## WCI Chatter Sunday, March 26, 2023

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **GRATITUDE BREAKFAST**



# Come celebrate the miracle of AA with food, Fellowship with Jerry W. from North Carolina

May 21, 2023

Elk's Lodge - 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

8:30-9 AM - Coffee & Fellowship

9-10 AM - Breakfast Buffet

10-10:30 AM - Sobriety countdown, readings, 50/50 raffles & announcements

10:30-11:30 AM - Jerry W. shares experience strength & hope

Tickets \$20.00 - Email activities@westcentralaa.org OR (EVENT BRITE LINK)

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-gratitude-breakfasttickets-529927927697

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

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#### CARC IV

Conference Agenda Review Committee Districts 7, 9, 17, 20, 40 and 41 Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 11AM - 2PM

(If presentations are not complete on April 1st, we will have an addition meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>)

(Same time and zoom meeting ID as on April 1<sup>st</sup>)
ZOOM

Meeting ID: 813 8492 2016 Passcode: 729716 Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81384922016?pwd=WXowTjB6QWtQYkUvUTR CczBPK0FYQT09

#### ALL AA MEMBERS WELCOME!

Do you want to be involved in New Literature for AA, changes to the 12&12 Books or helping AA to become more inclusive?

CARCs give you the opportunity to hear the items to be consider at the 2023 General Service Conference in April 2023.

Then you can have your voice heard by our Area 29 Delegate, Kurt W. and help prepare him for the 2023 Conference.

Please contact Mike F. with any questions: <u>D41area29maryland@gmail.com</u>

**News from Sessions by the Sea 2023** 

Sessions by the Sea (September 6-11, 2023) registrations will be made online this year! The registration portal will open on May 9<sup>th</sup> at <a href="https://www.sessionsbythesea.com">www.sessionsbythesea.com</a>. It will close on July 31, or when sold out (capacity 2,200). Registrations will be paid by credit card.

According to Dave T. from the Sessions committee, a post card will be sent out in April to all those who have previously registered for Sessions, letting them know of the online registration.

Mark your calendars!

In love and service,

Nancy B.

# General Service Representative

What does a GSR do? How can you help your home group and the still suffering Alcoholic?

Join us for a Zoom GSR Discussion / Q&A

> 2nd Saturday of each month, 10 am Meeting ID: 818 6222 7157 No PW + Special guests

> > Hosted by Area 29

Corrections and Treatment Commitments are available!

Hagerstown Prisons - MCTC and Roxbury are now taking applications for volunteers to bring AA meetings into prisons. Once the paperwork is submitted and processed, the person will be contacted to attend an orientation meeting. Please contact <a href="mailto:corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org">corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org</a> and mention Hagerstown Prisons and the application will be sent to you.

Frederick County Adult Detention Center is assessing the best possible way to begin meetings in the center. (Video/In-Person) All volunteers will need to go through background checks and orientation. If you are interested in a service commitment with FCADC please contact corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org and mention FCADC and the application will be sent to you.

Mountain Manor - is in desperate need of people to take a once a month commitment into their facility (especially women). Please contact Kye directly at 240-357-4256

Lee F., WCI's new O&TC Chair is looking for people to volunteer an hour at a time to answer phone calls and sell literature at the Intergroup Office. Please email office@westcentralaa.org to touch base with Lee and to set up a short training appointment. Volunteering at the Office is a great way to give back and to stay in the middle of AA!! Office training is always available.

Your Guide to Meetings in Print!

The new Where & When's have been printed. The new ones have a Light Blue cover dated March 2023. They will be available at the WCI Intergroup office free of charge. There will be a sign out sheet for people who take them. You can also send an email to <a href="https://www.whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org">whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org</a> and we can make arrangements for them to be delivered.

#### The WCI Central Office

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

Email: office@westcentralaa.org

**West Central Intergroup Office Hours Link** 

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

**Meeting Information and Changes** 





# Celebrating 38 years Catoctin Furnace Group

Harriet Chapel
12625 Catoctin Furnace Road
Thurmont, MD
April 25, 2023
6pm – 7pm eating
7pm – 8pm meeting

Bring Your Favorite Dish Or Covered Dish (with something in it) To Share!





# THE SUNDAY MORNING SPECIAL GROUP THE SECOND OLDEST MEETING IN FREDERICK COUNTY

# **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Sunday at 10:00AM 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church

Directions: Mile Marker 32 on Rt. 15 between Emmitsburg and Thurmont – Turn on Lohr Rd. To 15601 Catoctin Mountain Highway

COVID has had a devastating effect on our meeting attendance. We are doing our best to keep it going. Please seriously consider joining us at our weekly meeting.

We are a Closed, 12 Step Meeting. Lots of Long Term Sobriety remains in this group ready to welcome newcomers!

Come join us "in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you – until then." ~ Big Book, pg.164, 1976

# The Original Frederick Group invites you to Come Help Us Celebrate our 75th Anniversary!



The Original Frederick Group began in this members home, namely that of Sam R., at 228 West Patrick Street Frederick, Maryland

(Photo Above)

Tuesday March 28th 6:30-7:30pm Food 8 Fellowship 7:30-8:30pm Meeting

AA Speaker
Pete D
Sykesville

Trinity United Methodist Church 703 W Patrick Street Frederick, Maryland 21701

This is an open meeting, please bring a covered dish chicken will be supplied Grapevine Meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm



Did you know that The Area 29 Grapevine Committee can be a traveling literature store. The committee has a large variety of the AA grapevine books for sale. Please reach back out to me If your group, District, or intergroup is hosting an event or workshop and

Would like us to come and sell literature.

#### **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!

New Zealand Marathon Zoom Meeting - Easten time +16 hours <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604</a> Meeting ID 2923712604 This 24x7 meeting is still going strong! (as of 7-10-2022)

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

# **Mountain Breakfast**

The second Saturday of each month Fellowship at 9 am, Breakfast at 10 am, Speaker at 11am

A mountain breakfast prepared on site by AAs for AAs and friends of AA.

We start at 7am (you can come then if you are going to help) to cook like fools and

serve a Hot Breakfast with fellowship and a warm setting of love and service to all.

Only a \$10.00 donation gets you in.

Coffee, Juice, Eggs, Pancakes, Home Fries, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Sausage,

Bacon, French Toast and a beautiful drive to get here.
BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU!

## Old Germantown Church of God 16924 Raven Rock Road Cascade, Maryland 21719







# Spring 2023 CONTRA Study

#### March 2, 2023 through June 15, 2023 Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time

Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland)



Zoom Meeting ID: 814 7038 7175 Passcode: 195173

Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592

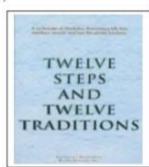
We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the CONcepts, TRAditions & The A.A. Service Manual

> Mar 2, 2023 – Registration & Orientation Mar 9, 2023 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3 Mar 16, 2032 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6 Mar 23, 2023 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9 Mar 30, 2023 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12

Apr 6, 2023 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 85-104
Apr 13, 2023 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 105-14, 160-2
Apr 20, 2023 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 164-8
Apr 27, 2023 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 169-73
May 4, 2023 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 155-9, 163
May 11, 2023 – Service Manual, pp. 115-154

May 18, 2023 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2, Con 1 2 3 May 25, 2023 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6 Jun 1, 2023 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9

> Jun 8, 2023 – Concepts 10 & 11 Jun 15, 2023 – Concept 12





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#### 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
2023 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 10, Area 29 For more information, contact: 2023contrastudy@gmail.com

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# AA Health & Meditation WORKSHOP

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship, coffee & light refreshments!

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## HAGERSTOWN INTERGROUP

Saturday, April 1 • 1-4 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church (Dry Bridge) 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

Questions - Please email workshop@hagerstownaa.org





ALL AA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 9:00AM-3:30PM 8:30AM ORIENTATION

BE INVOLVED....Your views, opinions, and experience are essential to our Delegate, Kurt W.

BE INFORMED.....Our Area 29 trusted servants will share agenda items to be discussed at the General Service Conference.

BE INSPIRED.... It's up to us to ensure that the AA program is here anytime, anywhere when someone reaches out for help.

#### **HYBRID MEETING:**

Severna Park United Methodist Church

731Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

Zoom ID: 335 232 9265 Passcode: mini

#### **BE OF SERVICE:**

- Come discuss GSC agenda items and make recommendations to the Delegate, Kurt W.
- Bring your sponsor, sponsee or a newcomer



Coffee, snacks and FREE lunch provided!

For more information, contact Terry P. at altdelegate@marylandaa.org



#### **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)

**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: <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help">www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help</a>.

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 <a href="wcichatter1@gmail.com">wcichatter1@gmail.com</a>. Our Website is located at <a href="http://westcentralaa.org/">http://westcentralaa.org/</a>. 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 <a href="subscribe">subscribe</a> to Chatter if they are so inclined. Scan the QR Code below to visit the WCI Website.

