

OCEAN CITY AREA FELLOWSHIP
INTERGROUP
DISTRICT 32
P.O. BOX 913, OCEAN CITY, MD 21842
NEWSLETTER

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>SOB DATE</u>	<u>CELEB</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>
Chip G.	12 yrs	10/27/01	11/2/13	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club, Rt. 50 WOC	Sat. 9am
Susan S.	22 yrs	11/5/91	11/6/13	Serenity Group, St. Peter's Church, 103 rd St. OC	Wed. Noon
Jessica V.	6 yrs	11/5/07	11/9/13	Positive Attitude, Stevenson Church, Berlin	Sat. 7pm
Dave V.	7 yrs	10/6/06			
Bill J.	23 yrs	11/6/90	11/11/13	Happy Hour Group, Community Church of Ocean Pines, Rt. 589 Berlin	Mon. 6pm

NEW MEETING

Come As You Are Group, Tuesday nights 6pm-7pm; location is Seaside Counseling & Wellness Center 11809 Ocean Gateway Suite 5 Ocean City MD 21842. Parking available in back lot. First meeting to be held on November 12th.

Ocean City Intergroup meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm at the Atlantic club.

You may email anniversary information to Robin D. at mygirl326@hotmail.com or call/text to 443-373-3731. Please put the word 'ANNIVERSARY' in the subject line. The deadline for entries is the 28th of every month.

“General Service Matters”

It is with deep gratitude and quite a bit of surprise that I can report that I will be serving Alcoholics Anonymous as the Panel 64 Maryland Area Secretary for the next two years, from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. I will serve alongside our other four Area 29 Officers, Delegate Ron M. of Easton, Alternate Delegate Bill H. of Baltimore, Area Chairperson Cynthia T. of Frederick, and Area Treasurer Kurt W. of Baltimore. The five Officers of Maryland General Service, Inc. were elected through the Third Legacy Procedure at the Area Assembly in Annapolis on October 19, and our next two months will be spent preparing to discharge the responsibilities of our new service positions. Fortunately for me, my predecessor as Area Secretary is Linda J. of Annapolis, well-known in general service circles as queen of the rotation notebook. Consequently, I know I will be very well-prepared to assume my new duties on January 1.

And what are the responsibilities of the Maryland Area Secretary? Obviously, the principal task of the Secretary is to attend the five Area Assembly and four Area Committee meetings each year and to prepare, report, and distribute the minutes of those meetings in a timely manner. Close coordination with the Area Registrar will be an essential component in the effective distribution of all minutes and notices. The Secretary also maintains the corporate records of Maryland General Service, Inc., which are passed along to the Secretary of the next Panel after the conclusion of the two-year term, along with paper and permanent electronic copies of all Area meeting minutes for storage in the Area Archives.

Additional duties of the Secretary include preparation of the annual Secretary's budget request to the Area Finance Committee each fall, along with all supporting documentation. The Secretary is also expected to attend meetings of the Area's six Regional Panels, the Area Mini Conference, the annual Maryland State and Fall Conventions, the North East Regional A.A. Service Assembly, the North East Regional Forum, and perhaps other events of special interest such as the Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS Seminar, Bridging the Gap Seminar, or the Annual Archives Conference. In addition, the Secretary is encouraged to write and submit service-related articles for the quarterly Maryland General Service Newsletter (the "MARGENSER"). And like the other Area Officers, the Secretary may often be asked to attend group, Intergroup, District, and other Area A.A. events to share information and knowledge of the A.A. fellowship.

What I am already realizing, even before rotating into the new office, is the widening perception of A.A. service that I have been developing. While I fully intend to remain involved in service to my home group, intergroup, and district, my perspective is broadening to encompass what is best for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I hope to begin attending assemblies and other service-related functions in neighboring areas such as Delaware, Virginia, D.C., Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, and maybe even in regions beyond the Northeast. I received a glimpse of the wide scope of A.A. services during my two trips to our General Service Office in New York this past summer, which only whets my appetite for more. It will be good to observe and experience how other areas conduct their business and perform their services. It may even enhance our capacity to carry the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic within the Maryland Area and our local Ocean City, Berlin, and Snow Hill groups.

Our primary job at the Area level of service is to help make it possible for our Districts, Intergroups, and A.A. groups to do their job, the life-saving, life-giving, and life-enhancing practice of the Twelve Steps of recovery as a way of life. Unless and until every member of every group is doing this, our tasks as Area Officers will never be completed. What an order! With God's guidance, power, and wisdom, though, we can do together something impossible for any of us to accomplish alone. In serving as a liaison between the Area Officers, Area Committee members, Area Assembly, Districts, and groups, I will do my best to record the essential activities at our Area events and disseminate such information in a timely fashion, with the express objective of helping to better transmit the A.A. message of recovery to those who want and need it.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DON B. OUR NEW
MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICES DELEGATE!!!!!!**

WE WISH YOU THE BEST!!!

Intergroup Officers

Chair – Rob A.

Co-Chair – Krista V.

Secretary – John S..

Treasurer – Laurie A.

ADDRESSES OF AA SERVICE OFFICES

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GROUP	IG REP	LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE/TIME
Action Group	Tom B.	St. Paul's By the Sea	3rd & Baltimore,OC	Fri. 8pm
Back to Basics	VACANT	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Thur. 8pm
Beginner's BB	VACANT	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Mon 8pm
Friendship	John P./410-430-4821	UM Church	Friendship Rd.,Berlin	Mon 8pm
Entirely Ready	VACANT	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50, West OC	Fri. 6pm
Daily Reflections	Carl D./443-373-3496	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Tues. 8pm
Free to Be	Jessica B./410-726-2731	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Wed. 8pm
Fresh Air Group	Heather K./410-251-3442	Crossway Church	Rt. 50,West OC	Tues. 8pm
Happy, Joyous & Free	Lynn Y./443-859-1812	Community Church	Rt.589,O.P.	Fri. 10am
Happy Hour	Kurt C./	Community Church	Rt.589,O.P.	Mon 6pm
Happy Risers	Jeff C./410-713-5190	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	M – F 7:30am
				S. & S. 9am
Joy of Living	Christine M./443-397-5586	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	M. – F. Noon
Men's 12&12	Prez/410-212-8324	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Wed. 8pm
Not A Glum Lot		All Hallows Episcopal Church	109 West Market Street, Snow Hill MD	Wed. 7:30pm Fri. 8:00pm
Positive Attitude	Krista V./302-542-5364	Stevenson's Church	123 N Main St,Berlin	Sat. 7pm
Primary Purpose	VACANT	St. Peter's Church	103 rd St.,OC	Thur. 7pm
Sat. Night Alive	Bob F./410-430-1779	Atlantic Club	Rt. 50,West OC	Sat. 8pm
Seaside Group	VACANT	St. Peter's Church	103 rd St.,OC	Wed. 6pm
Serenity Group	Billy C./443-523-7206	St. Peter's Church	103 rd St.,OC	Wed. Noon
Sponsor/Sponsee	Chris L./443-614-6059	Bethany UM Church	Rt. 611	Sun. 6pm
Women's BB 101	Sally L./410-726-6479	St. Paul's Epis. Church	3 Church St.	Sat. 9am
164 Big Book	Tom M./443-735-4186	Stevenson's Church	123 N Main St,Berlin	Mon 8pm



It is customary for AA groups to give to our area, state and World Services. Percentages vary and suggestions can be found in AA pamphlets. In the pamphlet, 'Self-Support: Where money and spirituality mix', it gives an example of a common split after expenses:

10% to District

10% to Area Committee

30% to General Service Office

50% to Intergroup

