

**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>
Cheryl L.	1		2/5/2014	Seaside Group, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, OC	Wed. 6pm
Jess R.	3	2/7/2011	2/7/2014	Action Group, Atlantic Club	Fri. 8pm
Malorie F.	3		2/8/2014	Berlin 101 Women's Big Book	Sat. 9am
Matt P.	15	2/7/1999	2/10/2014	Happy Hour Group, Community Church, Ocean Pines	Mon. 6pm
Janice C.	5	2/10/2009	2/12/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Wed. 7:30am
Mike H.	28		2/12/2014	Seaside Group, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, OC	Wed. 6pm
Dennis J.	10	2/14/2004	2/15/2014	A Positive Attitude, Stevenson UMC, Berlin	Sat. 7pm
Colleen W.	21	2/17/1993	2/17/2014	Happy Hour Group, Community Church, Ocean Pines	Mon. 6pm
John P.	31		2/17/2014	Berlin Friendship Group, Friendship UM Church	Mon. 8pm
Laura P.	1	2/19/2013	2/24/2014	Happy Hour Group, Community Church, Ocean Pines	Mon. 6pm
Sue R.	8	2/28/2006	3/3/2014	Happy Hour Group, Community Church, Ocean Pines	Mon. 6pm
Tom F.	27	2/4/1987	3/4/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Tues. 7:30am
Robin D.	6	3/3/2008	3/7/2014	Entirely Ready Group, Atlantic Club	Fri. 6pm

Ocean City Intergroup meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm at the Atlantic Club. You may email anniversary information to Megan W. at megwhool@gmail.com or call/text to 917-647-3524. Please put the word 'ANNIVERSARY' in the subject line. The deadline for entries is the 28th of every month.

GENERAL SERVICE MATTERS

Please note that this edition of the Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup, District 32 newsletter includes a list of General Service Representatives (GSRs) as well as the list of Intergroup Representatives. Contact information has been included for those who are currently serving in either of these roles. Feel free to contact your home group's GSR and/or Intergroup Representative if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

“Behind the Scenes”

Many of those who read these words will still be talking about the wonderful weekend in Ocean City enjoyed by over a thousand recovering members of A.A. and Al-Anon who attended the 2014 Footprints in the Winter Sand conference at the Clarion Hotel. The awesome main speakers, the phenomenal A.A. Step meetings, the superb Al-Anon workshops, the sharing, the fellowship, the friendships, the dancing, the food, the fun all added up to a great recovery experience. A whole lot of behind the scenes work by many dozens of dedicated sober volunteers went into the preparation for, execution of, and follow-up to the conference activities, as well as a good number of associated events at the Atlantic Club and before, during, and after quite a few of our local meetings. Yes, the Footprints weekend was a memorable high point on our collective spiritual journey, but it was only a short stretch along the Broad Highway. The more important work of recovery continues unabated, 24 hours a day, day in and day out, 365 days a year.

As each the weekend speakers so clearly stated in the course of their stories, the real work of Alcoholics Anonymous is the one-on-one transmittal of our message of recovery, the personal demonstration of the practice of the Twelve Step process that produces the spiritual awakening sufficient to overcome the mental delusion that anything short of a Higher Power can arrest our disease of alcoholism. That spiritual truth is what inspires, motivates, and animates the ongoing service work that makes it possible to present our solution to the alcoholic who still suffers. A lot of effort certainly went into the success of the Footprints events, but that effort pales in comparison to the behind the scenes efforts going on every day at and below the group level. That is the sole purpose of all service work in Alcoholics Anonymous – to make twelfth step work possible.

Locally, we have a service structure to provide such services to our groups, members, and potential members: the Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup. It is our intergroup which responds to calls for help, makes house calls for 12th Step work, takes meetings into locked detention center cells, bridges the gap between treatment and recovery, publishes meetings lists, posts announcements on the Internet, provides information to the public and to professionals, presents workshops and fellowship activities, sells A.A. and Grapevine literature, prints this newsletter, and so much more. Our intergroup has over a dozen committees dedicated to carrying our A.A. message of hope to those who want and need it. Each of our 23 local A.A. groups has an Intergroup Representative who is responsible for carrying the message from the group to the intergroup and back again, as well as voting on important matters of process, policy, and finance which affect our ability to carry the A.A. message in our local community. There are always plenty of behind the scenes opportunities for service to any A.A. member who is interested in fulfilling our real purpose.

Working side by side with our intergroup are the trusted servants of Maryland General Service District 32, comprised of the General Service Representatives and district officers who form the first vital link in the chain that connects our groups with the rest of Alcoholics Anonymous. Each of our 23 local groups has a GSR who, working through the District Committee Member, the Area Assembly, the Area Committee, the Regional Panels, and the Area Delegate, can make sure not only that the voice of the home group conscience is heard by the rest of A.A., but also that the home group members receive all the information necessary to make informed group conscience decisions. Even if an A.A. member is not serving as a GSR, he or she still has plenty of opportunities to participate in the process of district, regional panel, area assembly, area committee, and area mini-conference meetings. The only thing that separates us from a meaningful connection to others is us.

All A.A. members are invited to participate in service beyond the home group -- in that process which makes our primary purpose possible. Our intergroup meets at the Atlantic Club on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm, immediately after the district meeting, which is held at 5:30 pm. Our Area Committee meets on Saturday, February 15 in Lexington Park (St. Mary's County); our first Area Assembly of the year will be on March 15 in Carroll County; and the Area Mini-Conference will be on April 5 in Severna Park. For those who really want to measure the pulse of A.A., there is a North East Regional A.A. Service Assembly in Warwick, Rhode Island on the weekend of February 21-23. And even if you can't make it to all of those events yourself, we have a number of trusted servants who are working diligently behind the scenes to make sure you can have the opportunity to share your experience, strength, and hope with another suffering alcoholic. And that's what it's all about.

Yours in love and service,

Don B., Alternate Chair

Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup

YOUR TRUSTED SERVANTS IN MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 32		
<i>GROUP NAME or SERVICE FUNCTION</i>	<i>SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE</i>	<i>GROUP SERVICE NUMBER</i>
District Committee Member (DCM)	John P., 410-430-4821	567949
Alternate DCM	Ben O., 443-504-4586	
District Secretary	Megan W., 917-647-3524	
District Treasurer	Tony D., 443-880-4456	
164	Jess V., GSR, 443-944-6366	651357
Action	Christa V., GSR, 410-726-2909 Tom B., Alt. GSR, 410-726-4141	106132
Assateague	Kenny G., GSR, 703-408-5811	688443
Back to Basics	Nancy P., GSR, 443-523-6423	658049
Beginner's Big Book	Lauren Z., GSR, 10-440-6173	151078
Berlin 101 Women's Big Book	Patricia G., GSR, 703-819-1316	702515
Berlin Friendship	Dave M., GSR, 443-397-0083	106249
Come As You Are	Jennie R., GSR, 443-859-4324	TBA
Daily Reflections	Johnny C., GSR, 443-513-1630	644445
Entirely Ready	Jessica B., GSR, 443-366-1341	707681
Free to Be Women's	Rosemary K., GSR, 443-614-6582	630308
Fresh Air	John S., GSR, 443-373-3117	134324
Happy Hour	Matt P., GSR, 410-924-3154 Cheryl C., Alt. GSR, 443-880-8553	162049
Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study	Elli F., GSR, 443-513-0388	669456
Happy Risers	Glen A., GSR, 443-669-8592 Roger K., Alt. GSR, 443-944-5119	134126
Joy of Living	Mike M., GSR, 443-460-8253 Steve M., Alt. GSR, 443-669-4464	634037
Men's 12&12 Step Study	Tony D., GSR, 443-880-4456	700033
Not a Glum Lot	Linda C., GSR, 757-894-9222	708365
Positive Attitude	Krista V., GSR, 302-542-5364	670055
Primary Purpose Group of North Ocean City	Rob W., GSR, 302-841-1060	668259
Saturday Night Alive	Dave S., GSR, 410-629-9413	177133
Seaside	Jim L., GSR, 443-664-2193	106362
Serenity	Billy C., GSR, 443-523-7206	126854

GROUP	INTERGROUP REP.	LOCATION	ADDRESS	DAY & TIME
164	Tom M., 443-735-4186	Stevenson U.M. Church	123 N. Main St., Berlin	Mon. 8:00 pm
Action	Michelle O., 410-430-1017	Atlantic Club (temporary)	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Fri. 8:00 pm
Assateague	Chris L., 443-614-6059	Bethany U.M. Church	Rte. 611 & Snug Harbor Road, Berlin	Sun. 6:00 pm
Back to Basics	Nancy P., 443-523-6423	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Thur. 6:00 pm
Beginner's Big Book	Joe P., 410-251-0238	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Mon. 6:30 pm
Berlin 101 Women's Big Book	VACANT	St. Paul's Episcopal Ch.	3 Church St., Berlin	Sat. 9:00 am
Berlin Friendship	John P., 410-430-4821	Friendship U.M. Church	10537 Friendship Rd.	Mon 8:00 pm
Come As You Are	Jennie R., 443-859-4324	Blue Heron Plaza Ste. 5	11809 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 6:00 pm
Daily Reflections	Carl D., 443-373-3496	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 8:00 pm
Entirely Ready	Jessica B., 443-366-1341	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Fri. 6:00 pm
Free to Be Women's	Rosemary K., 443-614-6582	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Wed. 8:00 pm
Fresh Air	John S., 443-373-3117	Crossway Church	11811 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 8:00 pm
Happy Hour	Mark W., 410-430-5852 Laura P., 443-397-5618	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Racetrack Rd. (Rt. 589), Ocean Pines	Mon. 6:00pm
Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study	Elli F., 443-513-0388	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Racetrack Rd. (Rt. 589), Ocean Pines	Fri. 10:00 am
Happy Risers	Jeff C., 410-713-5190 Connie M., 443-366-4411	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Mo-Fr 7:30 am Sa-Su 9:00 am
Joy of Living	Mike M., 443-460-8253	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Mo-Fr 12 Noon
Men's 12&12 Step Study	Jeff S., 410-251-7656	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Wed. 8:00pm
Not a Glum Lot	Linda C., 757-894-9222	All Hallows Episcopal Church	109 West Market Street, Snow Hill	Wed. 7:30 pm Fri. 8:00 pm
Positive Attitude	Krista V., 302-542-5364	Stevenson U.M. Church	123 N. Main St., Berlin	Sat. 7:00 pm
Primary Purpose	Megan W., 917-647-3524	St. Peter's Lutheran Ch.	103 rd St., OC	Thur. 7:00 pm
Saturday Night Alive	Bob F., 410-430-1779	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Sat. 8:00 pm
Seaside	Leslee G., 410-202-6903	St. Peter's Lutheran Ch.	103 rd St., OC	Wed. 6:00 pm
Serenity	Billy C., 443-523-7206	St. Peter's Lutheran Ch.	103 rd St., OC	Wed. 12 Noon



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

