

# THE JOURNEY AT THE BEACH

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*Tradition Four - "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."*

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 146*

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

*"To thine own self be true"*

NAME	YEARS	SOBRIETY DATE	CELEBRATING	WHERE	WHEN
Tony D	10	03/29/09	04/03/19	Men's 12 and 12 Step • Atlantic Club	8 pm
Frankie L	5	4/1/14	TBD	HJF Women's Step Study • OPCC	10 am
Bart S	24	04/03/95	04/07/19	(Open CDA meeting) • OPCC	8 pm
Jeff S	9	04/10/10	04/10/19	Men's 12 and 12 Step • Atlantic Club	8 pm
Diane H	29	04/27/90	04/28/19	Assateague Group • Bethany UMC	6 pm
Jess Y	12	04/29/07	05/05/19	(Open CDA meeting) • OPCC	8 pm

Please submit all anniversary information to Carla H at [ocmdaa.news@gmail.com](mailto:ocmdaa.news@gmail.com) by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Four • "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."*

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 42*

*Fourth Step about dealing with Fear • "The verdict through the ages is that faith means courage. All men of faith have courage. They trust their God. We never apologize for God. Instead we let Him demonstrate, through us, what He can do. We ask Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us be. At once, we commence to outgrow fear."*

*Alcoholics Anonymous, page 68*

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## News and Events

**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**        **May 7th**  
**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](mailto:workshop@marylandaa.org) with questions.

**AA Books** • Literature is available for purchase online at [www.aa.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.e-aa.org).

## Help Wanted

**Participation by Intergroup Representatives** in monthly meetings. The average attendance at our monthly meetings has been 7-10. There are 24 meeting groups in District 32. If you have volunteered to be an Intergroup Rep, please resolve to attend meetings in 2019 to help keep the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous strong.

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### OCAA Phone Schedule 410-600-5219

Dawn is the chair of the OCAA phone committee.

April - Happy Risers    May - Action Group    June - Fresh Air    July - Happy Hour

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## ‘What Would the Master Do?’

One of the frequent inquiries we receive in the Archive regards the story behind the statement, “I am the victim of another addiction even worse stigmatized than alcoholism...” as related in the Third Tradition, (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pp. 142-43).

For many years we did not know the details behind this reference. Then it was discovered that the story of the “double stigma” was enlarged upon by Bill W. in a talk he gave at the 1968 General Service Conference.

“...The group conscience began to say to us, ‘The common welfare comes first. We do not have these biases [of power, prestige, or money]. Let us take thought for the general welfare, and after that, let’s see where the leadership stands.’ So we turn up as leaders who have not power in the usual sense, not prestige in the usual sense. We turn up as genuine servants with a discretion from the group conscience to act for them. And that’s our state here. The general welfare comes first.”

“Take another which at first glance might seem a little remote. At about year two, of the Akron group, a poor devil came to Dr. Bob in a grievous state. He could qualify as an alcoholic, all right. And then he said, ‘Dr. Bob, I’ve got a real problem to pose you. I don’t know if I could join A.A., because I’m a sex deviate.’ Well, that had to go out to the group conscience, you know. Up to then it was supposed that any society could say who was going to join it.”

“And pretty soon the group conscience began to seethe and boil, and it boiled over. And, ‘Under no circumstances could we have such a peril, and such a disgrace, among us,’ said a great many.”

“And you know, right then our destiny hung on a razor edge over this single case. In other words,

would there be rules that could exclude so-called undesirability? And that caused us in the time and for quite a time, respecting this single case, to ponder, what is the more important: the reputation that we shall have? What people shall think? Or is it our character? And who are we, considering our records? Alcoholism is quite as unlovely. Who are we to deny a man his opportunity? Any man, or woman?”

“And finally the day of resolution came. And a bunch were sitting in Dr. Bob’s living room, arguing, ‘What to do?’ Whereupon, dear old Bob looked around and blandly said, ‘Isn’t it time, folks, to ask ourselves, what would the Master do in a situation like this? Would He turn this man away?’ “And that was the beginning of the A.A. tradition that any man who has a drinking problem is a member of A.A. if he says so, not whether we say so.”

“Now, I think that the import of this on the common welfare has already been staggering. Because it takes in even more territory than the confines of our Fellowship. It takes in the whole world of alcoholics. Their charter to freedom, to join A.A., is assured. Indeed, it was an act in the general welfare.”

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“April Fool’s on her!”

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> & 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
Happy Hour	VACANT	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines	Monday 6 PM
Happy, Joyous & Free Women's Step Study	Carla H/Gail G	Community Church at Ocean Pines	11227 Race Track RD Ocean Pines	Friday 10 AM
Happy Risers	Paul B	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
Uptown Early	VACANT	St Peter's Lutheran Church	10301 Coastal Hwy Ocean City	Saturday 10 AM

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