



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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December 2019 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

4th Sunday each month – 3:30 pm
6 N. Mulberry St, Hagerstown, MD

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WCDC Men John B.

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Submit anniversaries, articles, etc:

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Deadline for submissions is the

4th Sunday of each month.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept XII: General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by

discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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Fellowship Hall noon meetings could use support.

ARG meetings at 7:30 am could use support.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 14 - Mountain Breakfast – 2nd Saturday of every month 9:00 am to noon, Old Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Rd, Cascade, MD. Fellowship at 9:00, Breakfast at 10:00, Speaker at 11:00-\$7.00 donation.

December 15 – 3:30 pm, **Hagerstown Area Intergroup** monthly meeting. Date moved due to Christmas holiday.

December 15 – 5:00 pm, **District 20** meets at Fellowship Hall. All GSRs should attend.

December 31 – New Years Eve Dance St. John's Episcopal Church (Drybridge) 101 N. Prospect St, Hagerstown. There will be dancing to a D.J. and more! Watch for flyers.

December Anniversaries

Date	Celebrant	Yrs	Group	Time
12/7	Julie S.	2	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/13	Mark E.	6	Williamsport	8:00 PM
12/14	Rich G.	30	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/15	John L.	4	Leitersburg	7:00 PM
12/21	Rashid W.	2	Serenity	2:00 PM
12/21	Bryan R.	3	Hagerstown	8:00 PM
12/22	Jeff B.	19	Leitersburg	7:00 PM
12/22	Henry R.	16	New Paths	6:00 PM
12/27	Brian M.	1	Fellowship	6:00 PM
1/1	Bridgette D.	4	Maple Ave.	7:30 PM

Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/24/2019

Craig T., Chairperson, opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Staci D., Jennifer L.

Chairpersons present included: John B.-Men's Corrections; Bob B.-Men's Corrections; Erica G.-Public Information; Nancy B.-Where & When; Bob C.-Finance; Steve W.-Outreach; Tom T.- District Committee.

12 Intergroup reps were present and 4 visitor(s).

Chair Report: The December guest speaker on the Intergroup Liaison Conference call will be Panel 70, Area 29 Delegate-elect Cynthia T. Join the call on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm to hear her experience and strength of the past two years as alternate delegate and her hope for the coming two years. Dial 712-770-4340, code 632821.

We are looking for members to fill three Standing Committees: Grapevine, Finance and PI. Please let me know if you or anyone you know is interested in serving.

There is a new "Report Form" to submit your reports to the Area Secretary. Your electronic or paper submission, in this format, will help the secretary to efficiently compile reports into a single document to create the HAIG minutes which will be sent to the Newsletter Committee for publishing. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs are still expected to attend the meetings or send a member of their committee to read the reports into the minutes.

It was suggested that information concerning "Safety in A.A." be provided to interested representatives. Craig has provided copies of the following: Safety Card for A.A. Groups, Safety and A.A.: Common Welfare, and Disruptive Members at A.A. Meetings.

The Answering Service is in need of volunteers as we move into the holiday season.

Secretary Report: The 10/27/19 New and Old business were read by Staci D. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:		\$ 3698.64
Contributions:		
12&12@12	\$ 17.50	
Chewsville	\$ 81.00	
Serenity	\$ 25.00	
Total Contributions:		\$ 123.50
Total Funds Available:		\$ 3822.14
Expenditures:		
Jennifer L - Line 2 Billing	\$ 49.39	
Otterbein UMC Gratitude Breakfast Donation	\$ 100.00	
Whitney B. – Gratitude Breakfast Food	\$ 100.00	
Grapevine Subscriptions	\$ 125.91	
USPS 1 Year PO Box Renewal	\$154.00	
Total Expenditures:		\$ 403.39

Ending Balance:		\$ 3822.14
Prudent Reserve:		\$ (900.00)
Total Funds Available:		\$ 2518.75

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: Jennifer reported for Brittany that since the September workshop, things are running well. They are always looking for individuals to volunteer.

Activities committee: Danny S. reported for Whitney B. that the Gratitude Breakfast was a success. 86 people attended. Details to follow on the New Year's Eve Dance. If anyone is interested in helping, please see Whitney B.

Corrections-Men: John B. reported that they are in need of volunteers. Applications are available. Please contact Bob B. or John B. if interested. He reported that a literature order was placed, and books would be distributed shortly. He thanked all the groups for their support.

Pink Can Report:

Beginning Balance 10/27/19		\$ 1032.19
As Bill Sees it	\$ 39.87	
Hagerstown Group	\$ 20.00	
On Awakening	\$ 38.60	
Serenity	\$ 10.00	
Summit Ave.	\$ 8.00	
Chewsville	\$ 33.00	
Fellowship	\$ 16.99	
Firehouse	\$ 33.00	
New Visions	\$ 20.00	
Total Contributions		\$1251.65
Expenses		
Literature	\$1070.18	
New Balance 11/24/19		\$181.47

District 20- Tom. T. reported that elections were held in November with the following result for District 20: DCM -Dave M.; Alt DCM- Vacant; Treasurer - Chris R.; Secretary Danny S. All GSR's should attend the Area Assembly on December 7 at 9:00AM, Woods Memorial Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD. Starting in January District 20 will meet at 3:30 pm on the third Sunday at Fellowship Hall. Two subscriptions for LaVina were ordered for MCTC.

Finance- Bob C. Submitted the 2020 Budget proposal for review to be voted on December 15th.

Public Information- Erica G. reported that she mailed a packet of AA literature to the Interfaith Coalition in Hancock for distribution to various clergy.

Treatment- Staci D. reported for Bryan R. that he is thankful for the continued support in filling weekly commitments at Awakenings and Brooke's house. The Treatment Committee was able to scholarship 14 tickets to the Gratitude Breakfast for the women at Brooke's house. Thanks to the Activities Committee for a great event.

Where and When: Nancy B. reported that the January 2020 edition will be printed for distribution at the December HAIG meeting. She has created a QR code to publish on the January edition which will enable anyone with a QR Code reader on their phone to access the HAIG website where they will find a pdf version of the Where & When or a list of the next meetings coming up on that day. Wording above the QR code explains this to the user. If anyone has questions or suggestions regarding this addition to the Where & When, please contact Nancy B. Please also let Nancy know of any changes to your meetings or groups as soon as possible to be included in the 2020 Where and When.

Intergroup Rep reports:

ARG: Aaron P. reports that they are in need of support. The group meets daily at 7:30 am.

Chewsville: Jennifer L. reported that things are going well. They have had 2 new home group members join.

12&12@12: Nancy B. reported that this is a small, Open Step & Tradition meeting which meets Tuesdays at noon in the back room of 28 South Restaurant, 28 South Potomac Street,

Hagerstown. Attendees are able to order from the restaurant menu if they choose.

Fellowship Hall: Jeff W. reported anniversaries for the group. The speaker this month will be Gary S. from Middletown, MD on Saturday December 21st at 6:00 pm.

Gratitude: Jeff F. reported that things are going well. Thanksgiving will mark the 4 Year Anniversary of the founding of the meeting.

Leitersburg: Jeff B. reported that things are going well.

Hagerstown Group: Matt S. reported Pink Can Donations and anniversaries.

Maple Ave: David reported things are going well.

New Paths: Cindy C. reported things are going well.

On Awakening: Victor S. reported things are going well and advised that they will be open on Christmas Day.

Serenity: Erica G. reported things are going well.

Thursday BB Meeting: Wayne B. reported that they have a strong core group. Things are going well.

Summit Avenue: Folo L. reported the Beginners Meeting on Mondays from 6 pm-6:45 pm is going well. Newcomers are always welcome and others wanting a fresh start. The meeting reviews "Living Sober" and other AA literature.

Old Business:

Motion from September 22, 2019 that: **HAIG create a Co-Chair position and if approved, revise the HAIG Bylaws to include the position with a job description and responsibilities. Motion approved.** Will be published in October and November newsletters. A vote will be held at the December 15th Meeting. **Intergroup Reps, PLEASE attend.**

Motion from September 22, 2019 that: **according to Concept IV, Committee Chairs should have a right to vote at HAIG. Motion Approved.** Motion will be published in October and November newsletters. A vote will be held at the December 15th meeting. **Intergroup Reps, PLEASE attend.**

Concept IV will remain in the Newsletter as a point of information for the second motion. *Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

Motions must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Intergroup representatives in attendance provided we have a quorum. We encourage all to attend.

New Business:

There was a lengthy discussion following the Treatment report concerning approval of funds and how a committee's budgeted funds can be used. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet to prepare "recommended finance related policies and procedures" as stated in Article VIII, Section 5. (4) of the By-laws.

Tom T. presented for discussion at the December meeting that District 20 turn over the "Bridging the Gap" responsibilities to HAIG since it is already listed in the responsibilities of the HAIG Treatment Committee.

Meeting closed at 4:45 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG Intergroup Meeting will be December 15th, at 3:30 pm. **NOTE: This is a change due to the holidays!** All are welcome to attend!

Send Group 7th Tradition Contributions to:	
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