

THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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Tradition Twelve • *“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.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 180

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

“To thine own self be true”

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Carrie G	3	11/21/16	12/01/19	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	7:30 am
Susan B	19	11/29/00	12/01/19	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	7:30 am
Heather K	15	12/03/04	12/03/19	Come As You Are • OP Cham. of Commerce	6:00 pm
Shelby S	1	12/01/18	12/06/19	Not a Glum Lot • Snow Hill	7:30 pm
Jennie R	11	12/20/08	01/08/20	Come As You Are • OP Chamber Commerce	6 pm
Stephanie L	33	12/19/86	01/01/20	Seaside Group • St Peter's OC	6 pm

Please submit all anniversary information to Carla H at ocmdaa.news@gmail.com by the 28th of the preceding month of the anniversary. Include your name, sobriety date, celebration date, where and when. The newsletter is printed on the first Tuesday of every month, so if your sobriety date falls early in the month, we may put your announcement in the prior month's newsletter. Thanks!

Step Twelve • *“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 184

Twelfth Step Prayer • *Dear God, Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, page 89:1
<http://silkworth.net/pages/aa/prayer.php>

News and Events

District 32 and the Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup meet every first Tuesday of the month at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21843 (Route 50 Westbound).

Next meeting is Dec 3rd

General Service Reps 5:30 pm

Intergroup Reps 6:00 pm

Participation in Service Work • There are many ways to participate in service work in your AA community. Answering services, Correctional Facilities visits, and volunteering at Workshops and Events are just a few. Please speak to your Intergroup Rep before or after a meeting to learn more. We are grateful for your participation in helping to carry the message of AA!

Would you consider Hosting a Workshop? • The Area 29 Workshop Committee's purpose is to assist local groups, districts, and inter groups who wish to present workshops on various topics related to AA. Contact workshop@marylandaa.org with questions.

AA Books • Literature is available for purchase online at www.aa.org and at the Atlantic Club. See someone at the front desk for assistance.

Website • Visit Ocean City Fellowship Intergroup of AA's website at www.ocaa.org.

Grapevine • Founded in 1944, the AA Grapevine® is the monthly, international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Often referred to as our "meeting in print," A.A. Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, unity, and service. For more information, visit www.e-aa.org.

Get Involved!

Participate in Intergroup Representative's monthly meetings. The average attendance at our monthly meetings is 7-10. There are 24 AA groups in the Ocean City Area Intergroup. If you have volunteered to be an Intergroup Rep, please resolve to attend meetings in 2019 to help keep the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous strong. Meetings are open and any member of the OCAA Fellowship can attend.

OCAA Phone Schedule 410-600-5219

Dawn is the chair of the OCAA phone committee.

December - Happy Hour January - Positive Attitude February - Happy Risers March - Action Group

Opportunities for Service Work

Maryland General Service District 32 • needs support from our home group's General Service Representatives (GSR's). Positions are available at the District Level for Secretary, District Committee Member (DCM) and Alternate DCM.

Corrections • January 2020 is open enrollment for new Corrections Committee Members, who bring AA meetings to local jails on Thursday evenings. Background screening is required for these positions. Applications are available at the front desk at the Atlantic Club and must be submitted by the end of 2019 for consideration.

Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information (CPC/PI) Committee Chair • Access A.A. Guidelines for Cooperation with the Professional Community at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-11_coopwithprofe.pdf to find information about what this position entails.

Bridging the Gap Committee Chair • We are seeking a committee chair to help people just being released from jail or coming out of treatment centers to get oriented to the recovery program in our community. You can read more about what the committee does here: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-49_BridgingTheGap.pdf

If you feel called to any of these types of service commitments, please attend the next OC Area Intergroup Meeting at the Atlantic Club. District meets at 5:30 pm and Intergroup meets at 6 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. We would be glad to answer your questions.

Access the "Guidelines for Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup" here: <https://ocmdaa.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/guidelines-for-oc-area-fellowship-intergroup.pdf>, to define the scope of work for committee members. Thank you for your consideration.

Do You Like To Write?

Re: Deadline Extended-Call for stories to update "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic"

The 2019 General Service Conference recommended that "the pamphlet 'A.A. for the Older Alcoholic - Never Too Late' be updated with a revised introduction; current and inclusive stories; reference to online A.A.; and an updated 'How Do I Find A.A.?' section."

The trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is seeking stories from a broad cross section of older A.A. members to make the pamphlet more representative of the Fellowship. We have extended the deadline for receiving manuscripts to January 15, 2020.

Typed manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12 point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information (The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication). Please email your sharing to: access@aa.org and put "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message. Or, you may mail it to Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.



"Holidays are always the hardest - especially Christmas."

OCEAN CITY AREA FELLOWSHIP INTERGROUP

CHAIR - Tom M ALT CHAIR - Dave H SECRETARY - Allison K TREASURER - Bradley S

GROUP	INTERGROUP REP	LOCATION	ADDRESS	DAY & TIME
Action Group	Bradley S	Holy Savior Catholic Church	17 th & Philadelphia Ocean City	Friday 8 PM
Assateague Group - Living Sober	Kenny G	Bethany United Methodist Church	6848 RT 611 Berlin	Sunday 6 PM
Beginner's Big Book	Joe P	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Monday 6:30 PM
Berlin 101 Women's (CLOSED)	Patricia G	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	3 Church Street Berlin	Saturday 9 AM
Berlin Friendship	VACANT	Friendship United Methodist Church	Friendship Road Berlin	Monday 8 PM
Come As You Are	Jennie R.	Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce	11031 Cathell Rd Berlin	Tuesday 6 PM
Entirely Ready	Robin D	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Friday 6 PM
Free To Be Women's	Barbie G	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Wednesday 8 PM
Fresh Air	Allison K	Crossway Church	11811 RT 50 West Ocean City	Tuesday 8 PM
Happy Hour	VACANT	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines	Monday 6 PM
Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study	Stacy J/Carla H	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines	Friday 10 AM
Happy Risers	Paul B	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	M thru F 7:30AM S & S 9 AM
Joy of Living	Diane H	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	M thru Sat Noon
Men's 12&12 Step	Jeff S	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Wednesday 8 PM
Not A Glum Lot	Charles J	All Hallows Episcopal Church	109 West Market Street Snow Hill	M/W/F 7:30 PM
One Step At A Time	Martha J	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Saturday 6 PM
Positive Attitude	Rob A	Stevenson United Methodist Church	123 N Main Street Berlin	Saturday 7 PM
Primary Purpose	VACANT	St Peter's Lutheran Church	10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City	Thursday 7 PM
Proud To Have Served	John M	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	Wednesday 6 PM
Seaside Group	Ellen O	St Peter's Lutheran Church	10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City	Wednesday 6 PM
Serenity Group	Ellen O	St Peter's Lutheran Church	10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City	Wednesday Noon
Serenity & Sand	Angie P	On the Beach	at 2nd St • Weather Permitting	Friday 10 PM Mem. Day - Sept. 6

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