

**WCI Chatter**  
**Sunday, December 03, 2023**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**ALCATHON**

7:30am x-mas eve till 8:30pm x-mas day

Also

7:30am New Yrs Eve till 8:30pm New Yrs Day

**ONE HR AA MTG EVERY 1 & ½ HOURS**

**115 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St.** (right rear)

**Frederick Presbyterian Church**

**Continuous buffet table**

**Bring your favorite dish or desert to share**

(condiment s and Some food provided)



**Contact Tony C @[240-439-9510](tel:240-439-9510) To Sign  
your Home Group up to participate.**

**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](#)**



# Volunteer Sign Up

## For West Central Intergroup Central Office In Downtown Frederick

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*We are recruiting for in-person support at central office.  
Your service contribution increases the ability of the WCI office  
to continue carrying the message to the local community and  
serve as a resource for the area's AA groups.*

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*Current needs are 2 hr. shifts Monday – Friday and on Saturday as needed.  
Training sessions are always available  
which usually take less than an hour.*



**Responsibilities include :**  
*Answer phones – check messages  
Sell Literature and Chips  
Provide service to Walk-Ins*

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Please contact Sharon F., [office@westcentralaa.org](mailto:office@westcentralaa.org)  
Location: 22 S. Market Street, 3rd floor, 301-662-0544

*"I am responsible. When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I  
want the hand of AA to be there. And for that, I am responsible."*

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**



## 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)



## **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.

## **Meeting Information and Changes**

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**The BYOC Meeting, Sunday @2:00 pm.**

**Trinity United Methodist Church, 705 W. Patrick St. 21701-  
Enter on Kline Ave.**

**The Group would use some folks with long time sobriety. It's a  
great meeting and we do have coffee. Come one come all!**

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**Looking for a Step meeting? Come to The Downtown Step  
Group, Sunday @7:30 pm.**

**St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Ch,  
118 E 2nd St, Frederick**

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**New Meeting "Living Sober for Dummies",**

**Sunday, @7:30 pm**

**The Frederick Club, 205-B Bucheimer Rd Frederick**

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**New Meeting “Upon Awakening at the Club”,**

**Tuesday, @7:00 am (Daily Reflections meeting)**

**The Frederick Club, 205-B Bucheimer Rd Frederick**

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**New Meeting “Upon Awakening at the Club”,**

**Thursday, @7:00 am (Big Book meeting)**

**The Frederick Club, 205-B Bucheimer Rd Frederick**

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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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**Effective Immediately, The Saturday Night Point of Rocks meeting  
8:00 pm meeting is being held at a new location ::**

**Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church, 4004 Ballenger Creek Pike 21703**



**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**



## **Mountain Breakfast**

**Last breakfast is in December.**

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

**Will start up again in March 2024.**

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**



Area 57  
**State Sponsored Workshop**

Hosted by: District 40

There seems to be no reason why several AAs cannot join, if they wish, with a group of straight addicts to solve the alcohol and the drug problem together. But, obviously, such a dual-purpose group should not insist that it be called an A.A. group, nor should it use the A.A. name in its title. – Bill W., 1958

So what CAN we do? Let's cooperate with other 12 Step Programs!

◆ **Cooperation without Affiliation:  
Other 12-Step Programs**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 9, 2023  
9 AM TO 1 PM**

**In Person:  
Where Good  
Things Happen  
5561 S Lewis Ave,  
Tulsa, OK 74105**

**Online/Zoom:  
ID: 884 2416 0557  
PW: 12steps**

Problems  
other  
than alcohol

by **BILL W.**,  
co-founder of  
Alcoholics Anonymous

Speakers will be present for each of the following topics:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Al-Anon Family Groups
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Cocaine Anonymous
- Heroin Anonymous
- Gamblers Anonymous



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

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

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

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

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

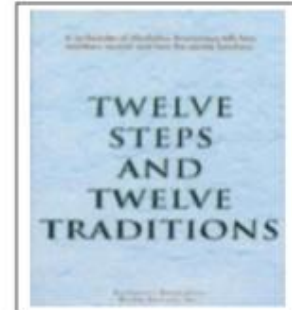
Nov 30, 2023 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2, Con 1 2 3

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)

The purpose of NERAASA is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members, and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives from the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference-related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

"The Sweetest NERAASA in History!"

February 22nd-25th, 2024

Hershey Lodge  
325 University Dr  
Hershey, PA 17033



Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

Register Here

[www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org)



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 invite your sponcees to subscribe to Chatter?! <http://westcentralaa.org/chat-ter-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://www.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.

