

**WCI Chatter**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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***"The West Central Intergroup (WCI) is pleased to announce that we have returned 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."***



## Does your Home Group have a GSR?

(General Service Representative)

## Does it have an alternate GSR?

Have your GSR & Alternate GSR contact

Debbie P. (301)-825-2740

## Your group's voice needs to be heard.

*You could be the link between your Home Group and the General Service Organization*

2 year service commitment. Make a commitment to your group and your sobriety.

**Anyone is eligible.**

### When?

6:30PM on the 3rd Monday of every month

### Where?

Presbyterian Church

115 W. 2nd St.

Frederick, MD

Or on zoom

(Meeting ID:81101121309 Passcode:District)



## 2023 FREDERICK ROUNDUP



**Speakers:**

**Earl H. - Vista, CA**

**&**

**Sheldon F. - Las Vegas, NV**

*Location:*

**Frederick Elks Lodge**

**289 Willowdale Dr, Frederick, MD 21702**

*When:*

**October 6 - October 7**

**Tickets are \$20 and available on**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-frederick-roundup-tickets-636579244657>**

**Or your local activities committee representative has paper tickets!**

**Can't wait to see you!**

**Times:**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm until 9 pm**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am until Noon**

[Get Roundup Tickets Here:](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-frederick-roundup-tickets-636579244657?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## **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 now allowing in person AA meetings. All volunteers will need to go through a background check 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 to have an application emailed to you. This application needs to be notarized. Women volunteers are especially needed.**

**The Orenda Center of Wellness is always looking for Men and Women to take meetings into their inpatient and PHP facilities. If you are interested in a monthly commitment, please contact [corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org](mailto:corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org) and**

comment Orenda Men or Women and we will direct your interest to the correct person

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

**Mountain Manor Marcie's Choice** has the following days open for service commitments. If you are interested in bringing a meeting into the inpatient facility, please contact Kye at 240-357-4256

5th Monday

5th Wednesday

5th Friday

5th Saturday

5th Sunday

Thank you for your willingness to Serve and Carry the Message.

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### **Your Guide to Meetings in Print!**

The new Where & When's have been printed. The latest guide has a **Yellow** cover. They will be available at the WCI Intergroup office free of charge (for a limited quantity). Please send an email to [whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org](mailto:whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org) for more information.

## **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](#)

## **Meeting Information and Changes**

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**Effective Immediately, “Living The Dream”, Monday at 7:30 pm meeting is being held at a new location ::**

**Grace United Church of Christ**

**25 East 2nd Street**

**Frederick, MD 21701**

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**Effective Immediately, The Monday Night Point of Rocks, Blue Light Special 7:30 pm meeting is being held at a new location ::**

**Saint Pauls Episcopal Parish Church :**

**1914 Ballenger Creek Pike point of rocks MD 21777**

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**The Live Brunswick Monday Night Group has changed their name to “New Hope Meeting”**

**Same Time, Same Place**

**Monday, 6:00 pm**

**New Hope United Methodist Church, 7 S Maryland Ave**

**Brunswick MD 21716**

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**Beginning September 8, 2023 The “Friday Fellowship” Meeting will be reading from The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions**

**Same Time, Same Place**

**Friday, 7:00 pm**

**Illiano Bldg, Mt. Airy Recovery Ctr, 407 South Main St Mt. Airy MD 21771- Upstairs; Enter on side.**

**The Coffee is always hot!**

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**Effective Immediately, the Brunswick Zoom meetings on Monday and Thursday have been discontinued**

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**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.**



**THERE WILL BE COFFEE, AND DONUTS**

**(DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 A.M.)**

**MEETING ID: 950 848 616, PASSWORD: 608633  
ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY NEWCOMERS!**

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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!

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**

**Area 29 Accessibilities  
Alcoholics Anonymous**

exploring

**Blind and Low Vision  
Accessibility in AA**

**September 17, 2023**



**at 3 p.m. EDT**



**Guest speakers**

**841 2499 3206**

**PW: 326186**

**ASL & Spanish Interpretation  
provided upon request**

**[Accessibilities@MarylandAA.org](mailto:Accessibilities@MarylandAA.org)**

Alcoholics Anonymous, an  
**Area 29 Accessibilities Subcommittee**



**Maryland Deaf Access  
Committee (MDAC)**

Created to organize the foundation of  
funding and scheduling in-person AA  
meetings interpreted in American Sign  
Language (ASL) in Area 29

**Who We Are** x

The Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC) is a group of AA members who work in cooperation with our local area districts and home groups to help ensure we can carry the message to ALL those seeking recovery.

**Focus** x

Our main focus is providing ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters at in-person AA meetings in Area 29 to make the fellowship more accessible to the Deaf and hard of hearing community

**AA Traditions** x

We follow AA's 12 Traditions and are not affiliated with any outside organization. More information will be provided on our website soon. Also see our FAQs.

**Contributions** x

We rely on contributions from AA members and groups to pay for ASL interpreters. We encourage people to remember that when we're discussing having ASL interpreters at meetings, we're discussing providing language access to A.A.

This young committee meets virtually on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 4:30 p.m. Please contact us with any ideas, questions, or if you hear from Deaf AA members who need AA fellowship and support.

**MarylandDeafAccess@gmail.com**  
**or Accessibilities@Marylandaa.org**

# Fall 2023 CONTRA Study

September 14, 2023 through December 28, 2023  
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland) & Area 13 (DC)



**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**

Sep 14, 2023 – Registration & Orientation

Sep 21, 2023 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3

Sep 28, 2023 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6

Oct 5, 2023 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9

Oct 12, 2023 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12

Oct 19, 2023 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 85-104

Oct 26, 2023 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 105-14, 160-2

Nov 2, 2023 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 164-8

Nov 9, 2023 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 169-73

Nov 16, 2023 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 155-9, 163

Nov 23, 2023 – Service Manual, pp. 115-154

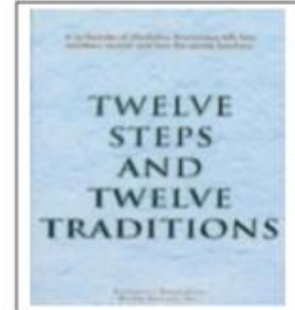
Nov 30, 2023 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2, Con 1 2 3

Dec 7, 2023 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6

Dec 14, 2023 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9

Dec 21, 2023 – Concepts 10 & 11

Dec 28, 2023 – Concept 12



## CONTRA Study Materials (provided via email following registration):

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, B-2 (free participant 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

*Fall 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 Districts 10 & 17, Area 29 (MD)

and District 2, Area 13 (DC)

For more information, contact:

[2023contrastudy@gmail.com](mailto:2023contrastudy@gmail.com)



# **Hagerstown Area Intergroup**

## **2023 Fall Picnic**

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**Doub's Woods Park**

(South Pavilion)

1307 South Potomac Street

Hagerstown, Maryland 21740



**11:00 am – Set up food donations, cook**

**12:00 Noon – Food Served**

**1:00 pm – Speaker – Sarah V. from Frederick**

**Food ~ Fellowship ~ Fun**

**Please bring your favorite dish for everyone to share!**

**Intergroup will provide chicken, burgers, hot dogs, drinks**



## **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**



# DISTRICT 40 & 41 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC

**WHERE** - OLD NATIONAL PIKE PARK  
12406 OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
( RT 144 ) MT AIRY, MD. 21771

**WHEN** - SAT. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2PM - 6PM  
SPEAKER MEETING 3PM  
Al-Anon - Sue N. - Mount Airy  
AA - Mike M. - Brunswick

**WHY** - FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

BURGERS, DOGS, BEVERAGES PROVIDED  
BRING A COVERED DISH IF YOU LIKE OR  
JUST BRING A SMILE AND JOIN US FOR  
A GREAT DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

*50/50 RAFFLE*

*PLAYGROUND*

*NATURE WALK TRAIL*



Presented by  
District 40 & District 41

# Handling Grief in Sobriety Workshop



**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Grace Trinity United Church of Christ  
9501 Baltimore Road  
Frederick, MD 21704**

**Losses that can trigger grief:**

- Divorce or changes in a relationship or a friendship
- Death of a loved one including pets
- Losing job or changes in financial security
- Changes in your health or that of a loved one

**Presenter Ella J., Middle River, Maryland**

**Question and answer period and guided meditation**



**Coffee – Water – Light Snacks will be provided**



Southern Maryland's  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup  
with Al-Anon participation

# 24 Hours a Day

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Annapolis, Maryland



Join us in Annapolis for the  
same great Roundup Experience!



**March 15 - 17, 2024**

Register today: [SouthernMarylandRoundup.org](http://SouthernMarylandRoundup.org)



**Pam H.** Lake Amherst, OH  
**Robert M.** Fort Pierce, FL  
**Lisa L.** Boyton Beach, FL  
**Harold L.** St. Louis, MO

## **SPEAKERS**

**Carole C.** Columbus, OH  
**Kelly C.** Columbus, OH  
**John E.** Nashville, TN  
Al Anon: **Teresa S.** Clinton, MD

"FAITH HAS TO WORK TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY IN AND THROUGH US, OR WE PERISH." -BB, PG. 16

## **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 \(aa.org\)](#)



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.

