WCI Chatter

Sunday, February 15, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Central Intergroup

Part 2

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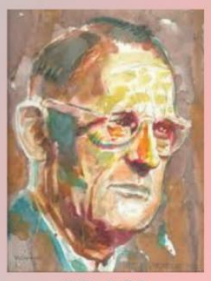

DR. BOB

Milestones in AA History ~ 1935-1971

Saturday, March 14

Fellowship: 6 PM • Event begins: 7 PM

Presented by Frederick's own

"Busdriver" Mike

Trinity United Methodist Church

705 W. Patrick St., Frederick

UNITY SERVICE AA RECOVERY

Popcorn & Drinks provided! Bring a snack to share!

For more information: workshops@westcentralaa.org

Gratitude Breakfast

Sunday,
April 12
8:30-11:30

Elks Lodge
289 Willowdale Dr., Frederick

Speaker: Dave N.
from Annapolis

Buffet Breakfast • 50/50
Fellowship • Sobriety Countdown
Book Raffle

Tickets available online at
https://bit.ly/3NGYiVT,
scan this QR code:
or in person from an Intergroup Rep

information:
activities@westcentralaa.org

West Central Intergroup

Gratitude Breakfast

Literature Donations Needed!

Sunday, April 12 • 8:30–11:30
Elks Lodge
289 Willowdale Dr., Frederick

Home Groups! We need a variety of AA conference-approved literature! Please donate a book of your choice to be raffled off during the Gratitude Breakfast. Invite members of your home group to sign it!

Everyone will receive a raffle ticket upon admission. At the end of the event, we will draw the tickets to randomly distribute the literature.

Give your book to your Intergroup rep., or contact:

Outreach: Carly H. outreach@westcentralaa.org
Activities: Gabbie D. activities@westcentralaa.org
Workshops: Anny T. workshops@westcentralaa.org

Or drop them by the monthly Intergroup meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM, Trinity United Methodist Church.

West Central Intergroup

2025 Frederick Alcathon

Hosted by West Central Intergroup, Inc.

Financial Statement

Income				
Group Participation				
Christmas (22 groups)	$440.00			
New Years (23groups)	$460.00			
Basket Contributions				
Christmas	$671.06			
New Years	$758.30			
Total Income	**$2,329.36**			
Expenses				
Food		$1,217.67		
Drinks		$149.59		
Supplies		$193.65		
Church Rent		$500.00		
Total Expenses		**$2,060.91**		
*** Excess Funds**	**$268.45**			
(Income - Expenses)				
* Excess funds will be used as seed money for the 2026 Frederick Alcathons				
Please email ***treasurer@westcentralaa.org*** or ***vicechair@westcentralaa.org***				
with questions or comments				

Introducing:

WEST CENTRAL INTERGROUP!

- WCI Website: www.westcentralaa.org
- Free Where & When's • Workshops
- 12th Step Calls • Archives • Chatter
- Activities • Newsletter • Outreach
- Public Information • Literature
- Corrections & Treatment
- *and so much more!*

YOU AND YOUR GROUP CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED, BROUGHT TO THE INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETINGS OR ON-LINE: HTTPS://WESTCENTRALAA.ORG/CONTRIBUTIONS/

West Central Intergroup

Groups or Individuals can contribute either one time or set up a recurring contribution. Questions? email treasurer@westcentralaa.org,

https://westcentralaa.org/contributions/

treasurer@westcentralaa.org

Carrying the Message with Literature

If you are taking a meeting into a correctional or treatment facility and would like to share AA literature with newcomers, please let us know. We have plenty of resources available to help carry the message of recovery.

Available literature includes:

- **Plain Language Big Books**
- **Regular Big Books**
- **Living Sober**
- **Came to Believe**
- **Daily Reflections**
- ***And more…***

As members, we have an obligation and privilege to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. One simple but powerful way to do this is by putting AA literature directly into the hands of newcomers.

Let's make sure those walking through the doors of correctional and treatment facilities know they are not alone, and that recovery is possible.

For literature requests, please contact: corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org or text 240-529-2995

Join us Monday night, March 2, if you would like to see what workshops/activities have been planned for or if you're looking for service opportunities!

West Central Intergroup is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Activities Meeting

Time: March 2, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the First Mon, 36 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us06web.zoom.us/.../tZYqf.../ics...

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82784017131...

Meeting ID: 827 8401 7131

Passcode: 649023

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,82784017131#,,,,*649023# US (Washington DC)

+19292056099,,82784017131#,,,,*64902

Tell your AA Friends/Sponsees to Subscribe to Chatter – Here is the Link to Subscribe to Chatter On the New and Improved WCI Website! Also, we have heard from several people indicating that the Chatter email has not been received. If you hear of this happening, please have them check their Spam/Junk folder.

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Anybody interested in speaking or fulfilling a monthly commitment:
Needed to fill: An AA commitment at Marcie's Choice. 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm
Also, At the Mountain Manor New Horizon Men's program, the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm in addition to the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm
Please Call Kye at 240-357-4256.

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Interested in speaking at Mountain Manor's IOP in Frederick? First and third Monday of the month. Morning group is 9am and evening group is 6pm. They're looking for men and women. Please contact:
Corrections.treatment@westcentralaa.org

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The WCI Central Intergroup Office

The Federated Charities Bldg. 22 S. Market St., Suite 7 Frederick MD, 21701

Email: office@westcentralaa.org

West Central Intergroup Office Hours Link

Meeting Information and Changes

Meeting Update: Sisters in Sobriety

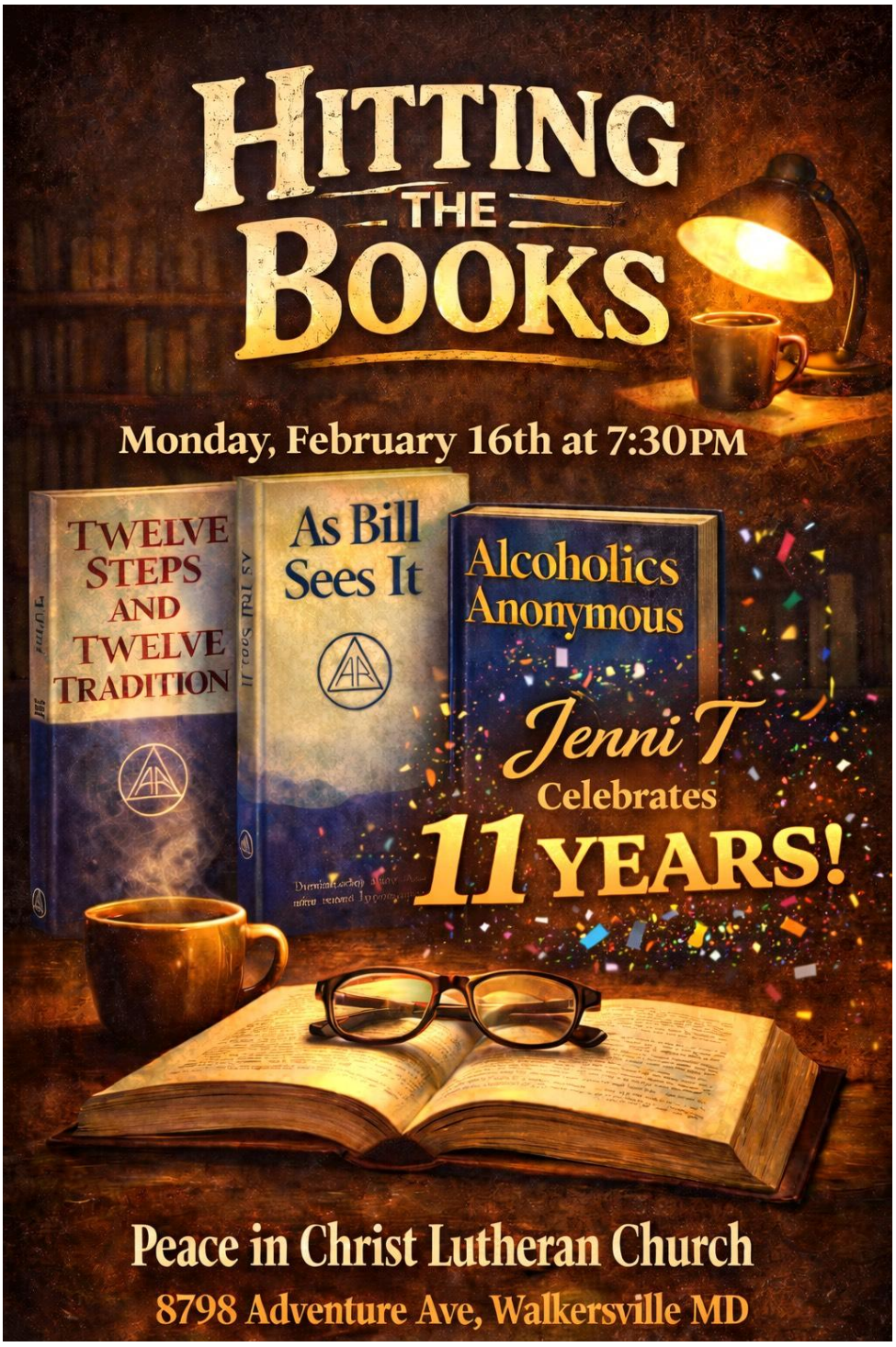
Thursday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Frederick Presbyterian Church

115 W 2nd St, Frederick

Basement entrance, rear right side of church sidewalk/alley

This meeting is now In-Person Only, no longer on Zoom.


HITTING THE BOOKS
Monday, February 16th at 7:30PM
TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITION
As Bill Sees It
Alcoholics Anonymous
Jenni T
Celebrates
11 YEARS!
Peace in Christ Lutheran Church
8798 Adventure Ave, Walkersville MD

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

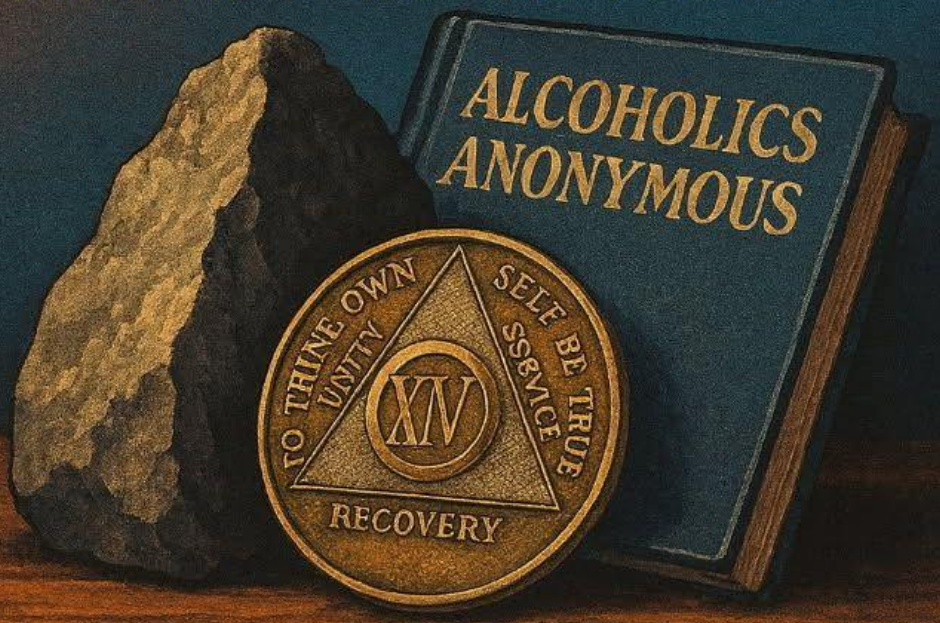
This is an Open, Lead/Topic/Discussion meeting.
Saturday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m.
Homegroup member, Alison, will be celebrating one year of continuous sobriety!
There will be Cookies, Cake and Coffee!

(Doors Open at 10:15 a.m.)

Zoom Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password: 608633
(If prompted)
--Or--
Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592
All are welcome, especially newcomers!

DROP THE ROCK

PRINCIPAL MEETING



EVERY WEDNESDAY

AT 6:00PM

OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ORENDA WELLNESS CENTER

7540A N. MARKET ST.. FREDERICK, MD

The Neelsville Group's
49th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday February 19, 2026 -- 7:00 to 9:00

Open Speaker Meeting: Family, Children, and Friends Are Welcome

Potluck: 7:00 to 8:00
Please Bring Your Favorite Dish to Share

Speaker Meeting: 8:00 to 9:00
Martina H. 7/10/2009
Mike P. 8/13/1989

Neelsville Presbyterian Church
20701 Frederick Rd (Route 355N)
Germantown, MD 20876

Alcoholics Anonymous
Deaf Access Outreach
Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC)

MDAC would like to let the Deaf community in Western Maryland know that we are available to help coordinate ASL interpretation for AA meetings.

If you think you may have a problem with alcohol and are interested in attending an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting, please reach out to the Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC)

mdacAA.org

Maryland Deaf Access Committee Website https://www.mdacaa.org/

Or attend our monthly business meeting - 2nd Sunday of the Month at 4:30 p.m. EST
Meeting ID: 86723924758
Passcode: 514472

Contact: MarylandDeafAccess@gmail.com

AGAPE-TOWSON
HYBRID

MEETS WEEKLY
WITH ASL INTERPRETATION

TUESDAYS
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

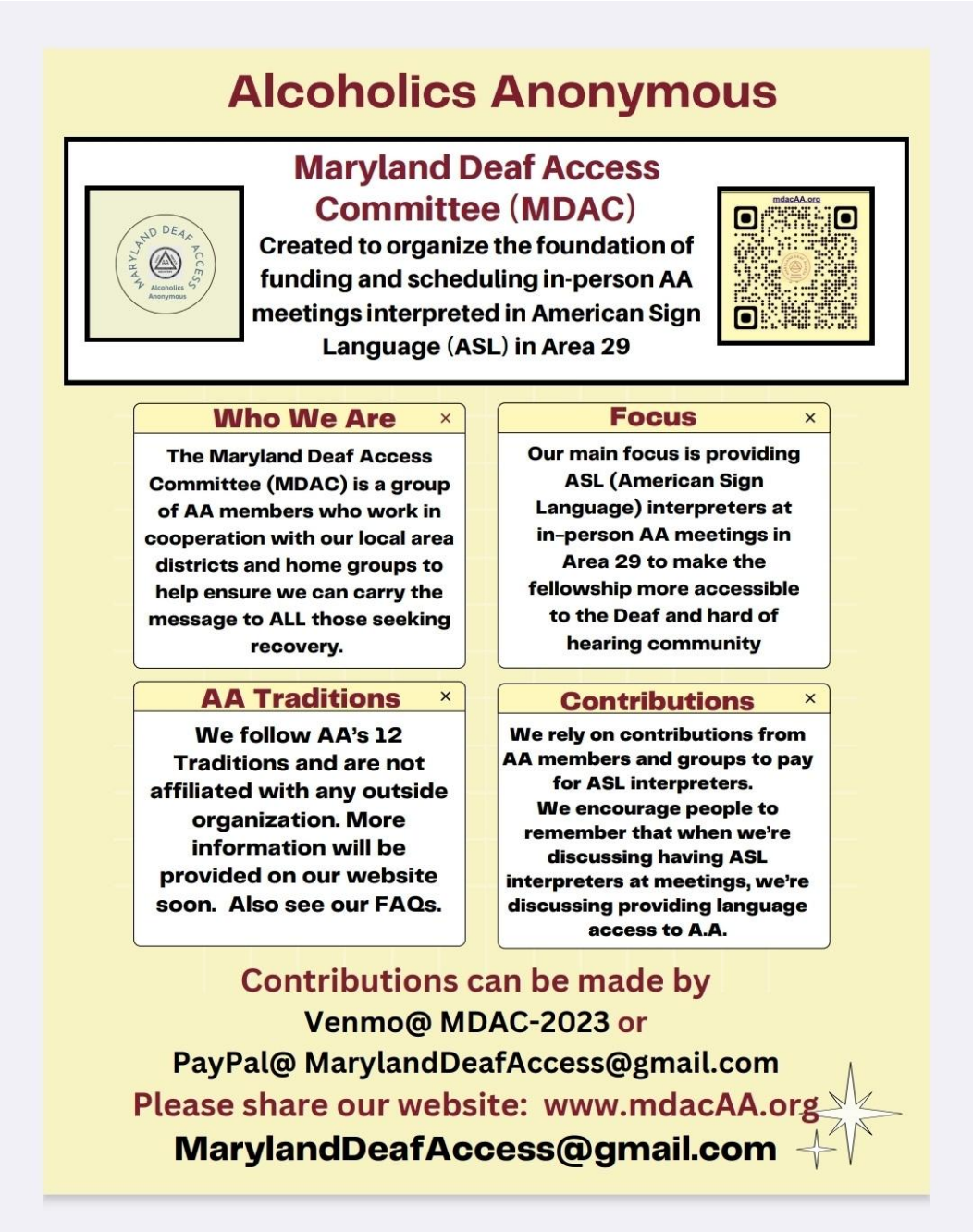
effective September 2025
ASL Interpretation every Tuesday
with inperson interpreter only
on 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Gibson Bldg.
1 Friends Ln, 3rd Floor, Towson, MD 21204

Zoom Meeting ID:
120 784 691

MarylandDeafAccess
@gmail.com

WWW.MDACAA.ORG



New Zealand Marathon Zoom Meeting - Easten time +16 hours https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604 Meeting ID 2923712604 This 24x7 meeting is still going strong! (as of 02-15-2026)

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE JOY OF LIVING

A FREE AA WORKSHOP

9:00 – 9:45 am: Fellowship

9:45 am: Welcome

10:00 am: Session 1 – Defects - What Are They and How to Remove Them
Steps 6 & 7
Kelly W. - Baltimore, MD
Billy H. - Richmond, VA

11:15 am: Session 2 – Rubbing out the Record
Steps 8 & 9
Lyn S. - Aspen Hill, MD
Mike M. - Frederick, MD

12:15 pm: Lunch Break

1:00 pm: Session 3 – It Works. It Really Does.
Steps 10 & 11
Lynn H. - Madison, VA
Vince K. - Kensington, MD

2:15 pm: Session 4 – The Joy of Living
Step 12
Linda B. - Waldorf, MD
Victor K. - Ijamsville, MD

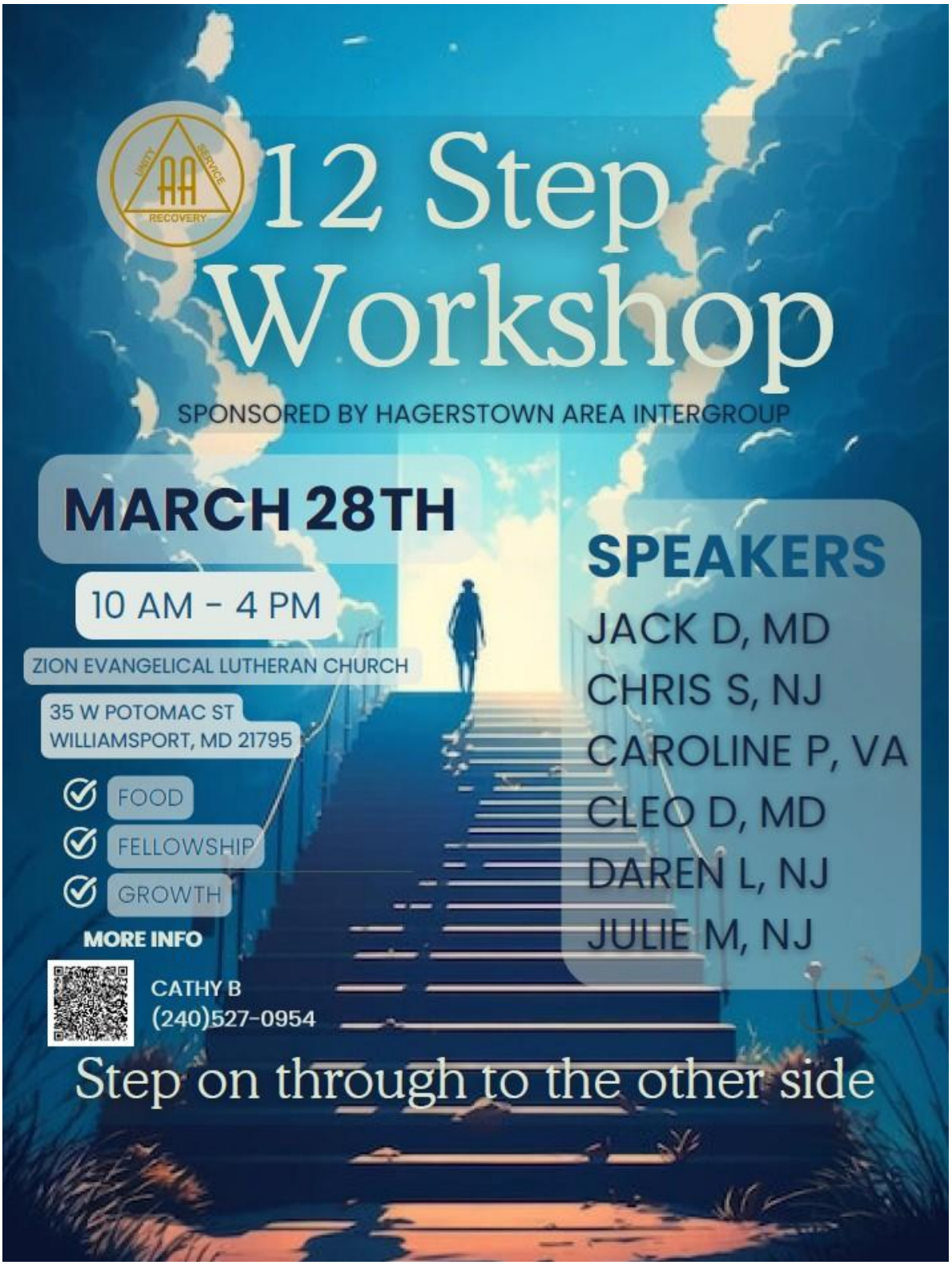
Saturday, February 21, 2026
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

For More Information:
Deshu G. (240) 277-9183
Sherri N. (443) 536-6308

North Chevy Chase Christian Church
8814 Kensington Parkway
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sign up to bring a dish to share by scanning the QR Code


UNITY
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RECOVERY
12 Step Workshop
SPONSORED BY HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP
MARCH 28TH
10 AM - 4 PM
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
35 W POTOMAC ST
WILLIAMSPORT, MD 21795
FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
GROWTH
MORE INFO
CATHY B
(240)527-0954
SPEAKERS
JACK D, MD
CHRIS S, NJ
CAROLINE P, VA
CLEO D, MD
DAREN L, NJ
JULIE M, NJ
Step on through to the other side

AREA 29
MINI-CONFERENCE 2026

Conference Agenda Review

YOU ARE INVITED!

The **Area 29 Mini-Conference** provides a forum where any AA member in the Area may review and share **experience, opinion, and perspective** on selected agenda items that will be considered at the **meeting of the General Service Conference in May.** This process helps ensure that the group conscience of Area 29 is heard and carried by the Area Delegate to the Conference.

Area 29
Maryland General Service, Inc.
Marylandaa.org

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Fellowship:

- Virtual opens 7:45 AM
- In-person opens 8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting

In Person:
Severna Park United Methodist Church
731 Benfield Rd,
Severna Park, MD 21146

Zoom.us ID: 899 9024 0795
Passcode: 519577

www.marylandaa.org

GSR ORIENTATION

Area 29 • Maryland General Service

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM (ET)

ZOOM ID- 892 1762 3074

PASSCODE- GSR

You Are Invited

New to General Service? Want to learn more or get a refresher?
All new **General Service Representatives (GSRs)** in Area 29 — and **any member of Alcoholics Anonymous** — are welcome to attend this monthly orientation session.

What Does a GSR Do?

A **General Service Representative (GSR)** is the link between an A.A. group and A.A. as a whole. GSRs represent their home group, carry the group conscience into the service structure, and share information from the district, Area 29, and the General Service Office.

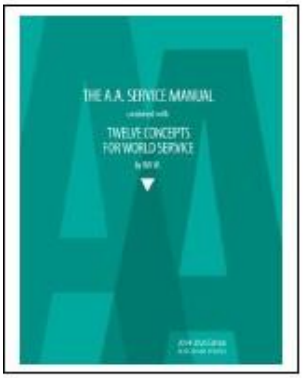
Serving as a GSR is one of the clearest ways to participate in A.A.'s **Unity and Service**.

Hosted by Area 29 • Panel 76
Questions? **altdelegate@marylandaa.org**

Spring 2026 CONTRA Study

March 5, 2026 through June 11, 2026
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Moderated by Trusted Servants from
the Northeast Region of Alcoholics Anonymous



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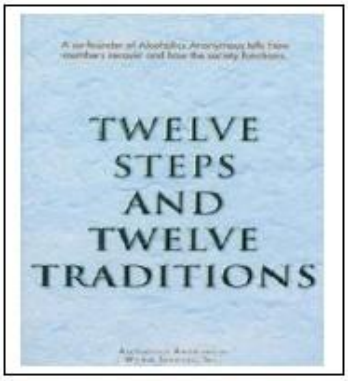
Passcode: 330331
Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592

We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the
CON*cepts,* ***TRA****ditions* & *The A.A. Service Manual.*
No Registration Fees!



Mar 5, 2026 – Registration & Orientation
Mar 12, 2026 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3
Mar 19, 2026 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6
Mar 26, 2026 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9
Apr 2, 2026 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12
Apr 9, 2026 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 89-108
Apr 16, 2026 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 109-18,166-69
Apr 23, 2026 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 171-7
Apr 30, 2065 – Svc Man, Chapts 7 8 9 & pp 176-180
May 7, 2026 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 161-5, 170
May 14, 2026 – Service Manual, pp. 119-159
May 21, 2026 – Concepts pp I-VII, C1-C2, Con 1, 2, 3
May 28, 2026 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6
Jun 4, 2026 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9
Jun 11, 2026 – Concepts 10,11 & 12

CONTRA Study Materials
(provided via email following registration):

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, B-2 (free participant download at www.aa.org)
The A.A. Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Service, BM-31, 2024-2026 edition
AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist, July 2018 revision
Spring 2026 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 Trusted Servants from
the Northeast Region
For more information, contact:
2026contrastudy@gmail.com

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

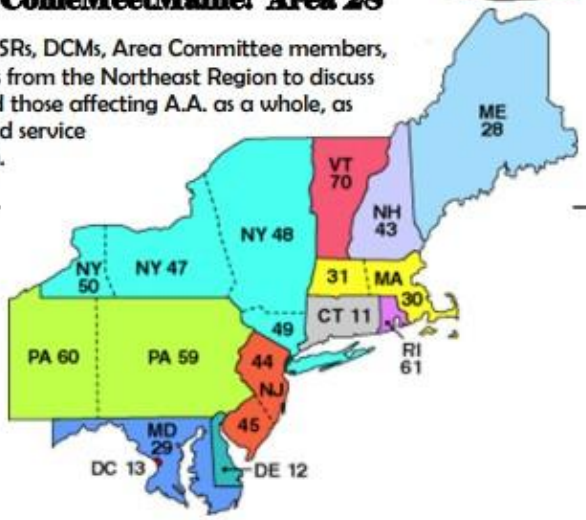
Updated 12/31/2025

NERAASA 2026

NorthEast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

All A.A. members are welcome! #ComeMeetMaine! Area 28

PURPOSE: 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 those affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.



February 20-22, 2026

Holiday Inn By the Bay
88 Spring St
Portland, ME 04101

Hotel Room Reservations at HIBTB are SOLD OUT

ROUNDTABLES: Intergroups (Saturday Only) ~ DCM/Alternate DCM/DCMC ~ GSRs/Alternate GSRs ~ PI/CPC/Literature ~ Corrections/ Bridging the Gap/ Grapevine/ Treatment ~ Delegates/Alternate Delegates ~ Secretary/Registrars ~ Accessibilities/ Remote Communities/ Website and Technology ~ Area Chairs/ Alternate Area Chairs ~ Treasurers/ Alternate Treasurers ~ Young People (after hours) ~ Spanish (after hours)

BOOK YOUR ROOM at The Westin Portland Harborview:

We have added an overflow hotel at The Westin Portland Harborview. It's about a 4-minute walk to the Holiday Inn By The Bay. To reserve a room on line use the following link, Book your group rate at The Westin Portland Harborview for Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous. If you prefer to call in to register then contact The Westin's Sales Coordinator, Lynn, directly at 207 517-8822.

Visit Our Website
To Register Online

PARKING at Holiday Inn By the Bay:

Overnight guests park under the hotel for $15 per vehicle, per night with unlimited in and out privileges. Day guests park in the external garage at a rate of $5 per vehicle, per day with one in and out.

For additional information visit our website
www.NERAASA.com

Questions? Contact us: NERAASA2026Info@gmail.com

MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE, INC

SAVE THE DATE

The Arch to Freedom

52nd Maryland State Convention

June 19-21, 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, Maryland

Register at:

www.marylandaa.org

Early Bird Registration January 30 - May 18: $40 online, $38 mail in

Regular Registration May 19 - June 12: $47 online, $45 mail in

Join us for:

Speakers
Workshops
Alcathons
Old Timers Panel
Meditation
Delegate Report

AA Play
History Presentations
AA & Al Anon Literature
Speaker recordings for sale
Banquet Dinner
Ice Cream Social

Hospitality Suite
DJ Dance
Game Room
Song Circle
Coffee

The Arch to Freedom

52nd Maryland State Convention

June 19-21, 2026

Hosted by Maryland General Service, Inc
with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel
903 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, Maryland 21204

MGS Room Rate:
$129 per night plus tax
King or two Double Beds

More Doubles available as holds are released

Book rooms at the MGS Group Rate!

You may cancel your reservation for no charge 2 days before arrival, June 16, 2026

https://bit.ly/MDStateConvention
Free Parking Garage Validation for all Convention Registrants

Full schedule available on our Mobile App

FRIDAY

7 AM	Registration Opens | Hospitality Suite Opens | Committee Displays | Coffee | Alcathon Meetings (7am - Midnight)
8:30 AM	AA Speaker (Steps 1 - 3): Gina T., Penndel, PA
10 AM - 5 PM	AA, Al-Anon & Spanish Workshops
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Joe & Charlie Steps 1 - 3 & Steps 4-9 Workshops
11:30 AM	Delegate's Report
12:30 - 2:30 PM	Lunch Buffet
4 PM	AA Speaker (Steps 4 & 5): Lance B, Parkville, MD
5:45 - 7:45 PM	Plated Dinner
7:30 PM	AA Play "The Coffee Pot Zone"
8:45 PM	AA Speaker (Steps 6 & 7): Linda K-K., Piscataway, NJ
10:15 PM	Ice Cream Social or AA History Workshop
11:59 PM	Alcathons End & Hospitality Suite Closes

SATURDAY

7 AM	Registration | Hospitality Suite | Committee Displays | Coffee | Alcathon Meetings (7am - Midnight)
8:30 AM	Joe & Charlie Steps 10 - 12 Workshop
10 AM	Al-Anon Speaker: Michele G., Charleston, WV
10 - 5:45 PM	Workshops
11:30 AM	Delegate's Report
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch Buffet
3 PM	Old Timers Panel
6:15 PM	Banquet Seating Opens
7:30 PM	Doors Open for Non-Banquet Seating
7:45 PM	MGS Introductions & Gratitude
8:00 PM	Sobriety Countdown
8:30 PM	AA Speaker (Steps 8 & 9): Jim W., Charleston, WV
10:00 PM	DJ Dance | Ice Cream Social | Joyful Noise Song Circle | Game Room
11:59 PM	Good Night!

SUNDAY

7:00 AM	Rise & Shine! Coffee | Hospitality | Alcathons (until 9AM)
8:30 AM	Workshops
10:00 AM	AA Speaker (Steps 10 - 12): Robert H., Lexington, SC
11:15 AM	Committee Farewells
11:59 AM	Convention Ends

Coffee & Beverage Service ($10 per person for entire weekend): Daily 7:00–10:00 AM, 2:30–5:30 PM & 8:00–11:00 PM. Also included with meal purchases.

[Link]

REGISTER
FOR THE
2026 VAC CONVENTION
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Richmond - Midlothian
1021 Koger Center Blvd,
Richmond, VA 23235
Friday, August 14 through
Sunday, August 16, 2026
Hosted by VAC District 29 and
surrounding Richmond Districts
Registration &
Scholarships
$20 until 12/31, $25 1/1-8/13
$35 registration at the door
Rooms $135 a night until 7/15/26
Hotel
Booking
2026VACconvention@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

DUE TO ISSUES WITH THE

OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER

THE DATE FOR THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL

Sessions by the Sea

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

HAS BEEN CHANGED TO

AUGUST 18-AUGUST 23, 2026

PLEASE PASS THE WORD!

OCEAN CITY IS BUSIER IN AUGUST.

MAKE YOUR ACCOMODATIONS EARLY.

https://www.sessionsbythesea.com/

OTHER NEWS

Sponsors, why not invite your sponsees 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. 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.