

THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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Tradition One • *“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 129

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

“To thine own self be true”

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Stephanie L	33	12/19/86	01/01/20	Seaside Group • St Peter’s OC	6 pm
Jennie R	11	12/20/08	01/08/20	Come As You Are • OP Chamber Commerce	6 pm
Dana B	1	12/28/18	01/10/20	Happy Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Joe P	20	01/12/00	01/13/20	Beginner’s Big Book • Atlantic Club	6:30 pm
John M	32	01/21/88	01/22/20	Proud To Have Served • Atlantic Club	6 pm
Elaine B	29	01/22/91	01/31/20	Happy Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Stacy J	33	01/02/87	01/31/20	Happy Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Pat G	43	02/03/76	02/07/20	Happy Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am

Please submit all anniversary information to Carla H at info@ocaa.org 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 One • *“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol that our lives had become unmanageable.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 21

First Step Prayer • *Dear Lord, Help me to see and admit that I am powerless over my alcoholism. Help me to understand how my alcoholism has led to unmanageability in my life. Help me this day to understand the true meaning of powerlessness. Remove from me all denial of my alcoholism.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, chapter 3
http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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 Jan 7th
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 2020 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 R is the chair of the OCAA phone committee.

January - Positive Attitude February - Happy Risers March - Action Group April - Fresh Air

2019 Year in Review

The Ocean City Intergroup sponsors yearly events to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Here's a look back at those held in 2019.



Once in San Jose, Josh got sober, found a sponsor and started going to A.A. meetings in the area. Only problem was, the local central office website — while it listed meetings — wasn't so user-friendly for someone using a mobile phone. Like most A.A. websites, the site had been developed before mobile design came into general use. Such sites work fine for someone on a computer, but these days, A.A. sites get more than twice as many visitors from handheld devices as from traditional desktops or laptops. “Essentially what I did,” Josh says, “is take all the meeting listings and export them to an Excel file with links to directions, and then made my own little app, just for myself. That’s where the germ of the idea for the Meeting Guide app developed — just me trying to find meetings.”

In an era when smartphones dominate, Meeting Guide is a simple, useful tool for newcomers and oldtimers alike — one that standardizes meeting information so that it is always readily available and up to date. Recognizing this, Josh did something unusual, but which is also completely within the spirit of the Fellowship: he gave the Meeting Guide app to Alcoholics Anonymous, for free.

Meeting Guide App

“Nothing matters more to A.A.’s future welfare than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination.” — Bill W.

Josh R., a web developer, did most of his drinking in New York City. In 2013, he decided a geographic change would help, and he moved to San Jose. Unlike most geographics, this one turned out to be fruitful — for both Josh and for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Today, Meeting Guide is connected to 326 local A.A. organization websites. Getting connected wasn't easy for all of them. Some local sites had to find new web servants, while others had to draft new policies and procedures, sign up for new web hosting, and try new software.

Read more about it this development at [News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A. Vol. 65, No. 3 / Fall 2019](#)

Find out how to connect to the Meeting Guide App at <https://ocaa.org/>

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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