

March 1, 2025



Ocean City MD Area Fellowship Intergruop Of Alcoholics Anonymous

Journey at the Beach

Step 3

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 34

“This is the how and why of it. First of all, we had to stop playing God. It didn’t work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 62

International Convention 2025:

Register by April 15 for Early-bird Pricing

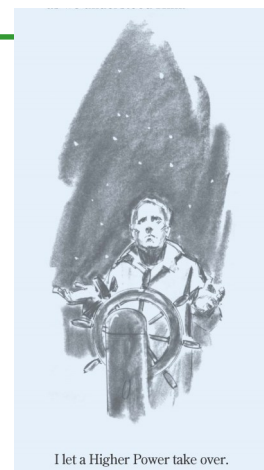
Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6.



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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I let a Higher Power take over.

Anniversary Celebrations

“To thine own self be true”

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!

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Jared T.	1 Year	3/16/2025	3/16/2025	Happy Risers • Atlantic Club	9 AM
Dave H.	24 Years	3/20/2001	3/20/2025	Action Group • Holy Savior 17th St. OC	8 PM
Susan W.	15 Years	3/20/2010	3/28/2025	Happy, Joyous & Free Women • River Church	10 AM
Pam F.	38 Years	3/26/1987	3/28/2025	Happy, Joyous & Free Women • River Church	10 AM
Kimmarie M.	7 Years	3/17/2018	3/28/2025	Happy, Joyous & Free Women • River Church	10 AM
Janet S.	7 Years	3/28/2025	4/1/2025	Fresh Air • Crossways RT 50	8 PM
Travis F.	1 Year	3/26/2024	TBD	As Bill Sees It • Stevenson United Church Berlin	7 PM



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.

Ocean City Area Information

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, March 4th and April 1st at 6 PM.*

AA Meetings · Please visit the ocaa.org/meetings for the latest updates.

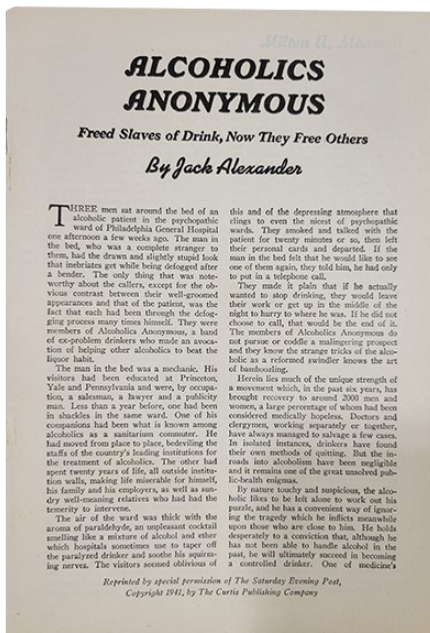
Inquires • 24 Hour Hotline: 410-600-5219

AA March History

On March 1, 1941, The Saturday Evening Post published the article titled "Alcoholics Anonymous: Freed Slaves of Drink, Now They Free Others."

The Journalist Meets Bill W.

The story begins when the owner of The Saturday Evening Post, Judge Curtis Bok, learned of A.A. from two friends. He wanted the Post tell the story of the organization. He called upon a well-known journalist of The Saturday Evening Post, Jack Alexander, to do so.



A.A. co-founder Bill W., eager to publicize the A.A. message, met with Alexander. He gave Alexander access to records and a tour of significant A.A. sights. He also set up interviews both with A.A. members and with nonalcoholic trustees of the General Service Board.

Correspondence between Jack Alexander and Bill W. shows the excitement about the upcoming article. On January 4, 1941, Alexander wrote to Bill W. and enclosed a manuscript of the article for Bill to read. On January 6, Bill replied, and from his response the eagerness for the article's release is clear. Bill wrote:

"I wish I could adequately convey to you the sense of gratitude that every one of us feels towards you and the Saturday Post for what is about to take place. You can not possibly conceive the direct alleviation of so much misery as will be brought to an end through your pen and your good publishers. For many a day you will be the toast of A.A. - in Coca-Cola, of course!"
Bill W. to Jack Alexander in 1941

Response to the Article

Following the release of the article, inquiries began to flood in. The small staff of the "A.A. Headquarters," the precursor to the General Service Office, was busy. On March 12, Ruth Hock, first nonalcoholic secretary of A.A., wrote to Dr. Bob, A.A. co-founder, to update him on events in New York. She said that the office had become swamped with 918 inquiries in 12 days as a direct response to the article.

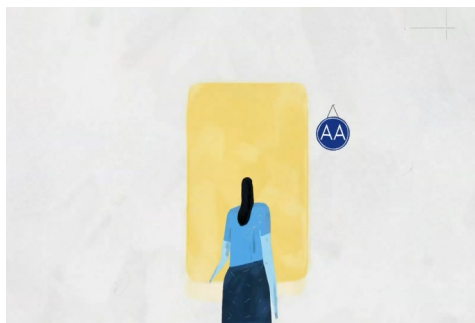
The offices of The Saturday Evening Post also received a large number of inquiries. A March 26, 1941, bulletin by the Post relays the power behind the article.

"Following the publication of 'Alcoholics Anonymous' by Jack Alexander, the Post floor received an unusually large mail from readers, much of it asking how contact could be established with groups who are doing this work in various cities. There were several instances of calls on our branch offices for information on local organizations of this unusual group."
Bulletin from The Saturday Evening Post

AA Message

Anyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income or profession. And it's free.

You can just sit and listen and learn more about recovery, or you can share about your situation. It's completely up to you.



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 109-18,166-69
 Apr 24, 2025 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 171-175
 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-VII, 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)
 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

CARC I - Eastern Shore

Any member of Maryland A.A. may attend the CARC1 meeting to hear and influence how our Maryland Delegate to the GSO Conference votes on proposed changes to AA.

The Delegate and Alt Delegate will attend

Saturday, March 8th,
 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

St Stephens Parish Hall
 114 Main Street
 East New Market, MD 2163

Area 29 Conference Agenda Review Committees CARC 1 Districts:
 24 – Queen Anne’s County
 25 – Wicomico & Summerset Counties
 32 – Worcester County
 37 – Talbot County
 38 – Dorchester & Caroline County
 46 – Kent County

Remote Access: Zoom Meeting ID: TBS Passcode: TBS

Questions? Contact Tom M:
631-275-6507/tfmc donn@gmail.com, District 37 DCM

Silent Auction Guest Speaker
 Baltimore Intergroup
 Black Tie Optional Dancing
THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY
 DJ Gala Dinner Buffet
 \$75 per ticket

6 JUNE 2025 | 7PM-11PM

A time to celebrate AA in Baltimore

MARTIN'S WEST
 6817 DOGWOOD RD, BALTIMORE, MD 21244

All proceeds benefit Baltimore Intergroup

SOUTHERN MARYLAND'S 14TH ANNUAL ROUNDUP

with Al-Anon Participation

March 14-16, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton
 Annapolis, Maryland

WE ARE NOT SAINTS

Registration Opens August 15, 2024
 To register and for lodging information, visit www.southernmarylandroundup.org
 Email Questions to info@southernmarylandroundup.org

SCHEDULE

Peter M.	Fl. Lauderdale, FL	Friday Night Steps 1, 2 & 3; Sunday Morning Step 12
Don L.	Bellingham, WA	Saturday Morning Steps 4 & 5; Saturday Afternoon Steps 8 & 9
Jennifer H-K.	Plano, TX	Saturday Afternoon Steps 6 & 7; Sunday Morning Steps 10 & 11
Tina A.	Hollister, CA	Saturday Night AA Keynote Speaker
Larcine G.	Hawthorne, CA	Saturday Afternoon Al-Anon Keynote Speaker

“THE POINT IS, THAT WE ARE WILLING TO GROW ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES.”
 ~ BB, pg. 60