

April 1, 2025



Ocean City MD Area Fellowship Intergruop Of Alcoholics Anonymous

# Journey at the Beach

## Step 4

*“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”*

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 42*

*“If we have been thorough about our personal inventory, we have written down a lot. We have listed and analyzed our resentments. We have begun to comprehend their futility and their fatality. We have commenced to see their terrible destructiveness. We have begun to learn tolerance, patience and good will toward all men, even our enemies, for we look on them as sick people. We have listed the people we have hurt by our conduct, and are willing to straighten out the past if we can.*

*Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 70*

### International Convention 2025:

#### Register by April 15 for Early-bird Pricing

Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6.



Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.’s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. A.A. members and their families and friends from around the globe attend the event. At the International Convention people attend meetings, workshops, dances and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

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## Anniversary Celebrations

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*“To thine own self be true”*

Please submit all anniversary information to Carla H at [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!

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Janet S.	7 Years	3/28/2018	4/1/2025	Fresh Air • Crossways Church RT 50	7 PM
Jeremy Y.	2 Years		4/5/2025	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	9 AM
Frankie L.	11 Years	4/1/2014	4/25/2025	Happy, Joyous & Free Women • River Church	10 AM
Amy M.	17 Years	4/5/2008	4/25/2025	Happy, Joyous & Free Women • River Church	10 AM
Jeff C.	33 Years	4/25/1992	4/26/2025	Positive Attitude • Stevenson United Berlin	7 PM
Lou C	33 Years	4/25/1992	4/26/2025	Positive Attitude • Stevenson United Berlin	7 PM
Rob A.	27 Years	4/26/1998	4/26/2025	Positive Attitude • Stevenson United Berlin	7 PM
Jess V.	18 Years		4/29/2025	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	7:30 AM
Diane H.	35 Years	4/27/1990	5/3/2025	Berlin 101 • St. Paul’s Episcopal Berlin	9 AM

## Ocean City Area Information

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**ANNOUNCEMENT – Fresh Air, held at Crossways Church on RT 50 Tuesday nights, is moving the meeting time to 7 PM beginning Tuesday, April 1st!!**

**The Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup** meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842 (Route 50 Westbound) at 6PM. All are welcome to attend. *Next meetings are Tuesday, April 1st and May 6th at 6 PM.*

**AA Meetings** · Please visit the [ocaa.org/meetings](http://ocaa.org/meetings) for the latest updates.

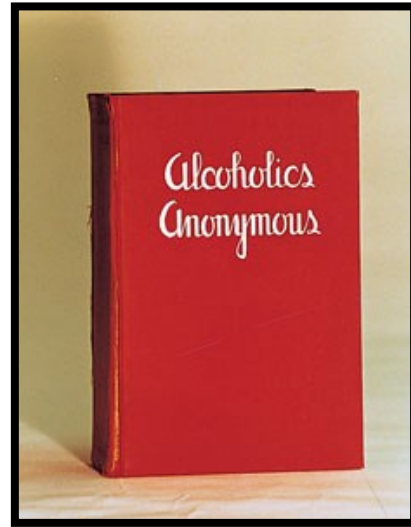
**Inquires** • 24 Hour Hotline: 410-600-5219

## AA April History

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### PUBLICATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT

In April 1939, some 5,000 copies of the Big Book – titled Alcoholics Anonymous – rolls off the press. After an anticipated Reader's Digest article fails to materialize and a radio broadcast results in no orders, sales are few and far between. The disappointment foreshadows a bleak summer for the New York fellowship.



## AA Message

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A graphic with a green background and yellow text. At the top, it says "WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?". Below that, it says "Give a Gift Subscription to an alcoholic who needs it. Great for: Prisons • Detoxes • Newcomers • Sponsees • Doctors' Offices • Group Celebrations • District and Area Events • Giveaways!". It then says "It's also a great way to support Grapevine & La Viña! Get your group, district, area or AA friends to join in. Carry the Message, it's easy!". At the bottom, it says "Go to aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message to get started and see our new Carry the Message video at www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine". At the very bottom, there is a circular logo for the "2025 CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT" with a background of a beach and grass.

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**2025 CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT**



**I am responsible...**  
**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.**  
**And for that: I am responsible.**

**Click Here—[2025 Carry the Message Project](#)**

# What's Happening

## Spring 2025 CONTRA Study

March 6, 2025 through June 12, 2025  
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time (US/Canada)  
Moderated by Past Delegates from  
Areas 29 (Maryland), 44 (Northern New Jersey) & 45 (Southern New Jersey)

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 4641 4040  
Passcode: 330331  
Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592


We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the CONcepts, TRAditions & The A.A. Service Manual.  
No Registration Fees!

Mar 6, 2025 – Registration & Orientation  
Mar 13, 2025 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3  
Mar 20, 2025 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6  
Mar 27, 2025 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9  
Apr 3, 2025 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12  
Apr 10, 2025 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 89-108  
Apr 17, 2025 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 109-18, 186-89  
Apr 24, 2025 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 171-75  
May 1, 2025 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 176-180  
May 8, 2025 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 161-5, 170  
May 15, 2025 – Service Manual, pp. 119-159  
May 22, 2025 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2, Con 1 2 3  
May 29, 2025 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6  
Jun 5, 2025 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9  
Jun 12, 2025 – 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](http://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 2025 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 Past Delegates from  
Areas 29 (Maryland), 44 (Northern New Jersey) & 45 (Southern New Jersey)  
For more information, contact:  
2025contrastudy@gmail.com



## LITERATURE COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The trustees' Literature Committee has openings for two (2) Appointed Committee Members (ACMs), one for the Asian pamphlet and one for the transgender pamphlet. To obtain a resume form for this opening, please email the Literature desk at [literature@aa.org](mailto:literature@aa.org), or call GSO at 212 870-3019.

**Deadline: April 15, 2025**

## 2025 REGIONAL FORUMS—ALL WELCOME

Regional Forums strengthen our Fellowship's Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service by providing an opportunity for AA groups and area representatives, as well as any interested AA members in a particular region, to share experience, strength and hope with representatives of the General Service Board and GSO and Grapevine staff members. There is no registration fee for Regional Forums; they are hosted by the General Service Board and coordinated by GSO.

These weekend sharing sessions enhance and widen communication and help spark new ideas for carrying the AA message through service work. Mailings regarding each Regional Forum are sent to area committee members, delegates, DCMs and central offices and intergroups approximately six months ahead of time. Online registration is also available at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

### **THE 2025 REGIONAL FORUMS ARE:**

#### East Central Forum

Aug. 22—24, Marriott IndyPlace, Indianapolis, Indiana

#### West Central Forum

Sept. 19—21, Hilton Omaha Health Club & Spa, Omaha, Nebraska

#### Southwest Forum

Nov. 14—16, Marriott Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico

#### Northeast Forum

Dec. 5—7, Omni Providence Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island