



# HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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## July 2023 Newsletter

### HAIG INFORMATION

#### Monthly Meeting:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month – 3:30 PM  
6 N. Mulberry St., Hagerstown, MD

### TRUSTED SERVANTS

#### Officers:

**Chairperson:** Cindy C.  
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MCTC Bob B.  
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**Ad-hoc Workshop:** Maggie R.  
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Submit anniversaries etc. to:  
newsletter@hagerstownaa.org  
Deadline for submissions is the 4th  
Sunday of each month.

**Step 7:** Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

**Tradition 7:** Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

**Concept VII:** The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

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**July 23 – HAIG Meeting.** Fellowship Hall 3:30 pm. All InterGroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**August 4-6, 2023 – 51<sup>st</sup> MGS Annual Maryland State Convention.** Delta by Marriott- Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

**Registration is open!!**

**Hotel Rooms and Banquet Dinners are limited.**

<http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention>

*Try the 51<sup>st</sup> State Convention Information App!*



### Sessions by The Sea September 5-10, 2023

Convention Hall, Ocean City, MD. **Registration is open!!**

<https://www.sessionsbythesea.com>

### July Anniversary Celebrations

Date	Celebrant	Yrs.	Group	Time
7/2	Sandra M.	21	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/5	Roger B.	10	Primary Purpose	7:00 pm
7/7	Jeff D.	1	Fellowship Hall	9:30 am
7/8	Whitney N.	6	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/9	Daniel S.	1	New Paths	6:00 pm
7/10	Tom T.	17	Summit Avenue	7:00 pm
7/10	Stacey F.	4	Summit Avenue	7:00 pm
7/15	Bob C.	20	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/15	Eugene E.	18	Serenity	2:00 pm
7/21	Rena C.	2	Courage to Change	6:00 pm
7/22	Kim S.	3	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/28	Lori J.	5	Courage to Change	6:00 pm
7/29	Karin S.	11	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm

### HAIG Minutes of June 25, 2023

Gerald R. opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Gerald R., Andy M., and Craig T. Chairs present included: Jeramiah F., Activities; Bob B. & Steve B., Men's Corrections; Margaret K., Women's Corrections; Steve W., Outreach; Denise K., Treatment; Nancy B., Where & When; and Maggie R., Workshop.

13 InterGroup reps were present and 3 visitors.

**Secretary Report:** Craig T. read a synopsis of the May 21, 2023 minutes which were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy M. submitted and read the following report which was approved unanimously.

<b>Beginning Balance:</b> 5/21/23		<b>\$3,845.32</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>		
Proceeds from Round Robin	Cash	\$35.28
<b>Total Contributions:</b>		<b>\$35.28</b>
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$3,880.60</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Answering Service - June	Auto	\$32.22
Nancy B. Gift Round Robin Speaker	2001	\$28.95
Fellowship Hall Room Use 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2002	\$45.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$106.17</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$3,774.43</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve:</b>		(\$900.00)
<b>Total Funds Available: 6/25/23</b>		<b>\$2,874.43</b>

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

#### July 3 - Area 29 InterGroup Liaison Committee Meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting 6/5/23 @ 6:30 p.m. **Spanish Translation Provided.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005298663?pwd=cnNGNjg4TGvYVmptcVR4OGIZZytUJz09>

Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663, Passcode: 473809

Dial in - 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)

**July 8 - Mountain Breakfast:** Old Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, MD. Doors open at 9:00 am, breakfast at 10:00 am, speaker at 11:00. An awesome buffet breakfast is served for a \$10.00 donation.

**July 16 – District 20 Meeting. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.** Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm. All GSRs should attend. Interested A.A. members are welcome.

**HAIG Elections**

Gerald R., Chairperson read Article V, Sections 1-7 to provide a basic explanation of what officer positions we have and what they do, then how we elect them. Prior to the election of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, Gerald read each job description and then asked for nominations for that position. There were 13 Intergroup reps present. A quorum for voting was met.

Nancy B., Nominating Committee, provided the following nominees that stood for the positions. Chairperson was Cindy C. There were no other nominees so she won my acclamation. Secretary was Jeannette M. There were no other nominations so she won by acclamation. Treasurer candidate was Craig T. Barb C. was nominated from the floor. Each candidate provided a 2-minute service resume and the election was held by ballot. Craig T won with a majority vote of 11-2.

Thank you to Gerald, Craig, and Andy for your service to HAIG and we welcome the new Officers. Cindy C., Chairperson; Jeanette M., Secretary; and Craig T., Treasurer. Their one year terms will start on July 1, 2023.

Rex P., Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee (IGLC) chair, visited to provide a summary of his role and invited all members to attend the IGLC meetings which are held virtually on the 1st Monday of each month.

In July, Gerald R. is sharing his HAIG experience as Chairperson and lessons learned over the past two years. Please consider attending and refer to the login information in Upcoming Events on page 1.

**Committee Reports:** If a committee report is missing, the chair was not present.

**Activities Committee:**

Jeremiah F reported that the HAIG Annual Picnic with be held at Doub's Woods Park, South Pavilion, on Saturday September 23, 2023. It was worked out that we do not have to provide a Limited Liability Insurance Certificate. The time of the event and flyer will be out soon.

**Corrections – Men:** Steve B. reported the meeting for the County jail should open up in a few weeks. Steve is contacting previous volunteers to let them know they need to fill out a one-page application update to qualify to enter the jail. All new applicants will be required to fill out the full application and go through an orientation.

Bob B reported they have two new MCTC volunteers. Have a total of 6 volunteers. A literature order was placed through Margaret K. and delivered to MCTC which included 4 each of the Spanish version Big Book, 12 & 12, Daily Reflections, and ABSI. They ordered some large print books and other books to restock inventory.

If interested in taking meetings into correctional facilities, please contact Steve or Bob at [menscorrections@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:menscorrections@hagerstownaa.org)

**Corrections - Women:** Margaret K. reported they have reviewed all applicants and have sent out emails for orientation. The process is very slow, but they are ready to go when reopened.

**Pink Can Report: Provided by Margaret K.**

<b>Beginning Balance as of 5/21/23</b>		<b>\$1,730.07</b>
Hagerstown Group		\$26.02
Fellowship Hall		\$17.00
On Awakening		\$70.19
Summit Avenue		\$9.00
ABSI		\$52.15
<b>Total Deposit</b>		<b>\$174.36</b>
Books to MCTC		\$405.55
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$405.55</b>
<b>New Balance 6/25/23</b>		<b>\$1,498.88</b>

**Finance:** This chair position is open. Please contact Cindy C. if you are interested.

**Newsletter:** This chair position is open. Please contact Cindy C. if you are interested. Jeanette M. will be performing these duties in the interim.

**Outreach:** Steve W. sent out a reminder of today's meeting. If you did not receive one, please contact him at [outreach@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:outreach@hagerstownaa.org)

**Treatment:** Denise K. reported there have been some issues with another fellowship coming into the A.A. meeting but it has been resolved.

**Website:** Nancy B. read report from Mike E. Webhosting will renew in March of 2024; the exact price is unknown but we want to get it in the budget for 2024. The current cost was \$210 for 3 years (\$70/yr.) so I expect similar for the next cycle.

Emailing platform - Nancy and I discussed this; it is time for us to move on to a platform designed for mass emailing. This accomplishes the following:

Right now, Nancy must actively manage all the email addresses in her personal email system ([msn.com](https://www.msn.com)).

- Every time someone's email changes or they wish to be added/deleted, Nancy does this.
- This is inefficient for an organization where these duties may transfer; in the current format, the process of transferring these duties to someone else is quite cumbersome.
- The solution is an email marketing platform called MailChimp or Constant Contact. Both services are widely used, and with much success.
- In this process, all of Nancy's emails would first be loaded into the new service; to initiate an email, Nancy would simply log into the service, create, or modify an existing message (called a campaign) and send.
- This way, anyone with the log in credentials could log in and send an email.
- The beauty is that users can update their addresses, subscribe, or unsubscribe to emails - no more user management other than the upfront loading,
- There is a free version that enables only one email user list; if we need more lists, it's \$13/mo. or approx. \$156/yr.

Mike did a brief search on GSO about this but didn't see anything; for the meeting today, He suggests that the voting would be to authorize the use of this type of emailing tool as it's a transition away from current state, i.e., one individual's personal email address being the one to house all of the email addresses and sending from that users account (Nancy's).

Nancy suggested that no motion or vote be taken at this time unless we agree to move forward and there is a cost involved.

**Where & When:** Nancy B. reported since the last HAIG meeting, the following new meetings have been added to the Where & When:

Fellowship Hall added an Open, Living Sober meeting on Mondays at noon and an Open Discussion Women-Only meeting at noon on Fridays.

A new meeting, Clear Spring Open Door, has been added at 7:30 pm on Thursday. This is an Open meeting which discusses the Promises. The meeting is held at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, 22 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring in the location of the Gratitude meeting which is now virtual-only at 7:00 pm on Thursdays.

Another new meeting, Friday Night with Joe & Charlie, has been added at 7:30 pm on Fridays. This meeting is held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2 E High Street, Hancock. This is an Open Discussion using Joe & Charlie tapes. Let Nancy B. know of any changes to your group or meeting at [meetings@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:meetings@hagerstownaa.org).

**Workshop:** Maggie R. reported that groups have expressed an interest in a 4th Step Workshop. She is also talking with the district which is considering a joint effort to possibly put on a play in the fall, maybe September or October. This would open opportunities to do service. Contact Maggie if interested in getting involved at [workshop@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:workshop@hagerstownaa.org) .



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### Intergroup Rep Reports:

If you do not see your group on this list, the IGR was not present, or your group does not have an IGR.

**Boonsboro ABSI:** Jeramiah F. reported \$38.15 donation to the Pink Can. Group picnic will be held on July 6 at 6:00 pm at the pavilion on the premises. Bring a covered dish to share.

**Courage to Change:** Jeanette M. reported 2 anniversaries.

**Fellowship Hall:** Byron S., the new Intergroup Rep for Fellowship Hall reported 1 anniversary and a \$18.00 Pink Can donation. Ed L. is the new alternate Intergroup Rep.

**Firehouse Group:** Mary E. had no report.

**Hagerstown Group:** Sandra M., new Alternate Intergroup Rep. reported 5 anniversaries. Brad B. is the new Intergroup Rep.

**Maple Avenue:** Charlie C. reported the church will be doing renovations and it may cause some meetings to be canceled. He will provide information to Nancy of any meeting changes.

**New Paths:** Daniel S. reported 1 anniversary.

**On Awakening:** Vicky C. reported \$36.61 donation to the Pink Can.

**Primary Purpose:** Jon G. reported 1 anniversary and a \$100.00 Pink Can donation. .

**Serenity:** Rashid W. reported 1 anniversary, \$20.00 Pink Can donation, and \$30.00 donation to HAIG.

**Summit Avenue:** Bridgette C. reported 2 anniversaries.

**Williamsport:** Danny B. reported there are no anniversaries in July.

### Old Business:

No old business other than the HAIG Annual Elections.

### New Business:

Nancy B. made a ***“Motion to create an ad hoc Bylaws Committee to review the 2025 HAIG bylaws with a focus on moving the committee job descriptions in Article VIII – Description and Duties of Standing Committees to a separate, more fluid, document to be determined by the ad hoc committee. Article X – Amendments, Section 1 will be used as a guide to facilitate this and any other changes to the bylaws.”***

Nancy stated that the original bylaws of HAIG have been revised in 2005, 2008, 2012, and 2015. When the bylaws were reviewed and revised in 2015, the Committee job descriptions and duties were added to the document. Although this seemed like a good idea at the time, we have since determined that these job descriptions cannot be easily changed or corrected, if needed, due to the Bylaws Amendment process in Article X. Section 1.

It May therefore be necessary to amend the bylaws to remove the job descriptions to another document, like a short HAIG Guidelines or HAIG Handbook which might also describe the workings of the HAIG and could be used by the Outreach Committee to encourage interest and participation in the Intergroup. Following this discussion, the ***motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting closed at 4:40 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG Meeting will be on July 23, 2023, at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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