



# HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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## September 2024 Newsletter

### HAIG INFORMATION

#### Monthly Meeting:

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

#### TRUSTED SERVANTS

##### Officers:

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MCTC Bob B.  
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Send anniversaries, etc. to :  
secretary@hagerstownaa.org  
Deadline for submissions is the 4th  
Sunday of each month.

**Step 9:** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**Tradition 9:** A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

**Concept IX:** Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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### September Anniversary Celebrations

| Date | Celebrant    | Yrs. | Group              | Time    |
|------|--------------|------|--------------------|---------|
| 9/4  | Kris M.      | 17   | Maple Avenue       | 7:30 PM |
| 9/7  | Amanda M.    | 1    | On Awakening       | 6:45 AM |
| 9/10 | Chris B.     | 1    | Mountain Group     | 7:00 PM |
| 9/11 | Dave O.      | 5    | Primary Purpose    | 7:00 PM |
| 9/13 | Cathy B.     | 14   | Williamsport Group | 8:00 PM |
| 9/14 | Knowledge G. | 1    | On Awakening       | 6:45 AM |
| 9/14 | Eugene E.    | 19   | Serenity           | 2:00 PM |
| 9/16 | Dustin R.    | 2    | Summit Avenue      | 7:00 PM |
| 9/17 | Jim B.       | 21   | Mountain Group     | 7:00 PM |
| 9/21 | Steve K.     | 3    | On Awakening       | 6:45 AM |
| 9/21 | Gretchen W.  | 5    | Primary Purpose    | 7:00 PM |
| 9/21 | Tim W.       | 7    | Primary Purpose    | 7:00 PM |
| 9/28 | Steve M.     | 21   | Hagerstown Group   | 8:00 PM |

#### HAIG Minutes of August 25, 2024

Cindy C. opened the meeting at 3:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Cindy C., Craig T., and Vicky C. Chairs present included: Charlie C., Activities, Margaret K., Women's Corrections & Pink Can; Bob B., Men's Corrections; Nancy B., Outreach; Mike E., Website; Maggie B., Workshop.

13 Intergroup reps were present and 4 visitors.

**Chair's Report:** Cindy C. reported that the IGLC discussed the need for more meetings for deaf members, it is expensive to have a certified interpreter, and they need to be able to communicate the message of AA. To assist with this cost, HAIG is asking intergroups to consider passing a Yellow Can at meetings to collect donations to assist with paying for certified interpreters at these meetings. There are potentially 60,000 deaf AA members in Maryland.

**Secretary's Report:** Vicky C. read a synopsis of the August 25, 2024, minutes, which were approved unanimously.

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

|                                       |         |                   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance: 7/28/24</b>     |         | <b>\$2,235.33</b> |
| <b>Contributions:</b>                 |         |                   |
| Mountain Group                        | Cash    | \$10.00           |
| New Paths                             | Ck 116  | \$200.00          |
| On Awakening                          | Ck 201  | \$50.00           |
| Primary Purpose                       | Ck 138  | \$70.00           |
| <b>Total Contributions:</b>           |         | <b>\$330.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Funds Available:</b>         |         | <b>\$2,565.33</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                  |         |                   |
| HAIG Picnic Seed Money-Charlie C      | Ck 2027 | \$350.00          |
| MailChimp                             | Auto    | \$26.50           |
| Answering Service – July              | Auto    | \$32.82           |
| <b>Total Expenditures:</b>            |         | <b>\$409.36</b>   |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>                |         | <b>\$2,155.97</b> |
| <b>Prudent Reserve:</b>               |         | (\$900.00)        |
| <b>Total Funds Available: 8/25/24</b> |         | <b>\$1,255.97</b> |

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

**Activities:** Charlie C. reported that the HAIG Picnic was a success with approximately 85 people attending the event. The next planned HAIG event is the Gratitude Breakfast on November 2, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church, 35 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, MD. Tickets will be available soon for \$10 to establish a head count. Watch for event flyers!

Those interested in helping with activities or who have questions regarding the picnic should contact Charlie C. at [activities@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:activities@hagerstownaa.org).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**September 15 – District 20 Meeting. Please note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each at 4:00pm.** Fellowship Hall. All GSRs should attend. A.A. members are welcome.

**September 14 – 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. Come early @7:00 am if you wish to provide service and help.

**September 22 – HAIG Meeting.** Fellowship Hall 3:30pm. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend. All are welcome!

**Corrections (Men):** Bob B. had nothing to report. Craig T. for Steve B. reported on an upcoming Area 29 Corrections Workshop titled, "Let It Begin With Me" to be held on October 12, 2024, at Severna Park UMC, 731 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD. The event runs from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM and is free to attend. For questions, contact Scott at [corrections@marylandaa.org](mailto:corrections@marylandaa.org).

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

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

**Pink Can:** Margaret K. gave the following Pink Can report and also indicated she is still doing a drive for Grapevines:

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| <b>Beginning Balance as of 7/28/24</b> |  | <b>\$915.09</b>   |
| Mountain Group                         |  | \$36.00           |
| On Awakening                           |  | \$125.50          |
| Firehouse                              |  | \$16.00           |
| Hagerstown Group                       |  | \$8.00            |
| New Paths                              |  | \$17.00           |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>                  |  | <b>\$202.50</b>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                  |  | <b>(\$0.00)</b>   |
| <b>New Balance 5/19/24</b>             |  | <b>\$1,117.59</b> |

**Finance:** Craig T. has agreed to chair the Finance Committee that is tasked with creating the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

**Outreach:** Nancy B. reported that until you receive a hard copy, you can view the HAIG Handbook on the website at [www.hagerstownaa.org](http://www.hagerstownaa.org). All information you need regarding HAIG can be found here. Our website includes links to subscribe to emails, HAIG newsletters, Where & When, HAIG handbook, Meeting Finder, Daily Reflections, AA Grapevine, and AA Big Book Online. Remember that there is a QR code on the printed Where & When which will direct you to the HAIG website.

Since our first email through Mail Chimp on 06/17/2024, 12 people have unsubscribed and 1 has subscribed. The open rate is approximately 51-55% which is from 106 to 190 open out of 243 sent. It turns out that this is, according to Mail Chimp, a very good opening rate.

We would like to hear from you with suggestions for other platforms we can use to reach out to our local fellowship. We considered creating our own informational email instead of forwarding Chatter from Frederick County each week. It turned out that it would be much more labor intensive to create our own than to forward the information sent out by West Central Intergroup. Therefore, if there are no objections, we will continue to forward Chatter each week.

Another reminder: Anniversaries are typically reported by intergroup reps (IGRs) at the monthly HAIG meeting and then included in the newsletter. If your IGR cannot attend the meeting, anniversaries can be sent to [secretary@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:secretary@hagerstownaa.org). Late anniversaries that miss the newsletter can be reported to [outreach@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:outreach@hagerstownaa.org).

**Website:** Mike E. reported that the HAIG website has been designed to be simple and easy to use. You are encouraged to check it out at [www.hagerstownaa.org](http://www.hagerstownaa.org).

**Where & When:** Please let Mike A. know of any changes to your group or meeting at [meetings@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:meetings@hagerstownaa.org).

**Workshop:** Maggie R. reported that there is a free workshop titled "Walking through Grief in Sobriety" on November 9, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Emmanuel UMC, 802 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, MD. For questions, reach out to Maggie at [www.workshops@hagerstownaa.org](mailto:www.workshops@hagerstownaa.org).

**District 20:** Nancy B. reported from the Delegate's report provided at the Area 29 Assembly on August 17, 2024.

1. Registration for the 2025 AA International Convention in Vancouver opens September 10, 2024, at 12:00 PM. The convention takes place July 3-6, 2025. Advance registration fees (prior to April 15, 2025) are \$160.00. The paper registration was sent out last week by the Outreach committee.

2. The new Plain Language Big Book will be available November 1, 2024, at a cost of \$11.00 per book.
3. Box 459, the newsletter of AA World Services, Inc. is no longer available in hard copy. You can subscribe to the on-line version at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).
4. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter AA General Service Board contributions were 13% greater than budgeted. Net literature sales were 7% less than budgeted. Operating expenses were 5% less than budgeted. GSO usually counts on end-of-year contributions which tend to be a little higher due to November Gratitude Month events.

**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:** Hailee M. reported a \$38.56 pink can donation.

**Clear Spring:** Vince C. had nothing to report.

**Courage to Change:** Rena C. reported \$8.00 pink can donation.

**Firehouse:** Netti T. reported, new location is going well. She also reported a \$20.00 pink can donation.

**Gratitude:** Nancy B. reported Gratitude still meets on Zoom every Thursday with a good turnout from all over the world.

**Hagerstown Group:** Brad B. reported 1 anniversary.

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

**Mountain Group:** Mose reported 2 anniversaries, a \$10.00 donation to Intergroup and a \$13.00 pink can donation.

**New Paths:** Daniel S. had nothing to report.

**Oakridge:** Mary N. had nothing to report.

**On Awakening:** Mosh A. reported 3 anniversaries, and a \$81.20 pink can donation.

**Primary Purpose:** Terry M. reported 2 anniversaries. Two other anniversaries were received later. He also announced that Primary Purpose would celebrate their 4-year anniversary on Sept 14 from 5:30-9:00 PM. All are welcome.

**Serenity:** Bob B. reported for Rashid W. 1 anniversary, \$30.00 donation to HAIG and a \$30.00 pink can donation.

**Summit Avenue:** Stacey F. reported that she would email the upcoming anniversaries.

**Vision for You:** Rena had nothing to report but asked for attendance support.

**Williamsport Group:** Cathy B. reported 1 anniversary, and a \$20.00 pink can donation.

**Old Business:**

Finance Ad Hoc Committee: Craig T. agreed to chair the committee. Michele B., Cindy C., and Charlie C. agreed to serve on the committee.

**New Business:**

November Meeting Date: It was discussed about possibly changing the November meeting date to the 17<sup>th</sup> from the 24<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The discussion was tabled until the September meeting.

The next HAIG meeting is September 22, 2024, at 3:30 pm at Fellowship Hall. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Addresses where groups can send contributions:**

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| Hagerstown Intergroup<br>P.O. Box 1153<br>Hagerstown, MD 21741                               | Maryland General Service, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 1834<br>Frederick, MD 21702 |
| General Service Board<br>P.O. Box 2407<br>James A. Farley Station<br>New York, NY 10116-2407 | District 20 Committee<br>P.O. Box 1951<br>Hagerstown, MD 21742         |