

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

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>YRS</b>	<b>SOB DATE</b>	<b>CELEB</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Marva	1	6/7/2013	6/7/2014	Berlin 101 Women's Big Book (women only), St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church Street, Berlin	Sat. 9am
Dean C.	4	6/9/2010	6/9/2014	Happy Hour, Ocean Pines Community Church	Mon. 6pm
Pat O.	5	6/9/2009	6/10/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Tue. 7:30am
Dean G.	6		6/12/2014	Primary Purpose Group, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Thurs. 7pm
Tom W.	1	6/1/2013	6/14/2014	Positive Attitude, Stevenson UM Church, Berlin	Sat. 7pm
Lee B.	1	6/14/2013	6/16/2014	Berlin Friendship, Friendship UM Church, Berlin	Mon. 8pm
Celeste D.	8	6/17/2006	6/17/2014	Come As You Are, Blue Heron Plaza	Tue. 6pm
Don B.	26	6/21/1988	6/21/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Sat. 9am
Mark W.	2	6/18/2012	6/23/2014	Happy Hour, Ocean Pines Community Church	Mon. 6pm
Fran W.	25	6/22/1989	6/27/2014	Happy, Joyous & Free, Ocean Pines Community Church	Fri. 10am
Michael Q.	17	6/26/1997	6/28/2014	Positive Attitude, Stevenson UM Church, Berlin	Sat. 7pm
Barbara Q.	2	6/28/2012	6/30/2014	Happy Hour, Ocean Pines Community Church	Mon. 6pm
Kevin M.	2	6/14/2012	7/5/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Sat. 9am
Glen A.	2	7/5/2012	7/5/2014	Happy Risers, Atlantic Club	Sat. 9am

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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## **"Service, Gladly Rendered. . ."**

It is not by accident that the longest sentence in the A.A. literature begins with the phrase, "Service, gladly rendered. . ." In case you were wondering where that 119-word soliloquy might be found, it's on page 124 of our *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, in Bill W.'s essay on Step Twelve. And since we're spouting out statistics here, did you know that the word "service" appears 32 times in the Big Book (not including the stories sections) and 40 times in the 12 & 12? And that "services" appears another seven times in each book? Or that variations of the words "servant" and "serve" are expressed 20 and 18 more times in each respective text? The point here is that the entire reason and purpose for our sobriety is service. As the Big Book affirms on page 77, "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us."

But, "Service, gladly rendered?" Now, that's taking things to a whole new level! As the 12 & 12 reminds us on page 174 in Bill's essay on Tradition 9, "It is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service, two concepts which are sometimes poles apart." Service to God and to others is an expression of our gratitude for the gift of sobriety, something that we do not earn or deserve, a product solely of our willingness to accept God's grace and "play the role He assigns." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 68) But when we do as He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, we experience the promise of being enabled "to match calamity with serenity." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 68) That is why "we think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 132)

That is indeed "in sharp contrast between those hangover mornings when we alternated between reviling ourselves and blaming the family (and everyone else) for our troubles." (12 & 12, p. 84) Not only does sobriety give us a sense of responsibility for our actions, a sense of acceptance of the truth, and a sense of accountability to God and to others, but it also brings us to the conviction found on the front of many of our sobriety medallions, the Shakespearean exhortation, "To thine own self be true." When we acquire the spirit of service, we align ourselves with God's intention for us and thus receive the great blessing He has intended for us all along: that of becoming "happily and usefully whole." (12 & 12, p. 15)

The spirit of service includes the principle of rotation. We do not own our A.A. service positions; no, it is indeed our privilege to put our gratitude into action for a specific length of time, then to step aside and permit others to grow and learn from their own service experience. As *The A.A. Service Manual* explains on pages S23-S24, service rotation "can be a real step forward in growth -- a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity. . . Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame." Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our entire program, our entire movement, and our entire lives, as ex-problem drinkers. It has been well said that our true character is determined by what we do when no one is watching. Anonymous service to God and to our fellows means taking right action without any concern about who gets the credit. That is the essence of what we do in Alcoholics Anonymous.

So how can you help the next person to walk into your meeting room door? What can you do today to promote the safe and effective operation of your home group? How can you assist your intergroup, district, area, and world services in carrying the A.A. message to those who still suffer? We all know our primary purpose. (*A.A. Preamble*) We now know our real purpose. (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 77) We know we can't keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away. (12 & 12, p. 151) And we know that "faith without works is dead." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 14, 76, 88) Let's put our faith into action through service -- today.

Yours in love and service,

Don B., Alternate Chair  
Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup

## Your Trusted Servants in Maryland General Service District 32

Group Name or Service Function	Service Representative	Group Service Number
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, (410) 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
Came to Believe	Sashia M, GSR, (443) 669-4437	TBA
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	Megan W., GSR, (917) 647-3524	670055
Primary Purpose	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



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**



<b>Group</b>	<b>Intergroup Rep.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>
164	Tom M., (443) 735-4186	Stevenson U.M. Church	123 N. Main St., Berlin	Mon. 8pm
Action	Michelle O., (410) 430-1017	Atlantic Club (temporary)	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Fri. 8pm
Assateague	Chris L., (443) 614-6059	Bethany U.M. Church	Rte. 611 & Snug Harbor Rd., Berlin	Sun. 6pm
Back to Basics	Nancy P., (443) 523-6423	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Thur. 6pm
Beginner's Big Book	Joe P., (410) 251-0238	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 40, W. OC	Mon. 6:30 pm
Berlin 101 Women's Big Book	<b>VACANT</b>	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	3 Church St., Berlin	Sat. 9 am
Berlin Friendship	John P., (410) 430-4821	Friendship U.M. Church	10537 Friendship Rd.	Mon. 8pm
Came to Believe	Megan W., (917) 647-3524	AGH, Conf. Room 2	9733 Healthway Dr.	Sun. 12 pm
Come As You Are	Jennie R., (443) 859-4324	Blue Heron Plaza, Ste. 5	11809 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 6pm
Daily Reflections	<b>VACANT</b>	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 8pm
Entirely Ready	Jessica B., (443) 366-1341	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Fri. 6pm
Free to Be Women's	Rosemary K., (443) 614-6582	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Wed. 8pm
Fresh Air	John S., (443) 373-3117	Crossway Church	11811 Rte. 50, W. OC	Tues. 8pm
Happy Hour	Mark W., (410) 430-5852 Laura P., (443) 397-5618	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Racetrack Rd. (Rte. 589), Ocean Pines	Mon. 6pm
Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study	Elli F., (443) 513-0388	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Racetrack Rd. (Rte 589), Ocean Pines	Fri. 10am
Happy Risers	Jeff C., (410) 713-5190 Connie M., (443) 366-4411	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W.OC	Mo-Fri 7:30 am Sa-Su 9am
Joy of Living	Mike M., (443) 460-8253	Atlantic Club	11826 Rte. 50, W.OC	Mo-Fri 12 pm
Men's 12&12 Step Study	Jeff S., (410) 251-7656	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Wed. 8 pm
Not a Glum Lot	Linda C., (757) 894-9222	All Hallows Episcopal	109 W. Market St, Snow Hill	Wed. 7:30pm Fri. 8pm
Positive Attitude	Krista V., (302) 542-5364	Stevenson UM Church	123 N. Main St., Berlin	Sat. 7 pm
Primary Purpose	<b>VACANT</b>	St. Peter's Lutheran	103 <sup>rd</sup> St., Ocean City	Thur. 7pm
Saturday Night Alive	Bob F., (410) 430-1779	Atlantic Club	11827 Rte. 50, W. OC	Sat. 8pm
Seaside	Leslee G., (410) 202-6903	St. Peter's Lutheran	103 <sup>rd</sup> St., OC	Wed. 6pm
Serenity	Billy C., (443) 523-7206	St. Peter's Lutheran	103 <sup>rd</sup> St, OC	Wed. 12 pm

ADDRESSES OF AA SERVICE OFFICES

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*Intergroup Officers*

*Chair – Tom B.*

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*Secretary – Megan W.*

*Treasurer – Tom M.*