

THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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Tradition Two • “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

“To thine own self be true”

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Norm D	31	02/04/89	02/04/20	Fresh Air Group • Crossway Church	8 pm
Matt P	21	02/07/99	02/10/20	Happy Hour • CCOP	6 pm
Laura P	7	02/19/13	02/21/20	Not A Glum Lot • Snow Hill	7:30 pm
Poe H	29	02/01/91	02/28/20	Happy, Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Christine P	24	02/02/96	02/28/20	Happy, Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Nancy C	32	02/19/88	02/28/20	Happy, Joyous and Free • CCOP	10 am
Larry L	16	03/14/04	03/14/20	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	9 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 Two • “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

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Second Step Prayer • Heavenly Father, I am having trouble with personal relationships. I can’t control my emotional nature. I am prey to misery and depression. I can’t make a living. I feel useless. I am full of fear. I am unhappy. I can’t seem to be of real help to others. I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity if I am just willing to stop doubting your power. I humbly ask that you help me to understand that it is more powerful to believe than not to believe and that you are either everything or nothing.

Alcoholics Anonymous, pages 52:2, 52:3, 53:1, 53:2
http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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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 Mar 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 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.

February - Happy Risers March - Action Group April - Fresh Air May - Happy Hour

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It Happened in February

John D. Rockefeller Jr. Donates \$5,000 to A.A. Rockefeller created a \$5,000 fund from which Wilson and Smith could draw small salaries and pay their mortgages. He also offered pro bono services of his lawyers, who helped them establish a nonprofit group called the Alcoholic Foundation. The Alcoholic Foundation would operate a board composed of recovering alcoholics and non-alcoholics. Rockefeller organized a fundraising banquet for A.A. in 1940. He delegated his son Nelson to be keynote speaker, and he personally pledged \$1,000. At first Wilson was outraged. They were heavily in debt! Why couldn't Rockefeller give more? But in the hours spent with the advisers and lawyers, Wilson found that Rockefeller "had given them something more valuable than money." Rockefeller's associates provided not only practical knowledge about how to start a charity, but insight into the problems that large, cash-hungry nonprofits constantly face. The experiences convinced him that to remain successful, A.A. should be decentralized. "John D. Rockefeller Jr. saved us from the perils of property management and professionalism," Wilson wrote in a history of A.A.'s early years that was published in 1957. "He couldn't have done more." <http://www.philanthropyroundtable.org>

New 2020-2022 Officers

Intergroup provides Vital Services

- A great website
- Our local hotline
- Bookstore
- Newsletter and Meeting Schedules
- Bringing AA meetings to Jails
- Bridging the Gap
- Workshops, including our recent Speaker Jams... and more.

Every 2 years your Intergroup rotates officers into and out of positions. On January 7th 2020, the following officers were elected to the next term:

Chairperson	Rick S
Alternate Chair	Jeff C
Treasurer	Bradley S
Secretary	Allison K

We thank you for your service to OCAA!

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.

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international General Service Office websites (some of which are listed on [A.A. Near You](#)), relaying meeting information from more than 300 A.A. service entities directly to you. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

This app gives A.A. service entities full control of their local meeting information while collecting it in one place, making it easy for anyone to find a meeting. Local entities provide their meeting information voluntarily.

Meeting Guide users can suggest additions or corrections to meeting listings by using links provided within the app to contact the local service entity responsible for the information.

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/meeting-guide



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OCEAN CITY AREA FELLOWSHIP INTERGROUP

CHAIR - Rick S ALT CHAIR - Jeff C 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	Carolyn F	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		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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