

WCI Chatter  
Sunday, April 30, 2023

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***"The West Central Intergroup (WCI) is pleased to announce that beginning July 20, 2023, we will return to meeting in-person at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 W Patrick St, Frederick***

***The monthly WCI Council meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Your Home-Group Intergroup Representatives are encouraged to attend and all are welcome.***

***The monthly Steering Committee meeting will continue to meet online."***

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# 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

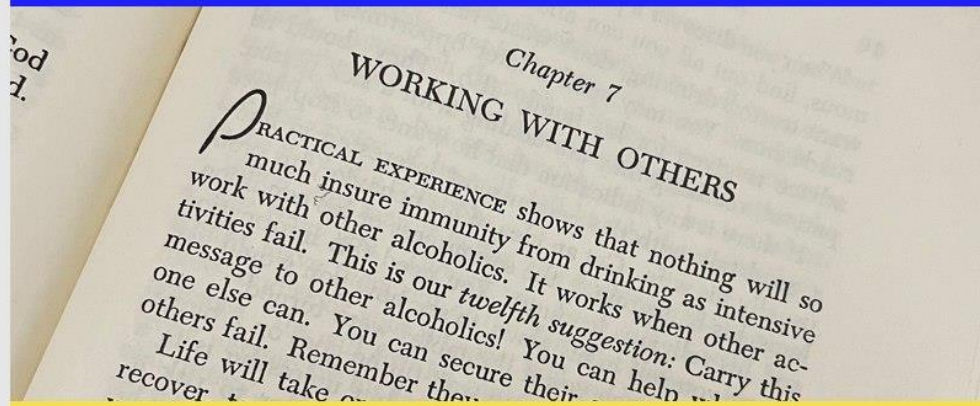
Tickets \$20.00 - Email [activities@westcentralaa.org](mailto:activities@westcentralaa.org) OR (EVENT BRITE LINK)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-gratitude-breakfast-tickets-529927927697>

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-gratitude-breakfast-tickets-529927927697>

# SPIRITUAL PRINCIPALS IN SOBRIETY



**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**Sponsors bring your sponsees!**

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

**Panel discussion starts 10:30AM**

**What are Spiritual Principals? How can they work in my life?**

**Why would I care about this?**

**What does 'Principals before Personalities' really mean?**

**Peace in Christ Lutheran Church**

**8798 Adventure Ave, Walkersville, MD... West Central Intergroup**

# ***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 [corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org](mailto:corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org) 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](mailto: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**

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**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](mailto: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.**

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**[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 [whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org](mailto:whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org) 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](mailto:office@westcentralaa.org)

[West Central Intergroup Office Hours Link](#)

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[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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## Meeting Information and Changes

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### New In-Person Meeting

“Back Room” Friday @7:00 pm

Journeys Crossing Church

12900 Cloverleaf Center Dr, Germantown, MD 20874





**Tom M  
CELEBRATES  
4 YEARS**

**SOBER FRIENDS  
Monday May 1  
7:00PM**

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

**THE REVELATIONS GROUP - HYBRID  
MEETING**

**Saturday at 11:00 am**

**The Frederick Presbyterian Church  
(Around Back, in the Basement)  
115 West Second St, Frederick MD**

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

**Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 am, Home  
Group member Steve B. will be  
celebrating 14 years of continuous  
sobriety! He will be joined by co-  
speaker Luvine.**

**There will be Coffee, Cake and  
Donuts!**

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

**Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password:  
608633**

**Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592**

**All are welcome, especially newcomers!**





**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 Catocin 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*

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**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](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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**New Zealand Marathon Zoom Meeting - Eastern time +16 hours**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604> Meeting ID 2923712604 This**  
**24x7 meeting is still going strong ! (as of 04-16-2023)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Hagerstown Area Intergroup**  
**“Round Robin”**  
**Potluck Spring Luncheon**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Otterbein United Methodist Church  
108 East Franklin Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**Speaker: Dean B. from Parkville, MD**

**Please bring your favorite dish or  
dessert to share!**

**Chicken and beverages will be provided.**

- ★ Speaker
- ★ 50/50 Raffle
- ★ Door Prizes
- ★ Food
- ★ Fellowship
- ★ Fun



## **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

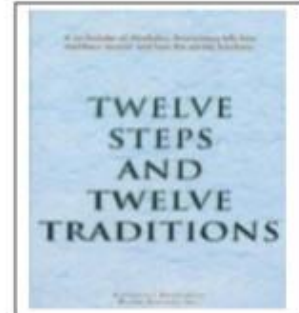
March 2, 2023 through June 15, 2023  
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time  
Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland)



**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, 2023 – 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



## 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
- 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](mailto:2023contrastudy@gmail.com)



# CARRYING THE MESSAGE INTO TREATMENT FACILITIES

Saturday, May 6th from 11:00 to 2:00pm  
South Shore Recovery Club  
1199 Generals Hwy  
Crownsville, MD 21032

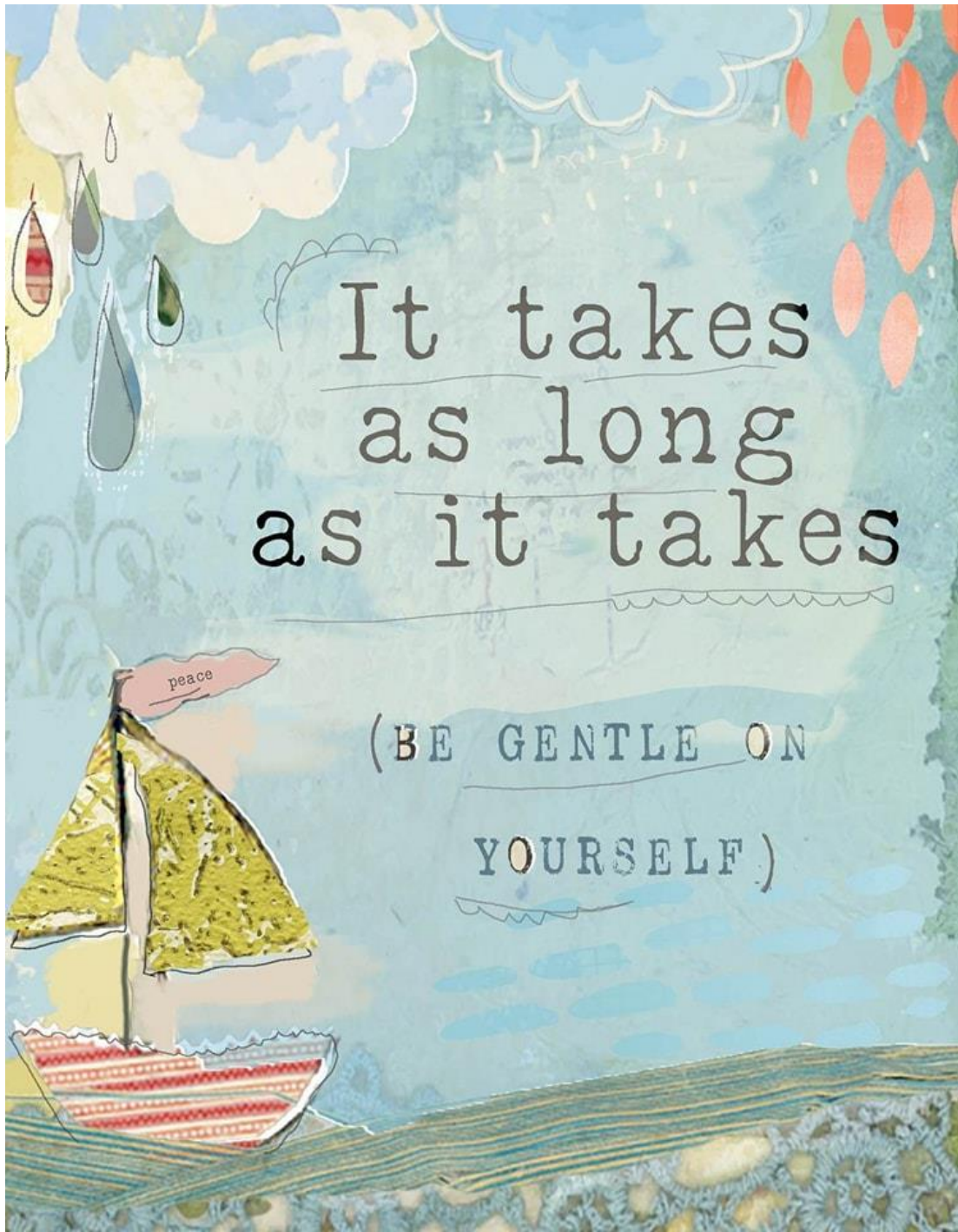
You are invited to attend a workshop hosted by  
Maryland General Service (MGS) Treatment Committee  
in collaboration with District 42.

## LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!



- 11:00 am Welcome- Diane F., Area 29  
Treatment Committee Chair
- 11:15 am Bringing an AA meeting into  
a Treatment Facility
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Treatment Facility Speaker
- 1:15 pm Bridging the Gap (BTG) and  
Q&A Session
- 2:00 pm Close with Responsibility  
Statement





**OTHER NEWS**

**Sponsors, why not tell your sponcees to subscribe to Chatter?! <http://westcentralaa.org/chatter-subscribe/>**

## ***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://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: [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.

