



# HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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## November 2023 Newsletter

### HAIG INFORMATION

#### Monthly Meeting:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month – 3:30 pm  
*November meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.*  
 6 N. Mulberry St., Hagerstown, MD

### TRUSTED SERVANTS

#### Officers:

**Chairperson:** Cindy C.  
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**Treasurer:** Craig T.  
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**Secretary:** Jeanette M.  
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#### Committee Chairs:

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 WCDC Men Steve B.  
 MCTC Bob B.  
**Bylaws (ad hoc)** Nancy B.  
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**Technology (ad hoc):** Vacant  
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**Workshops :** Maggie R.  
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Submit anniversaires etc. to:  
 newsletter@hagerstownaa.org

**Step 11:** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

**Tradition 11:** Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

**Concept X:** The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

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GSRs should attend. Interested A.A. members are welcome.

**November 19 – HAIG Meeting.** Fellowship Hall 3:30pm. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend.

### November Anniversary Celebrations

Date	Celebrant	Yrs.	Group	Time
11/3	Patty O.	24	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
11/8	Mike E.	6	Maple Avenue	7:30pm
11/10	Denise K.	30	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
11/14	Casie G.	1	Oakridge Group	7:00pm
11/14	Lindia W.	31	Mountain Group	7:00pm
11/17	Manny R.	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
11/25	Vicky C.	5	On Awakening	6:45am
11/27	Judy H.	9	Firehouse Group	9:00am

### HAIG Minutes of October 22, 2023

Cindy C. opened the meeting at 3:30pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Cindy C., Craig T., and Jeanette M. Chairs present included: Margaret K., Women's Corrections; Steve B. & Bob B., Men's Corrections; Steve W., Outreach; Rashid (for Erica G.), Public Information; Denise K., Treatment; Michael E., Website; Nancy B, Where & When and ad hoc Bylaws; and Maggie R., Workshops.

10 Intergroup reps were present and 1 visitor.

**Secretary Report:** Jeanette M. read a synopsis of the September 24, 2023, minutes which were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Craig T. submitted and read the following report which was approved unanimously.

<b>Beginning Balance: 9/24/23</b>		<b>\$3,482.77</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>		
Chewsville	Postal check	\$223.60
Serenity	Cash	\$30.00
<b>Total Contributions:</b>		<b>\$253.60</b>
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>		<b>\$3,736.37</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Answering Service – October	Auto	\$32.37
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$32.37</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		
<b>Prudent Reserve:</b>		(\$900.00)
<b>Total Funds Available: 10/22/2023</b>		<b>\$2,804.00</b>

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

**Corrections (Men):** Steve B. and Bob B. had nothing new to report. Craig T. shared that the corrections committee has a \$500 budget line for the corrections conference that is coming up soon. They plan to submit receipts for reimbursement. It was discussed that it would be good to allow the person in charge of women's corrections to go some years as well, as it is not just a conference for men.

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

**Corrections (Women):** Margaret K. had nothing new to report.

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

<b>Beginning Balance as of 9/24/23</b>		<b>\$1,805.77</b>
New Paths		\$20.00
Fellowship Hall		\$34.00
Firehouse		\$39.53
On Awakening		\$58.31

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**November 6 - Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting.** Join Zoom Meeting @ 6:30pm **Spanish Translation provided.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005298663?pwd=cnNGNjg4TGvYVmptcVR4OGlZZytUZZ09>

Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663, Passcode: 473809  
 Dial in - 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)

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

**November 19 – District 20 Meeting. Please note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.** Fellowship Hall 5:00pm. All

ABSI		\$23.00
Primary Purpose		\$8.75
Serenity		\$20.00
Hagerstown		\$39.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>		<b>\$242.59</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Pamphlets/racks for Community awareness and Ladders to Leaders)</b>		<b>\$188.39</b>
<b>New Balance 10/22/23</b>		<b>\$1,859.97</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.

**Outreach:** Steve W. sent a text reminder of the October meeting of HAIG, and reminded the group that he is relinquishing his role as outreach chair. Please advertise this position at your home groups.

**Public Information:** Rashid W. reported that Erica gave him a box of information and Margaret is ordering materials for public information.

**Treatment:** Denise K. reported that they still have meetings at True Healings on Wednesdays and Fridays, but the Saturday meetings are canceled. Individuals go in on Sundays who claim to be NA/AA together, but they are not involved with HAIG. Cindy C. indicated that Meritus Medical Center just opened a crisis center, and she will ask about opportunities for service.

**Website:** Mike E. is prepared to have conversations about budgeting for 2024. The renewal is coming up in March for a 3-year service. There is a capability of the website for the content of emails that Nancy sends out to be posted to the website with attachments. He said he and Nancy will talk, but wanted to mention it in case that is something that Intergroup needs to weigh in on.

**Where & When:** Nancy B. had nothing new to report. Please let Nancy B. know of any changes to your group or meeting at [meetings@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:meetings@hagerstownaa.org).

**Workshops:** Maggie R. mentioned the October workshop scheduled for October 28 at Otterbein.

**Bylaws (ad hoc):** Nancy B. restated the motion below:

Per Bylaws Article IX – Amendments, we agreed to bring any revisions which may require a change in policy to the intergroup for discussion and vote before a final draft of the bylaws is presented for approval.

***The ad hoc HAIG Bylaws Committee therefore moves that, Article V – Officers and Elections, Section 5. And Section 6. Of the HAIG Bylaws be revised by removing: “The slate of officers will be posted in the May and June Newsletters. A nominee’s name in the newsletter will be proof of said individual’s acceptance of the nomination.”***

The reason the committee requested removal of these sentences is because it appears political and can discourage people from standing. Experience has shown us that individuals who might consider standing for positions will often withdraw their nomination prior to the election when they know in advance that another person is standing.

This motion was brought and seconded at the September HAIG meeting and will be published as listed above in the October and November newsletter. A vote will be held at the November HAIG meeting (this is a correction from October’s newsletter that listed December).

The next ad hoc Bylaws Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm.

**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.

**Fellowship Hall:** Ed L. reported 4 anniversaries and an \$80 Pink Can donation.

**Fire House:** Hailee M. reported 1 anniversary and a \$39.19 Pink Can donation.

**Hagerstown Group:** Sandra M. said there was nothing to report. They mail checks to Intergroup, and she does not know how much was sent.

**Live & Let Live:** Charlie C. reported they have 5 to 6 attendees every week and are asking for more support.

**Maple Avenue:** Charlie C. reported 1 anniversary.

**Mountain Group:** Mose expressed gratitude for the support and attendance at the Mountain Breakfast, which will continue the second Saturday of every month. He reported 1 anniversary and a \$9.00 donation to the Pink Can.

**New Paths:** Daniel S. had nothing to report, but they could use support.

**Oakridge:** Daniel S. reported 1 anniversary.

**On Awakening:** Vicky C. reported 1 anniversary and an \$85.20 Pink Can donation.

**Serenity:** Rashid W. had nothing to report.

**Summit Avenue:** Mary E. reported a \$7.70 Pink Can donation.

**Old Business:**

The November Gratitude Breakfast was canceled due to a last-minute change to use of the kitchen by the venue.

**New Business:**

Charlie C. volunteered to serve as the new chair for Activities, and Cindy C. appointed him to the position. Maggie R. and Steve B. expressed willingness to serve on the Activities Committee.

***Cindy C. made a motion to schedule the December HAIG meeting to December 17 as the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month falls on a Holiday weekend. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.***

Craig T., Cindy C., Steve B., Charlie C., and Nancy B. will serve on the Finance Committee. Craig T. will send out last year’s budget to committee chairs to review and respond with what they will need for the upcoming year. Committee chairs should email the treasurer directly. They will meet prior to November’s meeting. The budget will be published in December’s newsletter to vote on at the December meeting.

Margaret K. proposed a Grapevine drive since the women in the corrections facility are interested in the reading material. She ordered some but would be happy if groups could donate their used Grapevine magazines. Please share this with your groups. Margaret would be glad to pick them up.

Meeting closed at 4:29pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG Meeting will be on November 19, 2023, at 3:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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