

BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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Step One

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept One

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

“Never talk down to an alcoholic from any moral or spiritual hilltop; simply lay out the kit of spiritual tools for his inspection. Show him how they worked with you.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 95

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ The next Intergroup meeting will be on January 8th at 8:00PM at the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, Saint Paul St. & University Pkwy. Enter from the parking lot, the meeting will be held in the Peabody room. The New Representative Meeting begins at 7:30PM.

▲ The Intergroup office will be closed Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and Monday January 1st.

▲ Please pass the 12th Step sign-up list around your groups. Taking 12th Step calls are an important way of helping newcomers walk through the doors of A.A. in your area. If you're able, please sign-up for multiple zip codes. Thanks for being willing to be of service. Please send them back to the office by January 31st.

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

▲ The next Institution Committee meeting will be on Friday, January 19th at 7:00pm, University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway (21218). Orientation for new representatives, new sponsors, and co-sponsors begins at 6:30PM. Please remember to include the Institution Committee with your group's year-end contributions. They can be mailed to: P.O. Box 605, Baltimore, MD 21203.

▲ Help wanted; Baltimore County Detention Center (Friday), MD General Hospital (Monday), Baltimore County Women's Detention Center (Monday), Patuxent Institute (Thursday), MD Correctional Institute-Jessup (Thursday).

▲ If you have old Grapevines, the Institution Committee can share them with inmates and inpatient residents. Please bring them to the Intergroup Office, Institution Committee, or the Intergroup meeting. Thank you

▲ The Institution Committee is looking for a programmer interested in some service work. We need someone versed in SQL or database experience to help automate the monthly schedule. Please contact the Intergroup Office to obtain the contact information for the Institution Committee Schedule Coordinator, John C.

MEETING ANNIVERSARY

Friday Night Village Group will be celebrating 70 years on December 22, with the sweets table at 7:30PM and a guest speaker at 8:30PM.

Captain's Table will be celebrating 35 years on 1/20, food and fellowship

3:30-5pm in the church hall, enter under red canopy. Meeting following at 5:30 in the Chapel.

New Attitude will be celebrating 39 years on 1/27, refreshments and meeting start at 7:30.

Wrath of Grapes will be celebrating 23 years on 1/29, food served at 7PM with guest speaker at 8PM.

NEW MEETINGS

B.R.A.T.S. Thursdays at 6:45PM, Woodbrook Baptist Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, starting 11/30 (O) (ST)(W)(21212).

Bel-Air Women's Big Book is a closed women's meeting on Thursdays at 12pm at Christ our King Presbyterian Church at 19 Lexington Rd (D)(C)(BB)(21014).

Just The Ink will be starting January 7th, a Sunday meeting at 7pm at 12400 Manor Road, Glen Arm, MD (O)(D)(21057).

MEETING CHANGES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trudging the Road has changed its meeting location to Westminster Church of the Brethren, 1 Park Place and is now an Open meeting with Speakers (21157).

Brooklyn Keep Coming Back The 1st meeting of the month will be a speaker meeting (21225).

Thursday Big Book Thumpers have changed the time of their meeting to 7 pm and changed their name to **We Are Not Saints** (21120).

Watch Your Steps has changed locations to 920 Essex Avenue, is handicap accessible and now meets on Friday at 7pm (21221).

Fearless and Thorough will be meeting in the basement of Babcock Presbyterian (8240 Loch Raven Blvd) and they now also meet on Saturday and Sunday at 2p.(21286).

No Slips-Otterbein and **Otterbein Lunch Bunch** effective 12/1 will combine to become **Old Otterbein Group**, which will meet 5 days a week Monday-Friday at 12:15PM at 112 W. Conway Street (21201).

Hatchery (which now meets at 8PM) will be changing locations to 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD as of January 8th, 2018. (21286).

ODAT has returned to the basement of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E University Parkway (21218).

Brooklyn Group is moving to St John's Lutheran at 226 Washburn Ave, 21225 on 1/6/2018.

Longfellow on Fridays at 8:30 has become an open meeting and is inviting people to join their group as home group members.

MEETING EVENTS

Free At Last is hosting Back To Basics-1946 Workshops, 12 Steps in four 1 hour sessions, the first four Wednesdays in January (1/3, 1/10, 1/17 & 1/24) from 7PM-8PM at 8801 Harford Road, Parkville. Bring a big book, and highlighter (21234).

Magothy 12 & 12 now has a Traditions Study that meets at the same time as their Step Meeting. Interested AAs should show up at the Step Meeting at 8 p.m. At the end of the announcements, the study group will get up and go to a separate room for their discussion (21122).

NEEDS SUPPORT

Brooklyn Keep Coming Back needs support Thursday at 7pm, 224 Washburn Ave. & 3rd St. St. John's Lutheran Church (D)(O)(21225).

Hanover Street needs support Thursdays at 12pm, Friendship House 1435 S. Hanover St. (O) (D)(21230).

Fearless and Thorough needs support Monday-Friday 2PM, Babcock Presbyterian Church, 8240 Loch Raven Blvd. Towson (O) (D) (21286).

New Dawn on Sunday and Wednesday at 8:30PM at Baltimore Washington Medical Ctr. On 301 Hospital Dr.; cafeteria (O) (D) (Beg) (21061).

Staying Sober on Saturdays at 5:30PM, Church of the Advent, 1301 S. Charles Street (enter Ostend & Patapsco Streets) (21230).

DISCONTINUED MEETINGS

We Help Friday at 7 pm, Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave. (21221).

Melrose Wednesday Wednesday at noon, Cornerstone Church 4175 Hanover Price Manchester (21102).

Looking Forward Friday and Sunday nights at 7pm, Harbor Hospital, 3001 S Hanover Street, 1st Fl., Suite 102, Brooklyn (21225).

To Thine Own Self Be True Wednesdays at 112PM, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 303 N. Main Street at Broadway (21014).

Willing to Believe Fridays at 6PM at 3300 Ayrdale Avenue (21216).

City Hall Jury Wednesdays at 12:15PM at 400 E Lexington at Holiday (21202).

IN MEMORIAM

Barry Gilbert of the Open Door Group has passed away, we extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Art L. of the Friday Night Village group in the loss of his mother.

MGS AREA 29- DISTRICT MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

District 4 holds its monthly meeting every second Thurs. from 7:00 – 8:00PM at Idlewyld United Methodist Church, 928 Regester Ave. All are welcome. (21239)

District 9 (Carroll County) holds its business meetings on the third Tues. of every odd month and its Committee meetings on the third Tues. of each even month at 7:00PM. The meetings are held at the Crossroads Community Church, 895 Leidy Rd., Westminster. (21157)

District 10 meets at St. Luke's Church, 7001 Harford Rd., on the first Sat. of each month at 4:30PM (21234).

District 14 will meet at 6 N. Taylor Ave., on January 14th at 3pm (21221).

District 18 is active again and meets at United Methodist Church on 6 Melvin Ave. 3rd Floor, the first Saturday of every month (21228).

District 19 meets at St. David's Church, 4700 Roland Ave., on the last Sat. of each month at 10:00AM. (21210)

District 33 meets at Ashland Presbyterian Church, 116 Ashland Rd. on the first Sat. of each month at 11:00AM. (21030)

District 39 will hold its meeting on the second Sun. of every month at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held at St. Rita's Cafeteria, 2907 Dunleer Rd. (enter on Dunglew Rd.), Baltimore. (21222)

***The mailing address for contributions to Maryland General Services is:

P.O. Box 2651

Westminster, MD 21158



**"Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."
Bill Wilson, AA Founder**

GROUPS PRESENT:

A Vision For You
Agape
Ashland Wednesday
Barclay Group
Beechfield
Better Way of Life
Brooklyn
Canton Saturday Morning Beginners
Canton Wednesday
Captain's Table
Catonsville Beginners
Catonsville Little Chairs
Columbia First Things First
Columbia Oakland Mills
Daystarters
Evergreen
Free To Be Me Women's
Friday Night Village Group
Glen Gardens
Great Fact
Guide to Recovery 12 Steps
Harford Thursday Morning
Hatchery
Health Care Professionals & You
Highlandtown Friday Morning

MINUTES FOR BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS December 11th, 2017

Baltimore Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2017

Shelley called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

New Group Representatives: There were 2 new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: Woody P. reported. The minutes from the October 9th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Jack gave the report. Jack reviewed the financial report for November, 2017 with the group. He noted that total income for the month was \$25608.04. Total expenses were \$529.43 leaving a net ordinary income of \$10189.89. Literature revenue was \$7761.01. Literature expenses were \$11347.94 leaving a literature gain of \$7231.58. There was therefore a net gain for the month of \$17421.47. YTD income is \$26034.12 which is above YTD budget.

Administrator's Report: Jen G. gave the report. During the past 19 working days two new groups were added and two groups were discontinued. There were 289 calls for help and 134 customers or visitors to the Intergroup Office. There were 1288 mailings of correspondence. Since the last intergroup meeting Jen met with the Activities Committee and participated in the MGS Liaison Conference Call. Jen thanked all who participated in the Outreach Committee 4th Step Workshop and the 25th Annual Friends of Bill W. Bull and Oyster Roast. She also thanked groups that made Gratitude Month contributions and informed attendees that the Gratitude boxes are being collected to be reused next year. Please call the office as soon as possible to list holiday alcathons, group parties and meeting closings in the bulletin and on the website. She asked that the 12th Step List continue to be passed around at meetings and stressed the importance of "bridging the gap" and helping

newcomers come through the doors of A.A. The Intergroup office will be closed on Monday December 25th, Tuesday December 26th and Monday January 1st, but volunteers will still be answering the hotline.

Activities Committee Report: Jen G. gave the report. She, again, thanked everyone for supporting the Bull Roast and mentioned that auditions for the Sobriety Show will be held on January 10th and 17th.

Answering Service Committee Report: Gregg gave the report. Volunteers are needed to cover December 25th, December 26th and January 1st. Those interested in volunteering should call Intergroup. For the sixth month in a row, all shifts were covered. 12 volunteers called in, handling 67 calls and 2 twelve step calls. A waiting list has been started for people who wish to volunteer.

CPC, Public Information & Speakers Committee Report: Amy H. and Shrinidhi S. gave the report. Amy mentioned an event that happened on 11/29, stating that it went well and that the event, "All Wounds Are Not Visible" will be held again with a focus on mental health. Shrinidhi suggested that anyone interested in joining her committee is welcome.

Outreach Committee Report: John C. gave the report. During the last month, the committee visited 2 meetings and 2 group anniversaries. In December, they will visit 4 meetings for principal contact and 2 new groups.

Literature Committee Report: Chris gave the report. Chris reported that \$132.57 of literature and tokens was sold before the intergroup meeting. Big Books, 12 and 12 texts, Daily Reflections, Grapevine literature, monthly chips, brass chips, directories and AA literature are available for sale. If larger orders or specialty items are required, they may be called in to the office and picked up at the intergroup meeting. He noted that ordering on the website is a good option as well.

Internet/Website Committee Report: No report

Institution Committee Report: Jane F. gave the report. There are currently 38 active meetings and 12 meetings are on hold. Meetings on hold are: JCI Wednesday, MTC Thu. and Fri., MCIJ Thursday, Patuxent Thursday, Brockbridge Mon. and Fri., Carroll County Sun. and Tue. and the Chesapeake Detention Center. There is one group on Call Coordinator and 27 Groups on stand-by. No groups were added and no groups were deleted. Institutions that need sponsors or co-sponsors are MD General Mon., Patuxent Thu., MCIJ Thu., BCDC Fri. and BCDC Women's Mon. The Institution Committee will have a Christmas Party on 12/15 and all are welcome. The Institution Committee meets every 3rd Friday at 7 p.m., University Baptist Church, 34th and Greenway. Please join us!

Assistant Chairperson Report: No report

Chairperson Report: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Fliers for the ICYPAA will soon be available and registration is available on ICYPAA.org. Fliers are still available for the State Convention. Rooms are available for \$99.

Motion to adjourn, seconded.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Woody P., Recording Secretary.

GROUPS PRESENT:

Hope is found Here
Hopkins Group
ICYPAA
Irvington Group
Linthicum Thursday
Magothy
Magothy 12&12
Maryland General Services
ODAT
Old Otterbein
Over The Hump
Pennsylvania Avenue Speakers Group
Pikesville
Retread
Roland Park Steps and Traditions
Saturday Morning Maintenance Sobriety
Saturday Night Recovery
Serenity Big Book
Sixth Sense/PI
Sobriety Through Action
SODAT
There is a Solution
Towson Women's
Wake-Up West
Watch Your Steps
Waterview
Wrath of Grapes

ALCATHONS

Mustard Seed will be hosting an Alcathon on Monday Dec 25th -- at 3901 Liberty Heights at Garrison Blvd - The old Firehouse meetings start at 7:00 AM and continue until 11:30 PM. Meetings starting every half hour.

Brooklyn Area Alcathons

Will be held 118 Townsend Avenue at the Brooklyn Heights Community Church on Christmas Eve/Day New Year's Eve/Day
Christmas Eve 8:00 PM to 11:30 PM

Christmas Day 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM

New Year's Eve 8:00 PM to 12:20 AM

New Year's Day 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM

New Year's Eve Alcathon at St David's Episcopal Church, 4700 Roland Ave, Meetings on the hour starting at 4:00 PM ending at 1:00 AM Food Refreshments and Fellowship!

Texas of Alcoholics Anonymous in Cockeysville will host a Christmas Day Alcathon. Meeting times are Noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm. Join us for fellowship and food. Texas United Methodist Church, 9 Galloway Ave., Cockeysville, MD 21030. Across York Rd. from Target.

Texas will also hosting a New Year's Eve Alcathon meeting times are 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., with a countdown to midnight.

The Chip House is having an Alcathon 12/24 11:30 AM through 12/25 11:30 AM. Christmas dinner will be held after the last meeting.

St. Anthony's will be hosting an Alcathon 12/24 from 12-9 with food and 12/25 from 9-3 with coffee and sweets.

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Kingsville will have its holiday party on December 20th at St. John's Episcopal Church 11901 Belair Road potluck starts at 6:30 PM meeting at 7:30 PM.

Recovery for Life NYE Dinner Dance from 9pm-1AM, tickets are 12.50 and can be purchased there.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AND OPENINGS

The Captains Table will hold all its regular meetings will meet on 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 & 1/1

Fearless and Thorough will be holding their 2PM meeting in addition to a 9AM and 9 PM meeting as well on 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 & 1/1.

Nu Women will meet on 12/25 but will be closed on 1/1/2018 due to church activities.

Curtis Bay Monday Noon will not meet 12/25 due to church activities

Out Of The Ashes will not meet 12/25 or 1/1/2018

Glen Burnie HOW will not meet on 12/25 or 1/1/2018.

Putty Hill Group will not meet on 12/24 or 12/31.

Guides to Progress will not meet on 12/25.

Parkton Monday Night Step and Tradition Group will not be meeting on 12/25.

Arbutus Sunday Night will be closed 12/24.

Legacy Group will not meet on 12/25.

Open Hands will not meet on 12/24 or 12/31.

Genesis Women will not meet on 12/26.

ODAT will not be meeting on 12/26 due to the church being closed.

Omega, First Step, Druid Hill and Came to Believe will not meet from 12/20-1/3/2018 due to church activities. The church where these meetings are held. 1128 Pennsylvania Avenue at the A.M.E. Zion Church will re-open 1/4/2018.

Hatch will not meet on 12/25.