

THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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Tradition Twelve • *“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 180

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

“To thine own self be true”

| NAME | YEARS | SOBRIETY DATE | CELEBRATING | WHERE | WHEN |
|-----------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Heather K | 14 | 12/03/04 | 12/04/18 | Come As You Are • OP Chamber Commerce | 6 pm |
| Pat L | 9 | 12/13/09 | 12/18/18 | Fresh Air • Crossway Church | 8 pm |
| Jennie R | 10 | 12/20/08 | 12/25/18 | Come As You Are • OP Chamber Commerce | 6 pm |

Please submit all anniversary information to Carla H at ocmdaa.news@gmail.com 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!

Step Twelve • *“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”*

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 184

Twelfth Step Prayer • *Dear God, Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, page 89:1
<http://silkworth.net/pages/aa/prayer.php>

News and Events

Come As You Are Meeting Location Change • The location of this Tuesday 6 pm meeting has changed to The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, 11031 Cathell Road, Berlin Md 21811.

District 32 and the Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup meet every first Tuesday of the month at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21843 (Route 50 Westbound). All are welcome to attend.

Next meeting is Jan 1st or 8th • TBD

District Reps 5:30 pm

Intergroup Reps 6:00 pm

Participation in Service Work • There are many ways to participate in service work in your AA community. Answering services, Correctional Facilities visits, and volunteering at Workshops and Events are just a few. Please speak to your Intergroup Rep before or after a meeting to learn more. We are grateful for your participation in helping to carry the message of AA!

Would you consider Hosting a Workshop? • The Area 29 Workshop Committee's purpose is to assist local groups, districts, and inter groups who wish to present workshops on various topics related to AA. Contact workshop@marylandaa.org with questions.

AA Books • Literature is available for purchase online at www.aa.org and at the Atlantic Club. See someone at the front desk for assistance.

Website • Visit Ocean City Fellowship Intergroup of AA's website at www.ocaa.org.

Grapevine • Founded in 1944, the AA Grapevine® is the monthly, international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Often referred to as our "meeting in print," A.A. Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, unity, and service. For more information, visit www.e-aa.org.



OCAA Phone Schedule 410-600-5219

Jess B is the chair of the OCAA phone committee. He can be reached at 443-235-3472.

December - Action Group January - Fresh Air February - Happy Hour March - Positive Attitude



Principles Before Posting

A Workshop on Anonymity in the Digital Age
presented by MD General Service District 32
and the Ocean City Area Fellowship Intergroup

Saturday, December 1, 2018 10:15 am – 2:00 pm
Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21843

Here are a few take aways from the December 1st Workshop on the important subject of Anonymity in the Digital Age. The presentations, handouts, knowledge, information shared, energy and spirit of the presenters and participants was engaging, informative, and fun!

Bill's Last Message “If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the “Concept of Anonymity. Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.”

General Principles “When appearing on radio, television, film or on the Internet as A.A. members, we refrain from showing our faces or revealing our last names. In printed articles, on Web sites or e-mail, we are identified by our first names and last initials only.”

“When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.”

E-Mail “When using e-mail it is necessary to consider the anonymity of the recipients of messages. Sending messages to multiple recipients

that disclose the e-mail addresses of everyone on the addressee list is a potential break of someone else's anonymity. Therefore, it is a good idea to obtain a recipient's explicit permission before using his or her e-mail address for A.A. correspondence, especially if it is a workplace e-mail address. When sending A.A. mail to multiple recipients who wish to remain anonymous, use can be made of the BCC (Blind Courtesy Copy) option available on most computers.”

The overwhelming message is, “If you are going to post anything, anywhere, breaking your anonymity or that of another member, DON'T DO IT”. If all else fails, sit down, face to face with a suffering drunk, with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and all other A.A. literature and serve as a guide to sobriety.”

Can we incorporate technology as a capability for A.A.? Very carefully. These digital technological advances may be the spiritual catalyst's that guide us back, one on one, face to face with another alcoholic. We encourage you to discuss these points with your home group.

Handouts are available through your GSR or Intergroup Representatives and through GSO. Read the Anonymity Card, an announcement for reading at meetings open to the public, online at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-20_anonymitycard.pdf.

More information can be found about GSO's position on Anonymity Online at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-197_en.pdf

OCEAN CITY AREA FELLOWSHIP INTERGROUP

CHAIR - Tom M ALT CHAIR - Dave H SECRETARY - Allison K TREASURER - Bradley S

| GROUP | INTERGROUP REP | LOCATION | ADDRESS | DAY & TIME |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Action Group | Bradley S | Holy Savior Catholic Church | 17 th & Philadelphia Ocean City | Friday 8 PM |
| Assateague Group - Living Sober | Kenny G | Bethany United Methodist Church | 6848 RT 611 Berlin | Sunday 6 PM |
| Beginner's Big Book | Joe P | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Monday 6:30 PM |
| Berlin 101 Women's (CLOSED) | Patricia G | St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 3 Church Street Berlin | Saturday 9 AM |
| Berlin Friendship | VACANT | Friendship United Methodist Church | Friendship Road Berlin | Monday 8 PM |
| Come As You Are | Jennie R. | Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce | 11031 Cathell Rd Berlin | Tuesday 6 PM |
| Entirely Ready | Robin D | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Friday 6 PM |
| Free To Be Women's | Nancy C | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Wednesday 8 PM |
| Fresh Air | Allison K | Crossway Church | 11811 RT 50 West Ocean City | Tuesday 8 PM |
| Growing Up Sober | VACANT | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Saturday 8 PM |
| Happy Hour | Bob M/ Laurie C | Community Church at Ocean Pines | 11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines | Monday 6 PM |
| Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study | Carla H | Community Church at Ocean Pines | 11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines | Friday 10 AM |
| Happy Risers | Paul | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | M thru F 7:30AM S & S 9 AM |
| It's 5 O' Clock Somewhere | Chris R | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Tuesday 5 PM |
| Joy of Living | Diane H | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | M thru Sat Noon |
| Men's 12&12 Step | Jeff S / Eck S | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Wednesday 8 PM |
| Not A Glum Lot | Jerome N | All Hallows Episcopal Church | 109 West Market Street Snow Hill | M/W/F 7:30 PM |
| One Step At A Time | Martha J | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Saturday 6 PM |
| Positive Attitude | Rob A | Stevenson United Methodist Church | 123 N Main Street Berlin | Saturday 7 PM |
| Primary Purpose | VACANT | St Peter's Lutheran Church | 10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City | Thursday 7 PM |
| Proud To Have Served | John M | Atlantic Club | 11827 RT 50 West Ocean City | Wednesday 6 PM |
| Seaside Group | Ellen O | St Peter's Lutheran Church | 10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City | Wednesday 6 PM |
| Serenity Group | Ellen O | St Peter's Lutheran Church | 10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City | Wednesday Noon |
| Serenity & Sand | Angie P | On the Beach | at 2nd St • Weather Permitting | Friday 10 PM Mem. Day - Labor Day |

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