up means of "Bridging the Gap" from the facility to the larger A.A. community and how Area 29 Treatment Committee can help.

They will both also be available to answer any questions you may have. Please request that your Accessibilities Chair and your Treatment and/or BTG Chair attend this meeting.

Please remind your groups that Spanish translation is provided at our monthly meetings! We welcome all members.

Join Zoom Meeting 05/02/22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Translation Provided

Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663

Passcode: 473809

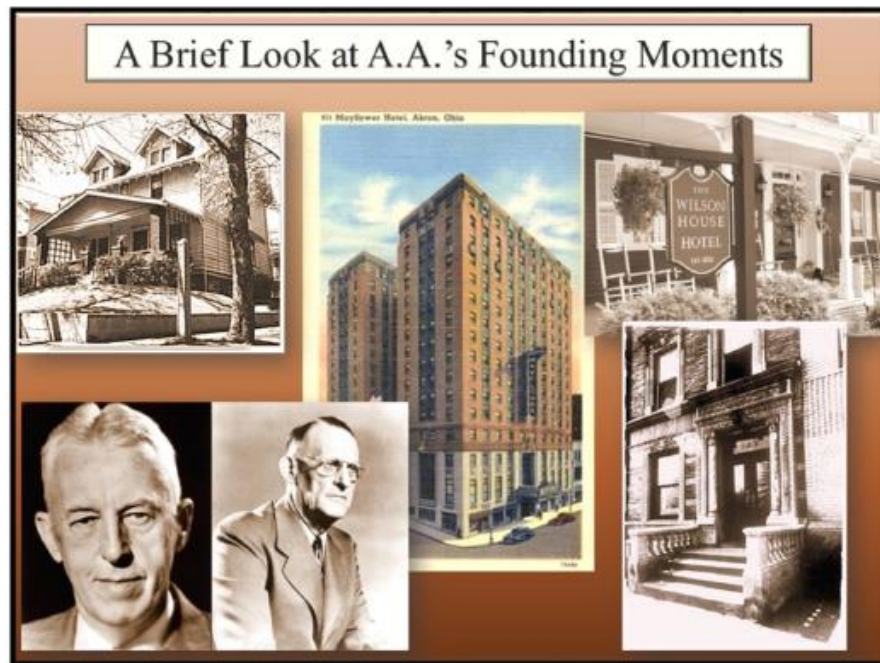
Dial in - 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)

In Love & Service,

Craig T.

IGLC Chairperson

intergroupliaison@marylandaa.org



D40 & D41 invite you to join us
June 4th, 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
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

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!



Hot Line: 301-662-0544



WCI OUTREACH COMMITTEE

What is outreach committee?

The Outreach Committee maintains a communication link between WCI and local A.A. groups to inform the groups of Intergroup's function and services, encourages participation in Intergroup activities, and promotes general cooperation between the Intergroup and individual groups. It visits new groups/meetings to welcome them and provides them with information about Intergroup resources that support efforts to carry the A.A. message

EASIEST SERVICE
POSITION YOU WILL
EVER DO

NO SOBRIETY
REQUIREMENT

ONE HOUR OF
SERVICE PER
MONTH

GREAT WAY TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
INTERGROUP AND
GET INVOLVED

HELP SUPPORT THE
LOCAL AA
COMMUNITY

LEARN MORE:

Email:

outreach@westcentralaa.org

Meeting Information and Changes

Sisters in Sobriety is now a
Hybrid meeting, effective immediately.

Thursday at 7:00 pm

Frederick Presbyterian Church, 115 W. 2nd St. 21701

ZOOM ID: 416 455 8884 PWD: Unity

The Friday Fellowship group, Fridays at 7 pm in the Illiano Project Bld, Mt Airy will be studying the book Living Sober the month of May. The group is in need of support. Coffee is always ready. Please come for an evening of lively discussion and fun. ...

New In-Person Meeting:

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

Effective Immediately, Meeting Cancellation:

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

New In-Person Meeting:



Drop The Rock
Wednesday, 7:00 pm
1890 N. Market St.

Frederick, 21701
Around back, Suite #301

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

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.

THE FIRING LINE

Monday Night Speaker Meeting
May 2nd- 6:00 pm EST

NEW LOCATION:

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: Steve B will be celebrating 13
years and Lavine will be celebrating 5
years of continuous sobriety!**

**Date: Saturday, May 07, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.
(Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.)**

**Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password: 608633
(If prompted)**

--Or--

Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592

All are welcome, especially newcomers!

**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

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

SERVICE STRUCTURE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

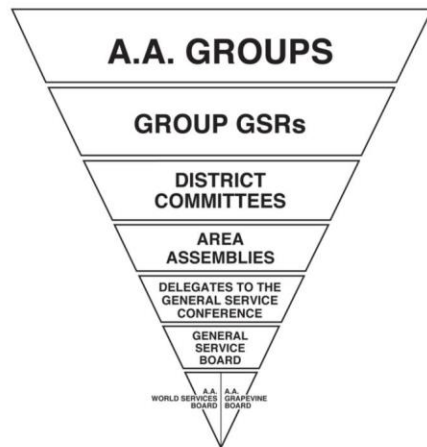
ERUCC Trinity Chapel • 10 W. Church St.

featuring

Cynthia T., Past Area Delegate

and

Doug W., West Central Intergroup



**THIS IS A FREE
EVENT PRESENTED
BY DISTRICT 40.**

**There will be
FREE coffee and
donuts.**

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 2nd at 5:30 pm.**



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 991 655 3971

Passcode: 391332

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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?

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.



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.

