

1933

James R. thought to be the founder of AA in Baltimore worked at United Railways as a personnel manager (United Railways and Electric Company owned and operated Baltimore's streetcars). Jim's family believed Jim was a binge drinker. His drinking eventually reached a point that on June 7th 1933, as a result of the referral by Dr. G., James entered The Keswick Colony of Mercy, a religious recovery mission in New Jersey. - (*2*4)

1934

James R. returned to Baltimore after 10 months on April 16th 1934. His family wanted to see a demonstration so he was not allowed home for about a year. James lived with his brother Chase during this time. Chase's wife Katherine was the daughter of Fred S. whose family owned and operated a very successful insurance brokerage called J. Ramsey Barry & Co., Inc., with an office in Baltimore. James worked there for about 10 years until his death on November 9th 1944. During this time James worked with Alcoholics. - (*2*4)

1939

Baltimore - December 11, 1939 - Louis M. sends letter to the Alcoholic Foundation in New York and said: "I have read the book and asks for some one to get in touch with". "Reply" December 19, 1939, suggests making a trip to Washington D.C. where we have a few members. And write to Ned F., c/o Civil Aeronautics Society, 512 Ninth St., Washington D.C., to arrange a meeting. Note: Ned F. got sober in New York in the Spring of 1939, got a job in Washington, moved there, and was to become founder of the Washington Group, along with Fitz M., ("Our Southern Friend"). - (* 2)

1940

Baltimore - June 16, 1940 - Jim R. house on St. Paul Street. Attending were Jim R., Arthur H., Fred M., Mac S., and Jim B., from the Philadelphia A.A Group. The following Fridays our meetings were held at the 11th. Floor boardroom of the 1106 Munsey Building on Fayette Street. We continued there for about three months and then moved to the Altamont Hotel basement, Eutaw Street. We stayed there until March 1941 when we rented a second floor at 857 Eutaw Street as a club meeting hall. Among the members during those months were Anita H., Henry M., Bill S., A.C. E., Bill B., Norman B., Hal H., Ray N., C. E., and Paul K. Note: Jim B. started AA in Philadelphia on February 26, 1940, his story is in the Big Book "The Vicious Cycle" Note: It is believed the Baltimore group started in February 1941 at 851 Eutaw St. - (* 2*4)

1945

Baltimore - The 2nd Group was the **Towson Group**. At first several members met in their homes. Till on April 12th 1945 our first meeting of the Towson Group was held in the study of an Episcopal Clergyman in Towson with 7 members attending. After a few months we obtained a garage in the rear of the Episcopal Church. The meetings were small with about 4 or 5 members attending. After a period of time we moved into a room above Finkelstein's Department store, attendance was 7 men and one woman. The group continued to grow so, in the spring of 1946 we moved to 212 Washington Avenue in Towson. By June of 1953 there were 75 members with an average attendance of 50 people, we was a closed meeting and met on Tuesdays and Fridays. Other groups founded and assisted by the Towson group were Govans, Hagerstown, Brooklyn, City Line, Aberdeen, Annapolis, and York, PA. (*2*4-the Channel)

1948

August - **Baltimore Intergroup** - Started at the Bromo-Seltzer Tower, down town. The Baltimore

Intergroup has a start date of August 1948. With the limited information at the Area 29 Archives it indicates there was an evolving in the 1940s. As you are aware of, the Baltimore Group at 857 Eutaw Street starting in about March 1941 is thought to be the first group. With the start of the Towson Group in 1945 now we have, of the Central Group at 857 Eutaw Street. We believe this is the evolving of the Intergroup since they did 12th Step work, answered letters, made copies, did public information work, along with other things. It is unclear of the details of the evolving of the Intergroup in Baltimore at the present. In March 1948 there were 10 groups in the Baltimore area by August there were 11 groups. - (*2)

Frederick – In the Frederick News Post a Public Meeting was announced; 3:30pm Saturday, February 28th at Winchester Hall Auditorium, Here former alcoholics discuss the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. Learn how a Frederick organization may be formed. No Charge – No Obligation. The first meeting began in the home of Sam R. at 228 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland. The meeting became the Original Frederick Group with a start date of March 1948. – (*WCI)

1950

Baltimore Intergroup Office, 1834 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md. - January 2nd 1950 - contact - Mulberry 4278 Edwin P. W., Abington, - Edgewood 53 J 12 - in January 1958 listed as Central Office, 1834 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore 2, Maryland, phone # Mulberry 5-6050 - 6051 - (*1*4)

1952

Maryland Membership is a total of 922 - 1952-1953 eastern United States directory - (*1)

1953

Sykesville – There is a listing from the October 1953, the Channel newsletter from the Baltimore Intergroup stating: We need 2 drivers for a once a month, on regular Wednesdays evenings. Note: This is evidence of AA presence at the Springfield State Hospital in 1953 but, may have been here before 1953. – (*4, channel)

1956

Reisterstown - Fred A., - Westminster 1539 - 10 members - (*1)

Reisterstown – There is a meeting listed in the January 1958, Baltimore Intergroup one page directory. It meets on Wednesday at 8:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church, Chatsworth Avenue. When this group started meeting and who the founders were is unknown at the present time. Note: We believe these two listings are the same group even though the Baltimore Intergroup directory listed it in January 1958, (they fit). - (*4)

1957

Reisterstown - Joe M. - Mt. Wilson Sanitarium, Mt. Wilson - (Westminster 1539) - (*1)

1958

Reisterstown - **Reisterstown Group** - Joe M. - Mt. Wilson Sanitarium, Mt. Wilson - Westminster 1539 (*1)

Westminster - Early 1958 - **Westminster Group** - Bernie M., 18 Green St. - (*1*2)

Westminster - Late 1958 - **Westminster Monday Night Group** - Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., 21157 - 8:30pm - Monday - Closed - 7 members in the group. It was said; “before 1958 most of the AA members met in the Reisterstown and or Pikesville area but lived in Westminster area“. The first AA

Group in Carroll County met at the Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., 21157. The founding members were Bernie M., Ed M., Jim D., and possibly others.

Bernie M. Owned and operated a TV Repair shop on Green St., in Westminster. He may have had ties to a TV Repair shop and or the Intergroup in Frederick, Md. Bernie M. also twelve stepped Don W. in June 1961. Don W. became active in service for Maryland AA. Don W. was the conduit for us for the early conference structure. In the early 1960`s we had no Districts, no Area 29, no Group Service numbers. By 1963 Don W. was our only contact in Westminster for Maryland. Remember there was no District 9 or any other Districts. We had Maryland in which was made up of areas within the State. Don W. was one of two Committee Members to represent Western Maryland (11-16-63) the other one was Ed O`N. from Cumberland. The 4 areas in Maryland were Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and Baltimore.

The first woman to come, stay sober, and get and stay active in the Group was Mary Anne O. from the Washington DC area in October 1963. Mary Ann sobriety date is October 22nd 1963 and she is 33 years old. A Doctor & a Lawyer wanted to know something about AA. When the members of the Group discussed this, it was decided to hold an open meeting, open to the public, invite anyone interested in AA. This was in 1964. At the group conscience meeting on Monday night the question came up, "whether to bring the outsiders to our regular meeting"? That is why it was decided to have an open meeting and on a different evening of the week. This meeting (open meeting) was to be held on a Saturday (March 1964) evening. We are unsure why but, this was changed. The open meeting was held on (the regular meeting night) Monday, March 23rd 1964. It was listed in the Carroll County Times on Thursday March 19th 1964. In the paper it was listed under Grace Lutheran. So you can see if someone did not read the Church listings, it could easily be missed, (note the copy of the add in Thursday, March 19th newspaper). Mary Ann had 5 months sobriety when it was held on March 23rd 1964. Mary Ann was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies and talk a little about AA and then, introduce the 2 or 3 speakers from York, Pa. The Minister of the Church, the Rev. Falkenstein did attend. The attendance included our members and their wives, who baked cookies. We had no visitors attend except for the Rev. Falkenstein. In 1965 we had 2 men from Frederick, (Harry W. & Darrell W.) who came often to our Monday meeting. Mary Ann had 18 months sobriety at the time. There was an annual Banquet in Frederick and they needed a woman speaker. They already had a man speaker, a Catholic Priest. The dinner was at a restaurant on Patrick Street in Frederick. Omar R. Buchwalter was invited to attend and he was also Mary Ann` Minister from her Church in Kensington, Maryland (note the copy of a letter of appreciation sent to Mary Ann from Omar B. at the Church dated, June 20th 1965). After it was over we all went to Frank F. ` home for fun and refreshments.

As time passed the Group changed its format to a closed Step group with the last Monday a tradition meeting, with the first Tradition as the topic starting in September. The date this occurred is unknown at the present time. In the early 1980`s the Court referral slip issue came. The Courts would send people to attend and get a slip signed stating they attended an AA meeting. The Group did not want to sign slips for Court referrals because of the Traditions, and did not. One of the members, Jim D. had seen the need of a Traditions meeting to better educate our members. In the fall of 1985 Jim D. started a Traditions meeting in his Club room at his home on Crouse Mill Rd., (by invitation only). This meeting lasted for a few years with 6 to 12 in attendance. With the decline of Jim D. ` health the meeting stopped.

On July 6th 1995, Ted J. and Mary Ann O. provided information in an interview about the start of AA` first Group in Carroll County (now District 9). This story was printed as part 7: North Central Maryland, in the 3rd quarter of the Margenser 1995 newsletter by Maryland General Service (Area 29). It was later reprinted in the "Gleanings from Maryland`s AA History" also from Maryland General Service, (Area 29). Mary Ann O. is still active in the Group with more than 52 years sobriety. In the late fall of 2015 Mary Ann O., in which owned a house and property between New Windsor and Union Bridge sold her property. Mary Ann O. moved to Arlington Virginia for good, and in October 2016 Mary Ann celebrated

53 years at her home group there. Ted J. passed away in 2009 just before his 50 year Anniversary. The GSO history date is January 5th 1959. In the late 1970s groups were issued a group service number and it was D-21-13763, in the early 1980s (29-09) was added to signifying Area 29 and District 9, and the group service number was changed in mid year 1994 to 106415 this became known as the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) then, on August 5th 2019 the group service number was changed to 31787. On March 12th 2020 the government closed all the churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in person before being suspended was on March 16th 2020 with 2 people in attendance and 2 people on conference call on the phone. On March 23rd 2020 Lori & Linda went on free conference call then ZOOM started. The Church told its members they could start meeting in person with social distancing and a face mask. Jim K. & Steve K. restarted the meeting on August 7th 2020 with 3 in attendance. The majority of the home group members were still meeting on ZOOM thought out this period. Because of low attendance, fear of the Corona Virus, and Church restrictions the meeting continued until November 2nd 2020 then stopped meeting in person again. However, the ZOOM meeting did not stop. Also Jim K. had health issues and stayed in Hanover, PA while Steve K. started attending another group. As time passed the fear of the pandemic passed and the members slowly came in person. "On May 17th 2021 was the first Hybrid meeting and on June 28th 2021 the meeting went fully in person and no more ZOOM." The Church wants everyone out by 9:50pm. - Note: It is thought in early 1958 the members met at Bernie M` home or place of business on Green St. The moved in late 1958 to the Church was to accommodate all who came. The three men listed in 1965 also attended the Original Frederick Group. In the West Central Intergroup Archives, Harry W., Darrell W., & Frank F., are recorded as attending the Original Frederick Group in their 1977 book. Let it be noted the Intergroup Archives only has information back to 1977 about this Group which was the 1st Group in Frederick started in 1948. - (*1*2*3)

1959

Manchester - **Lone Member** - Bob H., Lone member. - (*1*5)

1965

Baltimore Intergroup - (March 1st 1965 moved to) - Central Office, 3111 Saint Paul Street, (second floor over bakery) Baltimore, Maryland, 21218 - Phone # 467-4667-4668 - Note: March 11th 1966, Tom F. was voted to be the Intergroup Secretary on a 6 month trial bases - September 16th 1966 Tom F. was voted to be the Intergroup Secretary - October 14th 1966 Tom F. was voted to give monthly reports at the Intergroup meeting. (* 2010 calendar and 20 questions pamphlet)

Sykesville - **Central Group** - C/o A A Secretary, Central Laundry Pre Release Unit, Sykesville, 21784 - 16 members. Do not know who started the meeting but, may have been a suggestion from the Baltimore Institutions Committee. In 1963 the contact was Rev. John J. W., St. Stephens Rectory, Bradshaw. In 1966 and 1967 listed under Greater Baltimore Area Institutions Committee, the contact was Rev. Thomas E. O'. 5400 Roland Ave., Baltimore, (Thomas F. C.). We do not have any other information on the group. The GSO group service number is 154019 and history date is June 8th 1965. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 98614 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: It is unknown exactly who started, when started, the meeting. This is an in house group. - (*1*2*5)

1968

Sykesville - **Upper Room Group** - St. Paul's UMC, 7538 Main St.-21784 - 7pm - FRI - (O) (D) - Founders believed to be Kay B. and Richard B. It is listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory in June 1992 as meeting at St. Barnabas Church, Main St., Sykesville, 21784 - 7:00pm - FRI - (O) (D) (NSM). It was said: "Kay B. restarted the Upper Room Group because the 8:30pm Sykesville Mon-Fri group was

taken over with Court referral people and there was no AA message.” It was also said: “The group met at 7:00pm upstairs”. In January 25th 1994 the bulletin states moving to Springfield State Hospital, 5th St., 2nd floor, Building D, Warfield Complex. (We believe the group was at Springfield Hospital for a very short time, and then moved to St. Paul’s UMC in Sykesville “if” indeed the Intergroup listed it correctly. The Church may have been making improvements). Baltimore Intergroup start date is March 28th 2002 and meets at St. Paul’s UMC, 7538 Main St., 21784. Last updated at the GSO is listed on August 16th 2006, this may have been the time the group received a group service number since, in 1968 we were not using or even had a group service number yet, the service numbers came into play in the mid 1970’s. The GSO group service number is 672306 and the history date is August 16th 1968. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 106479. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Church` because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended on or about March 13th 2020. As time passed the group started meeting in March 2022. Note: Kay B. got sober in early 1968, married Richard B. (who she met at a meeting, Springfield State Hospital). Richard got drunk, then, they started the group, and then Kay surrendered in December 1968, never to drink again. Richard B. finally surrendered in August 1982, never to drink again. We do not have any details on the group but think with the start of the Monday/Friday Night Sykesville Group’s in 1982 the Upper Room Group became inactive for a period of time and then started up again because of the slip signing Court referral people. The founder, Kay B. passed away sober in Delaware on February 14th 2010. Richard B. passed away sober in Delaware on June 19th 2014. - (*2*3*4)

1972

Sykesville - **Carroll Howard Co.** - Friday - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Parish House, Sykesville, 21784 - listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory from 1972 thru 1977 - Note: this may be the Upper Room Group and just called by another name, the day of the week and the location fits. - (*4*5)

Woodbine - **Woodbine Saturday Night Group** - 8:30pm - Morgan Chapel UMC, 6750 Woodbine Rd., Woodbine, 21787. It is said the founder was Richard P. The Woodbine Saturday Night was first listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Directory in January 1975. The GSO group service number is 130171 and the history date is August 12th 1983. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 39432. On March 12th 2020 the government shut down all the Churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in person and in the Church was on March 7th or 13th 2020. On July 16th 2020 a few members met on the parking lot and decided to meet in the Graveyard starting on July 25th 2020 and to continue (If weather permits) until the Church lets the group back in (the group may have went ZOOM for a while). By 2021 the group started meeting back in person and in the Church. - (*2*3)

Eldersburg- **Eldersburg Freedom Group** - Wed - Wesley Freedom Church, 1 mile past Eldersburg- Rte. 26-closed - (al-anon & alateen). It is unknown the exact date when or who started the group. The group may have started before 1972 but the evidence indicates 1972. The group met in the old stone Church located close to route 26. But in or about 1980 the group moved to the new Church build behind the old stone Church at 961 Johnsville Rd., off of route 26. The first contact with GSO was on March 11th 1975 and their service number is, D-21-12245-29-09 with 20 home group members. The contact from the 1979 Eastern U. S. Directory is F. Dan B. Jr., with 10 Members in the group. The group is listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory dated June 1972. In 1987 the group contact was Gene C. By August 16th 1990 Gene C. had passed away but was still listed as the groups contact. The DCM for District 9 visited the group and tried to update the contact and GSR for the group information sheet but, with no success so listed as no GSR or contact. Why the group stopped meeting in the early 1990’s is unknown at present. With the change of group service numbers in mid year 1994, even though the group stopped the new

service number is 106300. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 51542 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: Richard M. sobriety date is March 15th 1970 from Eldersburg and he said: "I went there when hurricane Agnes was here in 1972." - (*1*2*3*4*5)

1973

1974

Sykesville - **Bridge Group** - Wed - Sparr Unit, Springfield Hospital Center, 21784. We do not know who started the group or when it was started. - Note: in the 1990`s the Sparr Unit was on 1st Street just off of Main St., was listed in the 1979 Eastern United States directory. We do not have any information between 1973 - 1978 from the Eastern US Directories so, are unsure where to place this group. It was listed in 1980 directory, from the Baltimore Intergroup Institutions Committee and they took meetings to the Hubner Bldg. on Wednesdays. The Hubner Building is located between Main St. and the Medical Services Building on 4th St., it was renovated and now the Maryland State Police is using the building. - (*1*4*5)

Sykesville - **Carroll-Sykesville Group** - Fri. - 7 Members. It is unknown where they met and who the founders were. The contact from the 1979 Eastern United States directory was, George P., 21784. - Note: we only have a contact name and no group location, this group may have been the Upper Room Group or the beginning of the Eldersburg Friday Night Group, and it is questionable? - (*1*5)

1975

Westminster - **East Main Group** - Tues. - 8:30pm - Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Building, 6 East Main St., 21157. It was said to have been started by, Bill M. who was a member of the Parkville Group and his sobriety date is January 1971. The contact from 1978 information was Kenneth C., 21157; or Ira C. Note: Ira C. also, knew as Buck C. lives in Pa., a town called Sticks. Later to join the Manchester Friday night group in 1983, and to start Hanover York Street Group in Hanover, Pa. in the Fall of 1986. Also, moved to Hanover, Pa., in the mid 1980`s. Came from Baltimore, member of the Canton Group, in the 1960`s and early 1970`s. Buck C. started in AA in 1960. Something happen with the move from Baltimore and Buck`s sobriety date was changed to September 1973. Early in 1982 the East Main Group moved to, Grace Lutheran Church, 22 Carroll St., 21157 & met on Thursday night instead of Tuesdays. The Group just could not hold all the people that were coming. The founder of the Group, Bill M. also died in 1982. By 1983 the Group moved for its last time to the Carroll County Health Dept., Bldg., at 540 Washington Rd., 21157. Nat G. was "Court appointed" to run the Group and sign slips for Court referrals. "Tradition six broken this is affiliation and endorsement" The Group became a big court referrals meeting with between 150 and 200 in attendance. When Nat`s term was up Richard G. and Ed. H. volunteered to be the chairperson or secretary. The day of the week also moved back to Tuesday Night. A beginners meeting was also started at 7:00 pm. So, the East Main Group was meeting on Tuesday Night at 8:30 pm., with a Beginners meeting at 7:00pm. By late 1985 or early 1986 the Group was gone forever because of tradition breaks. Last time listed was in the January 1986 Baltimore Intergroup directory. The **East Main Group** was first listed in the January 1975 directory from the Baltimore Intergroup Office, we do not know exactly when the first meeting was, and it could have been in late 1974. - (*1*2*3*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Friday Group** - Fri. - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 915 Liberty Road, 21784 (this is a current address). It is unknown who were the founders of the group. It is unknown what year the group actually started. The group may have started a year or more before 1975. The only evidence we have is from GSO and their group history date is April 21st 1975 and their service number is D-21-12250-

29-09 in which was changed in mid year 1994 to 106301. The group is listed as having 15 members in the group at GSO. The Baltimore Intergroup has an address for the Eldersburg Group as meeting on Friday at St. Joseph's Church – Rt. 26, Eldersburg. No time listed since most of the meetings in Maryland met at 8:30pm and were considered closed groups. The contact from the 1979 Eastern U. S. Directory is Ellsworth E. S., with 5 Members. In or about 1987 Area 29 lists as the secretary contact only: Steven L. T. In 1988 the DCM for district 9 (Luther W.) tried to update their records. The new contact was Charlene D. The last group contribution to GSO was on August 14th 1981. By August 1990 Charlene D. was no longer the groups contact. With the Courts sending many people to meetings and someone had to sign a attendance verification slip stating the person attended the meeting, many new meetings started. We believe this is why the group stopped meeting in the early 1990`s. The location of the group at the end was Freedom Community Center, Rts. 26 & 32, and Eldersburg, Md. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 51544 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: First time listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory in July 1976-77. We believe the end location at the Freedom Community Center is incorrect since a meeting was started their in 1984 for the purpose of signing slips for Court referral people. - (*1*4*5)

Sykesville-Regan Friday Night Group- (Monday and Friday) - Regan Treatment Center, Springfield State Hospital, Building K., 21784. The meeting was in the Reilly Regan Treatment Center located on 2nd Street, Springfield State Hospital. The building was also known as Building “K.” We are unsure of who started the meeting or even when. The GSO history date is May 26th 1981 and the group service number is D-21-00316-29-09 in which, later in mid year 1994 was changed to 123366. With the new group information provided in 1981 it was said the group had 22 members. The last contribution to GSO was on December 31st 1984. A Monday meeting was added after a period of time but, we are unsure when. The DCM for District 9 (Luther W.) stopped there in 1988 and there was no longer a group but, there was a meeting in this building. By 1994 the Regan Center moved back to 5th Street in the Warfield Complex and the Baltimore Institution Committee was taking a meeting in there on Fridays. The contact: W. M. R. or C. B. After the move to 5th St., in the Warfield Complex it was called the Regan Center. Ed H. run the program for a while and it was something like a halfway house. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 39302 and lists the group as inactive. Note: The Confidential nature at the State Hospital makes it hard to determine dates or details. The GSO keeps on record the groups and even if they no longer meet the group service number stays in tack. While talking to Sterling B. at the district 9 Alkathon on January 1st 2018 Sterling B. said; “The meeting was there in 1975 and I attended it a few times.” We assume Reilly Regan started the Treatment Center but do not know in what year. The year the group started is also unknown but, we know the meeting was there in 1975. - (*1*4*5)

1976

Hampstead – Snyderburg Thursday Night Group – Meets at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1616 Cape Horn Rd., Hampstead, Md., 21074. Time 7:30pm – format: Open Discussion.

The original name of the group was; Hampstead Thursday Night Group. The group was started by Marie K. and others because there were no meetings in northern Carroll County on Thursday. The first meeting was on the first Thursday in October 1976. The group meets in Hampstead at 8:30pm at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1375 Main Street, Hampstead, 21074 and the format was open discussion. ** In why the group was started? Marie K. said: “no meetings in the Hampstead area, about 3 meetings in lower Carroll County at that time.” For the question stating; “Are there any original members still active?” Marie stated; “About 3 members with the oldest having 14 years of sobriety, and 2 members with 8 years of sobriety.” This information was from a questionnaire mailed by the Area 29 archives chair Ed Bartholomew in 1982 to all groups register at GSO or listed with Area 29.

By 1990 the attendance fell off greatly and there were also issues with the Church, (like paying rent

and cleaning up after the meeting). A few of the newer members were able to see this; the issues with the group and with the Church, the members worked these issues out. The first correspondence from the Hampstead Thursday Night Group to GSO was a contribution in October 1990, but GSO did not have a listing for the group. A new group form was filled out and, dated December 31st 1990, lists Dennis C. as the contact person, the new group service number was; D-21-01102-29-09. The contacts from 1990 to 1999 were Dennis C., Christopher N., and John G. John L. was also very active in the Group along with Dave and Carla G.

In mid year 1992 the Church was renovating and asked the group to move somewhere else. In December 1992 the Hampstead Thursday Night Group moved to Snydersburg and met at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1616 Cape Horn Road, Hampstead, 20174. The format stayed the same; open discussion and the meeting time was at 8:30pm.

In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 656679.

In June 2001 the group changed its meeting time to 8:00pm. In September 2001 the group changed its name to Snydersburg Thursday Night Group.

In October 2002 the group became a chip meeting.

On July 25th 2003 Melvin B. sent a "new group form" to the GSO and listed Melvin B., Charles M. and Gary B. as the contact people for the group, with 7 members at that time. The "new" GSO group service number is 656679 and the history date became August 5th 2003.

On October 17th 2006 a change form was mailed to GSO listing old GSR to be Melvin B. and new GSR John L., with 15 members.

For 2007 – 2008 – 2009 - 2010 the GSO lists John L. as contact person.

For 2010 and 2011 the contact people listed at GSO were John L. and Chad M.

For 2011 and 2012 the contact people for GSO were Richard M. and Chad M.

For 2012 and 2013 the contact people at GSO were Jeffery H. and Chad M.

For 2013 and 2014 the contacts remain the same since the directory was not printed.

For 2014 and 2015 the contact person at GSO was Ricky S.

For 2016 and 2017 the contact people were Darcie R. and Ricky S., with 35 group members. On January 31st 2017 Melvin B. passed away. On February 11th 2017 the group had a Memorial service for Melvin B. at St. Mark's United Church of Christ in which met in Snydersburg at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, it was well attended.

For 2018 and 2019 the contact people were Darcie R. and Ricky S., with 35 group members.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to 72148.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended; in April 2020 the group went to ZOOM or on line meeting. On July 9th 2020 Jimmy had contacted the Coon Club and the Group moves the meeting to the Coon Club with a time change to 7:00pm. Zoom continues so the group is a Hybrid meeting. All the meetings are under the Pavilion outside and social distancing with a face mask are required. The address is: Coon Club, 2855 Coon Club Rd., Hampstead, Md., 21074. On October 1st 2020 the group moves into the Coon Club building because of colder temperatures.

On February 4th 2021, the last meeting in person at the Coon Club because someone tested positive for the Corona Virus but, the group continued to meet on ZOOM or on line but not in person. On March 25th 2021 the Snydersburg Thursday Night Group starts meeting in person at the Coon Club again and, also was on ZOOM. By June 2021 there was good attendance so we stopped the ZOOM or on line and met in person only.

On February 16th 2023 the group had their last meeting at the Coon Club with 18 people in attendance. On February 23rd 2023 we moved back to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1616 Cape Horn Road, Hampstead, Md. 20174. We changed our meeting time to 7:30pm and the format stayed open discussion. On that night the speaker was Darcy and the chairperson was Alex with 41 people in

attendance. When one of the members celebrates their anniversary the group supplies a cake. - (*2*3*4)

1977

Westminster - Westminster Tuesday Noontime Group met at the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court, Westminster, 21157. It is unknown who started the group or the exact date it first met. It was listed in the Baltimore directory from 1977 thru 1979. - Note: They stopped meeting or may have changed to Wednesday by the end of 1979 or early 1980. - (*2*4*5)

1979

Westminster - Carroll St. Beginners Group - Mon - 7:00pm (O) (steps 1,2,3) - Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll St., Westminster, 21157 - unknown who or why the meeting was started except for the purpose of Court referrals - Note: what was said at the meeting was taken back to the Courts and the meeting stopped in 1985 - Tradition 1, 6, 11, & 12, unity, affiliation and endorsement, actual or implied, anonymity was broken & spirit of sacrifice - (*4*5)

Westminster - Westminster Saturday Night Group - 8:30pm. - Church Of The Ascension, 23 North Court St., 21157 - (Closed) - (Al-Anon) - said: "To have been started by, Mike C., Charles H., Ron C., and Ron and Karen D. "The evidence points to the group starting in early 1979. - (contact from 1982 Eastern U.S. Directory was Mike C., & Bob G. Mid 1980` format changed to open discussion and became a big court referrals meeting. Attendance was up to nearly 300 people, they lost most of their long term sobriety people at *"That time"*. In June 2003 changed name to **Saturday Night Live**. In December 2005 changed time to 8:00pm. In February 2011 time changed to 7:30 pm for only a short time then changed back to 8:00 pm. On February 18th 2017, Wayne F. & Birk who have been running the group for some time said, "this will be the last meeting unless someone steps up and takes over the group." Some of the young people said, "This group must not close." The young people attending the group volunteered to take over the group and run it. It should be noted that Wayne F. & Birk still attend when they can. Birk is moving to Frederick & got married on June 4th 2017. Birk, who was also the alt DCM for District 9 gave up this position and a new alt DCM was voted in at the District 9 business meeting in March 2017. The GSO group service number is 118900 and history date is June 6th 1979. On July 25th 2019 one of the founders, Charles H. passed away with more than 50 years sobriety. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 64012. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all the Church` because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Group was suspended and had their last meeting on or about March 7th 2020. On August 15th 2020 the Church left the meeting resume with, social distancing, taking peoples temperatures, face masks, sanitizing, and a limit posted to attend. The meeting met until November 7th 2020 then, the Church stopped all AA meetings for some reason or another. As of March 2023 the group is still suspended because of the Church. - Note: In May 1989 an Alateen meeting was started in Room # 5. The Alateen meeting went on for a couple of years then stopped. - (*2*3*4) - (*5)

1980

Baltimore Intergroup Office - (April 1st 1980 moved to) - Central Office, 114 West 25th Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21218 - Phone # 467-4667 - (* 2010 calendar & 20 questions pamphlet)

Sykesville - Kindergarten Group - Mon. 12 Noon - St. Barnabas Parrish Hall, Main Street, Sykesville, 21784.- unknown who were the founders and the meeting met only a short time - (*4*5)

Westminster - Ascension Group - Wed - noon (C) (al-anon) - Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court St., 21157. The research indicates the meeting started in about 1980. We are unsure who the

founders were. Also called the **Westminster Wednesday Noon Group**, then change the format to, Open Discussion in the mid 1980`s, (by the late 1990`s the al-anon family group moved because the rent was raised.) - (The Al-Anon Family Group moved to the Westminster United Methodist Church, 162 East Main St. @ Center Street). In the 1990`s the group was called **Wednesday Noon Ascension** (O) (D). In October 2005 the group changed its name to **Acceptance at Noon Group**, Open topic. Listed with District 9 as the **Wednesday Noon Ascension** and met on Wednesdays at 12 noon (O) (D) which was later called the Acceptance at Noon group. The GSO group service number is 666820 and the history date is July 11th 2005. On August 5th 2019 GSO changed the group service number to 92215 making the old number obsolete. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Church`s because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The meeting was suspended and had their last meeting on March 11th 2020. The Church let the meeting restart on August 5th 2020 and the meeting went on for a while with some restrictions like: social distancing, an 18 person limit, face mask, and sanitizing. For some reason only known to the Church, the Church asked them to stop meeting in November of 2020. Because of some Church people the meeting is still suspended as of March 2023 and does not know if they will ever meet again in the Church. - Note: Terrance from the Texas group said: "He was there in the late 1970`s, he also said the Westminster Monday Night Group members were there, Ted J., Jim D., and others." So, with that said this group may have started a couple of years earlier, but we have no proof of that. All we have is the Baltimore Intergroup directory as a reference and maybe the comments from Terrance M. It is possible Terrance went on Tuesday and not on Wednesday. - (*2*3*4) - (*5)

1981

Mt Airy – **Mt. Airy Main Street Group** – 8:30pm – WED – Open Discussion – Meets at Calvary United Methodist Church, 403 South Main Street, Mt. Airy, Md., 21776. We do not know exactly when this group started. It may have been before 1981 but, the only evidence we have is from the Group Information Sheet from the GSO. The history date is October 14th 1981 and the group service number is 124257. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 27817. The government shut down all the Churches on March 12th 2020 because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in the Church was on March 11th 2020 then, the group was suspended. As of the May 30th 2022 the group is still suspended and may or may not restart. – (*2)-(*5)

Manchester-**Manchester Friday Night Group** - 8:00pm - closed speaker discussion - (al-anon) - Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3184 Church Street, Manchester, Md., 21102 - Group was started in September 1981 by, Mike C. & Louis W. and, met at 8:30pm, the group was started at the request of the Church pastor the Rev. Ellis Kretschmer (Rev. Ellis K. passed away in June 2nd 2015). At the first meeting there were 8 people attending they were Louis W., Mike C., John S., 3 from Baltimore, Richard B., Meyer, and Kenny S., the other two are unknown. By the middle of 1986 we became a Court referral meeting and were unable to get away from that until January 1990 when, all the Court referral people had their time up and were no longer coming to AA. In January 2002 we voted to have a Group Conscience meeting every third Friday. On June 4th 2004 we voted to meet at 8:00pm instead of 8:30pm. The group has been active with the Area 29, District 9, the Baltimore Intergroup and their activities, and the West Central Intergroup. The GSO group service number is 125418 and the history date is February 22nd 1982. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 17024. A new Disease was developed in China and was released to the world. It is called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. This pandemic hit the United States and the Governor of Maryland closed all the Churches down. The Manchester Friday Night Group last meeting was on March 12th 2020. Because of the closing of the Church a member of the group, Bill M. started an on line meeting called a ZOOM meeting. Bill M. had the first meeting on ZOOM on March 20th 2020. On April 3rd because of some issues about comments and language used Bill M. stopped running the meeting. Howard L. started running the meeting and added an

ID number 7979646439 and a Password 4vOyg to solve this issue starting on April 3rd 2020. On April 17th Glen starting running the ZOOM meeting and was well attended; people all over the U.S. and also Dave and Carla G. in South Carolina was attending. By the end of August 2020 the attendance was down to 3 or 4 people. Glenn stopped running the meeting and Howard L. started running the on line ZOOM meeting. Because of lack of participation Howard L. stopped the ZOOM meeting on October 30th 2020. On March 12th 2020 the Manchester Friday Night Group had a group conscience meeting to talk over the 17 rules and it was decided to restart with a rotating literature format. Those present were Trip, Francis A., Luther W., Howard L., Brittney W., Russ, Glen, and Anna (8 members). On April 1st 2021 the Church contacted Howard L. and they shut us down again because of the Corona Virus went back up to over 5% in Carroll County until further notice.

On May 18th the Church contacted Howard L., and said we could begin meeting again on Friday May 21st 2021 and Al-Anon could also meet. We had our first meeting back in the Church on Friday May 21st 2021 with 23 in attendance. The Chairperson was Francis A., and the Speaker was Carla G. from South Carolina. The Al-Anon group also met in the Martin Luther Room while we met in the big room. Trip calls the Baltimore Intergroup on March 23rd 2022 and talks to Carol and then to Jen. Trip asked for the **Manchester Friday Night Group** to be printed in their next directory. Jen said to Trip: "Before the Corona Virus we had 800 meetings now we have 600." - (*2*3)

1982

Sykesville - **Sykesville Monday Night Group** - Mon - St. Paul's UMC, 7538 Main St., (Church & Main St.), 21784. The group was started early in 1982 by Richard & Kay B. By the end of 1982 a Friday Night Meeting was added, the **Sykesville Monday Night Group** & the **Sykesville Friday Night Group** is the same group and the same members, sometimes just called the **Sykesville Group**. The GSO group service number is 128995 and the history date is April 4th 1983. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 86393. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. We believe the last meeting the group had was on March 9th 2020 then, the group was suspended. Because of very low attendance even before the pandemic the group never started meeting again. Note: Kay and Richard B. lived in walking distance of the meeting. - (*2*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Big Book** - 8:30pm WED - First Presbyterian Church, 65 Washington Rd., 21157 - listed as a new group on 11-28-1982, in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin - Note: this group listed in the Baltimore bulletin and was listed in the Directory June 1983 and March 1984 only - why the meeting stopped is unknown - (*4*5)

Sykesville - **Sykesville Friday Night Group** - Fri - St. Paul's UMC, 7538 Main St., 21784. The meeting was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin as a new group on, 12-19-1982. Richard & Kay Bagley were thought to be the founders. The Friday meeting was needed, Kay thought. Monday and Friday is same group of members. The group is sometimes called the **Sykesville Group**. The GSO group service number is 128995 and the history date is April 4th 1983. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 86393. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches & Non Essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in the Church was on or about March 6th 2020. The group suspended meeting and since the group had very low attendance it never resumed meeting, stopped permanent. - (*2*4*5)

Hampstead - **Hampstead Sunday Night Group** - 8:00pm - Sun - Black & Decker Plant, 626 Hanover Pike, 21074 – We believe the meeting was started in 1982 by Gene G. and the cofounder may have been big John G. - (contact: Gene G. from, the Eastern U.S. Directory) – The group moved in July 1986 to

Trenton and met at Christ Lutheran Church, Trenton Church Rd., 21155, near Rt. # 30. After a brief period of time and the move, the Group's name was changed to **Trenton Sunday Night Group**. In August 1995 the meeting moved back to Hampstead and the Group name was changed back to the **Hampstead Sunday Night Group**. The new location is St. John's UMC, 1205 N. Main St., 21074. - (O) (D) – Then on October 5th 2004 the group changed the format to an open Big Book Study. By 2018 the attendance was very light so the group decided to change its format again with, the idea, maybe the attendance would pick up. The group changed its format on February 3rd 2019 to open discussion; this change would be a short term change for 3 months, and then reevaluate the decision. On talking to Pat M. on October 27th 2019 Pat said: “The format has stayed the same; Open Speaker Discussion.” The GSO history date is May 26th 1983 and the group service number is 129520. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 109075. On March 12th 2020 the Government shut all the Churches down because of the Corona Virus or COVID – 19. This group had their last meeting in the Church on March 29th 2020. The next time the Church left us back in was on June 13th 2021. We changed the format back to Open Big Book Discussion in which we read the Big Book then, discuss what we have read. - Note: Gene G. & Big John G. both worked and retired from Black and Decker. - (*2*3 *4)

Eldersburg - Good Company Group - MON - 8:30pm (O) (ST) Bethesda UMC, 326 Klee Mill Rd., 21784 - Believed started in November of 1982 by, Olan Schmidt, (Smitty), Joe V., George G., and Blackie S. The GSO group service number is D-21-01007-29-09 and the history date is October 4th 1989. In mid year 1994 the group service number was changed to 158825. Then on August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 107564. On March 12th 2020 the government shut down all the Churches because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting was on March 9th 2020. The group suspended their meetings and has not resumed them. - Note: It was said: “The group did not restart because of the very low attendance before the Corona Virus pandemic.” – (*2*3*5)

In a short time later the same people started a Thursday night meeting called the **Klee Mill Thursday Night Group**, meeting time 8:30 pm, and same location. Early to Mid 1980s we had noon meetings at the Church. GSO service #000157925 and the history date is August 3rd 1989. On August 5th 2019 the Klee Mill Thursday Night was given a new group service number from GSO it is 00005700. It was said: “The group restarted in April 2021 back in the Church and, in person.” - Note: We received a Home Group History Sheet but we believe the groups are backward and the Klee Mill Thursday Night Group started first. We also think the Friday noon meeting held at the same Church moved in October 1992 to become part of the Eldersburg Noon Group that meets at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 915 Liberty Rd., 21784. - (*2*3)

1983

Winfield - South Carroll Sunday Night - 7:00pm - SUN - (O) - (BB) – Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 2927 Gillis Falls Road, Mt. Airy, Md., 21771.

The group started as the **Sunday Night Ebenezer Group** - 8:00 pm - (also Alateen) - Ebenezer UMC, 4901 Woodbine Rd. & Rte. 94. The group was listed as a new group in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin, January 30, 1983. The basic format was an open discussion meeting at 8:00pm. If the weather permitted, in the summer, the meeting was held outside the Church on the lawn. We do not know who the founders were. We believe in 1983 there were no Sunday meetings in Sykesville or Eldersburg that may be why the group was started. At the GSO the first contact was on April 2nd 1986 so the history date was April 9th 1986. The contact people were Edwin W. and Ellen W. (04-02-1986) the group service number was D-21-00669-29-09 listing the group as the **Sunday Night Ebenezer Group**. The GSO contact information from 1987 – 1991 was Ellen W. The next contact was on November 4th 1989 and listed Charles S. & Steve McC. with group attendance of 10 people. On November 4th 1989 Charles S. called the group **Ebenezer**

Sunday Night Group. With the name change the GSO issued a group service number as D-21-01018-29-09 and a history date November 28th 1989 with 10 members. At GSO the contact for 1990-1991 was Charles S. & Steve McC. for this service number.

In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 139594 and listed the groups **Ebenezer Sunday Night Group & Sunday Night Ebenezer Group** as merged. (Same Group)

In 1995 the group had about 6 people attending they were: Chris F., Neil H., Bucky G., Farmer Mark, Chris H., and one other person.

In 2001 the meeting format was changed to open beginners meeting with the focus on Steps 1, 2, & 3, using the Big Book.

In February 2004 the meeting time was changed to 7:00 pm. Also, in 2004 the format was changed to open Big Book study. We read all the prefaces and appendices as well as the first 164 pages of the book. We then added Dr. Bob's nightmare as well as rotating to include another of the stories before starting over again. When members celebrate anniversaries, we ask them to select an excerpt from the Big Book for discussion. Attendance grew and the Church left us move into a larger room.

On October 17th 2006 we used the name the **Ebenezer Sunday Night Group**. District 9 lists Chris F. as the groups contact and then changing the contact to Anne E. on October 17th 2006. By 2006-2007 we out grew the room and had to move the meeting.

On October 26th 2008 the group moved to South Carroll Full Gospel Church, 2015 Old Liberty Rd. W.

In August 2009 we, changed the group name to **South Carroll Sunday Night**.

In 2012 the Church name was changed to Freedom Church. The Freedom Church merged with a very large international Church organization.

In February 2014 the Church was mandated by its parent to require groups using its space to purchase liability insurance. Group member Mary G. made contacts with the District 9 DCM Francis S. and the DCM made contact with the Delegate Ron M. about the insurance issue. The end result was the group bought insurance through Recovery Source, an insurance company specializes in issuing 12 step groups nationally. In 2014 the contacts listed with GSO were Steve Davis & Mary G.

By the fall of 2015 the Church's parent organization requires that it enter into facility agreements with the group using the space to pay \$100.00 per hour. We could not afford to pay that. As a result the group decided to move the group.

The last meeting at this location was on February 28th 2016. The Group moved on March 6th 2016 to, Mt. Olive UMC, Cabbage Spring Rd. & Gillis Falls Rd., Mt. Airy, 21771. The 2016 contact with GSO was Mary G. The group wanted to start celebrating a group anniversary so; we had a Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate.

Mary G. is still listed with GSO as the contact in 2019. On August 5th 2019 the group service number was changed to 84396.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all churches & non essential businesses because, of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. We had our last meeting in the Church and in person on March 8th 2020 then we were suspended. On March 16th 2020 we decided to take the meeting on line or what is called ZOOM. In the latter part of spring when the weather was warmer we met in person outside the Church and if the weather did not permit we met on ZOOM. Everyone brought their own chair and we had a 6 foot distance between out members. We met like this until colder weather came then, the Church permitted us to meet inside with social distancing, wearing a face mask, bring our own chair, sanitizing everything, and not using the kitchen. Once the weather became warmer in 2021 we met outside again. By the fall of 2021 the issues of the Corona Virus were being lifted so our group slowly went back to its normal operation. District 9 lists as their GSR for 2022-2023 Steve Davis. - Note: Starting in the fall 2012 District 9 directory has meeting listed at the Freedom Church, same address. Church may have changed its name. We are not sure when the group starting celebrating a group anniversary with a Pot Luck Dinner. The group anniversary celebration with a Pot Luck Dinner may have started before 2016. The

District 9 Archivist, Luther W. got the dates from research and what the evidence indicates. Some of the information is from Anne E. a member of the group. The dates from Anne E. may not correspond with the Archivist dates. - (*2*3*4)

Westminster - **Westminster Big Book** - 12 Midnight - SAT closed - Sam Shoemaker House, 540 Washington Rd., 21157, (next to Carroll County Health Center). The meeting was held in the Thomas Room of the Sam Shoemaker House. The idea was to Pass It On by using the Big Book as a reference. But, it soon became a Speaker-Discussion meeting. It is unknown who were the founders. With the help of Paula B. we got a group service number on May 7th 1987, # D-21-00745-29-09. There were many secretaries and chairpersons to keep the meeting going. In October 1988 the meeting time was changed to 11:00pm. At the end of 1990 the group moved to Union Street Methodist Church, Union St., Westminster, 21157. In the late spring or early summer in 1991 we moved back to the Sam Shoemaker House, 540 Washington Rd., Westminster. In the 1992 Eastern U. S. Directory lists Bill S. & Stuart B. as the contacts. In September 1994 we moved to Springfield State Hospital, Warfield Building, 5th St., Sykesville, Md., 21784. Also the group service number was changed in midyear 1994 to # 000143700. The building was sometimes called the Regan Hall or the Regan Center but, the Regan Center was the name of the program and not the name of building. We stayed there until the property was to be sold in May of 2003. It is unknown what happened next, may have moved to the Medical Services Bldg. on 4th St., at Springfield State Hospital or the meeting may have stopped. At the District 9 meeting in December the change form to GSO dated November 4th 2006 the group was listed as "discontinued". It was also listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin as "Discontinued" in April 2009. - Note: the building called the Sam Shoemaker House in Westminster was tore down, no longer there. With the move to Sykesville the name Shoemaker House was also used but the program name used is the Shoemaker Center. - (*4*5)

Taneytown - **Taneytown Group** - 7:30pm - Tuesday - (O) - (BB) - Grace United Church Of Christ, 49 West Baltimore St., 21787. It is unknown who were the founders but, it is thought the group started in early spring of 1983 and was a closed meeting that met at 8pm. The start date of 1983 was confirmed when a member asked the Church secretary when they started meeting. In September of 2008 the meeting time was changed to 7:30pm. In October 2014 the Taneytown Topic meeting merged with the Taneytown Group. The Taneytown Topic meeting started by RJ & Anthony in January 2013 and meets at 7:30 pm., on Fridays, (O) (D) (BB). The Friday Topic meeting changed its format to Big Book in December 2014 the same members attend both meetings so they thought we will be one Group and meet on two different days. The GSO group service number is 129368 and the history date is May 9th 1983. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 86800.

In 2020 with the Corona Virus outbreak the Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan, closed all the Churches. Their last meeting was either on Tuesday March 10th or Friday March 13th 2020. After a short period of time the members started meeting on line called a Zoom meeting. With this pandemic everything in the U.S. was shut down or changed. Brian M. and a few of members wanted to have a meeting in person but the Church would not let them meet in the Church. So, it was decided to start another meeting. The temporary meeting started on May 12th 2020 at 6pm on Wednesdays and would meet in a Pavilion in Taneytown. Attendance at these meetings ranged between 15 and 25 people in attendance. The format was either a speaker discussion meeting or a topic out of the Daily Reflection or 24 Hours a Day books. Of those attending it was up to them whether to wear a face mask, use social distancing of 6 feet apart, or what ever made them feel safe at the meeting. The Chairperson was usually Brian M. or Steve. Brian M. said: "This is a temporary meeting and will continue until further notice." On August 5th 2020 Anne typed up a flyer asking everyone to wear a face mask (Because of the Governors orders). On October 14th 2020 attendance was 30 people still meeting at the Pavilion in the Park. Their last meeting at the Pavilion was on November 4th 2020 with, 18 in attendance. The Tuesday meeting will

stay on ZOOM while their Friday Night meeting will move to the Trinity Evangelical Church, 32 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Md., 21787 and have the first meeting on November 6th 2020. On November 6th attendance was 19 people and the chairperson was Christopher. The last meeting on ZOOM for the Taneytown Group will be on Tuesday May 18th 2021. The lack of attendance on the ZOOM was the determining factor for stopping the ZOOM but the Friday meeting will continue at the Trinity Evangelical Church. The Tuesday Night meeting (since the Church did not let them back in yet) decided to meet at the Taneytown Park in a Pavilion on Tuesdays at 6:30pm, their first meeting under the Pavilion was on June 15th 2021. The Friday meeting will continue at Trinity Evangelical Church until further notice. The Grace United Church of Christ let our group back in and we had our first meeting in person and in the Church on October 5th 2021. The Friday meeting will stay at Trinity Evangelical Church for at least now. The Friday meeting of the **Taneytown Group** will move back to Grace United Church of Christ on March 4th 2022 (7:30pm, Big Book format). We took our first group inventory on August 13th 2022. On January 27th 2023 we celebrated a 40 year group anniversary with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00pm and a speaker at 7:30pm. The attendance for the dinner was about 25 people but, the meeting had about 65 people and the Speaker was Brian Miller. Brian M. is one of the longest members of the group and he shared his experience, strength, & Hope. - Note: It was said there were meetings in the mid to late 1970`s in Taneytown one at the Catholic Church and one at the Methodist Church. With the development of Areas starting in the mid 1970`s and the Districts in the late 1970`s and early 1980`s the Taneytown group was listed as being in District 43. The District line was any group west of Rt. 194 in Taneytown was in District 43 and any group east of Rt. 194 was in District 9. The contact with the General Service Office in which we do not know if it was a new group form filled out or a group contribution, the General Service Office gave the Taneytown Group a group service number; the number was D-21-00439-29-43 in which became the History Date for the group. In the Eastern U. S. Directory dated 1988 the group is listed in district 43 and the contact person was Mike F. In the 1988-89 directories the district is not listed and has no contact. In the 1992-93 the group service number is listed as D-21-00439-29-43, being in district 43 and the contact is Charles R. In 1991 Maryland General Service (Area 29) appointed Frank Youell (Past Delegate, Panel 32, 1982-83) to head the Redistricting Committee for redistricting Area 29. With the redistricting District 9 became all of Carroll County. Before the redistricting the boundary line for district 9 was Rt. 194 in Taneytown and on the east side the line was Md. Rte. 26. Of course it took a few years for the General Service Office to change this in their files. For some unknown reason the Mid Year 1994 the General Service Office changed all the group service numbers. The new group service number became 129368. As the Technology was changing this group service number became known as the Fellowship New Vision number or FNV. Then on August 5th 2019 the General Service Office changed all group services numbers again. The new group service number is 86800. - (*1*2*3*4) -

Sykesville – **Sunday Morning Sykesville Group** – SUN – 10:00am – open discussion – Big “G” bldg., 4th Street, Springfield State Hospital - The first alcoholic rehab opened in Carroll County in September 1982 to service Carroll and Howard Counties. Before hand was the question of what to call it. The thought of Co-Founder Bill W. (co-founder of AA) help, from Sam Shoemaker who, help run the Calvary Mission in New York City in early December, 1934 came to mind. With discussion with Helen Shoemaker, (Sam Shoemaker` wife) it was decided to call it “The Sam Shoemaker House”. The Sam Shoemaker House was located at, 540 Washington Rd., Westminster., Md., 21157. Some of the local people did not want it. In fear they may catch Alcoholism from the drunks. On Sunday morning at 10:00am, someone was asked to come in and talk. Like an Institutional Commitment. At the end of July or early August of 1983, David F. started to have a meeting with the support of John H. and Luther W. In attendance were 15 people, David, John, & Luther and 12 patients. As time passed other AA members came. It was an exciting time. It was not long in realizing the great gift GOD has placed in front of us. We always had new people to Pass It On to. The idea that “we had an answer” to their alcoholism problem

because, "we had been there and understand" and to give GOD all the glory. The spiritual program of the 12 steps and to stick to our Primary Purpose. Everyone who worked at the Shoemaker House showed lots of love and compassion for the drunks. We meet in the Thomas room of the Shoemaker House every Sunday morning at 10:00am. None of us really knew what to do at first. We learned from other groups and people so we made mistakes. By 1987, John H. with the help of Paula B. (she worked as secretary for the Shoemaker House and was not a member of the group or AA) filled out a new group form and mailed it to GSO, in New York. So, we got a Group Service number on May 7, 1987, (D-21-00746-29-09). Paula put down she was the GSR., and John H. was the contact. During that period from 1983 to 1989 we rotated the Chair Person many times, we tried to get people involved and into action. In this period the chair person did every thing, make coffee, buy supplies, get the speakers, be treasure, etc. We seen chair people run off with the groups` treasure and get drunk because no one thought of reading the AA Group pamphlet. During this period the Shoemaker House moved to the Regan Center on Second Street, Springfield Hospital Center in Sykesville twice but only for a couple of weeks each time. They were renovating to accept 15 patients. We did not meet those two times and waited for their return. Then in September 1990 the Sam Shoemaker House was used as a Detox Center. The Rehab moved back to the Regan Center on Second Street, S.H.C., in Sykesville. Paul F., who went through the Rehab a few times was the Chair person there on Sundays at 10:00am. In the mean time while the Detox Center was in operation the Home Group members was scattered. At the Detox Center Robert S. and Luther W. took a meeting in there on Thursdays at 8:00-9:00pm. Finally in the Spring of 1991 the Rehab moved back to the Sam Shoemaker House in Westminster, we could get back in action. The Sunday Morning Westminster Group struggled for a few months. By this time, we have read the AA Group pamphlet so we did not make the same mistakes we made in the 1980`s.

The biggest issue we had from 1986 to 1991 was the court slip problem. The Thomas room was small. Once we got over 35 or 40 people, we were out of room. We have no idea how many were coming but the room was packed, the hall was full, and many were standing outside. Most were there just to get their court slip or their attendance variation slip signed. Some had other reasons and it was not sobriety or a spiritual way of life. We had only the life changing of the AA program, the 12 steps to offer, a spiritual solution. The staff of the Rehab told us to stop signing court slips or GET THE HELL OUT. We were warned a few years earlier and stopped. But when we would get a new Chair Person, they thought they knew better than the Group`s decision. By the end of 1991 we only had a few active members, they were Frank K., Phil C., Mike F., Richard H., Wanda H., Chris N., Steve R., Chris S., Luther W., and Bob K., but the meeting room was always full (30-40) people or more. Another Issue we had was when John D. became Chairperson and wanted to buy Chips and give them out to people in the Rehab (patients) - (24 hr., 1 month, 2 months, etc.). A lot of AA money was going to buy the chips (we believed court slips and chips were in violation with the Traditions and both were out side issues). The money that went into the basket was AA money, only to be used for 12 step work. By the beginning of 1992 we had 9 members and the chip issue was fading out (along with John D.). Including every one at the meeting there were 35 to 40 people and some times more. As a group we had a Secretary, Chair Person, GSR., Coffee Maker, and Treasure. By the end of 1992 and at the beginning of 1993 we added Kandee W. and Dee C. We were a good group. By the summer of 1994 the General Service Office changed our Group Service number to #000143701. We suspected that GSO changed their system and went computer or something.

On August 30, 1994 the Sam Shoemaker House Rehab moved again back to Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville, Warfield Complex, 5th St. This was the last time they and us would move, at least we thought. The Sunday Morning Westminster Group voted to move also. Our first meeting was on September 4, 1994 only a couple of days after the Sam Shoemaker House move. So, we did not miss a week. We meet in the Rehab itself for a few weeks` 6 to 10 people plus the patients. Then we moved across the road into the Warfield Building, also located on 5th Street about 100 feet away. So now we were to meet in a different building and not in the Rehab itself. We still meet on Sunday mornings at

10:00am. The Rehab people would still come to the meeting. As time passed, we also got some of the mental patients. The Group became very active. We elected 5 chair persons for the Rehab on Sundays and also had a Chairperson for the Group meeting which made a total of 6 Chair persons. We also added a secretary which was Ann A. In a year or so we had 50 or more people at the meeting. All thru this period we had issues with getting the right coffee makers to show up and on time. By 1998 attendance was about 90 or more and Kandee W. was GSR. Kandee W. had some kind of issue with Baltimore Intergroup (miss communication, we believe something to do with our new Where & When that was to be printed for District 9). A group conscience decision was to change from the Baltimore Intergroup to West Central Intergroup (most of the people were from Frederick any way). In 1998 the chair person was Terry H., the GSR was Kandee W., the Alt. GSR was Bill W., the Intergroup Rep was Mike H., the Alt. Intergroup Rep. was Brian, and the Treasure was Luther W., along with Ann A. being the groups secretary (July 11, 1998). By the year 2000 we had elected an Institution Rep., which was Terry H. The Institution commitment we had was from West Central Intergroups, it was Mountain Manor in Emmittsburg, the Second Wednesday of every month at 8:00-9:00pm. Terry H. kept the commitment for 6 months then turned it over to Kandee W., and she kept it until 2015. By year end we had 21 members of the group and 70 to 90 people coming. Then on July 8, 2001 B.J. called a group conscience meeting because we meet in Sykesville now and not in Westminster and thought we should be the Sunday Morning Sykesville Group now instead of the Sunday Morning Westminster. The vote carried. We also elected to rotate some jobs in the group. New GSR., Ron J., new Alt., GSR., Mike D., Intergroup Rep., Mike H., Coffee maker Matt, Speaker getter would be Mike D., Cakes would be Kandee W., and Luther W. would stay Treasure. We had many Chair persons in 2001 and 2002 just to name a few were, Tom, John, Stephan, Matt, Joann, Chris, Ron, Adam. Also had a Grapevine Rep., Dee P., and Kim S. would man the West Central Intergroup (take a time slot for the intergroup to be open).

The early part of 2003 we knew the property was to be sold soon and would need a new place. With the help of Richard B., we found a new location.

On May 25, 2003 we started meeting at the Big "G" building located on 4th Street, Springfield Hospital Center, Sykesville, Md. 21784. Now with the move we encountered a new issue, many Mental Patients started attending. We got as many as 75 to 85 mental patients. Some of the regular members stopped coming. The mental patients took all our books, donuts, and pan handled for money and cigarettes. We knew we had to make some changes if we were to function as a group. So, we only made coffee and kept a bare amount of literature at first. At Volunteer Services (while paying the rent) we talked to Betty Jean M. about the issue. Betty typed a letter asking us not to give the patients anything. She said, "That is panhandling" and it did not help them. So that issue was slowly solved. Every Easter Springfield Hospital Center has an Easter Service at the Big "G" Building from 9:00am till about 9:30pm. The service has a Chaplain from the Hospital and a Deacon from St. Joseph Catholic Church. This event occurs on Easter Sunday only, so we adjusted to making coffee and plugging the pot in the other room, after their service which is over about 9:45-9:50am., we rush in and set up the meeting, so the meeting usually starts on time at 10am. This Easter Service has never been a problem just a slight inconvenient.

By 2005 we had 23 home group members. The Group is active with West Central Intergroup. We held time slots at the Christmas and New Years Alkathons for more than 10 years in Frederick. Chair people in Frederick at the Alkathons were Michael R., Luther W., Terry H., Kandee W., Bob K., and Paul F. Many more helped and supported the event. We also supported the Alkathon in Westminster on New Years Eve and New Years Day that was put on by District 9. Some years they both happened at about the same time, but we covered them. All group members were encouraged to support the functions. In 2005 Kandee W. changed her home group to the Woodville beginners' group where she celebrated 13 years there on November 10th 2005. We rotate as often as possible. Paul F. and Rodney Mc. were the Chair Person on and off for a couple of years. With members Barbara H. and Katie and the suggestion of Paul F. we had 3 Group picnics and 3 group dances. September 24th 2005, we had a dance at the Big "G" building. We had

another dance on December 17, 2005. A cook out and dance on April 29, 2006 (all three dances were at the Big "G" Building. The Group's first cook out was on July 23, 2005 at, Watkins Park in Mt. Airy. We had about 60 people come to this event. The Second cook out we had was at Watkins Park in Mt. Airy on October 7, 2006 and the Third was at Watkins Park on July 28, 2007. In 2007 we had 26 home group members. Attendance at our meeting was as high as 130 people in the years of 2004 thru 2007. Which consist of about 30 AA members, 70 mental patients, and 30 people from the Rehab in which kept the name of the Shoemaker Center. The Shoemaker is also on 4th Street, but a distance from the Big "G" building. In 2006 Catherine G. became Chairperson, rotated to Coffee Maker, then to Treasure in 2008. Michael Rose was Treasure in 2009.

With the smoking ban starting on January 7th 2008 things changed again. Most of the mental patients stopped coming. By May 4, 2008 we have 14 group members. Francis S. would attend the district meetings and kept the Group informed about the District, Area, and GSO. This was from 2006 to 2014. Francis S. started with the district as a visitor then as Alt. GSR., then GSR. And now is DCM, for District 9. He also is the Area 29 Archive chair person. For a number of years B.J. would get the speakers. By early 2009 the State contracted the Shoemaker Center Rehab out. Mountain Manor got the contract and now runs the Rehab. Also, with the opening of a new building called Next Step or long-term treatment facility which, opened in the early spring of 2008 we get some of their patients. Bob K. took 2 commitments at the long-term treatment facility they were the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. In late 2009 Michael R. moved to Delaware. So, Katie was Treasure (was also Chair Person) in 2009 and 2010, then rotated the job to Chip A. (treasure).

In 2012 the 3rd Wednesday commitment was rotated to Francis S. at the Long Term. Also, in 2012 Francis S. volunteered to be our Grapevine Rep. the GSR was John B., the Alt. GSR was Bob. D., the Chairperson was Mary Ellen, the speaker getter was BJ. Chip A. was Treasure & coffee maker along with Luther helping with Literature, coffee, set up and, clean up. In August 2012 Bob D. (Bob with an O) was the Chairperson.

In October 2013 Kathy D. became our GSR & took the 1st Wednesday commitment from Bob K. at the Long-Term treatment facility. Larry W. became the Coffee maker. Chery C. became the Intergroup Rep.

As of April 26, 2014 we have 16 home group members. We get about 80 people at the meeting. We have two speaker getters, two chair people, (Dave H. and Bob D. with a "O") Chip is the current Treasure, Larry is the Coffee maker, Luther is the literature rep. and clean us person, Kathy D., is the GSR., Cheryl C. is the Intergroup Rep. and also Secretary, Ben is the Alt. GSR., Kelly and George D. are the Greeters, Francis S., is the Grapevine Rep., Institutions rep is John B. which is at Next Step (long term treatment facility), the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Then, Larry gave up the Coffee job and stopped coming. Jen was trained to make coffee but in a couple of months Jen got a job and stopped coming. Luther W. and Chip A. became the Coffee Makers along with set up and clean up. By the end of August 2014, the Greeter, Kelly B. and the Alt. GSR Ben B. stopped coming to the Group. We also took out two subscriptions to the AA Grapevine. By November we made a contribution to the Baltimore Intergroup Gratitude Box. We started sending contributions to the Baltimore Intergroup again in December 2014.

In early 2015 the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin was being mailed to Chip A. With the influx of new members from a different group this, at times seemed to cause unity issues. Phil volunteered to be the GSR. Kathy the past GSR needed to rotate. Phil also volunteered to help with the coffee operations. AJ B. was asked to be the Intergroup Rep., AJ B. went to the Intergroup for a few months then, she had some family issues and stopped coming to the group.

On April 17th 2016 BJ, appointed George B. to be the new Chairperson of the group. On July 24th 2016 BJ appointed Pete (the pilot) to be the Chairperson. In 2016/17 attendance is about the same with 70 to 80 people in attendance. The Chairperson is rotated back and forth from George B. & Pete.

In 2017 Bob D. (bob with an o), George B., and John B. would be the Chairperson. Because of some

internal issues between some of the members about group operations we did not have any group conscience meetings. As far as the regular weekly meetings, they went fine; it is the other responsibilities of its members that were not herd. Basically, just have the meeting and not function as a group.

At the District 9 business meeting on September 19th 2017, Kim K. the chair of the CTC (TFC) committee notified us to calling Meghann @ 443-683-0069. We (Luther W.) called Meghann on Wednesday the 20th of September. Meghann is some kind of coordinator or a go between the Shoemaker Center and the Long-Term Treatment Center. Meghann is the Mountain Manor Program Director, Mountain Manor Recovery Support Services Shoemaker Center, Meghann CAC-AD. Meghann told us (Luther W.) the Big "G" Building is to be renovated, our last meeting there would be on Sunday the 24th of September, and we had to move the group. We (Luther) called Chip A. and set up a meeting with Meghann at 3:00pm., that day. Luther & Chip met Meghann at the Medical Services Building. Meghann showed us where we could meet plus showed us a closet #124 where we could store out supplies at the Medical Services Building. We also told Meghann we had attendance of 70 to 80 people and the Medical Services Bldg. could only accommodate 30 to 40 people. Meghann then showed us a room at the Long-Term Treatment Center. That room was some what larger and could accommodate more people. Chip wanted to move there (LTTC). At about 6:00pm on Friday the 22nd of September 2017 Chip got a call from Meghann and said, "The state people at Springfield Hospital wanted us to move to the Medical Services Building."

At the Sunday Morning Sykesville Group's meeting on the 24th of September, we announced the move to the Medical Services Building and also asked for help in the move. We got the help and moved the cabinet plus all of our supplies to the Medical Services Bldg., storage room #124 after the meeting. Since we would not be able to use our speaker system George D. volunteered to take our speaker systems box plus the microphone home to store. We only had a few CDs in a separate box and George D. took them also. Let it be noted, because of the space available anything we could eliminate from storage, we did. For the Medical Services Building we will be using Key # 86 which unlocks all the doors we need to use. This key has to be picked up at the administrations building on 4th street.

At Springfield Hospital the Big "G" building, the administrations building, and the Medical Services Building are all on 4th Street in the complex.

On October 1st 2017 we had our 1st meeting at the Medical Services Bldg. There were 47 in attendance. On that day, our 1st meeting, Phil S. celebrated his 1st year of sobriety. We had 66 chairs set up, which was all the room would accommodate.

On Monday the 2nd of October 2017, Shawne D. called and asked for information on the meeting. Shawne D. is the Director of Corporate Compliance for Springfield Hospital. Luther tried to answer her questions, the best he could about the meeting in regard with our traditions. Shawne wanted to know about out attendance every week and asks up to let them know every week when we drop off the key. Shawne D. contact or phone number is 410-970-7013.

On Thursday morning, the 5th of October 2017 Chip, called Andrea P. at the Volunteer Services. Chip wanted to pay the rent. Chip drove up to Volunteer Services and Andrea said; the Big "G" building was clear of their issue, which was black mold. She also said the COO, Dan T. said it was alright to move back to the Big "G" building. Chip called Luther W. to convey the message of good news. Luther suggested along with Chip, we could have our last meeting at Medical Services on October 8th and move our supplies and equipment back to the Big "G" after the regular meeting. So with this in mind, our 1st meeting back in the Big "G" would be on October 15th 2015. Chip would contact Andrea and suggest our intentions. We also thought Adrian should contact Shawne about what has transpired and ask for her thoughts on the matter. Since, Luther was contacted on the 2nd of October by Shawne about the move to the Medical Services Building. Luther asked Chip for a copy of the email from COO Dan T. to Adrian P. at Volunteer Services for our file, Chip said sure.

On October 8th 2017, (Sunday) Chip brought a copy of the emails between Andrea & Dan to the

meeting. With this information we decided to move back to the Big “G” building, after the meeting. *Note: we have a copy of the emails.*

On returning the key to the Administrations building Luther wrote a note to Shawne stating; “we moved back to the Big “G” building on Sunday the 8th of October with, the permission from the COO Dan T.” Also included in the message was a note with 53 or more in attendance at the meeting.

On October 15th 2017, we had our 1st meeting back at the Big “G” building. There were 67 or more in attendance with, the speaker Mike and the Chairperson was Bob D. (bob with an “O”).

On November 19th 2017 Phil stepped down as the GSR and the 6 people there decided not to take a time shot at the district 9 Alkathon for New Years Day.

On August 31st 2018 at 10:30am Chip A. called Luther W. Chip said: “he has been in contact with Megann at Mt. Manor and Adrian at Volunteer services regarding the Big “G” building closing for a period of time.” The issue with the Big “G” building is unknown but for the last few weeks we noticed a foul order in the building and about 6 rows of tile were curling up along the outside wall. In short, we could no longer meet in the building and wondered what to do. Chip & Luther decided when we move the meeting, we would only get what we needed for the meeting and not remove the cabinet and other items we were not going to use, (just take the Coffee pot & supplies and the Literature). Chip also said the **Sykesville Wednesday Beginners Group** did not have a meeting last Wednesday the 29th of August (but they did at the M&S bldg.).

When we went to Sykesville on September 2nd 2018 we met at the Administrations Building. After talking to Mary (receptionist) she called Security and they sent a woman called Mary. With discussion and a note Mary (receptionist) had it was decided we could meet in the cafeteria on 3rd street, in the employee’s lounge. At about 8:10am Mary (from Security) went to the Big “G” building so we could retrieve the items we needed. At the Big “G” building were Chip, Luther, and Phil from the group. We only retrieved the Coffee Pot and supplies and our Literature. We drove to the cafeterias employee’s lounge. Mary from Security left us in and we talked to an employee that worked there. She said they knew we were coming. After talking to some of the people along with the supervisor Frederick, we were in. All the people at Springfield were very kind to us. The sign along 3rd street says Food Services Center and the sign on the building calls the address is 1270 3rd Street.

We set up the meeting then, Luther walked down to the Big “G” building to advise the people coming to the Big “G” of our new location while Phil set up some signs to help. Luther stayed at the Big “G” building until 10am when Steve, from the Eldersburg Tuesday Night Group said; “We have people coming 10 or 15 minutes late and I will take over sending people to the new location on 3rd street.”

At the meeting: we started at 10am. John B. was the chairperson. John B. signed a lot of attendance verification slips so, after the meeting we reminded John not to sign slips. After the opening with the serenity prayer, the readings, and the announcements, the speaker started at about 10:15am. The Speaker was Justin from the Keys of the Kingdom group in Reisterstown. At 10:45am Justin called on people and some volunteered to share. Meeting ended with the Lords Prayer. There were 65 people in attendance from the group along with people from other groups with, the RSS (Long Term Treatment Center) people there.

The employees lounge at the cafeteria is a very nice room. When we come back next week, we were advised to get someone at the cafeteria to let us in. Phil took the Coffee Pot along with the coffee supplies with him and Luther took the Literature with him for next week.

The 2nd meeting was on September 9th 2018. Bob D. was the Chair and Christina was the speaker, she said her sobriety date was August 14th 2004 & she attends the Keys to the Kingdom meeting in Reisterstown but, she, at present, does not have a home group. Christina said she was born in Maryland, got sober in Hawaii, lived awhile in Seattle, Washington and, just moved back to Maryland. We had 51 in attendance. Bob D. did not sign any attendance verification slips. After the meeting we announced we do not sign slips and reminded everyone not to smoke on the property. Luther W. told Lindsey and

another person Jacob, from the RSS (Long Term Treatment Center) to tell everyone there WE DO NOT SIGN SLIPS and asked the people not to smoke on the property. Chip told us a few days ago, Adrian from Volunteer Services, about people smoking and if this did not stop the group would have to meet some where else.

On October 30th 2018 Andrea from Volunteer Services called Chip about the smoking issue. Andrea said: "At the October 28th meeting someone was smoking and the smoke came into the cafeteria." Chip suggested to Andrea to inform RSS about the smoking issue since no one from the group smokes and he thought the people were in the RSS (Long Term Treatment Center) that may have been the smokers. Chip called Luther on November 1st and discussed the issue.

On February 24th 2019 Martha, (the boss at the Food Services Center on rotating Sundays) said: The Big "G" building will reopen on Monday February 25th 2019. A couple of days later Chip A. contacted Andrea P. who runs Volunteer Services. Andrea told Chip as far as she knows we could move back into the Big "G" building. Chip & Luther thought we should confirm the move first and give some notice to the group before moving, this was on March 10th 2019. Chip and Andrea were in contact the next few days and with a Text message from Andrea to Chip it was confirmed for the group to move back into the Big "G" building on March 10, 2019.

We had our first meeting back at the Big "G" building on Sunday March 10th 2019. The Chairperson was Chris M. and the speaker was Bill C. from the Eldersburg into Action. Bill C. talked for about 20 minutes on his experience, strength, & hope then called on Jerold, Tom C., Kathleen, Barry, Luther, and Austin. We had 4 new people and the attendance was about 74 people. Some were from other groups, some from the Long-Term Treatment Center, and some from the Shoemaker Center.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed their computer system in doing so the present program in which the different areas use called Fellowship New Vision (FNV) became obsolete. With the new system all group service numbers were changed. The new group service number for the Sunday Morning Sykesville Group is 00084122.

In March 2020 a new pandemic hit called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. Our last meeting in the Big "G" building was on March 8th 2020. The Corona Virus was world wide and was started in China. All of the Churches were closed by the Government and also other facilities. The Springfield Hospital Center shut down all events that were not a part of their operations, many of their employees worked from home. The Chair person of the group, Chris started a ZOOM meeting on line for anyone whom had the equipment to attend. The ZOOM meeting was just like a regular meeting but was on line. The first ZOOM meeting was on April 5th 2020 from 9:45am to 11:15am but, the actual meeting was at the regular time at 10:00am. Later in the year Chris asked the Treasure of the Group, Chip to pay the expense of the ZOOM which was \$75.00.

The Chair person for the group, Chris, contacted the staff at Springfield Hospital Center and told him we can restart on June 27th 2021 and we must meet in the Spring Rock Café at 4th Street and Main (The Memorial Canteen Building, 6905 4th Street) for the first meeting. On the same day June 27th 2021 Chris M. cancelled the meeting on ZOOM. The time frame will be 9am to 11:30am for the meeting. We will have no coffee or literature until the details are worked out. Chris will contact the people at the SHC to work out the details before our first meeting. The first meeting had 20 in attendance with Chris M. being the Chairperson and Tom Z. the speaker. The address of the building and the name is: "The Memorial Canteen Building, 6905 4th Street. The second meeting on July 4th 2021 Chip, gave Chris M. \$75.00 in cash to continue to pay for the ZOOM, with 22 in attendance. With the move we were told not to make coffee or set up any literature. The big issue at the Cantina was with Security, they were told to open the door at 9:00am and relock it at 11:30am. Most weeks Security had to be run down or go to the Administration Building and ask for Security to unlock the doors. On October 17th 2021 Luther said: "I have had enough with Security at Springfield Hospital Center so; Luther turned the group completely over to Chris M." Chip also said: "attendance in 2022 was averaging about 30 or so."

On August 25th 2022 Chip received a text message from Adrian at Volunteer Services SHC saying: “The group can move back into the Big “G” bldg. the first Sunday on October 2nd 2022.” Chip called her back on Friday August 26th to confirm but she was out. Chip called Luther W. and told him the news on Aug. 26th 2022. Chip also said: “attendance in 2022 was averaging about 30 or so.”

On September 23rd 2022 Chip had a meeting with Adrian at Volunteer services and was told; we could not pick up a key to open the door, the last meeting in the Cantina would be on September 25th 2020, and the first meeting back in the Big “G” building will be on October 2nd 2022.” After a few weeks the group rotated service positions and they went back to signing attendance verification slips for Mountain Manor and the Court system. Then the group decided to buy and give out anniversary chips for various time like: 1 month, 2 months, 3 months and so on. The group failed to read their history and see the issues from the 1980`s. Attendance picked back up to 30 to 60 people. On April 10th 2024 Chery C. passed away with over 41 years of sobriety. The Eldersburg Thursday Night Women’s Group along with the Sunday Morning Sykesville Group had a Memorial Service or a Celebration of Life in the Big “G” building on April 21st 2024 from 11:30am till 12:30pm with about 75 people in attendance. A Pot Luck lunch in which different people brought food items and water. Chery’s mother, sister, and niece were present. - Note: (Kandee W. in which changed her home group to the Woodville Beginners in 2005 rotated the Emmittsburg institution commitment to another member in the Woodville beginners’ group, in 2015. Jeff E. took the commitment for Mountain Manor in Emmittsburg for a period of time then rotated to Sabrina P. also a member of the Woodville Beginners Group (this information came from Kandee W. on July 7th 2017). Kandee had to take care of some commitment at the PTA where her two children attend school.) At the West Central Intergroup the institutional commitment is still under the Sunday Morning Sykesville Group. Attendance at the regular meeting is about 70 to 80 people. - **Note:** We had so many people active in the Group it just impossible to name them all. Mike G., Kevin G., Lauren, Al., Joe H., Neil H., Jerry M., George, Connie S., Tom B., Kevin K., Gus B., Peat, Jeff A., Joni L., Fred S., Joann, Tom C., Tim F., Jason S., Bruce F., Camilo C., Trent S., Serene F., just to name a few. In the 1980s the Regan Center or sometimes called Regan Hall was on 2nd Street and then moved back to 5th Street in 1994. The Regan Center or Regan Hall was the name of the Program and not the building, this can be confusing to people that do not work there. With the move in September 1994 a lot of people referred to us as meeting at the Regan Center but this is not the proper name but if you said, Warfield complex, Warfield E, or the Warfield Bldg. this is correct. With the reference to Paul F. in September 1990 the Sam Shoemaker House people was on 2nd Street at the Regan Center Building. The Sam Shoemaker House was in Westminster, with the move to Sykesville the name was changed to the Shoemaker Center. The archivist (Luther W.) typed up different amendments about their group moves to different locations. Also, typed up a brief report on Chery’s Memorial Service. - Note: By Luther W. updated from the September 4, 2013 version and is subject to change. We tried to answer the basic questions from the Archives home group history sheet at GSO. – (*2*3*4)

Eldersburg - Eldersburg Tuesday Night Group - 8:00pm - TUES (O) (D) - (Al-Anon) - Eldersburg Baptist Church, 1216 Liberty Rd., 21784. Started by Chris H., first meeting on July 12, 1983, the meeting time was 8:30pm. The meeting met in a small building far in back of the Church. At the very first meeting there were 15 men and women that attended. In July 1983 there were no other meetings in Eldersburg or Sykesville. On July 10th 1984 we celebrated our 1st year Group Anniversary. We had Diane R. Speak. Attendance was 57 people & we had a Cake to celebrate our first year. After a number of years the meeting moved into the Church. The time changed to 8:00pm in June 2001. In June 2007 the format changed to 1st week, speaker, 2nd week step, 3rd week BB, 4th week TRD, 5th week topic; this went on for a period of time before changing to open discussion. The GSO group service number is 146254 and the history date is January 4th 1988. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to 13688. On March 12th 2020 a pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 hit and the Government

shut down all the Churches and we had to suspend our regular meeting on or about March 10th 2020 (our last meeting in the Church). At once a few members started meeting on line or what is called ZOOM. This went on until May 4th 2021, on or about, in which we were able to meet back in the Church and in person. We kept the ZOOM meeting also for those people who could not attend for one reason or another; this is called a Virtual meeting. Roz passed away from health issues on April 22nd 2023 with over 43 years of sobriety. - Note: When MGS voted for a Call of Unity on May 17th 1986 and the follow up discussion and vote of the Baltimore Intergroup in August 1986 asking Groups not to sign slips for the Court referrals. We had a group conscience meeting and voted to go along with Area 29 and the Baltimore Intergroup`s decision. As time passed we forgot about the Call of Unity and started signing slips for Court referrals again. Chris H. no longer attends since suffered a stroke. He and his family moved to Florida. Then as the years passed Chris is now in a Nursing Home in South Carolina (2015). - (*2*3)

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Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Acceptance Group** - 8:30pm - THUR - Liberty Reformed Presbyterian Church, 11301 Liberty Rd. - 21784 - (basement) - unknown who were the founders - meeting started early 1984 and stopped in late 1986 - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Ebenezer Women`s Group** - 8:30pm - MON - Ebenezer UMC, 4901 Woodbine Rd., Winfield - 21784 - unknown who was the founders, started in mid-year 1984 - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Ebenezer Wednesday Nite 12&12 Group** - 8:30pm - WED - Ebenezer UMC, 4901 Woodbine Rd., Winfield - unknown who was the founder and started in mid-year 1984 - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Liberty Noon Meeting** - noon - WED - Liberty Medical Center, Rt. 26 & 32, (rear entrance) -21784. We believe the first meeting was on Wednesday, April 18th 1984. The founders are unknown. - (*4*5)

Hampstead - **Wednesday Nite Hampstead Group** - 8:30pm - WED - Black and Decker Plant, 626 Hanover Pike, Hampstead - 21074 - believe to have been started by Gene G. and others in mid-year 1984 - by the Spring of 1987 the group moved to the Christ Lutheran Church, Trenton Church Rd., near route 30, Upperco, 21155 - (4*5)

Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Thursday Nite** - 7:30pm - THUR - Community Center, Rt. 26 & 32, 21784 - believed to have been started by Lou & Sandy in late summer or early Fall in 1984 - stopped meeting in a year or so - (*3*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Friday Nite Group** - 8:30pm - FRI - Community Center, Rt. 26 & 32, 21784. Believe to have been started by Lou & Sandy in late summer or early fall in the year 1984. In the 1990`s the Telemarketers took over the Community Center. In October 1997 we moved to Springfield State Hospital on 4th Street, Administration Bldg., 21784, and became **The Eldersburg Group**. We met on Monday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30pm and were a non smoking open discussion group. In September 2001 we stopped meeting on Monday & Friday but still met on Saturdays. We also moved to a new location at the Salem United Methodist Church at Rolling Rd. & Windsor Mill Rd., 21133. After a few years we stopped meeting. - (*3*4*5)

Taneytown - **Big Book Group** - 8:30pm - TUES - United Trinity Church of Christ, Baltimore and Main St., 21787. Believed started in October 1984. The founders are unknown. Why the meeting stopped or when they stopped is unknown. - Note: when a member of the Westminster Monday Night Group, Jim D.

went blind, some of the members took a meeting to his home. But over time some issue developed and instead of stopping the meeting it was decided to move to the “United Trinity Church of Christ” in Taneytown, Md. We do not know if this is the group or the Wednesday, Taneytown Step Group was the meeting started in Jim D. home at the present time. The Big Book Group was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin dated October 14th 1984 as a new Group. - (*4*5)

Upperco – Arcadia Monday Nite - Lutheran Church, Dover Rd. & Rt. 30. Meeting time 8:30 pm. It was listed in the October 1984 Baltimore Intergroup directory. Believe started mid year 1984 by Gene G. **November 18th 1984** - Listed in the Bulletin as a new group. **Arcadia Big Book Meeting** - Lutheran Church - Dover Rd. & Rt. 30 - 5 miles North of Reisterstown. Monday at 11 A.M. Note: Believed Gene G. started but had other people set up and run the meeting.

1985 - June 1985 directory listed the **Arcadia Monday Nite Step** and also the 11:00 am big book meeting - believe the 11:00am started late 1984 or early 1985 -

September 1989 - Baltimore now lists Arcadia under the Reisterstown Zip Code 21136.

November 1990 - Directory now list a new group called – **Late Night Arcadia Big Book** - meets at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Dover Rd. & route 30 under Reisterstown, 21136 as a 11:00pm meeting open, big book, discussion.

May 1991 - directory lists **Arcadia Monday Night** - Lutheran Church, Dover Rd., & rt. 30 - 11:00am - O - D - Big Book and 8:30pm - O - D - Step

June 1992 - **Arcadia Monday Night**, Lutheran Church at Dover and Rt. 30 -21155 - two meetings - 11:00 am Open discussion big book & “8:30 pm open discussion step”

June 1992 – **Late Night Arcadia Step**, Lutheran Church at Dover Rd. and Rt. 30 - 21155 - Friday night at 11:00 pm - open discussion big book -

September 1996 - “Discontinued” the **Arcadia Monday Night** at 11:00 am.

In the Baltimore Bulletin dated September 10th 1996 listed as “Discontinued” the 11am Arcadia Monday Night meeting. Zip code 21153.

May 20th 1998 – The start date of the **Arcadia Step**, Pleasant Grove, Dover Rd., 21155 - listed in the Bulletin - listed in the W&W in 2004-05 - discontinued January 2006 - “NO” mention day of the week or the time of the meeting -

December 2005 – **Arcadia Step** - “Discontinued” - Pleasant Grove, Methodist Church, Dover Rd., 21155 - listed in January 24th 2006 bulletin -

July 2015 - At the end of July 2015 Pat M. calls the DCM, Francis S. and said: “the **Allergic to Alcohol** meeting has been discontinued”. (Sometimes the meeting was called the Arcadia Wednesday Night Group). With the phone call at the end of July 2015, that meant discontinued on July 29th 2015.

W&W 2004-2014- lists **Allergic to Alcohol**, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, and Rt. 30 & Dover Rd. - 7:00pm - Wednesday - O - Step - listed in the Baltimore Directory as -

7:30 pm - NSM - Discussion - 15801 Trenton Rd. & Dover/off Rt. 30 -Young People – Note: Gene G. knew members of the Church and when Gene G. asked about starting meetings in their Church, they were very helpful. - (*2*3*4*5)

1985

Westminster - **New Attitude of Gratitude** - 6:30 pm. - FRI - (O) (D) - Senior Center, 125 Stoner Rd., 21157. The meeting was started in 1985 and met in the Court Room at 6:30pm on Friday. We believe the meeting was started to sign attendance verification slips for the court system. Bob Kirkland, the DDMP monitor for the Courts asked District Court Judge Arnold if he could start meetings in the Court Room, Judge Arnold said YES. Bob Kirkland said: “When people would leave his office they did not have time to go home and back to a meeting to get their attendance verification slip signed.” Bob Kirkland would appoint people to run the meeting. The original name of the meeting was the **Attitude of Gratitude**. In

1986 the meeting moved to the Carroll County Office Bldg., 225 N. Center St., 21157. In April 1996 moved to 224 N. Center St., 21157, by year end 1996 the meeting moved to the Senior Center, 125 Stoner Ave., 21157. In early 2014 the meeting added “**New**” to the Groups name, is now the **New Attitude of Gratitude**. The GSO history date is May 15th 1990 and the group service number was D-21-01053-29-09. The GSR was Joseph Leidy when the group was listed with GSO. In Mid Year 1994 GSO changed the group service number to 000162443. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 30143. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Senior Center was closed and the group was suspended. For some unknown reasons the Group never restarted and stopped permanent. - Note: With the change of the group service numbers on August 5th 2019 the GSO lists this group as inactive. This group was not inactive but just failed to update the adding of “New” to their group name. Bobby Smith run the meeting for many years but had to go into an assistant living place in 2022 or 2023. This may be why the group never restarted. - (*2*3*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Wednesday Night Group** - 8:30 pm.- WED - closed - discussion - topic - Meadow Branch Church Of The Brethren, 818 Old Taneytown Rd., - Rt. 140 & Royer Rd. – 21157. The first meeting was on March 27th 1985 and was said to be run by Donald M. The meeting time was at 6:30pm. And they met in the Court House (or may be a spin off) in Westminster. In a short time Ed E. was asked to run the meeting but because of his job made it hard to run the meeting at 6:30pm. By May 1985 the meeting was moved to or started at the Professional Bldg., Gorsuch Rd and Rt. 140, Room 403, D.M.V. Bldg., 21157, the meeting time was changed to 8:30pm. and was run be Ed E. The last meeting there was on March 23rd 1988. The meeting moved on April 6th 1988 to the Sherwood Distillery in Westminster, average attendance was 42 people. The meeting moved again on May 2nd 1990 to Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, 818 Old Taneytown Rd., 21157. On February 2001 the Group added a Saturday meeting called **Westminster Wednesday Night On Saturday** - 7:00pm - SAT - O - 1st (ST), 2nd, (TRD), 3rd, (L), 4th, (BB) (T) - 5th, Topic. So at present the Group meets twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday. On July 9th 2003 we had the Baltimore Intergroup out to do a Workshop on Institutional commitments and institutions. The GSO history date is March 30th 1993 and the group service number is 175544. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 31796. On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 hit the country so, the Government shut down all the Churches and the AA groups had to be suspended. The last meeting on Saturday at 7pm was on March 14th 2020 and the last meeting on Wednesday was on March 18th 2020. Soon the group members started meeting on line called a ZOOM meeting. On Saturday August 29th 2020 the Westminster Wednesday Night on Saturday met in person and in the Church and also met on ZOOM calling the meeting a Hybrid. Then on April 7th 2021 the Wednesday night meeting met in person and on line or ZOOM, this was their first meeting back in the Church. On April 10 the Saturday meeting stopped meeting on ZOOM because they decided, the in person meeting was enough. Note: We believe the meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm continued for a while and was called the Court House Group. Ed E. and Bob K. (DDMP) were the chief architects’ behind the Westminster Wednesday Night Group while Bob K. wanted both meetings for the purpose of signing attendance verification slips. With this said the Westminster Wednesday Night Group may be a spin off of the Court House Group. - (*2*3*4)

New Windsor - **New Windsor Wednesday Night Group** - 7:30pm. - WED - O - D - (Al anon) - St. Paul’s UMC, 200 Main St., 21776.

It was said to have been started by Jim, Ken Tracy, Dick S, and maybe Wilson in February or March of 1985. We started the meeting because we wanted an AA meeting in our home town. At our first meeting we had 6 or 8 people attend. Two other men Wilson and Jim came on a regular basic too. At our first meeting we had men only but, over time women and young people came too. We have about 12 members

with an overall attendance of 30. At the General Service Office the groups registered name is the **New Windsor Group**. When we voted a GSR in it was Hartman C. M., Sy for short (Sy passed away after a few years). We contacted the General Service Office on May 18th 1989 and received a Group Service Number, D-21-00983-29-09 and that became our history date. We had some issues with a few members about signing attendance verification slips so; they left and started attending the New Windsor Monday Night Group that started in 1990.

In mid year 1994 the General Service Office changed our group service number to 000156857. The GSR in 2000 was Ann A. The GSR in 2005 was Vicky G. The GSR in 2014 was Christina H. and the 2nd contact was Ann A. We celebrate a group anniversary and at our last one we had 85 people attend (2014). The GSR in 2016 was David B. and the 2nd contact was Christina H. The GSR in 2019 was David B. and the 2nd contact was Christina H. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 35100.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed churches, restaurants, and all non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. Terry D. or TW said: “the Church left us meet for a couple of weeks then the group was suspended.” When the group was suspended the members contacted each other by the telephone or tex messages. On September 2nd 2020 the group started meeting again at a different location: The New Windsor Presbyterian Church, 200 Church St., New Windsor, Md. 21776. At the new location because of the pandemic some of the restrictions were; limit of 10 people, wear a face mask, sanitizing everything, social distancing, no coffee or drinks, and no literature to be put out. The format was changed to reading and discussing the Big Book. During this time the average attendance was about 5 people and sometimes a few more but, always 10 or less. On March 31st 2021 the format was changed back to speaker discussion, to help attendance. On July 3rd 2021 Ann A. a member of the group had a covered dish, cook out for Sterling B. at her and Rips home. Sterling B. also, a member of the group was 100 years old (birthday July 4th 1921) with over 46 years of sobriety (sobriety date is April 1975). Ann A. contacted many members and it was well attended, many drove many miles for this event. With the pandemic becoming less of an issue the group moved back to the original location on September 2nd 2021 at St. Paul’s UMC, 200 Main St., New Windsor, Md., 21776. The format stayed speaker discussion, the meeting time stayed at 7:30pm, and the attendance is down from before the pandemic. - Note: Dick S. still attends; Ken T. moved to Pennsylvania and only attends on special occasions. Wilson & Jim no longer come. Jerry H. changed home group because of the issue with signing attendance verification slips and passed away in 2014. Sam S. passed away on May 4th 2015. Richard B. passed away on February 14th 2018. When the Church suspended us because of the Corona Virus the Al Anon group also stopped. When Al Anon begin to meet again it was at St. Luke’s Church. – (*2*3)

Westminster - New Smallwood Group - 8:00 pm. - FRI - (O) (D) - Deer Park UMC, 2205 Sykesville Rd., (Rt. 32 and Deer Park Rd.) 21157.

Bob K. asked Ed E. to start the meeting for the purpose of carrying the message and to sign attendance verification slips for the courts. We believe Bobby K. and John G. played a part in the meeting in the early days. The first meeting was at, Deer Park UMC, 2200 Sykesville Rd., 21157, in the old stone Church building across the road. The building was called the Deer Park Chapel and was owned by the cemetery and not the Church. At first the group was called the Smallwood **Fri. Nite 24 hour Group** and the meeting time was 8:30pm. The first meeting was on April 12th 1985. Ed E. celebrated a 2 year anniversary there in December 1985.

Big John G. celebrated a 7 year anniversary there in June 1988. There was some kind of issue within the group that was why the Group name was changed to the **New Smallwood Group**. Listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin for December 1988 as a new meeting, this is possibly when the meeting changed its name to the **New Smallwood Group**. There was contact with GSO in December 1988 and the GSO issued a group service number; D-21-008470-29-09 and so the history date became December 23rd

1988.

In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to; 150424.

In 1995 the meeting moved in the new Church at 2205 Sykesville Rd., Westminster, Md., 21157.

In 2000 the contact person was David S.

The meeting time was changed to 8:00 pm on September 19th 2014 and the contact person was David S.

In 2016 the contact person was David S.

In 2017 the groups contact person was Bobby K.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 34670 and the contact person remained; David S.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in the Church was on or about March 13th 2020 then, the group was suspended. On October 2nd 2020 the group met back in the Church and in person with some restrictions, attendance was 10 people. By October 23rd 2020 the attendance was 30 people. Then a child in the Church came down with the Corona Virus and the Church suspended the group again. On November 13th 2020 the group resumed their regular meeting back in person and in the Church. - Note: - (*2* 3 *4)

Westminster - **Westminster 12&12** - 8:30pm - SUN - Closed - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St.-21157 - believed to have started the end of 1985 - unknown who were the founders - listed in the Baltimore directory in January 1986 - by 1992 listed as a closed discussion meeting - in the bulletin dated October 28th 1997 was listed as "Discontinued" - (*4*5)

Westminster - **S.O.S. Women's Group** - 8:30pm - MON - Sam Shoemaker House, 540 Washington Rd., (next to the Carroll County Health Dept.) - 21157 - unknown who the founders were, started the end of 1985 - listed in the January 1986 directory - Note: - the building called the Sam Shoemaker House was torn down - (*4*5)

Westminster - **Sobriety Group** - 1:00pm - SUN - Carroll County Health Dept., Rt. 32 - unknown who started the group or the exact date but, was listed in the June 1985 directory - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Community Center Meeting** - 7:00pm - TUES - Community Center Bldg., Rt. 26 & 32, 21784. The founders were believed to be Lou & Sandy, also active was Clint. Listed in the January 1986 directory, that would suggest the meeting started in late year 1985. In the 1990s the Telemarketers took over the Community Center. In October 1997 the meeting moved to Springfield State Hospital and met at the Administrations Building on 4th St., 21784. We also changed our group name to The **Eldersburg Group**. We met on Monday, Friday, and Saturday and became a non smoking open discussion meeting. In September 2001 we moved again to the Salem United Methodist Church at Rolling Rd. & Windsor Mill Rd., 21133. We cancelled the Monday & Friday meeting and only met on Saturdays. In a few years the group stopped meeting altogether. - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Noon Group** - noon - MON -WED - THUR - FRI - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 915 Liberty Rd. & Freedom Ave., 21784 - meet in room # 6 - believed to have started in late 1985, the group is not listed in the June 1985 directory but, is listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Directory dated January 1986, this would suggest the group started before January 1986 - the intergroup has a history date of June 19th 1987 which may suggest the **Monday Noon** started, the **Eldersburg Monday Noon** is first listed in the February 1988 directory as a closed meeting - the bulletin states the **Friday Noon** started in October 1992 - the **Thursday Noon** started on April 15th 2013 - the **Monday Noon** is a open topic - the

Wednesday Noon is a open big book - the **Thursday Noon** is a open Grapevine - the **Friday Noon** is a open step with the last week a Tradition meeting. The GSO history date is August 7th 2001 and the group service number is 645532. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to 103099. A new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 causing the government to close down all Churches and all non essential businesses on March 12th 2020. The group had to suspend its meetings for a time and the last meeting in the Church was on March 16th 2020. On Wednesday February 3rd 2021 the first meeting back in person and in the Church with some Church requirements they were: Social distancing, a 10 person limit at the meeting, wear a face mask, sanitize everything, and keep a list of anyone attending for the Churches reference. With the pandemic somewhat subsiding the group restarted the Thursday meeting on September 2nd 2021. Now the group meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. (This is as of May 26th 2022) - Note: BJ remembers the Friday Noon was started by Joe V. and Tim M. and met over at the Bethesda UMC, 326 Klee Mill Rd., first then moved to St. Joseph's Church in October 1992 - the actual starting date of Friday is unknown - BJ also said there were 6 to 9 in attendance in the beginning - BJ's sobriety date is July 1975 - (*2*3*4)

Taneytown - Taneytown Step Group meets at 8:30pm on Wednesdays at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore St., Taneytown, 21787. Believed started in 1985 by members of the Westminster Monday Night Group. The GSO history date of April 5th 1988 and the group service number is 147582. Even though this meeting has stopped the GSO still issued a new group service number on August 5th 2019, it is 86801. - Note: Stephan K. said he attended the meeting in 1986, and he also said the group stopped meeting in 2011 or 2012 from lack of attendance. Stephan K. said he opened the doors, set up the meeting but no one came. We believe the meeting stopped year end 2010, because the group was not listed in the January 2011 district 9 directories. - (*2*3*5)

1986

Baltimore Intergroup Office - moved July 1986 to Homeland Center - Central Office, 5438 York Rd., Baltimore, Md., 21212 - Phone # 410-433-4843 - (* 2010 calendar & 20 questions pamphlet)

Westminster - Westminster S.O.S - 2:30 pm. - SUN - (O) - (D) - Crossroads Community Church, 895 Leidy Rd., 21157. We believe the meeting was started on or about March 23rd 1986. The meeting location was at the Carroll County Office Building, 225 N. Center St., Room # 7 at 1:30 pm., the format was open beginners. The founding member believed to be Lee J., Big John G., and two other people supporting the group was Bud N. and Jerry M. Keith S. was also very active in the group and later became the GSR. Big John, Bud N., and Jerry M. were big supporter of signing attendance verification slips for the Court referrals and we believe this is one of the reasons for starting the meeting.

We made a contribution to the General Service Office and received a group service number. Our group service number was, D-21-00733-29-09 in which, became our history date on February 24th 1987 (with the GSO).

For some unknown reason the General Service Off changed our group service number in mid year 1994 to 142860 (every group service number was changed). As technology changed within the different Areas this number later became known as the Fellowship New Vision or (FNV).

In March 1996 the group moved to 124 N. Center St., Westminster. Then in late 1996 the group moved again the Senior Center on Stoner Ave., in Westminster.

In 2005 - 2006 the GSR was Tom V. H.

In 2007 the GSR was David K.

In 2010 the meeting moved again to the Crossroads Community Church, 895 Leidy Road, in Westminster, 21157.

In 2014 the GSR was Paul R. On April 17th 2014 the meeting time changed to 2:30pm.

On April 10th 2016 the SOS Group celebrated its 30 year Group Anniversary (this is the first time the SOS group ever celebrated a group anniversary). There were refreshments at 1:30pm.; attendance was between 80 & 100 people. At 2:30pm there were 7 speakers that talked about "What They Remember." The Speakers were; JD, Paul F., Chuck B., Tom V. H., Paul R., Bernie, and Bob. JD said, "Lee J. would pick up the Keys to open the building at the Detention Center. They met in the Alcohol & Tobacco room of the Carroll County Office Building on Center Street in Westminster. Chuck B. said, "By 1993 Big John handed him the keys to the Liquor Board room and he made Coffee."

On August 5th 2019 the General Service Office changed all group service number and, our new group service number is 31795. Because of a request from the Church we changed our meeting time to 2:00pm on October 13th 2019.

Because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 Governor of Maryland Larry Hogan asked all Church's, Restaurants, and other non essential businesses to close on March 12th 2020. We had our last meeting on March 8th 2020 and then had to suspend the group. On or about March 15th 2020 a few members of the group were able to have an on line meeting called ZOOM. The ZOOM only meeting went on until November 8th 2020. We had communication with the Crossroads Community Church and were able to meet back in the Church on November 8th 2020 with some restrictions like: 20 people maximum attendance, masks, social distancing, and sanitizing everything in the room. Also, on November 8th 2020 we became a Hybrid meeting, meaning meeting on ZOOM and meeting in person.

In April 2021 all the restriction because of the pandemic was lifted and we could have a normal meeting again, the meeting time was changed back to 2:30pm.

The GSR in 2022 is Paul R. The last day the group was Hybrid was on April 2nd 2023, we meet in person and in the Church only and not on line. - Note: The start date of March 23rd 1986 is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. - (*2*3*4)

Finksburg - Gamber Monday Night - 7:00pm - MON - (O) (D) - Calvary UMC, 3939 Gamber Rd., Finksburg, Md., 21048.

We believe the meeting was started on or about March 31st 1986 and, the founders are unknown. Kevin D. made contact with GSO and the group received a group service number on May 12th 1989 and that became the group history date at GSO. The group service number was D-21-00981-29-09.

In 1992 the group contact was William S.

In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 156747.

On April 12th 2000 the contact person was unknown.

On October 4th 2006 the group contact was Craig R.

In 2014 the group contact person was Jenni W.

In 2016 the group contact person was Jenni W. On April 18th 2016 **Gamber Monday Night** Group celebrated a 30 year group anniversary, (this is the very first time we ever celebrated a group anniversary). The 30 year celebration was well attended with food at 6:00pm and the regular meeting at 7:00pm.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 106870; the contact person was Shannon C.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting, in person and in the Church, was on March 9th 2020 then, the group was suspended. In a couple of weeks the group met on line or ZOOM. On July 5th 2021 the group met back in the Church and in person with 30 people in attendance. The group went back to ZOOM only and stopped meeting in the Church with the last meeting on January 10th 2022. This was a group decision and not a Church requirement. Starting on January 17th 2022 the group met on ZOOM only. On April 25th 2022 the group resumed meeting back in person and in the Church. - Note:

The start date March 31st 1986 is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. - (*2*4)

Eldersburg-Winfield - **Ebenezer Women's Group** - 8:30pm - TUES - (C) - Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 4901 Woodbine Rd., 21784 - unknown who were the founders - group started in 1986 - (*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Group** - 7:15pm - MON - 55 Court St., 21157 - believe started in early 1986 - unknown who started the meeting - (*4*5)

Westminster - **Court House Group** - 6:30pm – MON- TUES- WED-THUR - 55 N. Court St., 21157. Believed started in early 1986. Bob K. (DDMP) would ask someone to start and run the meeting for the purpose of signing slips for Court referral people. There were 3 chairpersons from 1986 through 1988 to open and run the meeting; they were Jim R., Les R., and Mike B. Bob K. was the DDMP for Westminster. Bob K. asked Judge Arnold if he could have meetings in the Court House for the purpose of signing attendance verification slips. These people was sentenced by the Court to attend meetings and the proof of attendance meant getting a slip signed by the chairperson. Some meetings would use a rubber stamp with the meetings name on it along with the chairperson's signature. By 1988 the Courts did not want them there any more so this meeting stopped. Note: On September 13th 2017 one of the chair people from the meeting, Jim R., Said; "The meeting on Tuesday was relocated to the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Md., 21157." - (Tradition 6, affiliation) - (*3*4*5)

Taneytown – **Taneytown Group** – 7:30pm – THUR – St. Joseph Church, 44 West Frederick St., (old school building) Taneytown, Md., 21787. We believe this meeting started in 1986. We do not know who the founders were or why the meeting was started or why they stopped meeting. – Note: we obtained this information from a print out, from the Court listing where the referrals could get their attendance verification slips signed. – (*5)

Westminster - **Friday Nite Survivors Group** - 8:30pm - FRI - Carroll County Health Dept., Memorial Drive, 21157 - unknown who was the founder, started in 1986 - (*4*5)

Westminster - **Sober Living Group** - 8:00pm - FRI - Carroll County Health Dept., 540 Washington Rd., 21157 - unknown who started the meeting in 1986 - (*4*5)

Hanover, Pa. - **Hanover York St. Group** - 8:00pm - TUES - O - NSM - U.C.C. Annex, 120 York St., rear, Hanover, Pa. 17331. (Area 59, District 35) Started by Buck C. in the fall of 1986, because the only other group was the Hanover Group in Hanover, Pa., at the time. Buck lived in Hanover, Pa., and wanted another group that was an open meeting. At the first meeting attendance was 8 people but, as time went by, the meeting room was filled with 30-40 people. The room was small and at times was packed. Sometimes someone would drive the people in the rehab called; the Sam Shoemaker House there, the van was full with about 12 to 15 people. Some of the early people to help with the meeting were Phil C., Jim C., and Brad F. The meeting was well attended. On June 6th 1995 the meeting time was changed to 7:30pm. In the 1990s someone started an earlier meeting at 6:00pm called the **New Beginnings Group**. 20 some years later an 8:00am meeting was also started. Sad to say the building was condemned in January 2015 and the Hanover York St. Group stopped meeting. This meeting is not in District 9 but, is a spin off of the Manchester Friday Night Group. This meeting is in Area 59, District 35, Hanover, Pa. Martin and Jay said: "after the condemning of the building in January 2015 & because of low attendance the Hanover York Street Group merged with the **New Beginnings Group** and became the Act of Unity." The newly named meeting called the **Act of Unity** moved on February 3rd 2015. The **Act Of Unity** meet at 6pm on Tuesdays at the First UMC., (Lohr`s) 200 E. Middle St., parking & entrance at the rear of the

Church (downstairs room). The **Act of Unity** moved on June 7th 2016 to the Club ODAT, 398 York St., Hanover, PA. Note: Club ODAT is the first Club in Hanover, PA., and 1st opened up the beginning of May 2016. - (*3*4)

1987

Westminster – **Westminster Saturday Morning** - 9:30am - SAT - (O) - (D) - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster. It was said the founders were, Russell G. Y. and others and was started in early 1987. The meeting first met at the Carroll County Office Bldg., 225 N. Center St., Westminster. In March 1996 moved to 224 N. Center St, 21157. At the end of 1996 was moved to Senior Center, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster. In January 2010 moved to the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster. The group is registered with AAWS as **Saturday Morning Group**. The GSO history date is September 21st 1999 and the group service number is 637105. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 63151. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 so; the group was suspended and had their last meeting in the Church on March 7th 2020. In a short time the group decided to meet on line or what is called a ZOOM meeting. For some reason the Church would not let the group back in so as of May 2022 the group still meets on line with about 3 people or so in attendance. Because of low attendance the group stopped meeting on ZOOM in March 2023. Milt B. and Lisa D. the last 2 active members of the group made the decision to stop the meeting for good. - Note: Baltimore Intergroup history date is March 5th 1987 - there also was a Noon Open Beginners meeting at the same location under the same group name, met for a few years and then stopped meeting - (*2*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Eldersburg Saturday Midnight Group** - SAT - 12- Midnight - C - BB - Eldersburg Community Center, @ Route 26 & 32, 21784 - unknown who were the founders - (*4*5)

1988

Westminster – **Thursday Speakers Meeting – 8pm – Thursday – Open Speaker Discussion** - The group` name when it started was the “**Westminster Big Book**” met on Thursdays at 8:30pm and was a Closed Big Book format. The group was located at the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, 21157. The group started in March 1988 and the founders were Jim Corsa and Mike Frank. It was a Closed Big Book Group that read and discussed the Big Book. The 2nd reason for starting the meeting was “**not**” to sign attendance verification slips for Court referrals. After a year or so many court referral people came in and took over the Group for, the purpose of signing attendance verification slips for the Court Referral people, the founders of the group stopped attending. The format was changed to open, big book. At a group conscience meeting we voted to give away a free Big Book starting on August 3rd 1989. Attendance picked up to 40 people then 60 or more. In March 1996 the meeting time was changed to 8pm. By 1997 there were over 100 people attending, by 1999 attendance slowly starting dropping below 100, by 2000 attendance was down to 35 to 65 people. After that attendance varied greatly but, always well under 100 people. Most of the service work was done in the group itself. A few years later, Mike Martin became the GSR and we had some involvement with District 9 and Area 29. When a member celebrates an anniversary we bring a cake, card, and an anniversary chip.

Because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 the government closed all Churches on March 12th 2020. Because of this the group meeting was suspended and had their last meeting on March 12th 2020. On August 13th 2020 the Church left the meetings resume and we had our first meeting back in the Church with some restrictions like: wearing a face mask, social distancing, taking peoples temperature, listing names and contact numbers of anyone attending, sanitizing, and a limited number of people who could attend. During this time period attendance varied from 4 to 16 people (some of the members were afraid of catching the Corona Virus). We had our last meeting back in the Church and in

person on November 12th 2020 then, the Church stopped us and all the other meetings, which met.

As time was passing Mike Martin was in contact with Milt from the Steps to Freedom Group and together talked about moving the meeting to another Church. Milt passed this information on to Mike Martin and Mike made contact with the Church people and, arranged to move the group. The Group moved to a new location at the Union Memorial Baptist Church, 160 S. Center Street, Westminster. Their first meeting at the new location was on June 2nd 2022 with 10 people in attendance. The chair person was Shannon and the Speaker was Joe L. from the Roosevelt 12&12 Group in York, PA. At the second meeting on June 9th 2022 Shannon was the chair person and the speaker was Kyle from Fairfield, PA., attendance was 6 people. - Note: Jim Corsa` dad was the preacher at the Church at the start of the group. Because of the take over of the group, Jim Corsa left the meeting and got in with Rocky I. and Terry D. at the Primary Purpose Group that started in May 1990. The group service number issued from the General Service Office was D-21-00974-29-09, in which became their history date, March 27th 1989. For some unknown reason the General Service Office changed all group service numbers in mid-year 1994, the new group service number was 155936. The General Service Office changed all group service numbers again, on August 5th 2019 and the new number now is 31748. The common practice is when corresponding with the General Service Office or Area 29 is to include the group service number. Because of very low attendance the group stopped meeting in February 2023 for good. - (*2*3*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Sunday Night 12 Promises Group** - 7:30PM - SUN - (P) - It is believed to have been started in 1988. It is unknown who were the founders of the meeting. They first met at the Carroll County Office Building, 225 N. Center St., 21157. The meeting moved to 224 N. Center St. in March of 1996. In December 1996 moved to Senior Center, 125 Stoner Ave. 21157. On February 18th 1996 the meeting time was change to 7 pm. In April 2005 the Group name was changed to the **12 Promises Group**. In 2006 the Group name was changed to **Promises Group of AA**. In December 2008 the meeting moved to Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., 21157. The GSO group service number is 149196 and the history date is September 13th 1988. The meeting stopped meeting in midyear 2012. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 75526 and lists the meeting as inactive. - Note: Tradition #1, #6, #7, unity, affiliation implied and was no longer self supporting so, stopped meeting. - (*2*4*5)

Finksburg - **SASTO Group** - 6:30pm - THUR - (O) - (D) - Mt. Zion UMC, 3006 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, Md., 21048. The group first met at the Union Memorial Baptist Church, 160 South Center St., Westminster, 21157, at 7:00pm - Thursday - O - D. We believe the founders were Bill S., Dave R., and Kevin D. and the first meeting was in late fall 1988. The Church had some issues with the group so, Bill S. moved the group to Finksburg at Mt. Zion UMC, 3006 Old Westminster Pike, 21048 in early 1989. The Baltimore Intergroup has a start date of February 14th 1990. The GSO history date is February 10th 1989 and the group service number is 674438, this number became known as the Fellowship New Vision or FNV number. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 120147. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all the Churches and the SASTO Group may have had their last meeting before being suspended because of a pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. In April 2020 the members set up an on line meeting called ZOOM. On April 16th 2020 the SASTO Group had a memorial service for Larry N. and the ID number was 799-301-4252 and the password was sasto! While this was going on and the regular meeting was on ZOOM a member of the group called Harvey contacted and set up a Tuesday Night meeting for people to meet in person at the Sandymount Park Pavilion in Sandymount. Their first meeting was on July 28th 2020 with, 25 or 30 people in attendance. The Church said: The SASTO Group could meet again back in person and in the Church with, some restrictions like social distancing and wearing a face mask, and they had their first meeting on October 1st 2020 with 5 on ZOOM and 15 in person for a total of 20 people. With the Group meeting back in the Church Harvey

cancelled the Tuesday Night meeting at Sandymount Park on or about October 6th 2020. The regular Thursday Night meeting chose to remain on ZOOM and now the group is called a Hybrid meeting. On December 9th 2021 the Group had their group anniversary with food and a speaker (Mike McC.), it was well attended, and remains a Hybrid meeting. Tim said: "The Church requests us to wear a face mask while in the building." In the spring of 2022 the Church lifted the restrictions and the group could make coffee and hold hands again. The last Hybrid meeting was on May 12th 2022, the group now meets in person only. - Note: The group celebrates its 16 year anniversary in December 2006 and at that time had 14 members. The meeting was first listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory in November 1990. We believe one reason this meeting was started was to sign attendance verification slips for the Court referrals. On July 21st 2016 Luther W. (district 9 archivist) spoke to Jim S. at the Trudging The Road Group. Jim Stephens said; "He was at the very first meeting for a total in attendance of 4 people, the second meeting had 7 people attend." Jim S. also thought the meeting started in the late Fall of the year. JD a long time member of the Group said on December 23rd 2021: "I celebrated my anniversary in Finksburg at the SASTO group in 1989."- (*2*3*4)

1989

Westminster - A Desire to Stop Group – 6:30pm - TUES - (O) (D) - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., 21157.

Believed started in January 1989 by Donald M. and Michael C. One of the reasons for starting the group was to sign attendance verification slips for Court referrals. The first meeting was at the Union Memorial Baptist Church, 106 South Center St., 21157, meeting time was 7:30pm., format was open discussion, and attendance was 40 or more people. The group got a group service number from GSO (D-21-00852-29-09) on February 3rd 1989 (in which became the history date at GSO) and the contact was Michael Clark. It was said; "the Group had to move because the Preacher of the Church thought we were making a lot of money and, the Church had a new program called GLAD, (was thought would fix drunks)."

In 1991 the Group moved to Meadow Branch Church of The Brethren, 818 Old Taneytown Rd., 21157. The time stayed at 7:30pm and the format was Open Discussion, attendance was 30 to 40 or more people. In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 150889. The Church wanted the Group out, we do not know why.

In 2000 the group had no contact name for the Area, District, or GSO.

In May 2002 someone at the group made contact with GSO and called the Group; Desire To Stop Using and Abusing Group, meeting at the Meadowbridge Church Of The Brethen, Royer Rd. in Westminster, Md. The GSO assigned a new group service number assuming this was a different group, the new group service number was 000649924 and its history date was May 15th 2002, with no GSR or Contact names. Later this mistake was corrected and GSO called it Regular/Merged.

In 2006 the contact name was Ed W. for GSO, the Area, and the District 9.

On April 3rd 2007 the meeting moved to the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., 21157.

In 2014 the rent was raised and the group could not pay it that is why they had to move again. On September 9th 2014 the group moved to the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court Street in Westminster, 21157. The group contact for the GSO, Area, and District 9 was Tiffany L. The meeting time was changed to 8:00pm and the format was Open Discussion. Attendance fell to about 15 people.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 91521.

On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced. The Government closed all non essential businesses and almost all the Churches down. The Triangle Recovery Club also closed, suspending all the meetings there. On Monday June 22nd 2020 the Triangle Recover Club reopened. The group started meeting again on or about June 30th 2020. We had a 25 person limit, social distancing, and to sanitize everything. Attendance was about 10 people. As time passed the

restrictions were lifted.

Early in 2023 we changed our meeting time to 6:30pm and the attendance went up to 15 to 25 people. - Note: The start date of September 11th 1989 is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. Since the meeting was started for the purpose of signing attendance verification slips for Court referrals we do not know exactly when they started, may have met in late 1988. Donald M. lived next to the Church on South Center Street, 21157. - (*2*3*4)

New Windsor - New Windsor Monday Night - 8:00pm - MON - (O) - New Windsor Presbyterian Church, 200 Church St., New Windsor, Md., 21776. The Group meets on Monday Night at the A.R.P. Presbyterian Church, 200 Church Street, New Windsor, Maryland, 21776, at 8:00 pm. The Group has always met on Monday at 8:00 pm. and the Group was always called the New Windsor Monday Night Group. Ken Tracy and some others had a disagreement with the New Windsor Wednesday Night Group about signing attendance verification slips. Ken Tracy who also help start the Wednesday Group along with Ronnie Williams thought another Group in New Windsor would be great. The second reason was to be able to sign attendance verification slips. Now people could come and get their Court or attendance verification slip signed instead of going to another town for a meeting. Ronnie Williams who is a member of the church asked if he could start an AA meeting in their church building on Mondays. The Church people were all for it. The first meeting we had was of between 8 to 10 people and they were all men. As time passed the meeting picked up. We get between 15 and 20 people on average. Men, women, and young people started coming, "All are welcome." When someone celebrates an anniversary we can get 40 to 50 people. We started with the format of open discussion then tried closed discussion and then speaker meeting. Now we have a Big Book meeting and alternate to a Speaker and or Speaker Discussion. We have not had any problems or issues that we are aware of as of March 10th 2014. On July 30th 1990 a New Group Form was mailed to GSO listing the GSR as Bruce Ledford and the contact was Brian Miller, listing the format as Closed Discussion. The group history date from GSO is September 10th 1990. In mid year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 163724. The October 10th 2006 the contact is listed as Larry Nokes. A form was filled out on November 21st 2006 listing Sean M. Kane as the contact. The contact information for GSO in 2014 listed Larry Nokes as the primary contact and Michael Showman as the secondary contact. In 2016 the GSO listed the primary contact as Phil Snader and the secondary contact was Michael Showman. In 2019 the contact at GSO was David Baker and the secondary contact was Christina Hueg. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 35108. On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced so, the Government closed all non essential businesses and the Churches down. The last meeting was on March 9th 2020 then, the group was suspended. On April 15th 2020 a long time member, Larry Nokes passed away from the Corona Virus. The SASTO Group had a memorial service on line or ZOOM on April 16th 2020. Larry had over 32 years of sobriety and his sobriety date was; June 1989. On June 8th 2020 the Church left the meeting back in the Church with some restrictions: a 10 person limit, wearing a face mask, sanitizing everything, and social distancing or seated 6 or more feet apart. On the first meeting back in the Church on June 8th 2020 there were only 4 people in attendance. By November 2020 the attendance was up to 10 or more. The format was read and discusses the Big Book. In 2021 the group went back to its normal meeting. On October 29th 2022 a long time member; Bill G. passed away with over 41 years of sobriety, his sobriety date was; December 1980. - Note: This information came from Ronnie Williams in an interview at his home by Luther W. on March 10th 2014, also from Larry N., at the meeting the same night. Some was from a talk with Richard Blevins on May 30, 2014. Ronnie Williams passed away on June 28th 2019 with over 33 years of sobriety. Ronnie Williams's sobriety date was March 1986 and he was one of the founders.

Finksburg – Gamber Desire To Stop Group - 7:00pm - THUR - D - NSM - Emmanuel Southern Baptist

Church, 4150 Sykesville Rd., Route 32, Gamber, 21157 (the zip code may be 21048). The original name of the group was, **Eldersburg Thursday Night Group**. It is unknown who were the founders but we believed the group started in the early spring 1989. When the group filled out a new group form with GSO the name was changed to the **Gamber Desire To Stop Group**. We do not know why this group stopped meeting but was listed with the Baltimore Intergroup as discontinued in the spring of 2004. We believe the meeting stopped before 2004 since, it is not listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory dated November 2000. The GSO history date is April 12th 1999 and the group service number is 633248. Note: At the present time we are uncertain if this is 2 different meetings or is it one group with different members. - (*4*5)

Westminster - New Order Step Group - 8:30pm - SAT - C - Step - (al-anon) - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., 21157, (upstairs). Believed this group was started in the spring of 1989. It is unknown who were the founders of the group. With certainty it was decided not to sign slips for the Courts or Court referral people. With the Westminster Saturday Night Group (later changing its name to Saturday Night Live) signing slips for the Courts and attendance of 200 to 300 people the New Order Step Group was started and met upstairs for the so called "real alcoholic." On July 13th 1989 a new group form filled was out from GSO and the contact was Bob E. The group service number was D-21-00992-29-09 in which was changed in mid year 1994 to its current number of 000157687. With the District 9 DCM updating the group information sheet (this was 1990 or 1991) the next contact was Steve K. The last group contact name was Robert R., with a group membership of 10 members. This group met for a number of years and then stopped meeting, for some unknown reason. The GSO history date is July 13th 1989 and the group service number is 157687. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 17228 and lists the group as inactive. Note: The Westminster Saturday Night Group that later changed its name to the Saturday Night Live Group and the New Order Step Group both met at the same Church and at the same time. - (*2*4*5)

Westminster - Bond and Green Group - St. Paul's Church Of Christ, 17 Bond St., 21157. The group was started by Anne Koenig on October 17th, 1989. Anne K. wanted a meeting that was also No Smoking, Anne talked this over with her sponsor Mary Ann O. Began meeting on Tuesday at 8:30 pm. and was called the **Tuesday Big Book Group**. Anne contacted the General Service Office and got a group service number, D-21-01055-29-09 and a history date is May 25th 1990.

A Saturday noon meeting was started in January 1991 called "**Keep It Simple**" - SAT - C - D - NSM.

By 1992 not called Bond & Green yet the Tuesday group was called **Westminster Tuesday Night** - 8:30pm - C - BB - D. There was a Friday meeting called **Westminster Twelve Steppers** met at noon and was a closed Big Book Discussion meeting. It is believed to have started in early 1992.

In mid year 1994 the General Service Office changed the group service number to 162679. As time passed this number became known as the Fellowship New Vision Number or (FNV).

In the July 1996 Baltimore Intergroup directory the Friday meeting name was changed to the **Pioneer Group** meeting at noon & 8:00pm. The 8:00pm meeting was started by Marion D. In August 1996 the 8:00pm meeting changed its name to the **Westminster Friday Night**.

In the District 9 Where & When dated January 1999 the **Bond & Green Group** is listed as a closed meeting on Sunday at 8pm step, Tuesday at 8:30pm BB, Thursday meeting at 7:30pm 12 & 12, Friday at noon & 8:00pm both topic, and Saturday at noon discussion.

In the July 2002 directory the Friday meeting is listed under the **Bond & Green Group**, Friday meeting at Noon - C - D - Step - & an 8:00pm - C - Speaker.

At the end of the year 2010 the Thursday 7:30pm meeting was cancelled.

With the closing of the Epiphany Group on January 13th 2016 the **Bond & Green Group** added a Wednesday meeting. A Closed Literature meeting meets at 7:00pm. The first meeting was on January 20th

2016.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 96378.

Because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 the government closed down all the Churches on March 12th 2020, along with other non essential businesses. The Preacher at St. Paul's Church came down and told the group: "We are not closing the Church so with that said you can continue to hold your AA meetings." The members of the group decided with all that is going on we will stop meeting in the Church beginning in April 2020. Then the group met on line called ZOOM meetings. On or about May 5th 2021 one of the group members restarted the Wednesday night Literature meeting only, while all the other meetings stayed on ZOOM. With the pandemic, the government restrictions were lifted so on June 5th 2021 the **Bond & Green Group** restarted all their regular meetings. The group practiced wearing face masks, social distancing, and sanitizing for a number of months. The members were not required to wear face masks until September 4th 2021 when, the Church asked everyone attending any function in the Church to wear a face mask. As time went on by the beginning of 2022 the Church lifted this requirement but, as the virus numbers increased it was required again to wear a face mask on or about July 17th 2022. The pandemic is on going in regard to the virus.

As of July 2022 the group meets: Sunday 8pm, C, Step, Tuesday 8:30pm C, BB, Wednesday 7pm C, L, Friday at noon C Step, & 8pm Topic, Saturday at noon C D Topic.

- Note: In the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin dated August 20th 1996 the **Pioneer Group** is a new meeting, to meet on Fridays at 8:00pm C - BB - NSM. In the Baltimore Bulletin dated September 24th 1996 it states a new meeting called the **Westminster Friday Night** meeting on Friday at 8:00pm., C - Speaker - NSM. With the evolution of the Group there have been other changes as well, like time, format, and day of the week. The exact date when they became the **Bond & Green Group** is unknown and who were the founders of the other meetings are also unknown at present. We believe the meetings became known as the **Bond & Green Group** at the end of the year 1998. - (*2*3*4)

Sykesville - Stop on the Way Group - 6:00pm - WED - (O) (D) - Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St. 21784. The first meeting was on October 25th 1989 and will meet at St. Barnabas Parrish House on Main Street in Sykesville. After that the Group moved to various locations in Sykesville. The founding members are unknown at this time. We believe the group moved from St. Barnabas Parrish House on or about December 22nd 1993, and then the group met at Bud L. house in December 29th 1993. On January 5th 1994 the group moved to Springfield Hospital Complex. We do not know the exact dates on moving the group to the Flohrville UMC in Flohrville but there is a note in paying rent to the Church on November 20th 1996. The group is sometimes called "**Flohrville Stop On The Way Group**" and registered with AAWS as "**Stop on the Way.**" The GSO group service number is 665652 and the history date is April 14th 2005. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 82158. On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The government closed all Churches and non essential businesses. The group was suspended until May 12th 2021 when they were able to meet back in person and the Church. - Note: It was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin dated January 25th 1995; the meeting moved to Springfield State Hospital and will meet in the Warfield Complex, Bldg. D, 5th St., 2nd floor, O, D, NSM, at 6pm. How long they met there is unknown. District 9 lists the group in their Where & When as the "Flohrville Stop on the Way." - (*2* 3)

Manchester - Manchester Wednesday Night Group - 8pm - WED (O) (BB) (D) - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church St., 21102.

The founders were Ted R. and Okemah. Believe the first meeting was on July 7th 1989. We wanted a Closed Meeting & did not want to sign attendance verification slips for the Courts or be a Court referral meeting. Ted R. signed in at the District 9 meeting on July 22nd 1989 as the Secretary of his Group. Then at the next District 9 meeting held on September 23rd 1989 he signed in as the Intergroup Rep. The group

became well attended.

The contact for the group in 1990 was Jerry D. with district 9. Mike O'C. got active in the group, and remained a member for a few years then moved to Florida.

A member of the group contacted the GSO; the group service number was D-21-01104-29-09 and was listed on February 19th 1991 (history date at GSO), the contacts were Jerry D. and David B.

The group was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup (November 1993) directory as meeting at 8:30pm - WED - C -D - Tradition - AA History - NSM.

In Mid year 1994 GSO changed the group service number to 165855.

With the change of members it became an Open Meeting in November 2000.

In January 2002 became a Candlelight Big Book meeting. The members would read the Big Book then turn off the lights, and would discuss what they read by candlelight. Howard L. came in 2002 and became active. Howard L. became the GSR for the group and served as district 9 Literature chair, Website chair, web master, and also Area 29 with the Website and West Central Intergroup as web chair for a number of years.

On October 4th 2006 the group contact was John C. and Howard L. and, the meeting time was changed to 8pm.

In December 2010 a new group started in Manchester, the Melrose Beginners Group and slowly our attendance began declining.

In 2014 the group contacts were Howard L. and John P. Gary, a member of the group, helped the Baltimore Intergroup with the lighting for the Sobriety Show for a number of years. Another member Mike W. became active in the group.

In 2016 the contacts for the group were Howard L. and John P.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to #17054. The contacts for the group were Howard L. and Jeff B.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all the Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in the Church was on March 11th 2020 then a member of the group, Mike took the meeting on ZOOM or on line for a little over a month. With very low participation Mike decided to stop ZOOM. As of 2023 the group did not restart we, believe since the group had very low attendance even before the Corona Virus there seemed to be no need for the meeting to resume. - Note: Ted R. moved to Salisbury, Md. and is active there. Okemah passed away. Mike O'C. moved to Florida - (*2*3*4*5)

Uniontown - Tuesday Night Uniontown Group - 6:30pm - O - D - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Main St. (Uniontown), 21157. Believed started in May 1989. It is unknown who were the founders of the meeting. We know Sherry S. run the meeting and may have been the founder. In March 1990 we added a Friday meeting, 6:30pm - O - D - Note: non AA literature was displayed at the meeting, breaking of tradition # 1 unity, # 5 primary purpose, and # 6 affiliation or endorsement for Court referrals, almost a multipurpose meeting. This may have been why the meeting failed. - (*4*5)

1990

Westminster - Wednesday Night New Life at the Crossroads - 7pm - Wed. - O - As Bill Sees It - The meeting started in 1990 at the Longwell Professional Building, room 211 rear entrances, 77 East Main St., Westminster, 21157. The meeting was started in a room provided by a business called New Life Counseling Services. The meeting was separate from the business. The first member and founder of the meeting was Mike S. who runs the meeting until 1994. Met on Thursdays at 8pm and was an open meeting with a format of playing a cassette tape and a celebrity reading a story out of the Big Book. The name of the meeting was, **Thursday Night New Life**. Bob R. started attending the meeting in 1994. Bob R. said Tom M. played a part in the business there. Something happened with the business and the

meeting had to move in February 1996. The meeting moved to the Senior Citizens Center, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster, 21157. Bob R. continued running the meeting, for the most part. The Senior Center changed their policy and wanted the meeting to move. So in November 2010 the meeting moved to the Crossroads Community Church, 895 Leidy Rd., Westminster, 21157. With the move the meeting changed their name to **Wednesday Night New Life At The Crossroads** and changed their day of the week to Wednesday, time changed to 7pm and their format changed to open As Bill Sees It. Bob R. said he came to the meeting in 1994 but had some issues with his sobriety date until 1999. On July 4th 2014 Don M. a member of the group started running the meeting and ran it until March 2020.

In 2020 a new pandemic hit the world called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Government shut down all the Churches and that included the meeting of AA groups and meetings also on March 12th 2020. The last meeting in the Crossroads Church was on March 11th 2020. Don Paul, a member of the group polled the members and found sufficient support to set up an online meeting utilizing the ZOOM platform. He set up the ZOOM host computer and Richard A. volunteered to lead the first online meeting on April 1st 2020. Terri A. alternated as secretary throughout the lockdown. In early November, we were advised that we could resume meetings at the Church provided we observed appropriate safety protocols. The first meeting took place November 4th 2020. Setup was undertaken by Don Paul and Bob R. to control capacity, maintain a record of attendees, ensure social distancing, and provide hand sanitizer and masks. The decision was taken to make this a HYBRID meeting to accommodate those who wished to participate online and to connect them to those in the room. We acquired a webcam and set it up so that online could see and hear those in the room. The host ZOOM Screen was displayed on a large TV so that our online members could be seen and heard. We hoped to capture the feel of a regular meeting to the greatest extent possible. To that end we have continuously worked to improve the experience we can provide to our members and guests. As of August 11th 2021 the COVID restrictions were lifted and we began to see some growth in attendance at Crossroads. The pandemic certainly had a negative impact on in-person participation. Nevertheless, our online and hybrid meeting formats have allowed some members to remain active and brought us new members and guests. Now, we are experiencing modest growth in overall attendance. Also, our ZOOM channel has attracted an international following. On May 1st 2024 the group went ZOOM only for 1 week then went back to a Hybrid meeting in person on May 8th 2024 because of a church event. – (*3*4)

Upperco – Emory 24 Hour Group - 7:00pm - SAT - (O) - (D) - Emory UMC, 1600 Emory Rd. 21155, (Rt. 91 and Emory Church Rd.). The group was started by Ed E. and John G. in February 1990 and the meeting time was 8:30 pm. July 2002 changed time to 8:00pm. April 2009 time change to 7pm and format changed to Open Meeting. The GSO group service number is 699126 and the history date is February 9th 1989. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 103249. On March 12th 2020 the Governor closed all the Church, because of a pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group last meeting in the church before being suspended was on Saturday March 7th 2020. Wanda R. was on the Church parking lot on March 14th 2020 telling everyone who came; the meeting was suspended until further notice. Dave Robinson a member of the group and has run it for a number of years started on line meetings or what is called ZOOM. The first meeting on Zoom was on March 21st 2020. The Zoom meetings Dave R. started (3 meetings) was one on Saturday at 7pm, the second meeting on line was on Mondays at 9am and a third meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm. Since the group could not meet in person or in the Church the ZOOM meetings would help carry the message and keep people in contact with other members. On Saturday May 30th 2020 Kitty celebrated 37 years of sobriety on the ZOOM meeting and it was well attended. Talking to the Church people, Dave R., set it up for the group to meet back in person and in the Church on May 29th 2021, on that night, Kitty celebrated a 38 year anniversary at the meeting with about 25 in attendance. At the in person meetings it was suggested to wear a face mask, social distancing, and to sanitize every thing. Dave had the ZOOM meetings on line until October

2nd 2021. The group met in the Church and in person until the pandemic got worst. The last meeting in person was on January 1st 2022 and the group went back on ZOOM. The Al-anon meeting continued meeting in the Church while the AA meeting went on ZOOM. This continued to be on ZOOM until February 19th 2022 then, the meeting continued in person. (The suspension on January 1st 2022 was a group decision and not a Church decision.) - Note: there is a debate of the start date of starting in 1989 or 1990 at the present time. Dave Robinson wrote the group history stating the group started in February 1990 and we will go with his decision until further evidence is uncovered. In the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin dated November 22nd 1992 it lists the group will celebrate 2 years on December 19th 1992. With the history date from GSO being February 8th 1989 the start date is in question. Wanda Robinson (Dave R. wife) started an Al-anon family group meeting at the same time in 2012. - (*2*3*4)

Manchester - **Manchester Saturday Night Step** - 6:30pm - SAT - (O) - (ST) 1st Sat. - (TRD). Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church St., 21102.

Believe started in April 1990 as a meeting only to read and discuss the 12 & 12. The meeting was started by John L., Dennis C., Dave and Carla G., Tony D., Joe S., and John G. This meeting was started to work the steps, to do things together after the meeting, like bowling, going out to eat, and to do and have a lot of other things, also to have a lot of fellowship before and after the meeting. The group was well attended for a few years. The group contacted the GSO and received a group service number D-21-01046-29-09 and the history date was April 24th 1990. The contacts were John V. D. and Anthony D. The groups name at GSO is **Manchester Saturday 6:30 step Group**. The group met for a number of years then the attendance began to drop off.

On April 23rd 1994 the group celebrated a 4 year anniversary with light refreshments. In Mid Year 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 162108.

In December 1999 the group stopped meeting altogether. In the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin it was listed, “discontinued” in the December 21st 1999 bulletin.

No meeting for a few years.....

The meeting was restarted again on April 15th 2003. The founders are Melvin B., John C., and Charlie. The format, the same, read and discusses the 12 steps and 12 Traditions out of the 12 & 12 book. The founding members renamed the group “**Manchester Saturday Night Step Group**.”

On April 4th 2006 the group contacts were Chris B. and Shane B.

In 2008 Francis A. passed the group operations over to Gary M. Gary M. runs the group along with the Monday Night Grapevine meeting for the next few years. Gary M. had the key to the Church and became the groups contact.

On Saturday September 14th 2013 thru October 5th 2013 the group had Eleanor M. do a “Back to Basics” step study based on Wally P. working thru the steps in 4 weeks.

On September 13th, 20th, 27th, and October 4th 2014 to try to get more attendance, the group had Eleanor M. do a “Back to Basics” step study based on Wally P. working thru the steps in 4 weeks. In 2014 the GSO contact is Chris B.

The contact for 2016 at GSO was Francis A.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 17047. The GSO contact for 2019 was Francis A.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and non essential business because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended and had their last meeting in the Church on March 7th 2020. Because of very low attendance the group did not restart even though they could have. - Note: the April 15th 2003 was from the Baltimore Intergroup Office; this date may or may not be the first meeting date. - (*1*2*3*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Primary Purpose Group** - 7:30pm - (TUES) - C - Speaker Discussion -

Westminster Bible Church, 310 Gorsuch Rd., 21157 - behind Hess Station. The group was started in May 1990 by Rocky I. and Terry D. for the purpose of caring the message of AA's 12 steps of recovery and "**not**" for the purpose of signing slips for Court referrals. On September 23rd 1997 we moved to the Westminster UMC., 165 E. Main St. at Center St., 21157 and changed our meeting day to Friday at 7:30 pm. Then on April 7th 1998 we changed our meeting day to Monday Night and our time to 8:00pm., same location. Because of lack of attendance we stopped meeting in September 2000. The GSO history date is July 3rd 1991 and the group service number is 167893. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 75519 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: In the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin we are listed as "Discontinued" meeting in September of 2000. - (*3*4*5)

Westminster - **W.I.R.E.D.** - Tuesday - 7:00pm - Open Discussion Women's Group - NSM - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., 21157. It was said to have been started by Carole D. and Brenda S. We believe the group started in the spring of 1990 & is listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory dated November 1990. The original name of the group was the **Recovering Women of Westminster Group**. On October 25th 1991 the group got a group service number from GSO, it was, D-21-01154-29-09. In the mid year of 1994 the GSO changed the group service number to 169315. In June 2005 the group changed its name to **W.I.R.E.D.**, which is short for **Women in Recovery Every Day**. In June 2009 the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin the group is listed as "Discontinued." On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 38291 and listed the group as inactive. - Note: The exact start date of the group is unknown at the present time. Mary Ann O. from the Westminster Monday Night Group said in 1995; "There were 6 women that started the meeting." Carole D. passed away at the Homewood in Williamsport on June 28th 2019. - (*4*5)

Lineboro - Manchester - **Lineboro Tuesday Night** - 8:30pm - TUES - (O) (D) - Trinity Church of Christ, 3229 York St., 21102.

Believe to have been started on or about July 21st 1990. The name of the founder is unknown at the present time. The man that started the group lived in Lineboro, had no car, no license, but did have a lot of dogs. The founder wanted to be able to walk to a meeting. The group first met at the Lazarus United Church of Christ, 5101 South Church St., Lineboro, 21088.

GSO history date is October 12th 1993 and the group service number is 177542.

In 2000 Jerry D. was the GSR and group contact.

In 2006 the contacts were Joe S. and Rick L.

In 2012 the group contacts were Jim S. and Dave P.

The group met at Lazarus United Church of Christ in Lineboro until there was a Church fire on December 3rd 2013. Then the group was in contact with the Cornerstone Church in Melrose located at, 4217 Hanover Pike, Manchester, 21102 for a couple of weeks. At the end of December 2013 the group moved to Trinity Church of Christ, 3229 York St., Manchester, Md., 21102.

In 2014 the group contacts were Michelle W. F. and Dave P.

Michelle W. F. and Dave P. run the meetings for a number of years before the suspension in 2020.

The group contacts in 2016 were Michelle W. F. and Dave P.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 11531.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended and had their last meeting in the Church on March 10th 2020. It is believed since the group had low attendance, the group did not resume meeting after the suspension. Also Dave P. had health issues and Michelle moved to another state. - - Note: Baltimore Intergroup has a start date of July 21st 1990. The Baltimore Intergroup bulletin has listed; the group will have a 3 year group anniversary celebration on September 7th 1993. These 2 listings at the Intergroup Office is the only evidence we have. All the meeting records were lost in the fire. With a

talk with Bob K. (DDMP) on January 24th 2017 about the Lineboro Tuesday Night Group Bob K. said: The man from Lineboro (I do not remember his name) had to come to my office and he also said: "We do not have any meetings over here and would you help me start one." Bob K. also said: "The man in question lived in Lineboro with a woman and they took in and shelter unwanted dogs." Bob K. and this man called and set up a meeting with the members of the Lazarus Church. They met and asked about having a meeting in their Church on Tuesday evenings, the Church people consented. We believe this was in early July 1990. Either this man or Bob called the Intergroup Office and told them about a new meeting to start in Lineboro on Tuesdays at 8:30 pm on or about July 21st of 1990. - (*2*3*4*5)

New Windsor - T.G.I.F. - 7:30pm - FRI - O - D - Step - New Windsor Presbyterian Church, Church & High St., 21776. It is believed the meeting started in the fall of 1990. The founders are said to be Dan and Brad F. Note: Is listed for the 1st time in the Baltimore Intergroup Directory dated November 1990. Not listed in the June 1997 directory. This would suggest the meeting started in midyear or fall of 1990 and stopped meeting in 1996. - (*4*5)

1991

Hampstead - Big Book Monday Night - 8:30pm - O - D - BB - St. Peters Lutheran Church, 4300 Church Rd., 21074 - believed started in the Spring of 1991 - unknown who were the founders - Note: meeting only met for a year or less then stopped - only listed in the May 1991 directory from Baltimore Intergroup - (*4*5)

Westminster - Thursday Night Women's - 8:30pm - C - D - Step - NSM - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., 21157. Believed started in the spring of 1991. Unknown who were the founders. - Note: Listed 1st in the May 1991 directory from Baltimore Intergroup. Not listed in the June 1997 directory. This would suggest the meeting started in early 1991 and stopped meeting at the end of 1996. - (*4*5)

Taneytown - Taneytown Smiles - 8:00pm - THUR - O - D - St. Joseph's Church, Frederick St., Route 194, 21787. Believed to have started in spring 1991. Unknown who were the founders. - Note: 1st listed in the May 1991 Baltimore Intergroup directory. The evidence suggests the meeting started in early 1991 and stopped meeting in the summer of 1993. - (*4*5)

Westminster - Bachman Valley Big Book Group - 8:00 pm - MON - open Big Book - Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 1374 Bachman Valley Rd., at Bixler Church Rd., 21158. The first meeting was on October 21, 1991 and the founders were by, John L., John G., Joe S., Tony and Barbara D., and Dave G. The meeting started at 7:00pm., later changed the time to 8:00pm. It was difficult to get someone to set up early enough to meet at 7pm. The GSO group service number is 175336 and the history date is March 18th 1993. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 94216. On March 12th 2020 the World encountered the new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Governor of Maryland Larry Hogan asked all Churches to close because of this pandemic. The last meeting held in the Church was on March 9th 2020. With the closing of the Churches all the meetings were suspended. With the group suspended over time the group was Text Messaging and E-mailing each member. It was decided to contact the Church and see if the group could restart. The Church people said they could with a few rules, meet in the Pavilion. So on May 25th 2020 we met under the Pavilion for our first meeting, the chairperson was Kim. Under the Pavilion we marked an X on the concrete floor every 6 feet apart and when the meeting is over we would wash down the chairs and table with a disinfectant. Shortly after that on June 8th a member named Andrew celebrated his first year with, 44 people in attendance. As fall came cold temperatures also came so we contacted the Church and asked if we could meet back inside the Church, they said yes. On September 28th we had a group conscience meeting and it decided to move the

group back into the Church next week. On October 5th 2020 we met back in the Church, the Chairperson was Clint and Scott celebrated 3 years. Attendance was 28 people, and after the meeting we had to wipe down the chairs. The wearing of a face mask and social distancing of sitting 6 feet apart was a request of the Church. In the spring of 2021 the group started making coffee and set up a literature display, slowly we were back to a normal group. If the weather is good they meet out side. Note: (Old Group Service Number D-21-01286-29-09 & History date March 18th 1993. Changed in 1994 to -000175336 – Changed on August 19th 2019 to 00094216) - (*2*3*4)

1992

Eldersburg - **Tuesday Night AA** - Johnsville Baptist Church, Johnsville Rd., 21784 - 7:00pm - TUES - O - D - NSM - Believed to have started in the Spring of 1992. Unknown who started or why. No information is available except was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup June 1992 directory. According to the information available the meeting started in the spring of 1992 and stopped in 1996. - Note: Since we have no other information except the directory the meeting may have met for a shorter time. Also, this meeting may have been listed incorrectly in the directory and may not be in district 9 either. This meeting is listed under the zip code 21784 in the directory. - (*4*5)

Sykesville - **Progress Not Perfection Women's** - Regan Center, Springfield State Hospital, 21784 - 6:00pm - FRI - O - D - We know very little about this meeting. It is unknown who started or how long the meeting was going on. Listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory from June 1992 to February 1999. This would suggest the meeting started in 1992 and probably ended at the end of 1998 or even into 1999. The Regan Center was back on 5th Street in the Warfield Complex. Note: The Regan Center was the name of the program. In the 1980's was located on 2nd Street but moved for some reason back to 5th Street, by this time. (*4*5)

Sykesville - **A Way Out** - Regan Center, Springfield Hospital, 21784 - 10:00am - SUN - O - D - This was listed in the June 1992 Baltimore Intergroup directory and stayed listed for a couple of years. No other information is available like, when or who started, why, when stopped, etc. Note: We believe the meeting was started by Paul F. in the fall of 1990. Because: (The Sam Shoemaker Alcohol Rehab moved there in September 1990 and then in the Spring of 1991 moved back to Westminster.) We also believe who ever called the Intergroup for listing called too late to be in the May 1991 directory. (In the late 1980's the Regan Center was in the process of moving from 2nd Street to 5th Street.) We do not know how long the meeting went on, may have been a few months or a couple of years. But we do know in August 1994 the Sam Shoemaker Alcohol Rehab moved back to 5th St., Springfield State Hospital, (Warfield Complex). The first week of September 1994 the Sunday Morning Westminster moved there and there was no A Way Out meeting going on. The Sunday Morning Westminster Group met on Sundays at 10:00am. (For more reference see 1983, Sunday Morning Westminster & Sunday Morning Sykesville Group). - (*3*4*5)

Westminster – **Westminster Alcohol Recovery** - 9:00am -SUN - (O) (D) - Seventh Day Adventist Church, 320 Crest Lane, Westminster, 21157.

The meeting is believed to be started by: Bobby K., Russell Gus Y. and Edna W. in 1992 and met at the Carroll County Office Building located 225 N. Center St., 21157. One of the reasons for starting the group was to allow inmates of the Carroll County Detention Center to attend. The attendance started with about 15 people. As time passed attendance went up to a high of 120 people with an average attendance of 75 people (this attendance is from Bobby K. on July 31st 2014).

The group moved in 1995 to the Rape Crisis Center on Center Street, Westminster.

The meeting moved to 224 N. Center St., Westminster in March 1996.

The meeting moved to the Senior Center, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster by December of 1996. Bobby K. said; had to relocate five times in different locations in Westminster over the years. We always met on Sunday at 9:00am.

In 2008 we started meeting before the meeting for a “Step Study” meeting for the newcomers.

On April 12th 2000 the group contact for district 9 was Philip E. – Unregistered Group with GSO.

The group registered with GSO as “Sunday Morning Alcohol Recovery” and received a group service number 644216 on May 18th 2001 in which became their history date.

In 2010 the group moved to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 320 Crest Lane, Westminster, 21157.

In 2014 the group contacts were: GSR Neil B. and the Alt. GSR was Paul E. Another group contact was Gerald B. Attendance at GSO was listed as 24 members.

In 2016 through 2019 the group contacts were Neil B. and Paul E. Attendance in 2016 was 31 members and attendance in 2019 was 31 members. Also the group started having a Breakfast called “Sunday Morning Alcohol Recovery’s Annual Holiday Breakfast Celebration” in January. Members also celebrate their anniversaries at the group.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to # 83732.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group had to suspend its meetings. In a short time the group went on line or ZOOM. On August 23rd 2020 the group met for the first time back in the Church with 12 people attending. Social distancing, masks, and other precautions were observed. ZOOM was also being used. By May 2021 the group slowly went back to normal, insofar as the restrictions and stopped ZOOM. - Note: We feel the meeting was started to sign attendance verification slips for the Court referral people. Bobby K. filled out a Home Group History sheet for this group on July 31st 2014 but, we believe the meeting was started in the fall of 1990 and we will try to explain. When the Sam Shoemaker House patients were taken to the Regan Center located on 2nd Street at Springfield Hospital Center in the fall of 1990, the Sunday Morning Westminster Group that met at 10:00am on Sundays there stopped meeting (Westminster). The Sunday Morning Westminster Group had many people attend that needed their attendance verification slip signed. Bob K. the DDMP in Westminster seen, there was a need for another meeting to sign attendance verification slips for the court referral people. So, in the fall of 1990 Bob Kirkland made the arrangements to start a new meeting at the Carroll County Office Building on Sundays at 9:00am. Bob K. asked these people to run it. - (*2*3*4)

Westminster - Smallwood Tuesday Noon Group - noon - TUES - (O) - (D) - Deer Park UMC, 2205 Sykesville Rd., 21157.

Bob T. wanted to start a noon meeting and was the founder. Mike S. gave Bob T. a coffee pot, coffee, cups, creamer, sugar, and had their first meeting on March 13th 1992. At the first meeting were Bob T., Mike S., Bud N., Big John G., and Jerry M. The original name of the meeting was the **Tuesday Noon Meeting** and was first listed in the June 1992 Baltimore Intergroup directory.

In July 2003 the meeting changed its name to the **Smallwood Tuesday Noon Group**. The group is sometimes called the **Give It Away To Keep It Group**. The contact name was Carole D., the GSO group service number 657925 and the history date is November 18th 2003.

(We talked to Ted S. on the 14th of September 2015.) Ted S. remembers in 1993 the meeting was in the old Church building called the Deer Park Chapel. The Deer Park Chapel is owned by the Cemetery and not owned by the Church, and is located across the road from the new Church which opened in 1995. In the old building there was something wrong with the water so, who ever made coffee had to bring water to make coffee. In 1995 the new Deer Park United Methodist Church was completed and the Group moved into the new Church. Attendance was 10 or less people all thru the 1990`s. In early 1998 Vince was the Chairperson but did not show up most of the time. Big John G. filled in for Vince. Big John had a key to the Church building too. The meeting almost always was a Round Robin type of format. Near the

end of 1998 Ted S. was asked to run the Meeting. Ted S. had a few slips until his surrender on January 7th 2000. Ted S. runs the Smallwood Tuesday Noon Group for 10 or so years. Started setting up the meeting in late 1998 and was Chairperson. As time passed it was suggested to Ted to get out of town speakers. Ted visited many Groups in Baltimore and got speakers from Baltimore. By 2004 more members joined the Group and attendance went up to 40 or more. The group GSR changed on November 21st 2006 to Cindalee N. By 2008-2009 attendance was up to between 60-80 people. In 2009 Ted S. stopped coming to the Group for some reason or another. The group's contacts for 2014 – 2019 were Tod N. & Lisa D. Ted S. started attending near the end of 2017 & continued in 2018.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to #12372.

On March 12th 2020 a pandemic hit the world called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Government shut down all Churches and non essential businesses with the Churches being closed the AA meetings were suspended. Smallwood Noon had their last meeting in person and in the Church on March 17th 2020. Lisa D. and John H. started an on line meeting in its place called ZOOM and their first meeting on ZOOM was on June 16th 2020. As time passed and the Corona Virus got worst they added a Thursday ZOOM meeting at noon. There was much discussion with the UMC and the Church people said; they could meet at the Pavilion but with a lot of restrictions, this did not come about. On July 6th 2021 (Restarted) they met again in the Church and in person with 18 people in attendance. As time passed the ZOOM meetings stopped. Attendance in 2023-2024 at the regular meeting is 30 to 40 people. The group participates in the district 9. - Note: The start date of March 13th 1992 is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. The information about the founder of the group is from Mike S. on February 20th 2024. Bob T. passed away from Cancer on December 23rd 2020 in West Virginia. Carole D. passed away on June 28th 2019. - (*2*3*4)

1993

Eldersburg - Barnyard Varsity Big Book - Freedom Community Center, Rt. 26 & 32, 21784 - 10:00pm - SAT - O - BB - D - Bucky G. started the meeting in early 1993. On October 20th 2015 we talked to Bucky G. about the meeting. Bucky G. said: "it was a great meeting, we would read something out of the Big Book, and then discuss it". Bucky also said: "the Telemarketers took over the building and we were asked to leave". Bucky said: "we could here them and they could here us". Bucky felt the Telemarketers paid more rent then us so, that is why we were asked to leave. We know it was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory in March 1993 and not listed in the April 1995 directory. This would suggest the meeting started in early 1993 and was gone by 1995. Note: We believe the meeting only lasted a short time, a year or less. (*4*5)

Uniontown - Westminster - Uniontown Friday - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3330 Uniontown Rd., 21158 - 6:30pm - FRI - O - D - We do not know who started the meeting or why they stopped. Only know that it was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup directory in March 1993 and last listed in January 1996. Was not listed in the June 1997 directory. This would suggest the meeting started in early 1993 and stopped meeting in 1996. (4*5)

1994

Westminster - Just For Today Group -12 noon - THUR - (O) (D) - First Church of God, 27 North Center St., 21157. This meeting was started strictly for the purpose of signing slips for the Courts. It basically was a meeting to go and have your Court slip signed at 10:30am. At 11:30am. The meeting was over. Then without leaving the building, just 2 doors down, you can visit the DWI Monitor with your signed slip. The office with the DWI Monitor opened their office at 11:00am.

Bob K. (DDMP) contacted and made all the arrangements with the Carroll County Government for the meeting.

The meeting was located at, Carroll Community College, 300 South Center Street, Annex Bldg., Room 119, Westminster. The meeting started in March of 1994 and met on Thursdays at 10:30am. The first Chairperson or sometimes called Secretary was Mike R. The first few weeks there were 6 to 10 in attendance, mostly men. As the months starting passing by Mike R. rotated his job of running the meeting to Dennis D. After a year or so there was some kind of issue with the parking. The meeting had to move.

The meeting moved the 2nd time to: the First United Presbyterian Church, Jacob's Lounge, 65 Washington Rd., Westminster. The time was changed to noon but still met on Thursdays. With the new location attendance went up to 30 or 40 and sometimes more people attending. The Chairperson or Secretary was taken over by Frank K. Frank K. tried to make the Court referral slip Meeting into an AA Group. Frank K. used the 12 traditions as a guide. Frank K. also got a Group Service Number from the General Service Office and made contributions as the 7th tradition suggests. With Frank` passing away on October 5th 2009 they began to have some issues with the Church. The doors opened at 11:45am. No one was allowed to come into the Church earlier except the Coffee Maker. It was said: "someone spoke inappropriately to some of the young people at the Church. " After that the Church wanted every body that came to the meeting to sign in. That did not go over very well.

So, the meeting moved for the 3rd time in March of 2013. The new location is: the First Church of God, 27 N. Center St., Westminster, 21157. At the 3rd location, (present) on Center St. attendance came down to 20 to 30 people attending, (possibly because the meeting room was much smaller). Marge and Monica now run the meeting, (2013 to August 25th 2016). The GSO history date is August 5th 2003 and the group service number is 656678.

In 2015 Marge started to have health issues. That put opening and running the meeting on Monica. In 2016 Marge was unable to attend any more. Monica wanted to turn the meeting over to someone but, no one would take this service opportunity to serve. In the meantime the Church was having financial difficulty while, attendance was down and they had no new members joining the Church. With the chance of the Church closing the group stopped meeting the last Thursday of August 2016. The rent was paid to the end of August so, the last meeting was on August 25th 2016. * Restart in question *

On October 6th 2016, Monica & Kevin G. went to the Church to retrieve the group's supplies. Monica talked to a man named Larry. Larry said the past Preacher and his wife left the Church to seek other employment. Larry and his wife moved into the house. Larry said the Church is not closing and would love to have an AA group meet in their Church. Monica and Kevin would show him the ropes in running a meeting. It was decided; Monica & Kevin would train Larry. The restart of the Just For Today Group should be announced at meetings a couple of weeks before the first meeting. The first meeting will be on October 20th 2016. On October 20th 2016, 6 people showed up for the opening. The Church door was locked and no one had a key so, no meeting again. Larry said he would contact the Church and try to get a key, (this was on October 23rd 2016, a talk with Larry). On November 3rd 2016 we visited the meeting. Again, there was no meeting. 4 people showed up for the meeting but the door was locked and the lights in the Church were off. So, in conclusion we feel the group is closed for good. No Longer Meet. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to n/a and lists the group as inactive. - (*2*3*4*5)

1995

1996

Westminster - **CCC Step Group** - 5:30pm - THUR - Carroll Community Collage, 1601 Washington Rd., room C-71, 21157 - listed as a meeting in February 1996 - then listed in December 1996 as meeting on Thursday at 3:00 pm in room # C-270 - the format is open step - (NSM) - Note: believe these were in house meetings and no longer meet - they were not listed in the directories only in the bulletin - (*4*5)

Hampstead - **Hampstead Tuesday Step Group** - 6:30pm (O) (ST) - St. Marks Lutheran Church, 1375 Main St., 21074. The meeting was started by Dave R. and Bill B. in February 1996. Dave wanted an earlier meeting and not to sign the attendance verification slips from the Courts, these are the reasons for starting the group. The founders also wanted the format to be an open step speaker discussion meeting and not to read the 12 & 12 book. At the very first meeting we had 8 people in attendance. In 2001 the format was changed to reading the 12 & 12 books and to sign attendance verification slips for the Courts, the founders stopped attending. The GSO group service number is 165740 and the history date is February 11th 1991. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 109077. On March 12th 2020 the government closed all churches and thus doing the AA meetings was suspended. The last meeting in the church was on March 10th 2020 but, in a short time the members started an on line meeting called ZOOM. After the suspension from the church the church left the group meet back in the church and in person on June 23rd 2020 with only 2 members Curtis & Gary showing up. But on June 30th 2020 the meeting was on the parking lot and on ZOOM (not in the Church building). The meeting in person and in the parking lot went on until the end of September 2020. In the beginning of October 2020 the group met in person and in the church and also on ZOOM. On the first week in December 2020 the group stopped meeting in person but kept the ZOOM meeting going. The ZOOM only meeting went on until May 4th 2021 then, the meeting was in person in the church plus on ZOOM. On May 25th 2021 the group decided to drop ZOOM and only meet in the Church. - Note: there is a discrepancy with the start date on the Group History sheet and the GSO history date - Dave R. started the group and wrote the history, it will remain unchanged - January 21st 2015 we sent a letter to GSO Archives to verify date - January 28th 2015 we got there report back - February 2nd 2015 we mailed another letter to GSO about our findings along with the information for them to correct their records - the GSO has the Hampstead Thursday Night Group changing its day of the week, time, format, and its group name to the Hampstead Tuesday Night Step Group which is incorrect - we got GSO reply on February 23rd and GSO will not change what they think on the group - GSO still thinks the Hampstead Thursday Night Group just changed their day of the week, format, and time, so it is up in the air, we tried to correct but failed - GSO kept the histories on both groups so, if someone would look at the records it would be clear on what happened - suggest reading our two page letter dated March 25th 2015, this will explain more clearly the events on what happened - (*2*3*4)

Westminster – **Power in Recovery Group** – Carroll County Detention Center. This was an in house Correctional Facilities Meeting. We do not know who the founders were but believe the group was started in the early spring of 1996. The group carried the message for a period of time and then stopped meeting for some unknown reason. The GSO history date is April 1st 1996 and their group service number is 611489. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 34500 and listed the group as inactive. (*2*5)

Westminster - **Turning Point** - 8:00pm - FRI - (O) (D) - Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., 21157. Started by Bob K. in 1996 when he was asked by a Priest named Father Isaac to start an AA meeting at the Church. The Meeting was called the **Rainbow Group** and met at St. John` Catholic Church, 43 Monroe St., 21157. The meeting is at 6:30 pm on Friday. By June 2000 the Church needed the room and the meeting stopped. In a few weeks the Church gave Bob K. another room to meet in. By 2003 the Church wanted Bob K. to fill out some kind of property permission paper, he declined to do so. In June of 2003 the meeting moved to Grace Lutheran Church, 22 Carroll St., 21157. By late in 2003 Bob K. turned the meeting over to Sue and Tom R. The time was changed to 7:00 pm. A year or so later the Church was done its renovations and the meeting moved across the street to 21 Carroll St., in the Church. On November 3, 2006 meeting time was changed to 8:00 pm. In February 2011 the meeting changed its

name to **Turning Point**. The GSO group service number is 656677 and the history date is August 5th 2003. For lack of attendance the meeting stopped meeting in early November 2017. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 37145 and lists the group as inactive. Note: In the June 25th 1996 the Baltimore Bulletin lists the **Rainbow Group** as a new meeting, meeting at 7:30pm. The time listed is incorrect; the meeting time was 6:30pm. The meeting was listed as Open Discussion, and Non Smoking. - (*2*3*4*5)

Westminster - It Feels Good to Be Sober Group - 12 noon - MON. - (O) - (D) - Church of The Ascension Church, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157 –

We believe the meeting was started about July 1996, and the founder was Mike S. Mike thought there was a need for a noon meeting so, he asked Pastor Ron at the Church if he could start one, Pastor Ron said: Yes. The location of the group was at the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157. A group member contacted the Baltimore Intergroup Office and was listed the October 1996 Directory.

Someone, maybe the DCM, Eric K., contacted the group and suggested getting registered with the GSO. The group registered with GSO and was called “It Feels Good to Be Sober Group.” The GSO group service number is 626641 and the history date is December 18th 1997. The believed contact for the group was Mike S.

The group was listed in the district 9 January 1999 where & when.

For some unknown reason the Church of the Ascension wanted them to leave. On or about February 2009 the meeting moved to Living Waters Church, 37 John St., in Westminster, 21157.

After about a year their lease at the Church run out so, in 2010 the meeting moved to the First Church of God, 27 N. Center St., Westminster, Md., 21157. After a few months the Church wanted them out so, by year end 2010 the group moved back to where it first started, the Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157. In 2010 the chairperson or secretary of the group was Gary H. The next chairperson was Austin M. he run the group then, until the suspension on March 12th 2020 because of the COVID-19. Austin M. passed away on June 11th 2022.

From 2014 through 2016 the group had no contact person and listed no members.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 117346.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended because of the pandemic. Tom Van H. said the noon meetings wanted to restart beginning of August 2020, whether the meeting met or not is unknown. If the meeting restarted in August 2020 the Church stopped them in November 2020. By November 16th 2020 the Church of the Ascension did not want any more AA meetings or groups in the Church. We do not know why. - Note: We believe the main purpose of this meeting was to pass it on and sign attendance verification slips for the court referral people. The start date 1996 is from the Baltimore Intergroup. Mike S. said on February 20th 2024: “I was the founder and the group was started, (he believed) in 1993.” - (*2*3*4*5)

Eldersburg - Eldersburg into Action Group - 8:00pm - MON - Wesley Freedom UMC, 961 Johnsville Rd., 21784 - 1st (ST), 2nd (ABSI), 3rd (D) last Mon (S) – The group was started by Victor K. & others in November 1996. An early member, Dave R. said; “we met in a private home for some time before moving to Wesley Freedom Church.” In May 2007 listed as meeting at Community Life Center behind the Wesley Freedom Methodist Church, 961 Johnsville Rd., @ Liberty Rd. (same location-same church). On October 11th 2008 we had a workshop on the History of AA and the Big Book. On November 24th 2008 celebrated a 12 year group anniversary. Our Group has had workshops on the 12 Traditions and Service, also a workshop from Baltimore Intergroup on How to make A 12th Step Call on April 28th 2010. On March 23rd 2015 the group had a power point history Presentation called “Founding Moments.” On

November 28th 2016 we celebrated our 20 year group anniversary. We made a flyer that stated, Speakers: Three original founding home group members, Victor K., Tim B., and Eric B. Food starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 8:00 pm. The GSO group service number is 615873 and the history date is January 21st 1997. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 103098.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. We had to suspend our regular meeting and our last meeting in the Church was on March 9th 2020. One of the members of the group, Bill C. at once, set up a meeting called Microsoft Teams for 3 weeks, it just didn't work very well so, we went to ZOOM (an on line meeting) at the beginning of April 2020. In late August 2020 the Church invited us back in. It took a long time for the group members to decide to have an in person meeting back in the Church. In October 2020 the group members decide to move back in the Church with some restrictions. We had our regular meeting and kept the ZOOM meeting called a Hybrid meeting at the same time. As the pandemic issues slowly lifted we stopped the Hybrid meeting using ZOOM in November 2022, just meeting in person in the Church and no longer using the on line meeting or ZOOM. On November 20th 2023 the group had a traditions play with their group anniversary. - Note: Hybrid meeting is a meeting that meets in person and on line called a ZOOM. - (*2*3*4)

1997

Westminster - Friday Noon Ascension / Sober Survivors Group -12 noon - FRI - (O) (BG) - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, 21157.

The group was founded by Mike S. and was called the Friday Noon Ascension Group. Mike S. said: "he wanted to start another noon meeting in Westminster on Friday." Mike Sherrill talked again to Pastor Ron at the Church of the Ascension and asked if he could have a meeting on Fridays at noon, Pastor Ron said; it would be alright. The first meeting was on Friday, April 18th 1997. Mike S. runs the meeting for a few years until he could rotate to another member.

The group got registered at the GSO and received a group service number 673583 on December 1st 2006. The group name was changed to **Sober Survivors Group** when it was registered at GSO and the GSR was Gregory B.; listing 5 members. In April 2007 the group changed its name to **Sober Survivors** with District 9 to be listed in their Where & When. At District 9 the **Friday Noon Ascension** was listed, but at the GSO **Sober Survivors Group** was listed. This was soon corrected at District 9.

On February 18th 2008 the founder of the group, Mike S. stopped attending for some reasons.

On December 18th 2014 the GSO has the contact as Gregory B. After that no contact was listed. Austin M. a member of the group became active in the group and helps run it.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number of the Sober Survivors Group to 120827. This may be confusing since the Friday Noon Ascension was not registered and when it was, the group was called Sober Survivors Group on December 1st 2006. Attendance was 10 or so people.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Sober Survivors Group was suspended. It should be noted; a few AA meetings met back in the Church in August 2020 until November 2020. Austin M. may have run the group from August 2020 until the Church stopped all AA meetings in November 2020.

Note: The meetings start date is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. All the AA meetings at the Church of the Ascension were stopped in November 2020, we do not know why. Austin M. passed away on June 11th 2022. Mike S. wanted to sign attendance variation slips for court referrals people in which the other Friday group did not do (Bond & Green Group). In receiving a DWI from the courts Austin M. was ordered by the Judge to run the meeting in order to use up his Community Service Hours. - (*2*4*5)

Sykesville - Flohrville Big Book - 12:00pm - SAT - (O) BB) - Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., 21784. In 1997 Mike Dorsey started the **Friends in Recovery Group** and met at the Halfway House located on

2nd Street, Springfield State Hospital. When the halfway House was to be closed, Mike Dorsey asked Mike Hurley to find a new location for the group the new location was at Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., 21784. In about August of 1997 the Group's name was changed to **Sykesville Big Book**. The groups name was changed again in April 2007 to the **Flohrville Big Book**. The GSO group service number is 673585 and the history date is August 13th 1997. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to 104670. - Note: Mike Dorsey opened and run the Halfway House on 2nd Street. There was so much red tape from the State, it was impossible to comply. The Halfway House had to close. Mike Dorsey passed away on February 12th 2013. - (*2*3*4)

Notes from gathered evidence only

1988 – **Friends in Recovery** established by, Richard Blevins and others and the mailing address are Richard` home address; “by mostly people who went through the Sam Shoemaker House.”

1990 – The **Friends in Recovery Inc.** became the new name to be used (Richard B. address).

1994 – The **Friends in Recovery Group** started and may have met in the Warfield Complex at Springfield Sate Hospital on 5th St.: it should be noted the Sam Shoemaker House closed at the end of August 1994. With the move to Springfield Hospital Center the name, Sam Shoemaker House was not used instead it is called the Shoemaker Center. The group also had events in which were open to anyone in recovery or friends in recovery.

1997 – With the help of Richard Blevins a Men's Halfway House opened in August 1997 and the person chosen to run it was Mike Dorsey. It was located at Springfield Hospital Center, cottage number 11 on 2nd St. Because of the possibility of the 12 traditions issues, the groups name was changed from the **Friends in Recovery Group** to the **Sykesville Big Book Group**. The information was sent to the General Service Office in New York for a group service number. On August 13th 1997 they got a group service number 673585. Mike Dorsey had continuing problems with Springfield Hospital Center, repairs to the building, asbestos, lead paint, and many other issues. Mike Dorsey had to close the Men's Halfway House. Mike D. then asked Mike Hurley to help find a new location for the group. Mike Hurley found a new location at the Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., Sykesville, Md., 21784. When the group moved is unknown. The group changed its name to the **Flohrville Saturday Big Book Group** and later to be called the **Flohrville Big Book** in which they meet at noon on Saturdays.

2002 – The **Flohrville Saturday Big Book** was first listed in the District 9 Where & When.

2007 – Home group members had the groups name changed to the **Flohrville Big Book**.

2010 – Listed as the **Flohrville Big Book Group** in the District 9 Where & When.

2019 – August 5th the General Service Office changed the group service number to 104670.

2020 – Because of the Corona Virus or COVID-19 the meeting was suspended on March 14th 2020. The Government shut down just about everything, the Churches, Businesses, Restaurants, etc. The Church said they could meet again with a 9 person limit downstairs or 13 upstairs, social distancing, face masks, sanitizing, a sign in sheet for those attending, and the like. Bill C. who set up and run the group for about 13 years said: “The spirit of rotation says to rotate and I am not going to continue to run the group.” Lisa Marie Boyer stepped up and restarted the group and had their first meeting on December 5th 2020. This went on for a number of months until the restrictions were slowly lifted. The attendance increased so the group met upstairs to accommodate them. A member of the Church (Kenny) opened up the church doors and locked them plus kept an eye on the attendance.

Eldersburg - The Eldersburg Group - 8:30pm - MON - FRI - SAT - (O) - (D) - (NSM) - Springfield State Hospital, Administration Building 4th St., 21784. Believed started by Lou & Sandy in October 1997. This was the consolidation of the meetings and groups that met at the Community Center on Rt. # 26 & 32 on different days and times. The Telemarketers took over the building and they had to move. By August 2001 the Mon & FRI meetings stopped meeting. The Saturday 8:30pm. Meeting moved to Salem United Methodist Church at Rolling Rd. & Windsor Mill Rd., 21133, (district 15). - Note: The

Community Center Meetings were the, **Community Center** - 7:00pm - Tuesday. The **Eldersburg Friday Night** - 8:30pm - FRI - The **Saturday Night Eldersburg** - 8:30pm - SAT. The **Eldersburg Group** - 8:30pm - WED. The **Saturday Night Blinking Light** - 8:30pm - SAT. And possibly more meetings that are unknown at the present time. (*4*5)

Westminster - Steps to Freedom Group – 6:30pm - Tuesday - (O) - (BG) - (ST) – Location, 160 South Center Street in Westminster, 21157.

The meeting was started on February 5th 1997 by John H. and Bobby K. and met at the Senior Citizens Center, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster, Md., 21157. Attendance at the very first meeting was 13 people. It was decided the format will be an open discussion meeting and the name of the group would be **Wednesday Night Steps to Freedom**.

Because of issues in the Senior Citizens Center the meeting moved in March 2008 to the Church of the Ascension 23 North Court St., in Westminster and changed its format from open discussion to open beginners step and tradition. We read the step or tradition from the 12&12 books and then discuss what we have read. When the **Wednesday Night Steps to Freedom** met at the Church of the Ascension the meeting was ran for many years by Jeff K.

In September 2014 the Triangle Recovery Club was opened at 2 N. Court St. and the 818 Spiritual Awakening Group met there at 6:30pm. The Triangle Recovery Club is very close to our meeting place. Over time our attendance went down to only a few people attending. The Rent at the Church of the Ascension was \$50.00 per month and the meeting was never able to meet it so, Jeff K. paid the operating expenses out of his own pocket. With the issues of low attendance and not enough money in the basket to be self supporting Jeff K. decided to stop meeting in December 2019. Jeff called the Baltimore Intergroup Office and it was listed in the February 2020 Bulletin as Discontinued. By the end of January 2020 another volunteer (Milt B.) thought this meeting should not close and be forever gone. Milt B. from the Westminster Saturday Morning Group made contacts and the meeting was no longer discontinued but moved. The new location is at Upper Room Church, 27 E. Main St., Rear, Second Floor, in Westminster. The first meeting at the new location was on January 28th 2020 and the topic was step 1. With the move to this new location we had to move the meeting day to Tuesdays at 6:30pm but the basic format of reading a step or Tradition out of the 12 & 12 book will stay the same. Milt B. went down to the Baltimore Intergroup Office and while talking to the people at the Intergroup office it came to him; We will change our meeting name to **Steps to Freedom** and drop the Wednesday Night part of our original name. With the changes of the meeting Brian or Milt B. will be the Chairperson and or Secretary every week. By the 5th meeting on February 26th 2020 we had 21 in attendance and a lot of participation in the meeting by other members.

On March 12th 2020 the Government shut down all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Upper Room Church at 27 East Main Street will keep open and the meeting continued until March 24th 2020 (their last meeting) in which the Church had the Group stop meeting. This lasted for a couple of weeks and then started meeting again all through the Corona Virus pandemic. Because of complications within the Church the meeting was moved to Monday by the end of June on 2020. On or about through the week of August 16th thru the 18th 2020 the people who own the building has cancelled the lease of the Upper Room Church. Milt contacted the Baltimore Intergroup Office and District 9 about this and said: “when we have a new location it will be announced.” (We talked to Milt B. on Friday August 20th 2021 about this.) Milt B. said: “When the new people took over the building we moved the meeting to Westminster City Park; (Dutterers Family Park), off Pennsylvania Ave.) and had meetings outside when the weather permitted.” In Late 2020 the group moved to Union Memorial Baptist Church, 160 South Center Street in Westminster. The day of the week is Tuesdays at 6:30pm and the format is open beginners step and tradition (using the 12 & 12 book). Milt B. paid the rent and bought books out of his own pocket since the basket always came up short.

Milt B. run the meeting since January 2020. Milt B. stopped the meeting at the beginning of February 2024 because of lack of attendance plus Milt's health issues. Milt also said: He has the meetings books and literature and if anyone wants to restart the meeting he would pass them on but, he is no longer able to do so." - Note: We believe this meeting does not have a group service number. Milt B. made all the contacts and was the person that kept the meeting going. Another thing is the Baltimore Intergroup Directory has the "Steps to Freedom Group" listed as meeting at midnight at the Upper Room Church in 2022, 2023, and 2024. This listing is incorrect. Milt B. said on March 26th 2024: "There are no midnight meetings in Westminster on Tuesdays." - (*3*4*5)

1998

Baltimore Intergroup Office - moved on January 31st 1998 to the Shaffer Bldg., second floor: Central Office, 8635 Lock Raven Blvd., Suite 4, 21286 - Phone 410-663-1922 - Note: the executive secretary, Tom F. retired on December 30th 1988 and in January 1989 Susan K. becomes new Executive Secretary for the Intergroup. - Tom F. passed away on October 28th 1996. - Susan K. retires in June 2014 but stays on as a volunteer until August 2014. At the June 2014 Intergroup Council meeting Jen G. was voted in as the new Executive Secretary and will start in August 2014. - (* 2010 calendar, Jen G., and the 20 questions pamphlet)

50 Years of AA in the Frederick Area - In 1998

Manchester - Third Saturday Breakfast Meeting - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church St., 21102. It was started on February 21st 1998 by Dave R., Bill B., Glen H., and others - open at 8am - 8:30am to 9:30am., All You Can Eat breakfast - 9:30am. to 10:30am., Open Speaker Meeting. At first attendance was up near 100, in the second year attendance dropped to less than 20. In order to be self-supporting we needed at least 65 people to attend, in late summer of 1999 we cancelled the breakfast meeting for lack of participation. Note: This group does not have a group service number from GSO but, with the starting of the 4th Saturday Breakfast by the same people on April 24th 2010 we list the service number from them and added this group to their folder. - (*3 *4 *5)

1999

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Westminster - Epiphany Group - 7:00pm - WED - Closed Big Book Step - 1st WED Tradition meeting, at 6:00pm we have a Pot Luck or eating meeting, (1st WED only) known as our "tasty tradition meeting". At St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster, 21157. The founders of the Group were Chuck M., Cass H., and Ruth N. The first meeting was on January 19th 2000. Met at Resurrection Farm located on Arters Mill Rd. in Silver Run, 21158. The reason for starting the Group was to bring a meeting close to some homeless people, while seeking sobriety living at Resurrection Farm in Silver Run. At the very first meeting we had 7 or 8 people attend. Due to the Groups location we were able to pull people from Pennsylvania. Over time we have a usually attendance of 15 to 20 people attending. Then in 2003 we had to move the group to St. Mary's United Church of Christ, 1441 Mayberry Rd., 21158. In 2012 a tradition issue with the Church occurred and we had to move again. In 2012 we moved to our present location. St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster. With the different moves we had an issue keeping active home group members and the spirit of rotation was diminished greatly. We still get 15 to 20 people attending but, we only have a small home group member list. GSO history date is August 7th 2001 and service # 000645533. With no one except Ruth N. to set up and run the meeting for over 3 years Ruth N. decided to close the doors and stop meeting. The last meeting was on January 13th 2016. Note: Ruth N. said, "This is not a spin off of the Bond & Green Group." - (*2*3*4*5)

Westminster - **Beginners Support Group** - 8:00 pm - FRI - Senior Center, 125 Stoner Ave., 21157 - unknown who started or why stopped - (*4*5)

Westminster - **Carroll County Newcomers** - 8:00 pm - TUES - (C) (D) - Professional Bldg., Suite 204, 1643 Liberty Rd., 21784 - started about June 2000 - unknown who were the founders - listed in the bulletin as "Discontinued" June 2009 - (*4*5)

2001

2002

The **Sykesville Wednesday Beginners Group** is and was the only name the Group ever used and has never changed.

The founding members were Dan W., Chris F., and Ron J. At the second meeting we acquired a fourth member named Paul F. Paul F. was at the second meeting and has stayed very active ever since in the Group. The founders of the Group were Dan, Chris F., and Ron J. in which after a few years stopped attending. The first meeting was held at the Warfield Building in March 2002. That is located at Springfield State Hospital in the Warfield Complex on 5th St., 21784. At the time we called it the Regan Center but, the Regan Center is the name of the program and not an address.

In 2003 the property was to be sold so we had to find another location. Cathy B. who worked at the Shoemaker Center suggested, contact the Director. With the help of the Director, Richard B. we relocated the Group. At the end of May of 2003 we moved to a new location at, Springfield Hospital, Medical Services Building, 4th St., Sykesville, Md., 21784. The Shoemaker Center was a rehab for Alcoholics and people with drug issues and when they moved from 5th St. to 4th St. we also moved. The purpose of the Sykesville Wednesday Beginners Group is to pass the message of the 12 steps along to the new people in the Rehab. So moving the meeting close to the Shoemaker Center was thought to be a good idea. We knew there were no AA Group meetings held in the Shoemaker Rehab at the time and it came to us to start one. We had the opportunity to Pass It On to new drunks and be of service. The first meeting had 25 people. Which were 5 AA members and 20 patients? In time we had an average of 35-40 people and as high as 50 people. Our Group is open to all people that have or may have a drinking problem. In the beginning we had men and women, young and old. Our Group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm. The Medical Services Building is also called the M&S building. The Shoemaker patients were on the 3rd floor and our group meets in the lobby of the same building on the first floor.

The GSO was contacted and the group service number is 661355 and their history date is March 6th 2004. The group contact was revised on July 21st 2004 listing Gerald R. as contact.

In 2006 Gerald R. remained the contact.

In the spring of 2008 a Long Term Treatment Facility opened. Located on Buttercup Rd. a short distance from the Medical Services Bldg., (note: Main St. and Buttercup is the same street depending on where you are at). The Long Term Treatment Facility is not on State property and is not part of the Springfield Hospital Center. The facility was looking for meetings and groups to come in. We decided to move our group in with, the idea to Pass On the message of AA to new people. After a few months some issues develop within the facility. The Long Term Treatment Facility came up with, only closed meetings would be welcomed. We knew the move there was a mistake. On March 19th 2008 we celebrated a 6 year Group anniversary at the Big "G" Bldg., also located on 4th St. from, 7pm to 9pm. This is not our usual meeting place but, was well attended.

In 2009 we decided to move back to Springfield Hospital Medical Services Bldg., (also known as the M&S building) 4th St., 21784. We stayed there until the building was to be renovated in August 2017.

In 2014 the group contact with GSO remained; Gerald R., with 12 members attending. We do not

know if Gerald R. still came to the group or was active.

In June 2015 the meeting time was changed to 7:30pm. Our format in the beginning was an open Big Book beginners meeting and the topic was the first 3 steps. As time past we evolved into the present format of ; 1st Wednesday Step 1, the 2nd Wednesday Step 2, the 3rd Wednesday Step 3, the 4th Wednesday discussion on the importance of a Home Group and a Sponsor , and if there is a 5th Wednesday, was to be discussion of the Big Book. From the Big Book we used the first 164 pages on how to recover with the twelve steps and how to live in the solution and not in the problem. We are an Open Beginners Group and were always just that and that has never changed. The growing problems were what you would guess it to be. When we moved it was like starting over again with some new people and ideas. We had some issues with the mental patients pan handling for money and cigarettes. On occasion we had to ask someone who was disrupting the meeting to leave at times. Trying to keep on topic and using the Big Book as our guide. Another issue was the various moves of the group.

In 2016 the groups contact remained the same Gerald R., with 12 members attending. If Gerald was active in the group or attended is unknown.

So, we moved to the Big "G" building also located on 4th Street, Springfield Hospital Center, Sykesville, Md., 20784. Our first meeting at the Big "G" was on August 16th 2017. * **See Attachment "A"** we were contacted in the 3rd week of September 2017. We were notified the 3rd floor of the Medical Services Building was the only floor to be renovated, not the whole building. Also the Big "G" buildings were to be renovated and were asked to move the meeting back into the Medical Services Building (M&S building). Our first meeting back in the Medical Services Building (M&S building) was on September 27th 2017. * **See Attachment B** * There was communication between the group and Meghann. Meghann is the Mountain Manor Program Director, Mountain Manor Recovery Support Services, Shoemaker Center, Meghann is CAC-AD. Since the Shoemaker Center moved to Hitchman Building "D" which was a short walk from the Big "G" Building Meghann asked; "would the group like to move back to the Big "G" Building." In short, the group decided to move back to the Big "G" Building. The 1st meeting back at the Big "G" was on October 18th 2017. There were 22 in attendance which included 6 from the Shoemaker Center, the home group members, some people from the Long Term Treatment Center and, some people from other meetings.

On August 29th 2018 we went back to the Medical Services Building on 4th St. (also called the M&S building). There were no chairs so we met outside at the Pavilion. Wes celebrated 3 years tonight and it was a good turn out. Wes talked about the Big Book. There was no electric at the Pavilion so we used our cell phone light to read the book. The RSS (Long Term Treatment Center) people were there but most of the people had to stand because there were no chairs. Since there were no chairs at the Medical Services Building, we were asked to move the group. On September 5th 2018 we moved to the Employees Lounge at the Cafeteria on 3rd Street. The sign along 3rd Street says "Food Service Center" and the sign on the building says, "1270 3rd Street." (We talked to Wes a member of the group on Monday the 3rd of September 2018). Wes said: "We could not meet in the Big "G" building and was told to meet in the Medical Services Building on 4th Street."

On March 6th 2019, Luther W., the district 9 archivist stopped at the group to find out about if and when the group would move back to the Big "G" building. Luther talked to the Chairperson or sometimes called Secretary Larry. Larry said he would call Megan at the Long Term Treatment Center about moving back to the Big "G" building.

On March 13th 2019 the District 9 Archivist (Luther W.) stopped and talked to Fast Eddie and the Chairperson Larry about the move back to the Big "G" Building with no answer yet on the move. On March 20th 2019 we stopped by the group and asked it they would update their Group Information Sheet from GSO since they have no contact person and their meeting location and time was incorrect. We talked to Fast Eddie and Larry about; "Is the group going to move back to the Big "G" Building." They said next week they would have a group conscience meeting and decide. We understand the groups meeting

location would be decided by the Springfield Hospital Center in the end. On April 3rd 2019 we moved our group meeting back into the Big “G” Building. We had about 25 people in attendance which included people from the Shoemaker Center, the Long Term Treatment Center, a few visitors, and a few home group members. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to: 121639.

On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced. The government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses. The group met on State property and at the Hospital so we were suspended and could no longer meet. We believe; because of the problems with the Corona Virus the group members did not choose to resume or restart the meeting. - Note: Completed by Luther W., district 9 archivists. Some of the information is from a telephone interview with Paul F. on, October 15th & 21st of 2014. The group information was *revised on July 23rd 2016 to include*: Meeting time change to 7:30pm in June 2015 & Paul F. passed away on July 20th 2015. The group’s history was revised again on August 16th 2017 to include the move to the new location at the Big “G” building. The group’s history was revised again on September 27th 2017 to include the move back to the Medical Services Building (M&S building). Revisions on October 26th 2017 to include the move back to the Big “G” Building. The last revision was after the Corona Virus pandemic on March 25th through the 29th 2024. We tried to answer some basic questions from the G.S.O. Archives, Home Group History form. In answering the basic questions some of the answers may not be in order by date.

Let it also be noted the Shoemaker Center is relocated because of renovations to the building. Their new location is at the Hitchman building “D,” 6851, 4th Street, Springfield Hospital Center, Sykesville, Maryland, 21784. The Shoemaker center has moved to the Long Term building and has combined with Mountain Manor Sykesville in 2023. – (*2*3*4*5)

2003

Westminster - Gratitude in Action Group - 8:00pm - TUES - St. Benjamin Lutheran Church, 700 Kriders Cemetery Rd., Westminster, Md., 21158. The group was started in June 2003 and met at the Westminster Church of Christ, 1731 Littlestown Pike, at Lamb Drive, 21158. The group was started by Don Warner and others, with a closed meeting format. A flyer was printed and distributed in August 2003 listing the “Gratitude in Action” as a new group with a closed meeting format. On October 19th 2006 a group change form was mailed to the GSO listing the GSR as Don W. and the Alt GSR is Wayne F. Over time Don W. had some issues with the Group and with some members so, he stopped attending, this may have been in 2004. The Church was being sold so at the end of May 2012 the group decided to move to St. Benjamin Lutheran Church, 700 Kriders Cemetery Rd., 21158. The format is a closed meeting with the 1st Tuesday (ST) - 2nd Tuesday (ABSI) - 3rd Tuesday (BB) - 4th Tuesday (S). On August 10th 2013 the group hosted a Paintball event from 10am to noon at Paintball Adventure Park, 3939 Old Taneytown Rd., Taneytown, Md. 21787 followed by a picnic and speaker at: Roberts Mill Park, 4501 Sumpton Road, Taneytown, Md., 21787. In 2014 the contact listed at GSO was Michael Mc. By 2016 the Primary Contact at GSO listed Gerald B. The GSO group service number is 000655950 and the history date is June 15th 2003. The group’s attendance has increased over time and when a member celebrates an anniversary, there is a celebration. Every year the group celebrates its anniversary with Pot Luck Dinner and a Speaker, also an Al anon Speaker. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 108130. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. With the closing of the Church the group met on the parking lot starting on March 17th 2020. By April 2020 the group also went on line or ZOOM plus meeting on the parking lot in person. In the fall of 2020 the Church left them back in with some restrictions like; sanitizing everything, social distancing or sitting 6 feet apart, wearing a face mask, and a 50 person limit. In 2021 the restrictions were slowly lifted and the group went back to their normal operations. - Note: Al Anon meetings started soon after the group started. In 2017 an Alateen meeting started there also. On December 31st 2022 at the District 9 New Years Alkathon a member of the group

named Rich gave us the information on the Corona Virus suspension. - (*2*3*4)

Westminster - **There Is Solution** - 10:00am - SAT - (O) - (D) - On Our Own, 27 E. Main St., Rear, Second Floor, Westminster, 21157. The meeting was started by Rocky I. and Dave G. in May 2003 and met until the fall of 2005. The Granite House did not want AA there any more so we stopped meeting. - Note: The Own Our Own of Carroll County had a different 12 step program and their meetings were called Double Trouble. - (*3*5)

Westminster - **There Is Hope** - 10:00am - SUN - (O) - (D) - Own Our Own, 27 E. Main Street, Rear, Second Floor, Westminster, 21157. The meeting was started by JD in May 2003 and met until the fall of 2005. The Granite House did not want AA there any more so we stopped meeting. - Note: the Own Our Own of Carroll County had a different 12 step program and their meetings were called Double Trouble. - (*3*5)

2004

Westminster - **Early Risers Group** - 6:30am - Monday thru Saturday - open meetings - St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster, 21157.

The 1st meeting was on June 2nd 2004 on Wednesday at 6:30am and evolved from there. The first meeting place was at the Westminster Recovery Center, 126 E. Main St., 21157. There were 4 members at their 1st meeting, they were; Tom M., Matthew B., George Y., and Ray T., these were the founders of the group.

By June 2005 the meetings at 6:30am, met on Tues-Wed-Thru-Fri., and later was to meet six days a week, attendance was about 20 men and women, Monday thru Saturday. The founders of the many meetings are unknown at this time, the group itself may have added the meetings one by one. A member of the group contacted the GSO and received a group service number 668390 and their history date is November 7th 2005.

In about March of 2008 a closed Grapevine meeting was being held on Saturdays but by November 2008 it was discontinued.

In March of 2009 the **Saturday Sunrise** was started at 7:00am and their format was an open discussion meeting.

By early 2013 the **Saturday Sunrise** became part of the **Early Risers Group**.

In 2014 the Westminster Recovery Center was moving and the people that leased the building raised the rent too high for the group to pay. So, on April 1st 2014 (this is the date of the 1st meeting at the new location) we moved to St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., 21157. The format is, Monday is a (BG), Tuesday is a (ST), Wednesday is a (BB), Thursday is a (DR), Friday is a (P), and Saturday is a (S).

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 102519.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential business because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The preacher came down and talked to the group and said: your group does not have to close because we are not shutting the Church down from groups like yours. So the Early Risers Group keeps on meeting and did not have to stop, during the pandemic. The attendance was down some and most wore a mask, social distancing, and used other safety precautions. There were times when the Church asked anyone coming into their building to use a mask. On July 18th 2020 the group had a picnic at Piney Run Park in Sykesville. The event went so well and was well attended the group decided to have another picnic on October 9th 2021. In 2022 the picnic was on August 6th 2022 at Piney Run Park, pavilion number 3. On July 29th 2023 the group had their picnic at Piney Run Park in Sykesville, pavilion number 6 it was said there were over 100 people in attendance. - Note: With the evolution of the group, it has had on some day's two meetings at the same time, some meeting formats did not work, and they were a work in progress. Tom M. is a councilor and the owner of the Westminster

Recovery Center. We believe his business moved from Hanover, PA., to, Westminster in 2004. Most of his business is people sent by the court system with addiction issues. It was said: Tom M. sold his business in December 2017 to a man from Frederick, Md. In 2022 Tom M. moved to Delaware. On July 29th 2023, one of the founders, Ray Thomas passed away as a result of his alcoholism. - (*2*3*4)

2005

Manchester - Monday Night Grapevine - 8:00pm. - MON - (O) - (GV) - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church St., Manchester, Md., 21102.

The meeting was said to have been started by John C. on, January 31st 2005, who lives across the road from the Church. A disagreement with the Manchester Saturday Night Step Group people was why the Grapevine meeting was started. John C. started the meeting and was there a few weeks then, turned it over to Gary M. Someone would read a story out of the Grapevine then, pass the book to the person on the left, and then pass the book around the table. The Grapevine story would be read by a different person every week and discuss it. Sometimes we had issues with the Church activities like the Cloggers (dance people) and other activities. Dean B. became active for a few years. A few members of other groups came over the years. This was the first Grapevine meeting in Carroll County (District 9) so; people came to see what the meeting was like. Over time the meeting was run by Francis A., and JD.

The meeting sponsored a “50’s Dance” on Saturday November 8th 2014 from 8pm till 11pm., and an “Annual Spring – Oldies” Dance on May 21st 2016 from 7pm to 11pm.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. We had to suspend the meeting and had our last meeting on March 9th 2020. We decided not to resume the grapevine meeting because of our low attendance before the pandemic. - Note: The date January 31st 2005 is from the Baltimore Intergroup Office. Gary Moore passed away sober on February 2nd 2011. Dean B. passed away on November 10th 2022. At the present time the meeting does not have a service number. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed all group service numbers but, since we are not registered at GSO and have no group service number, nothing will be changed. The Fellowship New Vision (FNV) which is used by the Area’s to keep track of the groups and meetings will no longer be used. - (*3*4*5)

Eldersburg-Woodbine - Open Arms Women’s Group - 7:30pm - WED - Closed Discussion - Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 4910 Woodbine Rd., (Rt. 94), 21784. The meeting is believed to have started in early 2005 and stopped meeting in late 2007 or early 2008. It is unknown who started the meeting or why they stopped. Note: Meeting was listed in the District 9 W&W for June 2005, May 2006, & August 2007 only. - (*2*5)

Westminster - A Way Up And A Way Out - 7:30pm - THUR - (O) - (D) - Westminster Recovery Center, 126 E. Main St.,21157. The meeting was listed as a new group in the July 19th 2005 Baltimore Intergroup bulletin, and later listed as “Discontinued” June 2013. We do not know who started the meeting. The rent became too much to pay so had to stop meeting. The Westminster Recovery Center moved and the lease on the building was transferred to someone else. Of the remaining meetings all of the AA meetings that were held there moved some where else in April 2014. - (*4*5)

New Windsor - Great Reality Group - 9:30pm - FRI - (steps 1-2-3) - St. Luke` Lutheran Church, Route 75, New Windsor, Maryland, 21776. The group was started by Sylvia and Wayne F. in October of 2005. The group was listed as a new Group again in the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin on October 2006 meeting at 9:30 pm., and a open discussion meeting at St. Luke’s Church, 701 Green Valley Rd., Rt. 75, 21776. In July 2008 we changed our meeting time to 9:00 pm. By April 2014 we stopped meeting because of low attendance. The GSO group service number is 670133 and the history date is October 14th 2005. On

August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 65901 and lists the group as inactive. - (*2*3*4*5)

2006

Westminster – **Living Sober, Starting Over**- 1 pm – TUES – (O) – (L) – At first we called our group, **On Our Own of Carroll County** located at 27 E. Main St., rear (second floor), Westminster Exchange, 21157. The meeting was started in January 2006 by Gary G. at the request of Janet J. We had 10 people in attendance at the 1st meeting. In March 2006 we changed our name to **Living Sober Starting Over** - 1pm - (O) (L). In August 2006 we moved to On Our Own of Carroll County, 265 E. Main St., 21157. Our attendance now is from 15 to 20 people. The format is we read a story out of the Living Sober book then; we open it up for anyone who has had any experience with what we just read. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed all the group service numbers but, since the Living Sober, Starting Sober Group is not registered with the GSO and does not have a group service number, nothing will change. On March 12th 2020 the Government shut just about everything down because of a pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. Gary G. the founder said: “Our last meeting in person was on March 10th 2020 and after a few months we began meeting again and in person.” Gary G. is still running the group (as of February 2022). - Note: does not have a group service number - (*2*3*4)

Finksburg - **Early Starters Young Persons** - 8:00pm - FRI - (O) (D) - Alt. Format - Mt. Zion Church, 3006 Old Westminster Pike, 21048. The group was started in March 2006. It is unknown who the founders were and why the meeting was started or stopped. On November 29th 2006 it was listed in the District 9 directory as the **Finksburg Early Starters Group** meeting on Friday at 8:00pm and the format was 1st Friday step, 2nd topic, 3rd speaker, 4th daily reflection. It was listed as “Discontinued” in the August 2007, Baltimore Intergroup bulletin. The GSO group service number is 670188 and the history date is March 17th 2006. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 50078 and lists the group as inactive. - (*2*4*5)

Westminster - **Carroll Street Speakers** - 7:30pm - TUES - (O) - (S) - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St, south vestibule entrance, 21157. The meeting was started on June 13th 2006 by Don W. and others. In September 2006 there was a time change to 8pm. In a very short period we changed our meeting time to 7:30 pm. For the lack of participation and attendance we stopped meeting by July 2007. The GSO group service number is 671373 and the history date is June 10th 2006. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 37818 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: It was listed as disbanded as of July 2007 from the revisions for the district 9 directory. It was also listed as discontinued in the Baltimore Intergroup Bulletins in 2008 & 2009. - (*2*4*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Steps To Grace** - 7:00 pm - TUES (O) (BG) - Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., 21157 - started about August 2006 and “discontinued” in February 2007 - unknown who started and why they ended - Note: was listed as meeting 7:00pm to 7:30pm - (*4*5)

Mt Airy – By the Book Group – SUN – 7pm – O – BB-Step – Calvary UMC, 403 South Main St., Mt Airy, 21771. Before the group was started a steering committee was formed and had meetings on starting a Big Book Step Group. They met on July 7th, 23rd, and 28th of 2006. The original members were Steve, Christine P., Ross F., Marion Y., Scott R., Rodger T., Michael, and Mark R. The meeting was created to restore a sense of traditional AA and that groups were not giving due deference to the spirituality inherent in AA.

The meeting opened its doors in August 2006 on Friday nights at 9:30pm at the old St. James Episcopal Church, 202 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, Md., 21771. The first meeting was on August 4th

2006 with roughly 40 in attendance. The original steering committee did not decide if it would be an open meeting or a closed meeting. The original meeting was a podium meeting; anyone that spoke was required to speak at the podium. The leader was to read referenced pages from the Big Book or select a reader from the group. After the step was read, the leader would share their experience on the step for the remainder of the meeting or call on other individuals with experience with working the step. The meeting has maintained the original format – reading the step from the Big Book, followed by, a share from the speaker.

The Church opened a new building in September, 2007 at 1307 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, 21771. The meeting time was changed to Sunday night at 7pm. From 2007 until March of 2020 the meeting was held in the Church's kitchen. It was commonly referred to the "Kitchen Meeting." The Corona Virus shut down the meeting; however, within a couple of months the meeting was held on ZOOM. We attracted both local and out of town AA's.

In May 2021 the live meeting opened at Illiano Project at 407 S. Main Street, Mt. Airy. The meeting was Hybrid on reopening until August, 2021.

In 2022 the group began to pass out chips for various lengths of sobriety. This was done to attract new members as the groups numbers were declining. Prior to the Pandemic, a prayer adopted from the Detroit Pamphlet, replaced the Serenity Prayer. In addition, the meeting went back to a "non volunteer format."

The meeting remained at the Illiano Building until 2023. The group conscience believed that, it would be helpful if, we find a new location without steps to allow older members easier access. We had our first meeting on January 29th 2023 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 403 S., Main Street, Mt. Airy, Md., 21771. In June 2023 the group conscience decided to withdraw from District 41 and to join district 9. The reasoning was based on the meetings location and its involvement with the Baltimore Institutional Committee. Home group membership fluctuated greatly over the years. Originally we had 10 home group members. Many moved out of state and prior to the Corona Virus pandemic (COVID-19) the meeting was down to 4 members. Since COVID-19 the meeting is starting to grow, as of July 2023 we have 11 home group members and the usual attendance is 15 to 25 people. Since moving the group to Calvary UMC we have seen an increase in attendance. We have had only a few controversies about the signing of attendance verifications slips (we do sign them) and the length of time a member is to share. – (*3)

2007

Westminster - Unidad Group - Church of the Ascension, 23 N. Court St., Westminster, 21157 - Jose asked Tom Van H. to help him set up a meeting time with the Church for a Monday at 7:00pm. This is history in the making, the first Spanish speaking meeting in District 9. Jose spoke Spanish and there was a need for a Spanish Speaking meeting in the District. The First meeting was attended by Tom Van H., Jose, and Carlos V. The Meeting was scheduled for Thursdays at 7:30pm to 8:30pm., (O) (D). After the first meeting Jose stopped attending and Tom Van H. no longer attended since, Tom could not read, speak, or understand Spanish. Carlos V. spread a flyer around the county in late 2006 and early 2007 with 2 contact names, Carlos V. and Jose P., with their phone numbers. Attendance grew as the Department of Probation started sending individuals, ordered by the Court, to attend AA Meetings. Later in 2008 another person named Eduardo started attending and sharing the operation of the meeting with Carlos V. In the middle of 2009 Carlos V. stopped coming. Eduardo remained running the meeting. At this point the Group changed its days of the week to Wednesday and Friday meeting from 7:00pm to 8:30pm., instead of an hour. The **Unidad Group** stopped meeting in mid-year 2012 for unknown reasons - Note: the Unidad Group was only listed in the District 9 directory and the only reference in the District 9 minutes is on June 19th 2007 saying, "the Spanish speaking meeting is going well." Carlos V. provided the information on December 18th 2015. In talking to Carlos on January 12th 2016 he said, "The cleaning crew at the Church would have to clean so, the meeting would have to be over and out of the Church by 9:00pm." - (*2*3*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Fresh Start** - 7:00 am - SUN - (O) - (DR) - Crossroads Community Church, 895 Leidy Rd., Westminster, 21157.

The first meeting was on March 10th 2007 and we met at 8:00am. The founders were, Chris C., Harvey, and Patrick. We felt a need for an early meditation meeting using the Daily Reflection Book before the Church had their services so we would have no conflicts with them. The very first meeting we had only 3 people attend.

The GSO history date is May 17th 2009 and the group service number is 689190.

In 2014 the GSO contacts were primary contact was Jim S. and secondary contact was Miles S.

In March 2015 we have 15-20 people in attendance with about 60% men and 40% women of various ages.

On June 12th 2016 the Church wanted us to start ½ hour earlier so, we changed our meeting time to 7:30am then to 7:00am. The GSO contact were primary contact was Jim S. and secondary contact was Miles S.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 31755.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 we had to suspend our group.

In 2021 the meeting has resumed meeting but with low attendance, less than 10 in attendance on a good week.

In 2024 the meeting still has very low attendance, a few members said they would help but didn't. The meeting is run by Carl L. In the summer of 2024 the Crossroads Church has said the meeting could meet one half hour earlier if they want to meet at 7:30am but the members did not change their time, stayed at 7am attendance was less than 5 people. The Church said the parking lot is to be resurfaced in October 2024. The meeting met for the last time on October 6th 2024. The parking lot took over 3 weeks to complete meanwhile the meeting would be suspended on October 6th 2024 because of very low attendance (less than 5 people). Carl L. said he could no longer run the meeting because of a work commitment so the meeting stopped for good unless someone would run it. - Note: The district 9 archivist Luther W. stopped at the meeting on November 3rd 2024 and no one showed up. Luther asked Chris at the Westminster Alcohol Recovery Group about the meeting and who was running it, Chris said: Carl L. was running it. Luther called Carl L. and was told the meeting was stopped for good unless someone would assume the responsibility for it. Luther sent a message to the district 9 web site chair about the meeting stopping. - (*2*3*5)

2008

Marriottsville – **West Friendship Wednesday Night** – WED – 8:00pm – alternating step & Tradition – (O) – St. James United Methodist Church, 12470 Old Frederick Rd., 21102.

The founders of the group were George G. and Daniel H. The reason for starting an AA group was the founders and others thought there was a need for a group at this location. The first meeting was on April 16th 2008 with 4 members attending. The groups' format at first was an open discussion meeting but, as time passed it was decided to change to a Steps & Tradition meeting to better carry the message of AA. The only change in the format is when a member celebrates an anniversary; they can change the format to a speaker discussion, if they want to. Over the years the attendance is between 10 and 15 people with, about 60% male and 40% female. The founding members no longer attend for some reason or another. When members celebrate an anniversary the group supplies a cake and a chip. The group also gives out chips for various lengths of sobriety. The group's history date is May 1st 2008 and the group service number is 721202. The group became active in district 9 and does institutional commitments.

In 2018-2019 the group contacts were Brad and Tom S. with 7 members. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to #30815.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group was suspended and their last meeting in the church was March 18th 2020. The group decided to meet on the churches parking lot if the weather permitted. After close to a year we were able to move the group back into the church in 2021 with restrictions. Some of the restrictions were; keep at least 6 feet apart from each other (social distancing), wear a face mask and have it on as soon as we got out of our car, keep our distance from each other, wash our hands, sanitize everything if anyone touched something, (light switches, door knobs, tables, chairs) do not make coffee or pass any papers between our selves, suggest not using the bathrooms if possible but, if you use the bathroom sanitize everything that person touched. Slowly in 2022 the restrictions were lifted and the group went back to normal. In 2024 Kathy became the Host Committee Chair for district 9 and is the Institutional committee chair at the group. - Note: This meeting is located in Howard County and really is in district 7 but, a member of the group, (Brad in 2018) while attending the district 9 business meeting, wanted to participate with district 9. Almost all the members are from Carroll County in Sykesville, Eldersburg, or Marriottsville. - (*2*3)

Westminster – **818 Spiritual Awakening Group** – WED – 6:30pm – Open Big Book Discussion – Location: Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157.

In July 2008 we started the group and were called the **818 Men's Group** and we met on Sundays. The founding members were Tim W., Megan W., Ricky P., and Charlie B. We meet in the basement of a sober house called the Weber Sober House located at 818 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, Md. The reason for starting a meeting was, “we just wanted to have an in house meeting like the Chip House has.”

The GSO history date is March 1st 2010 and our group service number is 695676.

In 2011 we changed our name, day of the week, and time to the **818 Spiritual Awakening Group** - 7:00pm - WED - (O) (D) - 818 Littlestown Pike, 21157 - (park in rear).

The meeting was listed on District 9 web page as having a 6 year group anniversary on July 23rd 2014. On September 17th 2014 we moved to the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., Westminster, 21157, there was also a time change to 6:30 pm. on Wednesdays. In 2014 with the move to the Triangle Recovery Club, the group name change along with the time and day of the week we sent a change form to GSO. For some reason or other we received a new group service number #000712728 and our history date is June 15th 2014. The average attendance is 25 people except when there is an anniversary then can be 75 or more people.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 91348.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. Because of the Governments request our meeting place at the Triangle Recovery Club was also closed. In a short time we moved the group to the Weber House, 818 Littlestown Pike, in Westminster. We met outside and observed some safety restrictions like: social distancing, face masks, and sanitizing. The Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday June 22nd 2020. The group decided to move back in the Club in the end of June 2020 with restrictions. As time passed the restriction were slowly lifted and the group was back to normal in 2021. The attendance grew to 60 or more people. We do an institution commitment every month and have an active GSR, (Rachel) and participate in District 9.

Note: The **818 Men's Group** is listed with GSO group service number 695676 history date March 1st 2010 and no longer meets. With the name change, time change, and the location change, when GSO received this request, there was a misunderstanding, this is all the same group but, was issued a new group service number 712728 in which was changed on August 5th 2019 to 91348. The 818 men's group that met on Sundays no longer meets. - (*2*3)

2009

Taneytown - Ladies Night Out - 8:00pm - Monday - (O) (D) - Grace Church Of Christ, 49 W. Baltimore St.-21787. We believe the group was started on February 2nd. 2009. It is unknown who the founders were or why this woman's group was started. It is unknown why they stopped meeting and it was also listed as "Discontinued" in the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin on June 2009. The GSO history date is February 2nd 2009 and the group service number is 688179. The GSO lists the group as having 4 members with no contact information. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 85058 and lists the group as inactive. - (*4*5)

Westminster - Westminster Rescue - 7:00pm - THUR - (O) (D) (BB) - Westminster Rescue Mission, 658 Lucabaugh Mill Rd., 21158 - started in March 2009 - unknown who started - "Discontinued" June 2009 - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - Thursday Night Woman's - 7:00pm - THUR - (O) (S) - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 915 Liberty Rd., Liberty and Freedom Ave., 21784. The meeting was started April 2nd 2009 by Linda P., Sue W., Sue B., and Cinda N. The reason for starting the meeting was for a safe place to go. The format started as a open speaker discussion meeting and the first meeting had near 20 women attending. The group is registered at AAWA as **Eldersburg Thursday Night Women's Group**. The GSO group service number is 696063 and the history date is April 1st 2009. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 103100. On March 12th 2020 the government closed the Churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. We had our last meeting (in person and in the Church) on or about March 12th 2020 then, we had our meetings outside at the picnic tables for many months. We were finally allowed access to the indoors area in a large room with hand sanitizer, wipes, etc. and very strict rules about being 6 feet apart and only 10 individuals allowed; the need to wipe everything down, no food or drinks. We had a sign in list for each meeting and that was turned into administration weekly by Colleen M. eventually, we were allowed to expand the number of attendees. After which we were able to get a ZOOM address through the company which gave many accesses for the following year and a half. As to this day, April 7th 2022, we offer a hybrid meeting. We have bought another year's access to our ZOOM address in March 2022. We have been re-established in our original room up the hall and have few restrictions. - Note: Is listed in the District 9 directory as the **Thursday Night Women's Meeting** and may have been an offshoot of Eldersburg Noon Group. - (*2*3*4)

2010

Manchester - Melrose Beginners Group - 8:00pm - WED - (O) (BG) - Cornerstone Church, 4217 Hanover Pike, Manchester, 21102. The format is on the 1st Wednesday the topic would be step 1, the 2nd Wednesday would be step 2, the 3rd Wednesday would be step 3, and the 4th Wednesday would be a grapevine meeting. The first meeting was in December 2010. The founders of the group were Francis A., Craig E., Dave P., and Mark C. One of the reasons for starting a meeting in Melrose was the Al Anon Family Group met there and they asked us to start an AA meeting at this location. The first meeting had 5 in attendance. The group grew in attendance, in November 2013 there were 35 people on average coming to the meeting. The GSO group service number is 702248 and the history date is September 24th 2011. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 19362. - (*2* 3)

Manchester - 4th Saturday Breakfast/Speaker Meeting - fellowship 8:30am - eat 9:00am - open speaker 10:00 am - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church St., 21102. The group was started by Dave R., Bill B., Dave G., and Glen H., with the idea of trying the breakfast/speaker meeting again. The first meeting was on April 24th 2010 and the was Cost \$5.00. We had two speakers one a man and the other a woman, each would talk about one half hour. The attendance started at 26 people and got as high as 132 people. In order to be self-supporting we needed at least 65 people to attend. In 2013 attendance dropped to 45 a few

months and the average was 55. Once again we closed the breakfast/speaker meeting in August 2013. The GSO history date is April 24th 2010 and the group service number is 696635. On August 5th the GSO changed the group service number to 88803 and lists the group as inactive. - Note: The 3rd Saturday breakfast/speaker meeting started February 21st 1998 and closed late summer of 1999 was started by the same people with the same idea. - (*3*4*5)

2011

Westminster - A Message of Hope - 8:30pm - FRI - (O) (S) - Westminster UMC, 165 E. Main St., 21157. Believe started November 2011. It is unknown who were the founders. In April 2013 was “discontinued” and was listed in the Baltimore Intergroup bulletin dated April 23rd 2013 as discontinued. - Note: We do not have a group history and are unsure of the details of the meeting. The meeting does not have a group service number. David B. stopped there in 2016 and said, “No Meeting.” Tom H. (district 9 DCM) stopped there on April 14th 2017 and again, No Meeting. - (*4*5)

Sykesville - Thursday Night Men’s Meeting – St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, 13125 Forsythe Rd., Sykesville, Md., 21784.

When the group started in October 2011 they met at the Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., at Central Ave., in Sykesville, 21784, at 7pm and the format was closed men’s discussion. When the meeting was started in October 2011 it was called the **Flohrville Thursday Night Men’s**. The founder was George B. George B. thought there was a need for Men’s meeting. George went to Flohrville UMC to ask if it was possible to meet in their Church on Thursday evenings. The Church said OK. George B. asked Neil H. to help with the meeting. Neil H. became a co-founder of the meeting. The **Thursday Night Men’s Meeting** is believed by some, to be a spin off of the Eldersburg Noon Group. The format was soon changed to: 1st (BB), 2nd (D), 3rd (ABSI), 4th (TRD). The meeting slowly grew to about 20 or so members.

On March 12th 2020 the Government shut down all the Churches because of the Pandemic Corona Virus or COVID-19. The group had their last meeting on March 12th 2020. The group was in suspension for a few months so they went on line or what was called ZOOM meeting. After a few months the group met in person at the Freedom Park in Sykesville and also had ZOOM. When it got too cold to meet outside the group met on ZOOM only. On or about April 15th 2021 the Church let them meet back in the Church and in person with a 10-person limit, social distancing, and a face mask was required until the end of June when the government lifted the face mask requirement. Slowly the meeting went back to their normal operations.

In 2024 a member of the Church, Kenny (not a member of the meeting or an alcoholic) became confrontational with George B. and other members about the parking, Kenny set up cones as to where to park, where people should sit in the meeting, and keeping the attendance at 20 people and no more. The meeting had a group conscience meeting and decided to move the meeting to another location. George B. asked Kenny to leave because of their group conscience meeting but, Kenny stayed. At the beginning of February 2024, the meeting moved to: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, met in the Fellowship Hall, 13125 Forsythe Rd., Sykesville, Md., 21784. On June 13th 2024 the meeting had a 13 year anniversary celebration by having a cook out at Freedom Park. – Note: Cofounder Neil H. passed away on February 1st 2016 with over 22 years of sobriety, Neil `s sobriety date is June 2016. (*2*3*4)

2012

Taneytown - Topic Meeting of AA - 7:30pm - Thursday - (O) (D) (Topic) - Trinity Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore St., 21787. We believed this meeting was started by Steve H. in early 2012. There was a Wednesday noon meeting that met at the same location. We do not know when the Wednesday noon started but, we know the noon meeting no longer meets. Steve H. may have started? We have no information on why the Wed. noon started or why the Thursday meeting started. We know the Group

Information Sheet from GSO dated December 2014 lists the contact as Steve H. and meet on Thursday at 7:30pm. The Group Information Sheet also lists the group service number of the Taneytown Step Group that stopped meeting December 2010. - Note: First listed in the spring 2012 District 9 directory but under the name of the Taneytown Step Group. The meeting was first listed in the West Central Intergroup Spring 2013 directory under the Topic Meeting of AA. In the spring of 2015 the group was said to be something other than AA called a Hybrid Group, what ever that means? It was said; to be something along the lines of a Special, NA, or multipurpose meeting. Was taken out of the West Central Intergroup directory in the winter of 2014 and out of the District 9 Spring 2015 directory, (meeting may be at times, still going on but not AA any more). As of June 2015 Steve H. is talking with West Central Intergroup and trying to get listed again in the directory. Breaking the 12 traditions, remembering what our founder Bill W. said: “we can not be all things to all people“. 1st Unity, 4th affecting other groups , 5th primary purpose, 6th affiliation actual or implied, 12th Sprit of Sacrifice, and some others. - (*2*4*5)

Westminster - **Barnyard Variety Big Book** - 8:00pm - WED - (O) (D) (BB) - First United Presbyterian Church, 65 Washington Rd., 21157. We believe the founder of the meeting may have been Buckie G. on June 6th 2012. The meeting was listed as “discontinued” in September 2012. Note: This meeting only met for about 3 months. - (*4*5)

Eldersburg - **Lakeview Live** - 8:00pm - WED & SUN - (O) (T) - Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 2205 Old Liberty Rd., 21784. We believe the group was started in the August or September 2012 by Chuck C., Paul, and Greg L., they are from the Klee Mill Thursday Night Group. On September 7th 2014 the meeting added a Sunday meeting at 8:30 pm. In the spring of 2017 the Sunday meeting changed its meeting time to 8:00pm. It should be noted: In the June 2017 Bulletin from the Baltimore Intergroup Office it lists the Lakeview Live as a new group meeting on Sundays at 8:00pm as a open discussion Big Book (step) (tradition). The GSO group service number is 706570 and the history date is October 23rd 2012. On August 5th 2019 the GSO gave us a new group service number 6847. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. There last meeting was on March 11th 2020 then the group was suspended. The group restarted back in person and in the Church in May 2021. Because of very low attendance the group decided to stop meeting altogether in September 2022. Note: We believe in 2017, this is not a new group, only a time & format change. In December 2018 a member of the group named Ross had a home group history sheet filled out. This report states the first meeting was on October 24th 2012, and then crossed out and 2011 was written in. Their first meeting had 5 in attendance. - (*2*3*4*5)

2013

Taneytown - **Taneytown Topic** - 7:30pm - FRI - (O) (S) - Grace United Church Of Christ, 49 W. Baltimore St., 21787. The meeting was started by RJ and Anthony in January 2013. In October 2014 meeting merged with the **Taneytown Group** which meets on Tuesday Night, (same location, same people, and the same time). December 2014 we changed the format to a Big Book meeting. - (*3)

Westminster - **One Day at a Time** - 12 Noon - MON - closed big book - Carroll Lutheran Village, St., Matthew Ct., Community Room, Westminster, 21158. The group was started by Kit B. and Geri O. The first meeting was on October 11th 2013 and had 3 in attendance. Kit and Geri saw the need of a group in a retirement community so they started one. Sometimes the meeting is called the **One Day at a Time Carroll Group**. The GSO group service number is 717003 and the history date is October 1st 2013. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 43033. On March 12th 2020 the Corona Virus or COVID-19 pandemic hit and the Government shut down all Churches. The Nursing Homes and other facilities closed their doors to any one outside of their normal operation. With this, the AA meeting

had to also stop. Our last meeting in Carroll Lutheran Village was on March 9th 2020. We stayed suspended until we decided to move the Group to a new location. We moved the group to St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond & Green St., Westminster and had our first meeting on June 21st 2021, with the same time & Format as before. - (*2*3*4)

Westminster - Trudging the Road Group - 7:30pm - THUR – (O) – Westminster Church of the Brethren, 1 Park Pl., Westminster.

The founder of the group was Rocky I.; also at the first meeting were Linda I., Kevin D., and Randy K. and 3 others. Randy K. gave the Group a Coffee Pot to get started with.

The first meeting was on October 17th 2013. We meet at Grace Evangelical Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157. Enter from Kemper Ave. side. We are a Closed Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and meet at 7:30 pm. on Thursday's. From the very start we chose to have Rocky I. act as Chairperson and Linda I. and Kevin D. be in charge of Set Up and Clean Up. We also decided to rotate positions on a monthly basis. We got in contact with the General Service Office and received a group service number 710622 in which became known as the Fellowship New Vision or FNV number. We contacted the Baltimore Intergroup Office, and the District indicating we are a new Group. When we have someone celebrate an anniversary we suggest the Sponsor bring a cake and an anniversary chip. If that is not possible we have Linda I. make a cake and donate it to the Group. At our Group anniversary we have everyone chip in enough money to have a dinner. These expenses do not come out of AA money but are donated by our members. In other words we order the food, get the bill, and divide up the expenses between ourselves to pay it.

The Group was started since we had disagreements with other Groups and Meetings. We wanted to have a Group, for serious drunks. Keeping in mind this is a life or death malady.

At our first meeting we had 7 people. We feel blessed in having a good turn out at our very first meeting.

The Trudging The Road Group had middle aged men and women at our first meeting. As time passed we have all ages of people in attendance.

At first we were unsure about the Groups attendance but as time went by we got 10 Home Group Members. We have an average of 15 to 20 every week. At an anniversary we have had between 30 and 40 people come.

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 pm and that has never changed.

We are a Closed Speaker Discussion meeting and we do not have any thoughts in changing that. That is what we started with and still are.

We have not had any big issues, but we went round and round with the idea of the Group using the Roberts Rules of Order.

In the early summer of 2016 we changed our format to; 1st week step, 2nd tradition, 3rd speaker, 4th literature, 5th big book. This seems not to work so; in the fall of 2016 we changed our format back to speaker discussion. The average attendance for 2016-2017 was 15 people.

By the early fall of 2017 we had some complaints from members about the parking, the use of the buzzer on the door (the church insisted on keeping the door locked so, we used a buzzer on the outside door, when someone came they would use the buzzer and a member of the group would open the door), people attending the NA meeting (NA met at the same time but at a different part of the church), and other internal issues. So, the group asked Rocky to investigate other Churches with the idea of relocating the group. Rocky found a new Church for the group to meet. On November 2nd 2017 we moved the group to the Westminster Church of the Brethren, 1 Park Place, Westminster, Md., 21157. At our 1st meeting we had 23 people attend. Jim was the Chairperson and the speaker was Shannon. We received a new member Mike, who wanted to join our group. We now have 6 home group members. Attendance at our 2nd meeting went up to over 30 since; we meet in a much larger room at our new location with plenty of

parking.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed our group service number to: 11666.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus of COVID-19. We had to suspend our group after our last meeting on March 12th 2020, because of the pandemic.

Rocky contacted the Church and on July 9th 2020 we were able to meet again back in the Church and in person with some restrictions. At the July 9th 2020 meeting Jim W. read the restrictions mandated by the Church, they were: Social Distancing, wear a face masks, sanitizing and wiping down all the chairs, the kitchen, and the restrooms. We complied with the Churches request. On July 9th the Chairperson was Jim W. and the speaker was Don with, 16 people attending. On July 30th 2020 Jim W. celebrate his 26 year anniversary with 30 people attending.

By June 2021 the government lifted the emergency mandates for Carroll County since; the COVID-19 cases were down. By July most of the precautions were no longer observed. The group celebrated its 10 year anniversary on October 19th 2023. The group had food at 6:30pm and the regular meeting at 7:30pm. The preacher of the Church (Glen) was invited to attend. The food consisted of; fried chicken, macaroni, salads, baked beans, cakes, coffee, tea, and water. The chairperson was Mike and the speaker was Luther W. The attendance for people eating was 13 and for the meeting the attendance was 21 people. – (*2*3)

Westminster – **Tuesday Noon Big Book** – Noon – Tuesday - C – D – Meeting Location: Westminster Recovery Center, 124 East Main Street, Westminster, 21157. We believe was started by Mike and John in 2013 and met at their homes and the Park in Westminster then moved to the Westminster Recovery Center in late 2013. The meeting stopped in the early spring of 2014. – (*2*5)

Westminster – **The Late Show** – 11:00pm – Friday – open discussion. Met at the Westminster Recovery Center, 124 East Main St., Westminster, 21157. We do not know who the founders were or why the meeting was started. We believe the meeting started in the late fall of 2013 and stopped in the early spring of 2014. - (*2*5)

2014

Eldersburg - **South Carroll Beginners Group** - 7:00pm - WED - (1st three steps) - South Carroll Senior & Community Center, (bingo room) 5928 Mineral Hill Road, 21784. The group was started on January 8th 2014. The founders are Pam and Al H., Neicie J. and Tom M. There were 18 in attendance on the very first meeting. The original group name was **Beginners Steps to Freedom** but was changed after a couple of weeks because there was another group with the same name and on the same night in the District 9. We use the 12 & 12 book to discuss the 1st step on the 1st week, 2nd step on the 2nd week, 3rd step on the 3rd week and on the 4th week we discuss steps 1, 2, and 3, using the big book as our guide. If there is a 5th Wednesday we use the same format as the 4th week. On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 hit and the Government closed all Churches, restaurants, and all non essential businesses to close. The South Carroll Senior Center was also closed so the last meeting the group had was on March 11th 2020. The group was suspended until early 2022 when a member (Jim R.) restarted it. With internal issues about closing the Center by 5pm the group was suspended again at the beginning of July 2022. We do not know if the group will ever start again. - Note: In the October 1st 2015 Baltimore Intergroup Bulletin is listed as a new group. Listed meeting on Wednesday at 7pm as an O - D - H - group. In talking with Neicie J. and Tom on September 27th 2015 Tom said: “It is the same meeting, the **South Carroll Beginners Group** is listed incorrectly by the Intergroup“. It is believed to be an off shoot of the Eldersburg Noon Group. Is listed in the Baltimore Intergroup Directory but not listed in the District 9 directory. The DCM stated in early 2014, “the meeting is on the edge of being a Special or Multipurpose Group and the members asked not to be listed in the District 9 directory“. The group was

listed for the first time in the spring 2016 with District 9. Listed in the Where & When as the **Beginning Steps to Freedom**. Meeting does not have a group service number. - (*2*3 *4) - (*5)

Manchester - **Melrose Wednesday Noon** - Noon - WED - (O) - (BB) - Cornerstone Church, 4217 Hanover Pike, 21102 – The group was started by Lisa D. and John H. with Francis A. and Mary F. in support. There were no AA meetings in the Manchester area that met at noon time, we seen a need for one. The first meeting was on July 9th 2014, there were 9 people in attendance. By 2017 attendance had dropped off greatly. We decided to stop meeting since attendance was down. The last meeting was on Wednesday, the 11th of October 2017. The only member at that meeting was Lisa D. (1 person came it was Lisa). The GSO group service number is 713113 and the history date is July 9th 2014. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 89220 and lists the group as inactive. - (*2*3*5)

Triangle Recovery Club - 2 North Court St., Westminster, 21157 - opened beginning of September 2014 - Note: New Club opened by Tim W., the meetings and Groups at the Triangle Recovery Club are evolving and changing. On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 so, the government closed down all churches and non essential businesses. The Club also closed down. Then on Monday June 22nd 2020 the Club reopened. - (*2*3)

Westminster - **Westminster Downtown Group** - 9:00am - SUN - (O) - (step11) - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., 21157. The group was started and the first meeting was on September 28th 2014.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The meeting place at the Triangle Recovery Club also closed their doors so, the group was suspended. When the pandemic subsided and some of the restrictions were lifted by the government the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday June 22nd 2020. The group meeting did not resume meeting for some reason or another. - (*3*5)

Westminster - **Stepping Out Step Study Group** - 8:00pm - THUR - closed step, 5th Week (TRD). The location of the group is at the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., in Westminster, Md., 21157.

The group was started on September 18th 2014. The founders were Kathy H. and Chris O’C., the group is a closed literature discussion group. There were six people that attended the very first meeting. The reason for starting the group was the Triangle Recovery Club opened in September 2014 and was looking for groups to start meetings. Kathy and Chris wanted to support the club and were looking to have a Thursday literature meeting. The group is sometimes referred to as **Stepping Out**. The GSO group service number is 715031 and the history date is September 18th 2014 with 4 members.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 80868.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed down all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The meeting place at the Triangle Recovery Club was also closed. The group was suspended. On Monday June 22nd 2020 the Triangle Recovery Club reopened. The meeting never resumed meeting and has stopped. - Note: We do not know why the meeting did not restart, we believe with low attendance and the pandemic scare this may be why. - (*2*3*5)

Westminster - **Westminster Women’s Group** - 8:00 pm - WED - (O) - (BB) – Location: Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., in Westminster, Md., 21157.

The meeting is believed to be started by Shannon C. and Erin R. The first meeting of the group was on September 24th 2014. As time passed attendance dwindled and by 2018 only 2 or 3 people attending.

On March 12th 2020 a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced and the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses. The group was suspended because the meeting location at the Triangle Recovery Club closed. The Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday

June 22nd 2020 but since the women's group had very low attendance the group never reopened. - Note: On Tuesday, May 22nd 2018 we were talking to Jamie who runs the meeting and she said; "Attendance is one or two people and she is thinking about changing the meeting day of the week." - (*2*3*5)

Westminster - Upon Awakening Group - 7:00 am on Monday thru Saturday & on Sundays at 9am - (O) - (D) - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., in Westminster, Md., 21157.

Started on October 6th 2014 and the founders are unknown. The GSO history date is September 1st 2014 and the group service number is 714509. The group contacts and may have been the founders were Tim W. and Dave E., with 12 members.

In 2016 the contacts were Tim W. as the primary contact and the secondary contact was Dave E. with 12 members.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 18071.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The meeting place at the Triangle Recovery Club closed and the group was suspended. When the Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020 the group did not restart, we believe of the low attendance before the pandemic is why it stopped or closed. - Note: - Tim Weber did all the leg work and was the reason the Triangle Recovery Club was established and opened. - (*2*3*5)

Westminster - Friday Night Frenzy Group - 8:00pm - FRI - (O) (D) - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., 21157 - Started on September 26th 2014 & the founder believe to be Sylvia F. The GSO history date is October 1st 2014 and the group service number is 716216. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 106022.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses because of a new pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. Because of the Governments request our meeting place at the Triangle Recovery Club was also closed. We had our last meeting on March 13th 2020 then we suspended the group. The Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020. We reopened our group shortly after that on or about June 26th 2020. At our meetings we had some restrictions like; attendance limits, social distancing, wearing face masks, sanitizing everything, and using common sense because of the pandemic.

As time passed the restrictions were slowly lifted and we resumed our normal meetings in 2021. - (*2*3)

Westminster - Night Owl - 12:00am midnight - SAT - (O) - (D) - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court St., 21157.

It is unknown who the founders were. The first meeting was on November 1st 2014. Note: Tim W. from the Triangle Recovery Club notified District 9 on May 23rd 2015 and said: "the meeting has stopped." We believe for lack of attendance is why the meeting stopped. - (*2*3*5)

2015

Eldersburg - Welcome Group - 12 noon - Mon & Fri - Open - Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., 21784. The founder was George B., and the first meeting was on July 20th 2015, with 12 people attending and reading the big book as a topic of discussion. The second meeting was on Friday July 24th 2015 and the topic was the reading and discussing the 12 & 12 books, with 12 people attending. At first the meeting had no name. In the late evening of July 31st George B. came up with a name, the Welcome Group. On March 12th 2020 the government shut down all the Churches because of the Corona Virus or COVID-19. This group along with most of the AA groups and meetings were suspended, until further notice. The Church said they could meet again, back in the Church with some restrictions. The restrictions were not

more than 9 people in attendance, keeping a list of names of those attending, social distancing, sanitizing everything, and no coffee, literature, or food. The group started meeting again on August 24th 2020. Slowly the restrictions were lifted. Note: With an issue with the Eldersburg Noon Group we believe this is an offshoot of that meeting. - (*3)

Mt Airy – Big Book Study Group – 7:00pm – TUES - Open – Big Book - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy, Md. It was said Mary Beth was the founder of the group and they first met in 2015 with 10 members in attendance. The history date at GSO is, September 5th 2016 and the group service number is 723770. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 95930. On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches because of a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19. The last meeting in the Church and in person was on March 10th 2020 and then, the meeting was suspended. After a few weeks the members went on line or ZOOM. Early in 2022 the group stopped meeting on line and now meets in person and in the Church. - (*2*3)

2016

Westminster- Bond & Green – St. Paul’s Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster, 21157. 7:00pm - WED - Closed - Literature. First meeting was on January 20th 2016. Note: With the closing of the Epiphany Group on January 13th 2016 the **Bond & Green Group** added a Wednesday meeting. - (*3)

Westminster - A Vision for You - 10:00pm - SAT - O - D - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., in Westminster, Md., 21157.

The meeting was started by Pat M. First meeting was on January 16th 2016. Pat M. said he seen a need for a later meeting on Saturday nights.

On March 12th 2020 the government closed all churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Triangle Recovery Club was closed and the meeting was suspended. When the pandemic subsided some, the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020. The group never restarted again. We believe because of low attendance was the reason. - (*2*3*5)

Westminster - Second Chance Sunday - 7:00pm - SUN - O - BB, 1st 164 pages of the Big Book - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157.

It is unknown who were the founders. The first meeting was on January 17th 2016.

On March 12th 2020 a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced by the Government and the Government closed down all Churches and nonessential businesses. The Triangle Recovery Club closed also so the meeting was suspended. When the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020 the meeting did not resume. - Note: - We believe because of low attendance among other things is why the meeting did not resume meeting. - (*2*3*5)

Taneytown - Taneytown 12 Step Group - 7:30pm - THUR - O - Speaker - H - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore St., Taneytown, 21787. Unknown who or why started. Believed started in January 2016. Listed for the first time in the West Central Intergroup Winter 2016. - Note: At the West Central Intergroup meeting on April 27th 2016 there was some discussion about this meeting regarding, “Is This AA Meeting?” On April 28th Howard L. (WCI Web Chair) stopped to investigate the meeting. Howard said the door was locked, a person was there for the meeting, but no one showed up. On June 21st 2016 at the district 9 committee meeting Mike H. our intergroup liaison for the district reported West Central Intergroup will no longer list this meeting since it was along the lines of a multipurpose group and not AA. - (*4 West Central Intergroup) - (*5)

Westminster - **We Are Not Saints** - 9:00pm - SAT - (O) - BB - Step 1 - 4, (5th Week L) - St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., 21157. District 9 lists a new meeting on April 2nd 2016 on its web page. The founder was David B. David said there was no 9:00pm meeting in Westminster and he thought one was needed. It was sad to say for lack of attendance the meeting stopped. The last meeting was on July 30th 2016. The GSO history date is April 2nd 2016 and the group service number is 718417. GSO lists the contact as David B. On August 5th 2019 the GSO listed the new group service number is 22529 and listed this group as inactive. - Note: Listed for the first time in the District 9 spring 2016 Where & When. At the August 2016 District 9 Committee meeting the DCM, Tom H. announced the meeting "No Longer Meet." (*2*5)

Westminster - **Pizza & Big Books** - noon - THUR - BB - O - Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157.

The board of directors at the Triangle Recovery Club voted to have a meeting on Thursdays at noon. Shawn was said to run the meeting. The first meeting was on July 14th 2016. Attendance was 5 or less at the start. The local pizza shop said they would donate pizzas to the meeting. So the meeting was a Big Book meeting with free slices of pizza to eat. In September 2016 the attendance went up to 12 to 15 people.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Triangle Recovery Club closed and the meeting was suspended. When the pandemic subsided and some Government restrictions were lifted the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020. Because of various reasons the group never resumed meeting and stopped permanently. - Note: Some of the information obtained from John H. on August 9th 2016. We (archivist) visited the meeting on October 6th & on the 13th of 2016. We saw Shawn give a \$20.00 bill to someone to pay for the pizzas. With this said we feel someone at the meeting is paying for the pizzas and they are not donated from the Pizza Shop. - (*2*3*5)

2017

Westminster – **Secular & Sober** – 8:30 pm – SUN – O – Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court Street, Westminster, Md., 21157. The format is 1st Sunday Step, 2nd Sunday Topic, 3rd Sunday Literature, 4th Sunday Discussion, and 5th Sunday Big Book. We believe the first meeting was on May 14th 2017 with 2 people in attendance. The meeting was first posted on the district 9 web page on May 24th 2017. We do not know who the founding members of this meeting were. The GSO group service number is 722018 and the history date is May 14th 2017, with 2 members. The Contact person at GSO is James Bollinger.

On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 66215.

On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. The Triangle Recovery Club was closed and the meeting was suspended. When the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020 the group did not resume meeting and stopped permanently. We, believe the group stopped meeting and did not resume because of lack of attendance and participation before the pandemic. - (*2*5)

Union Bridge – **K.I.S.S. (keep it simple stupid)** – 8:00pm – Tues. – Open Speaker - The meeting is located at the St. James Lutheran Church, 14 S. Benedum St., Union Bridge, Md., 21791.

We decided our group would meet every Monday. The 1st meeting was on Monday October 16th 2017. The founders were, Joe K., Nicholas C., & Emma K. The reason for starting this meeting was, there was no AA meeting in the Union Bridge area so we wanted to start one. At the first meeting there were 16 people in attendance and our format was 1st week was a speaker, 2nd week Big Book, 3rd week Daily Reflection, and the 4th week was to be a topic meeting. We have a mix of people in attendance and all are welcome. To get the word out about this new meeting we went to the district 9 meeting, contacted the

Intergroup, and we announce it at other meetings.

In March 2019 we decided to change our meeting day to Tuesday and our format to open speaker. The reason for changing the day of the week to Tuesday was because we had a Institutional Commitment at Mountain Manor Sykesville (The old Long Term Treatment Facility or RSS) on Mondays and we had to send a least one member of the group there and also was, the low attendance on Mondays so, we thought we would meet on Tuesdays. Another reason for changing the meeting to Tuesday was, only a few miles away there was a meeting in New Windsor on Monday.

On March 12th 2020 a new pandemic called the Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced and the Government closed down all Churches and non essential businesses. Our last meeting was on Tuesday, March 10th 2020 and we then suspended our group meetings. Some of the other Churches opened back up later in 2020 but, we decided not to resume because of very low attendance, even before the pandemic.

- Note: The Baltimore Intergroup listed as a new meeting in the August 2019 bulletin. - (*2*3*5)

Taneytown – **Road to Recovery Group** – WED – 7:30pm – Open, Beginners, Big Book – Located at the Trinity Evangelical Church, 32 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, 21787. - We believe this group was started in the fall of 2017 by unknown people. The primary contact was Joyce M. and the secondary contact was Jason A. The location of the meeting was at 211 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Md., 21787. The group met on Saturdays at 5:00pm, and the membership was 10 people. The meeting ran for a few months and then stopped meeting. There was some kind of business called SOBER TRUTH at this address that deals with Intensive Outpatient Group, Outpatient Group, Counseling, and DUI Education. The AA Group was separate from the SOBER TRUTH business and only met in their facility. The GSO history date is October 7th 2017 and the group service number is 722895. The SOBER TRUTH business moved to the Trinity Evangelical Church, 32 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown Md., 21787 but, we do not know when. In the spring of 2019 Danny S. and his wife were driving through Taneytown and the thought came to Danny to start another AA group in Taneytown since there were only two meetings in town. Danny decided to start a meeting and use the name and service number of the then, stopped meeting called the Road to Recovery Group. The Road to Recovery Group met for the first time on April 24th 2019 on Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Trinity Evangelical Church, 32 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, Md., 21787. Danny Storm and Scott McCurry were the founders of the group and it was decided to be Open Beginners, Big Book, Discussion Group. At their first meeting were 8 people in attendance and all were men. As the weeks passed the attendance grew and women also came. By June 19th 2019 14 people came with both men and women in attendance. On June 26th 2019 there were 10 people in attendance, all men. The Primary contact is Danny S. and the secondary contact is Brett M. Since the group was actually restarted, the Road to Recovery Group will retain the original GSO History date of October 7th 2017 and the group service number will be the same number of 722895. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 58191. Note: This information was from the Group Information Sheet from the GSO Office and from the founder of the group Danny Storm on June 19, 21, &26th 2019. – (*2*3)

2018

Sykesville – **Temperance Group** – This is an “In House Group” at the Central Maryland Corrections Facility, 7301 Buttercup Rd., PO Box 395, Sykesville, Md., 21784. The group was started in early 2018 for people in the facility. We do not have any other information on this group. The GSO group history date is April 14th 2018 and the group service number is 724572. On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 86966 and lists the group as inactive. – (*2*5)

Frederick – The Original Frederick Group is celebrating 70 years on March 6th 2018. At the Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 W. Patrick St., Frederick, 21701. There will be food from 6:30pm – 7:30pm; the meeting and speaker will be Charlie M. from Hagerstown, Md., from, 7:30pm – 8:30pm. –

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Westminster – **Sobriety's Sweet** – Noon – SAT – O – rotating Big Book & Speaker. Located at the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157. The meeting was started by Taylor K. and Hanna H. The reason for starting the meeting was to help others by passing on the message of the 12 steps of recovery. Our first meeting was on March 3rd 2018 and we had 19 people attend. We are going to be a chip meeting too.

1st meeting – Taylor K. & Hanna H. started the meeting on Saturday at noon. The idea was to Pass It On the message of recovery of the AA's 12 steps. The format will be rotating Speaker then Big Book which we will read at the meeting and then discuss. The first meeting was well attended with 19 people attending. – March 3rd 2018 -

2nd meeting – Big Book reading and discussion. – March 10th 2018 -

3rd meeting – Chairperson was Taylor and the Speaker was Pat M. from “A Vision for You.” Total attendance was 12 which only 5 were early and 7 came in late. Part of the way thru Pat's talk 2 people was having a conversation so, Pat said something, and they left the meeting. Pat only called on one person (Luther W. the District 9 archivist). Taylor not only was the Chair or Secretary made coffee, brought sweets, and cleaned up. The District 9 archivist, Luther W. visited the group and asked Taylor; “Would you fill out a group history sheet,” and Taylor did. - March 17th 2018 –

4th meeting – Taylor was the Chairperson or secretary and made coffee and brought home made sweets. Taylor distributed the readings and Big Books. The Doctors Opinion was read; most people read a part and then passed to the next person to read. Attendance was 9 people on time and one girl came late for a total of 10. There was also a girl with a small child in a side room. Taylor cleaned up and put the books and literature away. The meetings two founding members Taylor K., & Hanna H were present. The District 9 archivist visited the meeting again and, gave Taylor a copy of the home group history sheet he filled out last week for the meetings records. – March 24th 2018 –

5th meeting – The founders of the group were there Taylor & Hanna. The chairperson was Taylor and after the opening readings and announcements' we read the Big Book, Chapter 1, Bills story. Attendance was 7 people which included 5 people coming on time and 2 people came in late. – March 31st 2018 -

Note: Monday evening the 26th of March we called Howard L., about putting this meeting on the D9 web page. Howard said: Tom H. does that and he would send Tom an e-mail about this meeting. We gave Howard all the details about the start up date of March 3rd, format, and day of the week, time, and address. District 9 posted the meeting on the web page on March 28th 2018.

6th meeting – Taylor was there as the set up and Chairperson. He brought sweets for everyone to share. There were 6 people that came on time and 4 came in late, for a total of 10 people. After the readings and announcements a slip of paper with an item to strive for or to change like, relationships, resentments, fear, etc. At 12:50pm a few pages was read out of chapter 2 in the big book. Then John was asked to give out various lengths of sobriety chips, and then close with the Lord's Prayer. – April 7th 2018 –

9th meeting – Taylor set up, cleaned up, & was the Chair. There were 7 people in attendance which included 5 women and 2 men. Taylor's mother and aunt were in attendance. The Speaker was Taylors, Aunt Christine, she said she was an addict, clean for over 11 years, a counselor, and lived in Reno, Nev. Aunt Christine talked for over half the meeting and was finished up with Taylor. Meeting closed at 1:00pm with the Lord's Prayer. - April 28th 2018 –

On March 12th 2020 a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19 was announced by the Government. The Government closed all Churches and non essential businesses. The Triangle Recovery Club closed and the meetings were suspended. When the Triangle Recovery Club reopened on Monday, June 22nd 2020 the meeting did not resume and stopped permanently.

Note: - We believe because of lack of attendance before the pandemic this, is why the meeting did not resume. - (*2*3*5)

2019

Westminster – **Westminster Monday Night Men's** - Monday at 8:00pm and is a closed discussion men's meeting. Meeting location is St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church, 700 Kriders Cemetery Rd., Westminster, Md., 21158. Their first meeting was on June 3rd 2019 with 7 people attending. Those attending the meeting were: the founder Graeme Nixon, and Matt, Julian, Luther, Charles, Bob D. (with an "O"), and John. One of the founders, Graeme N. said: "There were no Men's meetings in Westminster and thought one would better carry the message of the 12 steps of AA." On August 5th 2019 the GSO changed the group service number to 239700. The group stopped meeting in December 2019 for lack of attendance and participation. *Note:* The Baltimore Intergroup listed as a new meeting in the August 2019 bulletin. District 9 posted the group as discontinued on December 23rd 2019. In the January 2020 Baltimore Intergroup bulletin the group is listed as discontinued. *Note:* We feel with the lack of attendance and participation the meeting stopped.

Please Note: Graeme N. moved from the state of Tennessee to Dillsburg, PA. (That is in the Harrisburg vicinity). Graeme said of the 17 and one half years he has been sober in AA, I, went to a men's meeting 17 of these years. My sponsor suggested attending a men's meeting at least once a week for we will be able to discuss issues not to be discussed at a regular meeting. Graeme said: he attends the Thursday Night Men's Meeting at 7:00pm located at the Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., Sykesville, 21784, as much as possible. It should be noted the Thursday Night Men's Meeting moved the beginning of February 2024 to" St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, meets in the Fellowship Hall, 13125 Forsythe Rd., Sykesville, Md., 21784 because of issues with a Church member. Graeme said he contacted the Baltimore Intergroup about 2 weeks ago to have the meeting listed in the directory. The Intergroup said they would have it on their web page in a week or so. – (*3*4*5)

Sykesville – **The Boiled Owl Group** – Will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7am open discussion using the As Bill Sees It rotating to the Daily Reflection books. Their location is in Sykesville, meeting at the Flohrville UMC, 6620 Church St., 21784. The founders were Chris M. and Tom Z. and their first meeting was on October 15th 2019 with 5 people in attendance they were Chris M., Tom Z., Luther W., Danny, and Jack. One of the founders, Chris M. said: "the reason for starting this group was he felt there was a need for an early morning meeting in the Sykesville area." At the first meeting was read As Bill Sees It page 183 then everyone discussed it and made comments. At their second meeting they read the Daily reflection book (The Topic) with 7 in attendance they were; Chris, Tom, Rebecca, Jack, Danny, BJ, and Jerold. In March 2020 the Corona Virus hit and the Government shut down all Churches. The founder, Chris M. run the meeting on ZOOM for awhile but seen there was a lack of participation. After a few months they stopped the Thursday meetings and had the Tuesday meeting on ZOOM. By the summer of 2020 no one was on ZOOM so it was decided to stop meeting altogether. – (*2*3*5)

Westminster - The "**Our Time To Shine Group**" was started by Sarah D., and Shannon F. Our first meeting was on November 20th 2019 and we had 13 women in attendance. We meet at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll St., Westminster, Md., 21157. We believed a need for another Women's Group in Westminster to meet earlier so more women could attend. We decided to meet every Wednesday and have a rotating format, open women's meeting with the 1st week Big Book, 2nd week 12 & 12, 3rd week Daily Reflection, 4th week Promises, and if we had a 5th week it would be a Speaker meeting.

On or about March 18th 2020 we had to suspend our meeting because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. The Government asked all Churches to close because of this pandemic. In April 2020 we began meeting at Dutterers Family Park in Westminster on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. At the Park we were outside and because of the pandemic there was social distancing along with wearing a face mask.

On September 20th 2020 we were allowed to meet back in Grace Lutheran Church. Our 1st meeting

back in the Church we had at least 7 in attendance. We met in the Church in person and Sarah D. would have her computer there so we could also be on ZOOM. As time passed we now have (January 2021) 12 home group members with, 15 to 25 in attendance. It was decided when a member celebrates her anniversary our group would be open to all. On January 4th 2023 the ZOOM stopped and the members meet in person only.

On August 17th 2024 the Our Time To Shine Group had their first meeting at the Triangle Recovery Club on Saturday at 5pm. The members that moved the group, time, and day of the week were Chrystal T. and Fajita C. The reason the group moved was of very low attendance with only 2 or 3 members showing up. – (*2*3)

2021

Westminster – **Serenity Through Stillness** – SAT – 10:00 Am – 11th Step – Open – Meets at the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 North Court Street, Westminster, 21157. The **Serenity Through Stillness Group** had their first meeting on Saturday March 1st 2021 and the founders are Emily D. & Brandon C. The location is at 2 North Ct. Street in Westminster on Saturdays at 10:00 Am and is an Open 11th Step meeting. Brandon & Emily had seen a need for an 11th Step morning meditation meeting. Their first meeting there was 2 home group members and 19 visitors making a total in attendance of 21 people. The meeting is open to men, women, and the younger people. The format is there is a short meditation followed by a speaker sharing their experience. It should be noted their may be a conflict with the Triangle Recovery Clubs normal events. In a short time we now have 6 home group members with various amounts of sobriety. – (*2*3)

Hampstead – The **Why Not Wednesdays Meeting of AA** – WED – 6pm – O – Literature – Meets at the St. John's UMC, 1205 N., Main St., Hampstead, Md., 21074. The founder of the meeting was Tabatha who wanted to have an in person meeting, carry the message and, help new comers. With the closing and or suspension of most of the AA meetings because of the Corona Virus Tabatha did not want another meeting on ZOOM. The very first meeting was on Wednesday, May 5th 2021 and had 3 people in attendance they were, Tabatha, Chris, and Alex. The group had a picnic at Christmas Tree Park in Manchester from noon till 5pm, was well attended. – (*2*3)

Westminster – **Sobriety Sisters Group** – Tuesdays at 12:45pm – Open Women's Discussion meeting, Location the Westminster Rescue Mission, Lucabaugh Mill Road. The Sobriety Sisters Group started and had their first meeting on April 27th 2021 with 3 women in attendance. The founder was Shannon C., she seen there was a need at the Westminster Rescue Mission located on Lucabaugh Mill Road for this women's meeting. It was decided for their format would be an open Women's Discussion Group. When the group first met the meeting time was at 12 noon then because in internal issues the meeting time was changed on March 1st 2022 to 12:45pm. On or about May 3rd 2022 the Group went Hybrid because of some of the members could not attend in person. We believe the **Sobriety's Sisters (Women's Group)** had their last meeting at the Westminster Rescue Mission on Tuesday at 12:45pm., on September 27th 2022. The Mission has sent the women out to Sober Houses and is going back to treating Men only. – (*2*3*5)

Westminster - The **Saturday Surrender Group** was started by Matthew B. & Tyler W. There first meeting was on Saturday October 16th 2021 with 10 people in attendance. The location is at the Triangle Recovery Club, 2 N. Court St., Westminster, Md., 21157. Matthew & Tyler had seen a need for a Saturday night meeting since there was none at 8pm in Westminster. Matthew said he wanted to get involved and the only day and time he could commit to be Saturday Night. The meeting meets every Saturday at 8:00 pm., is an open meeting with the format being a revolving Speaker one week and big

books the next. We are an all inclusive meeting open to all people whom may have a drinking problem. At the first meeting the Speaker was Marlin B. a member at the Manchester Friday Night Group. – (*2*3)

2022

Westminster - The **Principles of Peace Group** was started by: Kyle L., Jermaine T., Kenny F., and Brandon C. The founders started the group because of a desire to work on the spiritual principles of the AA. The group had their first meeting on January 20th 2022 and will meet at the Crossroads Community Church, room number 4 at 895 Leidy Rd. in Westminster, 21157 at 7:00pm, (Thursdays). There is a buzzer for someone to let you in, this is a Church rule. The format will be an Open Men's Group with a rotating format on the spiritual principles as following: 1st week Meditation, 2nd week 12 & 12 or Big Book, 3rd week Open Discussion, 4th week Speaker, and 5th week Meditation. At the first meeting, being the 3rd week, it was on the Open Discussion and the Chairperson was Kenny, and talked on and asked for the topic to be the 1st step, Surrender, or Acceptance. At the 1st meeting at the Crossroads Church were 11 people in attendance they were: Kenny, Kyle, Kevin, Luther, Ken, Jered, Jermaine, Mike, Mike, Jeff, and Brandon. Note - In talking with the founders they said: "We had this meeting for about 18 months in Westminster at a Sober House called "Grateful Place," in which closed so we wanted to restart or continue the meeting." - (*3)

Sykesville – **Sykesville Big Book** - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 13135 Forsythe Rd., Sykesville Md., 21784, the meeting is held in the Barnabas Hall, Parish House & Offices. The meeting is held on Wednesdays at 7pm and the format is open, Big Book. The first meeting was on Wednesday September 14th 2022 with 8 people in attendance. The founders were Lisa, Neicie, Allism, Shannon, and Tom. The founders had a desire for a big book meeting and felt a need for it. At the first meeting those present were 4 women: Neicie, Jennifer, Lisa, and Ginger and 4 men Mike McC., Luther W., Gus, and Tom. The chair person was Lisa and the format is a member would read a little out of the big book then make some comments, pass it on the next person. – (*3)

2023

Baltimore Intergroup – August 2023 - the administrator, Jen retired and Kathleen W. became the new administrator.

2024

Hampstead – Living Sober Group – Monday – 7:00pm – Open – Living Sober Book, Discussion, at St. John's UMC, 1205 N., Main St., Hampstead, Md., 21074.

The founders were Clair R. and Kim. The founders thought there was a need for a Monday meeting in Hampstead.

At their first meeting on Monday, May 6th 2024 were 15 in attendance they were: Clair R., Kim, Tabatha, Luther W., Linda, Phil, Mark, Jessica, Laurie, Stephanie, Carolyn, Marilyn, Adam, Angela, Juan, two children, and a visitor, Rita (18 total). Kim was the chairperson opened the meeting with the serenity prayer, the readings, and announcements. Clair R. read a chapter out of the Living Sober Book then it went a-round the table for people to make comments and or discuss, then closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8pm.

The second meeting on May 13th 2024 had 13 in attendance they were Mike, Shawnee, Clair, Kim, Linda, Luther W., Tabatha, Juan, Laurie, Stephanie, and Tim. Kim read page 4- "Staying away from that first Drink" then handed the book over to Angela to read "Using the 24-hour Plan," then Mike finished up the chapter, and then went around the table for everyone to comment on. - (*3)

Westminster – Bill's Way Group - Thursday – 7:00pm –Closed – Meets at 165 E. Main St., Methodist

Parish House, in Westminster, Md., 21157. Format: is 1st week speaker, 2nd week discussion, 3rd week step, 4th week tradition, and the 5th week will be an As Bill Sees It.

The groups first and second meeting was on May 2nd 2024 and May 9th 2024 at 155 E., Main St., at the Youth Building in Westminster and met at 7:30pm. Because of issues in which the members could not get into the building early enough to make coffee and set the members decided to move to 165 E. Main St., in the Methodist Parish House on May 16th 2024 with a time change to 7pm. The founders were Terry D. & Ann A. D. The reasons for starting the group were; at their old home group the New Windsor Wednesday Night Group were chanting, the founders thought the message was getting watered down, the founders wanted to get back to the original old time AA, along with other issues. Even though we are a closed group all are welcome if they think they have a drinking problem. We will not sign any attendance verification slips. At their first meeting on May 2nd 2024 were 9 people in attendance, the second meeting had 7 in attendance. At their first meeting in the Methodist Parish House at 165 E., Main Street on May 16th 2024 there were 22 in attendance with an equal composition of men and women of various ages. Because we met in a small room on July 25th 2024 we moved the group to the second floor to accommodate more people. On July 25th 2024 we had 11 people in attendance, the Chair person was Terry D. and the speaker was Rob in which his sobriety date was September 13th 1991. – (*2*3)

Footnotes:*1- Eastern United States Directory.

*2- Group Handbook - Area 29 Archives or MGS or District

*3- Communication with Home Group or Early Member.

*4- Baltimore Intergroup - Directory and or bulletin.

*5- No Longer Meet.

*WCI – West Central Intergroup

* 2010 Baltimore Intergroup Calendar and or 20 questions pamphlet.

NOTE: Completed by Luther W., District 9, Archives. From the information that is available. The dates and years are as correct as possible at the present time but, are subject to change if new information is received.

All Maryland groups started at 8:30 pm. in the early years, unless listing a different time.

The GSO service number and or history date is from GSO. Service numbers came in the mid 1970`s and districts came in the early 1980`s. The GSO changed all Group Service Numbers in mid year 1994 and again changed the group service numbers on August 5th 2019. Some of the listings were from the Eastern United States Directory.

Thanks to Francis S., M.G.S. Area 29 Archives Chair and too many other people.

(Note: was added by Luther W.)

(Last update on November 7th 2024)

PLEASE let us know about any information we do not have or any corrections to be made.

PLEASE write a Home Group History for the District 9 Archives. There is so much history already lost forever, let us work together and not lose ours. Our history is not only for us but also for the new members yet to come. - Note: - On March 12th 2020 the Government closed all Churches and nonessential businesses because of a pandemic called Corona Virus or COVID-19. All existing group histories have to be updated. We are still working on them, as of November 7th 2024. Thanks.