



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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December 2024 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

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

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WCDC Men Steve B.
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 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power, that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that

it never perform acts of government; that like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 15– District 20 Meeting. Please note: This is the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. Fellowship Hall. All GSRs should attend. A.A. members are welcome.

December 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 if you wish to provide service and help.

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

December Anniversary Celebrations

Date	Celebrant	Yrs.	Group	Time
12/7	Bobby T.	1	On Awakening	6:45 AM
12/7	Wendy C.	1	Hancock- Celebrating @ Berkley Springs	7:30 PM
12/7	Rich G.	35	Hagerstown Group Dry Bridge	8:00 PM
12/9	Mark E.	11	Summit Avenue	7:00 PM
12/13	Tom M.	43	Williamsport Group	8:00 PM
12/14	Julie S.	7	Hagerstown Group Dry Bridge	8:00 PM
12/28	Rashid W.	33	Serenity	2:00 PM
12/30	Bridgette C.	9	Summit Avenue	7:00 PM

HAIG Minutes of November 24, 2024

Cindy C. opened the meeting at 3:30pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Cindy C. and Vicky C.

The chairs present included: Charlie C., Activities; Margaret K., Women's Corrections; Bob B., Men's Corrections; Gerald R. and Nancy B., Outreach; Rashid W., Public Information; Michele B., Workshop; and Mike A., Where and When.

10 Intergroup reps were present and 2 visitors.

Chair's Report: Cindy C. reported for Craig T. regarding the AA Outer Banks is having the Ocean Front 47th Conference at the Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel, VA Beach, VA from February 21-23, 2025. The cost of the conference is \$30. Hotel accommodation is extra.

Secretary's Report: Vicky C. read a synopsis of October 26, 2024, minutes, which were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy C. presented the Treasurer's report for Craig T., and it was approved unanimously:

Beginning Balance: 10/27/24		\$2,282.21
Contributions:		
Jack L.-Payment for past tickets	Ck # 6794-11/19/24	\$25.00
Mountain Group	Cash-10/27/24	\$20.00
Total Contributions:		\$45.00
Total Funds Available:		\$2,327.21
Expenditures:		
MailChimp – November	Auto 11/07/24	\$26.50
Answering Service – November	Auto 11/12/2024	\$32.15
Grapevine-3 Corrections Subscriptions	Ck # 2032-11/19/24	\$108.00
Craig T.-Ink Reimbursement	Ck # 2033-11/19/24	\$17.23
USPS-PO Box Renewal	Visa 11/19/24	\$256.00
Total Expenditures:		\$439.88
Ending Balance: 11/24/24		\$1,887.33
Prudent Reserve:		(\$900.00)
Total Funds Available: 11/24/24		\$987.33

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

Activities: Charlie C. reported 116 in attendance at the Gratitude Breakfast held on November 2, 2024. After expenses, there was \$481.00 profit. **A motion was made and seconded to retain the \$481.00 profit in HAIG instead of donating the amount to the General Service Board of AA.** After discussion, the motion was unanimously passed. It was suggested that there be discussion next year before the

Gratitude Breakfast to determine where any funds realized will be utilized and announce it in advance.

Charlie reported that there are no other events scheduled for 2024, but that there is consideration to have a mid-winter event. Suggestions are encouraged. One suggestion offered was a "Cabin Fever Luncheon". More information will follow as it becomes available.

Those interested in helping with activities or who have questions regarding events should contact Charlie C. at activities@hagerstownaa.org.

Corrections (Women): Margaret K. reported that the women's side at the WCDC has permitted HAIG to place literature in the library. There will be more books added, and they will receive copies of the Grapevine Magazine.

Corrections (Men): Bob B. reported that he attended the National Corrections Convention in Charlotte, NC. Next year it will be held Nov 8-10 in Nashville, TN.

If interested in getting taking meetings in correctional facilities, please contact Steve B. or Bob B. at menscorrections@hagerstownaa.org.

Pink Can: Margaret K. gave the following Pink Can report:

Beginning Balance as of 10/26/24		\$1,614.49
Courage to Change		\$12.42
Fellowship Hall		\$60.00
On Awakening		\$50.08
Firehouse		\$55.00
Mountain Group		\$61.00
New Paths		\$17.00
Primary Purpose		\$51.20
Summit Avenue		\$20.00
Total Deposits		\$326.70
Total Expenses		(\$0.00)
New Balance 11/24/24		\$1,941.19

Finance Ad Hoc Committee: Michele B. reported for Craig T. The proposed budget for 2025 was presented and discussed. It will be voted on at the December meeting. All intergroup representatives are encouraged to attend. Questions regarding the proposed budget prompted the suggestion that Intergroup Reps should encourage their groups to support HAIG in the basket, not just the Pink Can.

Grapevine: Cathy B. has been named the chair of this committee. She reported that she will be setting up a table at HAIG events and has been given permission to also set up at the Mountain Group Breakfast.

Outreach: Gerald R. shared that the Mail Chimp email group is going well but if you stop receiving emails from HAIG, you may have been unsubscribed. The system will unsubscribe people if their mailboxes are full or if multiple attempts to send are unsuccessful.

Nancy B. reported the Outreach committee met to discuss suggestions received for changes to the HAIG website. The following changes were made by webmaster, Mike E.: 1) Only the webmaster and HAIG chair email addresses will be included on the *Contact Us* page. 2) Only one *GV Quote of the Day* will be published on the homepage, 3) followed by *Upcoming Events* and *Upcoming Meetings*. 4) In the Menu, "Intergroup" was changed to "Services" to include links for Intergroup and District. 5) District 20 contact and meeting information was added to the district link. 6) The HAIG phone number was made a hyperlink so anyone needing to reach the hotline can just click the link. 7) Recurring monthly HAIG and District 20 meetings were added to the *Calendar* pages. Any questions regarding these changes can be directed to Nancy B. of the Outreach committee.

Late anniversaries that miss the newsletter can be reported to outreach@hagerstownaa.org. Anniversaries that are reported in time to be included in the newsletter should be emailed to secretary@hagerstownaa.org.

Public Information: Rashid W. had nothing to report. If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Rashid at: public.information@hagerstownaa.org.

Treatment: Nancy B. reported for Mary E. that she could use speakers for 1 or 2 Fridays per month at True Healing. See Mary to volunteer.

Website: Gerald R. has been named Website Chair. Mike E. will continue to work with him as Webmaster and Jeanette M. will continue to upload events and items to the calendar.

Where & When: Mike A. reported that a new edition of the Where & When will be available on December 1, 2024, on the website. Outreach will send this edition to the Fellowship. Please let Mike A. know of any changes to your group or meeting at meetings@hagerstownaa.org.

Workshops: Michele B. reported for Maggie R. that the Walking Through Grief workshop that occurred on November 2 went very well with about 30 in attendance. The Workshop committee would like to host another workshop. They are looking for suggestions for a topic/speaker.

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.

Clear Spring: Vince C. had nothing to report.

Firehouse: Nettie reported a \$31.00 Pink Can donation.

Gratitude: Nancy B. reported that Gratitude is still meeting on Zoom every Thursday. Gerald will bring leaders for the December meetings.

Hagerstown Group: Brad B. reported 2 anniversaries.

On Awakening: Mosh A. reported 1 anniversary, and a \$106.19 pink can donation.

Open Door: Vince reported 2 anniversaries.

Primary Purpose: Terry M. reported 1 anniversary. Wednesday night meetings are now a discussion meeting and Saturday meetings are step meetings.

Serenity: Rashid W. reported 1 anniversary, and a \$30.00 pink can donation.

Summit Avenue: Nancy B. reported for Stacey F. that there will be 2 anniversaries in December.

Williamsport Group: Cathy B. reported 1 anniversary, and a \$17.00 pink can donation.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge and adjourned at 4:46 PM.

HAIG Website

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