

# THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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**Tradition Seven** - "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions."

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 160*

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

*These fellows celebrate this month. Congrats to you all!*

*Since there are limited in-person meetings, we hope to see you in Zoom or at the Atlantic Club.*

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Meegan O	30	06/27/90		Happy Hour • CCOP	6 pm
Joe C	40	06/16/80		Proud To Have Served • Atlantic Club	6 pm
Patricia G	32	07/04/88		Berlin 101 • St Paul's Episcopal Church	9 am
Glen A	8	07/05/12		Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	9 am
		Founding Date	07/07/19	Assateague Group • Bethany UM Church	6 pm
Marie L	12	07/04/08	07/07/20	Come As You Are • OP Chamber of Comm	6 pm
Evelyn W	13	07/17/07	07/21/20	Come As You Are • OP Chamber of Comm	6 pm

Please submit all anniversary information to [info@ocaa.org](mailto:info@ocaa.org) by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Seven** • "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 70*

**Seventh Step Prayer** • "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good & bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you & my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding."

*Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, page 76, Chapter 2*

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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 month we will meet via Zoom. Intergroup Reps will be notified about the details.

Next meeting is **August 4th**  
**General Service Reps** 5:30 pm  
**Intergroup Reps** 6:00 pm

**Meetings** • Groups are slowly reopening in-person meetings in accordance with Mayor Hogan's guidelines. Please visit the [Meetings Page](#) for the latest updates. Listed below are some Virtual Meetings taking place in the Ocean City Intergroup. Visit Ocean City Fellowship Intergroup of AA's website at <https://ocaa.org/update> for real time revisions to the following schedule.

### Monday

- **6 pm Happy Hour** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911801487> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 849 1180 1487 Password: 075822

### Tuesday

- **Noon Happy Joyous and Free Women's** group reads "As Bill Sees It" via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421946835?pwd=cytBUmJLVndrMVhROVQycFhhWHh0Zz09> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 864 2194 6835 Password: 010397

### Wednesday

- **7 pm The Promises** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/217995249?pwd=cXlZK21CanRtY2pqOE9hSG4rNG9HUT09> Dial in: +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 217 995 249 Password: 382990
- **7 pm Al-Anon • Bayside Beginning Ocean Pines** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82512805793?pwd=VjJsOUt4anJcTlYy0pBRWhTZDI2QT09> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 825 1280 5793 Password: 058548
- **8 pm Free To Be Women's** group via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/358229631> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 358 229 631 Password: 9S1PSg

### Thursday

- **7 pm Primary Purpose** group Big Book Study Meeting via <https://ppgmd.org>

### Friday

- **10 am Happy, Joyous and Free Women's** group via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631768850?pwd=S0F3a2xtRWn5WE9QMFlrbCtDRmRZQT09> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 846 3176 8850 Password: 313033

### Saturday

- **7 pm Saturday Night Live!** Apr 11, 2020 via Zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/954508347?pwd=TDJ0UnNuYmZlYm9Ed1pHQmxEWHR0Zz09> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 954 508 347 Password: 646266

### Sunday

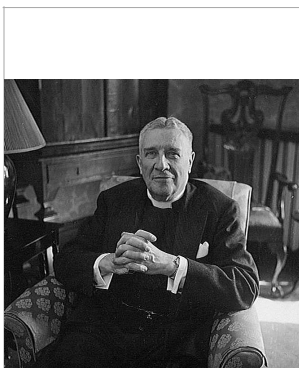
- **8 pm CDA (Chemical Dependents Anonymous) • Step To It!** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86011984838?pwd=RHdSaTdJJSUhpNk5tUE0zcUloZnJmUT09> Dial in: +1 (301)-715-8592 Meeting ID: 860 1198 4838 Password: 611310

## OCAA Phone Schedule 410-600-5219

August - Action Group    September - Fresh Air    October - Happy Hour    November - Positive Attitude

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## Did You Know... A Biography of Sam Shoemaker



Sam Shoemaker 1957.

Samuel Moor Shoemaker was born on December 27, 1893, in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended St. George's, an Episcopal boarding school in Newport, Rhode Island, and later attended Princeton University starting in 1912. In 1917, he went to China to start a branch of the YMCA and teach business courses. While there, he met Frank Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group. After his time in China, Sam returned to Princeton in 1919. From 1922 to 1933 he was visited frequently by Buchman and later travelled with Buchman in Europe, the Middle East and India, performing missionary work similar to their

time in China. In 1925, he married Helen Smith. During the winter of 1923 and 1924, while still on his trip with Buchman, Sam was contacted by Calvary Church in New York. They were seeking a young and energetic new rector and believed he could fill that role. Through Sam's efforts, attendance grew considerably over his first few years. He also recognized that the buildings of Calvary Church were old and in need of an update. Between 1927 and 1928, he sold some of the Church property, razed the old rectory, and built Calvary House, a multipurpose building which housed church facilities. It opened in 1928. In 1951, Sam was contacted by Calvary Church in Pittsburgh to become the rector there. The Bishop for that church personally called Sam to convince him to accept the position. He accepted, and in 1952 became the rector of that church. After ten years at Calvary Church in Pittsburgh, Sam retired as the rector there on January 1, 1962. The following year, on October 31, 1963, he passed away in Maryland.

### Sam Shoemaker: Friend of A.A.

Bill W. once wrote in the A.A. Grapevine that "Dr. Sam Shoemaker was one of A.A.'s indispensables. Had it not been for his ministry to us in our early time, our Fellowship would not be in existence today." His help for A.A. was tangible even before the Fellowship began to exist. As the head of Calvary Church, Sam built Calvary House, which served as a hostel where Ebby T. stayed for a time. Sam also ran Calvary Mission, a place for "the down-and-out," which Bill W. visited in 1934 near the end of his drinking. Sam was also an early member of the Oxford Group, having met Frank Buchman in 1918 in China. The close association

of early A.A. to the Oxford Group ensured Sam's association with the Fellowship and Bill W. Initially, he was unhappy with the decision by Bill and other alcoholics to hold meetings independent of the Oxford Group. Later, after Sam left that Group in 1941, he apologized to Bill W. for the disapproval of the Oxford Group and the fact that it gave little encouragement to A.A.

Bill W. made it clear that Sam Shoemaker "passed on the spiritual keys by which we were liberated." The first three Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, the starting point for sobriety in the A.A. program, were inspired in part by Shoemaker. Bill further explained that "the early A.A. got its ideas of self-examination, acknowledgement of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others straight from the Oxford Groups and directly from Sam Shoemaker, their former leader in America, and from nowhere else." Dr. Shoemaker helped A.A. in fundamental ways. Physically, he provided refuge for alcoholics in New York through Calvary Church. Of greater importance was his spiritual aid, which directly influenced the Twelve Steps and the nature of A.A.'s program of recovery. His long and close friendship with Bill W. provided support to the co-founder, and helped the Fellowship weather its fledgling years.

[https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/a-biography-of-sam-shoemaker](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/a-biography-of-sam-shoemaker)



## 5th Annual Unity & Service Conference

"Applying our 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts to Real Life"

**September 5-6, 2020 (PDT)**  
**Labor Day Weekend**  
**Concord, CA, USA**



Pacific Daylight Time Zone	Saturday, September 5	Sunday, September 6
	<b>Welcome! Serenity Prayer &amp; Kickoff</b>	
8:45 am		
9:00 am	<b>Memoirs of a Judge that Nudged</b> <i>Rogelio Flores, Santa Barbara, CA</i> <i>Retired Judge &amp; Past Class A Trustee</i>	<b>Contempt Prior to Investigation?</b> <b>The 12 Concepts - "A Spiritual Experience"</b> <i>Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC</i> <small>10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker</small>
10:30 am	<b>Service Panels</b> Panel 1 - <b>Young People</b> Panel 2 - <b>Bridging the Gap</b> Panel 3 - <b>Corrections (H &amp; I) Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Service Panels</b> Panel 1 - <b>Public Info &amp; Cooperation with Professionals</b> Panel 2 - <b>Intergroup/Hotline</b> Panel 3 - <b>General Service</b> Panel 4 - <b>Sponsorship Q&amp;A</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
12:30 pm	<b>Finance &amp; Romance in AA's Digital Age</b> <i>Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC</i> <small>10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker</small>	<b>Anonymity and Outside Issues: Right vs. Responsibilities</b> <i>Roger W., Vine Grove, KY</i>
2:00 pm	<b>The Three Legacies and Relationships</b> <i>Chuck &amp; Beth H., Cary, NC</i> <small>10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette from an Alumni Speaker</small> <small>*This 2-Hour and 15-Minute Session includes a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm*</small>	<b>Ask It Basket with Speakers</b> <i>Rogelio, Jennifer, Don, Roger, Chuck &amp; Beth</i>
3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
4:30 pm	<b>Close with Responsibility Statement</b>	
6:00 pm	<b>Close with Responsibility Statement</b>	

Registration Link & Contact Info: [Unityandserviceconference.org](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/a-biography-of-sam-shoemaker) 925.222.5639

Online-Only Event!

Space is Limited.....

Pre-Registration Encouraged!





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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 <sup>th</sup> & 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	Susan W	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	Keith L	Atlantic Club	11827 RT 50 West Ocean City	M thru F 7:30AM S & S 9 AM
Joy of Living	VACANT	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	Mark M	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	VACANT	On the Beach	at 2nd St • Weather Permitting	Friday 10 PM Mem. Day - Sept. 6

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