“Such is the paradox of A.A. regeneration: strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one’s old life as a condition for finding a new one.” – A.A. Comes of Age, p. 46. Reprinted with permission by A.A.W.S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next intergroup meeting will be held on March 8th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:30pm. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
- We need your help! Please sign up as a volunteer for our 12th Step list and Bridging the Gap list. We usually have hundreds of members sign up. We only have 24 people volunteering right now. Please post this link in meeting chats to let members know they can sign-up online to help carry the message. For more information about this service opportunity, please see the enclosed flyer.
- The Answering Service is seeking volunteers for the waiting list. Please contact the Intergroup office if you want to be a part of this vital service.
- Please remember to contact the Intergroup office with your meeting listings and changes so we can keep the website up-to-date. We appreciate you sharing these announcements with your A.A. contacts. It is as important as ever that we stay connected!
- The Intergroup office is staffed on a rotating basis with one special worker in the office each day while the others work from home. We continue to provide literature and chip orders for hallway pick-up, curb-side pick-up, or shipment. It is best to call before coming so we can have your order ready for you: 410-663-1922 or order online via our website: https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- The next Institution meetings will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 19th at 7pm. Waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Meeting ID: 886 6629 3910/ Password: 229395
- Speakers needed! In March, the Institution Committee will re-start assigning homegroups back to institution commitments to speak either in-person or online. Your group can decide what it is most comfortable doing. Please fill out this form if you or your homegroup would like to be involved in carrying the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before.) Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.
INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE

- As a reminder, the Intergroup Bookstore is fully stocked and ready for your orders. Order by phone or online. Pick-up at the office or curbside or we can ship orders to you. Intergroup often has titles in stock that may be backordered at AAWS.
- Now Available! *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey* on sale for $11! Pick up a copy at our Online Store while you shop for the other things you need!
- *Grapevine Daily Quote Book*, with 365 inspiring passages from the pages of AA Grapevine is now available.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

- **Wrath of Grapes** will celebrate their 27th anniversary on Monday, March 29th. The virtual celebration will include a guest speaker.
- If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length on Zoom or in-person, please let us know by calling 410-663-1922 or send us an email at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

NEW MEETINGS/ OTHER GROUP INFO

- A Digital Newcomer’s Packet is available: Please post this link for a digital newcomer's packet in your meeting chats so newcomers can get quick and easy access to meetings, literature, and online resources.
- For all virtual meetings or meeting changes, please use this form: [https://baltimoreaa.org/new-virtual-meeting-details/](https://baltimoreaa.org/new-virtual-meeting-details/).
- For all in-person meetings or meeting changes, please use this form: [https://baltimoreaa.org/submit-in-person-meeting-update/](https://baltimoreaa.org/submit-in-person-meeting-update/).

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Intergroup will be hosting a virtual Sobriety Show on Saturday, May 8th @ 5:30pm – 10:30pm (See Flyer)
- Bill & Bob’s *“Thoroughly Followed Our Paths”* March 26 @ 8:00 am - March 28 @ 5:00 pm (See Flyer)
- Please call us at 410-663-1922 or email us at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org to let us know about your special events or workshops. To learn about various celebrations, go to [https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/).

MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE

- The **NERAASA**, Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly will take place virtually on February 26-28, 2021 [https://www.neraasa.org/register/](https://www.neraasa.org/register/)
- CARC II (Conference Agenda Review Committee II) on March 6 @ 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. (See Flyer)
- The **MGS Service Assembly** will take place on March 20, 2021.
- District 18 Workshop – **Sisters in Sobriety** March 21 @ 1:00 pm - 3:30 (See Flyer)
- District 1 Workshop – **The Traditions and Relationships** April 3 @ 11:00am – 3:00pm (See Flyer)
- **Maryland General Service Mini Conference** – April 10 @ 10:00am – 3:00pm (See Flyer)
- Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: [https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/)

PHONE BUDDIES / 12th STEP LIST / BRIDGING THE GAP

- **We need your help!** We’ve only had 24 people sign up to call newcomers in need of help. Usually, we have hundreds. These are 12th Step and Bridging the Gap opportunities. Please announce this need in
meetings and consider adding your own name: https://baltimoreaa.org/12-step-bridging-the-gap/ (You can also print out the enclosed form. See the flyers for more information.) We suggest one person from each home group encourage others to sign up. We appreciate your willingness to help carry the message.

- **Want to do service work and are willing to talk on the phone?** Consider becoming a phone buddy with another member of AA who's having difficulty connecting at meetings. Call the office to volunteer: 410-663-1922
- **Having trouble connecting with other alcoholics at virtual meetings?** You are not alone! Call the office and we'll connect you with a Phone Buddy: 410-663-1922. We're all in this together

**REMEMBERING WHERE WE CAME FROM – MARCH**
See the attached flyer for landmark dates in our AA history – here are a few notable dates and facts...

- March 1936 - AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 A.A. had 15 members.
- March 23, 1936 - Bill & Lois visit Fitz M, "Our Southern Friend", in Maryland.
- March 1941 - Second printing of Big Book.
- March 1, 1941 - Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article published, and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by year’s end.
- March 10, 1944 - New York Intergroup was established

*I am responsible….When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*
Marc M. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Group Representatives: There were three new group representatives for the Council to welcome

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Jack F. (Treasurer) reported that ordinary income in January was $17,445.17, which included $8,449.06 from AA groups and $8,922.36 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $13,785.07, yielding net ordinary income of $3,660.10. Literature revenue was $1,770.64, with literature expenses of $219.95, yielding net literature income of $1,550.69. Therefore, net income for January was $5,210.79. Total assets were $240,497.83. Jack thanked the home groups and members for their continued strong support during these difficult times.

Administrator’s Report: Jen G. reported that during the past 20 working days, there were 11 new virtual/reopened meetings and 4 closed/cancelled meetings. There are now 542 meetings (316 virtual, 37 hybrid, and 189 in-person). There were 554 calls for help during office hours, 3,984 emails, texts, and correspondence (including shipped literature), and 28 literature pickups.

Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended the Activities Committee meeting, the monthly Institution Committee meeting, the weekly office managers meetings, and the monthly MGS Liaison conference call. She’ll be attending the Advisory & Personnel Committees meeting tomorrow. Our website has gained a lot of attention and is being used as a template for intergroups and central offices across the country. The San Francisco office manager is working to create a useable template based on our site that can be adapted to fit the needs of other offices.

There are links on our website for a Digital Newcomer’s Packet. Please post this link in Zoom chats so newcomers can find the literature they need. The website also has a link for a New Intergroup Representative’s Packet. There soon will be a link to the 12th Step/Bridging the Gap sign up sheet which can be filled out online. Also had good response from people asking for “Phone Buddies” so we need more volunteers for that as well.

Literature is available for pick-up or shipping. Please call the office to place

Recorded Groups in Attendance

164
ABC
Baltimore City Men’s
Barclay
Better Way of Life
Brooklyn Keep Coming Back
Brooklyn Saturday Morning
Catonsville Beginners
Columbia Dawn Patrol
Common Solution
Cowenton
Daystarters
Eastside Early Risers
Free to Be Me Women’s
Genesis Women
Glen Burnie HOW Group
Hatch
Hatchery
Hopkins
Mustard Seed
New Attitude
O.D.A.T
Old Otterbein Group
One Big Tent
Overlea Monday Night
People of Color
Pikesville North
Roland Park Steps and Traditions
St. Anthony’s Midday
Serenity Big Book
Simply Women
Strangely Insane Group
Sunday Hope
Sunday Morning Agape
The Firing Line
Welcome Group
Wrath of Grapes

Baltimore Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2020

Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous
February 8, 2020
Next Meeting: March 8, 2021
your orders. The Year-End report for 2020 is coming in March.

**Activities Committee Report:** Rick W (Chairperson) reported that a virtual Sobriety Show is scheduled for May 8th, with a speaker at 5:30 p.m. and the show starting at 6:00 p.m. Auditions are underway. Cakes will be sold online.

**Answering Service Committee Report:** Melody B (Chairperson) reported that there were 653 regular calls and 14 12th step calls. All shifts currently are filled, but the committee needs new volunteers for the waiting list to fill future openings.

**Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees:** Mike Mc (Chairperson) reported that WBFF channel 45 is airing AA public service announcements. The public service announcements were produced by the GSO and have our local information. The committee is waiting to here back from other local stations about airing the same public service announcements.

**Literature Committee Report:** No report.

**Internet/Website Committee Report:** Mike C (Chairperson) reported that he has been working with the office to set up the new copier.

**Institution Committee Report:** Jamie H (Chairperson) reported that there are currently 16 virtual institution meetings per week. The committee is working towards restoring the old system where home groups are scheduled for institution commitments. Home groups that want an institution commitment should sign up. The committee expects to post a monthly schedule of commitments beginning in March. The committee has regular monthly meetings (via Zoom) on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Melissa B. (Chairperson) reported that the committee had no activity last month. She requested that home groups notify the office of upcoming group anniversary celebrations.

**Chairperson Report:** No Report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
## January 2021 Group Contribution List

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**7 Sources Contributed** $8,965.36

Total Contributions for January $17,371.42
**What is the 12th-Step List?**

When suffering alcoholics call the AA hotline asking for help, the Intergroup Office reaches out to A.A. members on our 12th Step List who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope with newcomers in their zip code or immediate area. Having a phone contact helps newcomers know they are not alone.

**What is ‘Bridging the Gap’?**

When alcoholics are released from treatment facilities or institutions, they need a Temporary Contact as a link between treatment and recovery. A Temporary Contact will help newcomers make the transition into A.A. where they are introduced to the A.A. program, can meet other A.A. members in their area, and can form a network to help them stay sober.

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<td>What is my responsibility?</td>
<td>Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength &amp; hope. Convey that help is available in A.A. meetings. Anything else is up to your discretion.</td>
<td>Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength &amp; hope. Act as a temporary contact for a week or more. Meet them at a meeting. Introduce them to other A.A.s.</td>
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<td>Does A.A. give out my phone number to newcomers?</td>
<td>NEVER. It’s up to you to call the newcomer.</td>
<td>NEVER. Unless you give us permission. It’s up to you to call the newcomer.</td>
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<td>Should I make arrangements to meet the newcomer at a meeting?</td>
<td>It is suggested, but is up to your discretion.</td>
<td>Yes! Get them connected to several meetings and other A.A. members in their first week. Introduce them to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.</td>
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<td>Should I give rides?</td>
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<td>It is not A.A.’s responsibility to take active alcoholics to the hospital or detox, although you may choose to do so. We carry the message, not the drunk. <strong>NEVER go alone.</strong> If someone is in very bad condition, you or that person can call 911 for help. Hospitals must admit persons going into DTs.</td>
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**REMEMBER: THERE IS NO BAD 12TH-STEP WORK!**

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail.” Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89
### 12th STEP LIST for 2021

**** Attention Secretaries – Please Circulate This Form at Meetings – Return by 02/01/20 ****

Are you willing to make a 12th Step phone call and extend the hand of AA to a newcomer? Are you willing to ‘bridge the gap’ as a temporary contact for someone just coming out of treatment?

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THE 12TH STEP LIST IS NOT CARRIED OVER YEAR TO YEAR – PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO BE OF SERVICE THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!

Return to: Baltimore Intergroup, 8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4, Baltimore, MD 21286
Phone: 410-663-1922    Fax: 410-663-7465    Email: intergroup@baltimoreaa.org
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SAVE THE DATE!

Baltimore Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

2021 VIRTUAL SOBRIETY SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
Meeting ID & Passecode TBA

5:30 PM Open A.A. Speaker Meeting
6:00 PM to ??? Video Performances

A fundraiser for the Baltimore Intergroup.
No admission charge. 7th Tradition contributions & raffles.
Contribute at: baltimoreaa.org/contributions/

Interested in performing? Schedule your audition on any Wednesday in February between 6-9 pm.

Contact: 2021baltimoresobrietyshow@gmail.com
BAKE FOR A.A.!

WE’RE AUCTIONING OFF SWEET TREATS DURING THE SOBRIETY SHOW AND NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteer to bake a cake, a pie, cookies, or cupcakes -- or donate a bakery gift certificate!

Please Sign-up by Friday, April 30th

*Note: The Sobriety Show is May 8th but baked items will be picked up or delivered after May 10th. Information about how to bid at the auction is coming soon!

All proceeds benefit the services provided by the Baltimore Intergroup

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL INTERGROUP@BALTIMOREAA.ORG
OR CALL 410-663-1922
Maryland General Service, Inc. Area 29 invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Mini-Conference
April 10, 2021
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Zoom Meeting opens at 8:30 am
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3352329265?pwd=ZTIDcUX6aTUwWXlYaXNndm1tbWs2Zz09
Meeting ID: 335 232 9265
Passcode: 164
One tap mobile
+1-929-205-6099,,335-232-9265#,,,,*164# US (New York)
For questions contact altdelegate@marylandaa.org

Speaker—Racy J.
(Serves on Public Information Desk at General Service Office)
District 1-Calvert County, MD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ZOOM WORKSHOP ON
THE TRADITIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

APRIL 3 - 11:00 - 3:00 EST

Presenters: Clif G. (AA) and Lori G. (Al-Anon)
Oklahoma City, OK

This is a workshop you do not want to miss!

It is said that the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon is the most cherished quality our fellowships have. Our lives, the lives of all to come depend squarely upon it. The practice of our 12 steps puts our lives in order, but not necessarily our relationships. How to live successfully with others can be found within our Traditions. They are in reality, guidelines for our behavior.

ZOOM ID: 786 456 1273
Passcode: 101661
Bill and Bob's "Thoroughly Followed Our Paths"

St. Michaels Inn / St. Michaels Md.

Dr's Opinion - A Vision For You

Sammie G / Cheryl G / Keystone Group
Paul McQ Sunrise Solution Group

Limited to 75

Donations $30.00 for registrations

Rooms Double Occupancy $60.00
Limited to 40 Rooms / Check with hotel

Make checks payable to:
We Are Not Saints
P.O.Box 112
Crownsville Md. 21032

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SISTERS OF SOBRIETY...

A HISTORY OF THE EARLY WOMEN OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Join us for the history of the women of Alcoholics Anonymous. The women during the formative years of A.A. and the women of the Big Book.

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Open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous!

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March 1936 - AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 A.A. had 15 members.


March 1940 - Mort J. came to LA from Denver; started custom of reading Chapter 5 Big Book at Cecil group.

March 1941 - Second printing of Big Book.

March 1941 - 1st Prison AA Group formed at San Quentin.

March 1946 - The March of Time film is produced by NY AA office.

March 1949 - Dr. Bob considers idea of AA conference premature.

March 1951 - American Weekly publishes memorial article for Dr. Bob.

March 1, 1939 - Readers Digest fails to write article on AA.

March 1, 1941 - Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article published, and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by years end.

March 3 1947 - Nell Wing started work at Alcoholic Foundation 415 Lexington Avenue.

March 4, 1891 - Lois W is born.


March 5, 1945 - Time Magazine reports Detroit radio broadcasts of AA members. (Archie T?)

March 7, 1940 - Bill and Lois visited the Philadelphia AA group.

March 7, 1941 - Boston newspaper reported that any drunk who wanted to get well was more than welcome at the AA meeting at 115 Newbury St., at 8 PM Wednesdays.

March 9, 1941 - Wichita Beacon reports AA member from NY who wants to form a group in Wichita.

March 10, 1944 - New York Intergroup was established.

March 11, 1949 - The Calix Society, an association of Roman Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in Alcoholics Anonymous, was formed in Minneapolis by five Catholic AA members.

March 15, 1941 - 1st AA group formed in New Haven, Connecticut. Not reported in paper until Oct 1, 1941.

March 16, 1940 - Alcoholic Foundation & Works Publishing move from Newark to 30 Vesey St in lower Manhattan. First headquarters of our own.

March 21, 1966 - Ebby dies.

March 22, 1951 - Dr William Duncan Silkworth dies at Towns Hospital.

March 23, 1936 - Bill & Lois visit Fitz M, "Our Southern Friend", in Maryland.
CONCEPT III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

As a background for this Concept, you should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity - at all levels of service - has the right "to decide... how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises."

The Right of Decision

At All Levels of Service

Concept III To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

But this right also means the Fellowship must have trust in its “trusted servants.” If the groups instruct their GSR’s rather than giving them a “Right of Decision,” then the area conference is hamstrung. As Bill points out, “our Conference delegates are primarily the servants of A.A. as they should...cast their votes...according to the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time.”

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Concept Checklist

Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?

Do we trust our trusted servants - Intergroup Reps; G.S.R., D.C.M., Intergroup Council, Area Committee, the Conference itself?