

First Things First

NEWSLETTER FOR WESTERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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December 2021

INTERGROUP HIGHLIGHTS

In memory of Glenn Patrick Jordan

18 January 1952 – 12 October 2021

We lost our good friend Glenn Jordan this year at the age of 69. At the time of his death, Glenn was the general service representative for Western Maryland AA. Glenn touched all our lives in many ways with his kindness, compassion for others, and his great sense of humor.

Glenn was all about helping others. The first AA meeting I ever attended in Cumberland was years ago when I was at the Massie Rehabilitation Unit. After the meeting, Glenn came to me, asked me if I liked the meeting, encouraged me to keep coming back, and stressed the importance of the newcomer and that AA needed us.

On one occasion at Glenn's home group in Grantsville, Maryland, Glenn had not seen me in a while because I relapsed, and as he expressed concern, he said, "Instead of keep coming back, just stay. It's easier." That is one of the AA comments that has stayed with me since that night.

Glenn often talked of his days growing up in Baltimore. He once told a story of being from a Polish neighborhood and that he was Italian but always wanted to be Polish like the other

kids! He had the whole room laughing, as he often did, but at the end of the story, he compared it to that feeling many alcoholics have of not fitting in or feeling less than.

Glenn battled cancer, COPD, and covid, but he kept plugging away and never complained about his health. Up until the end, he was picking people up and driving them to meetings, all the while dragging an oxygen tank. His wisdom and his humor will surely be missed.

So as Glenn would say, "If you are new, we need you. You are the most important person in the room. Just stay – it's easier!" Rest in peace, Glenn.

–Anonymous

Anniversary

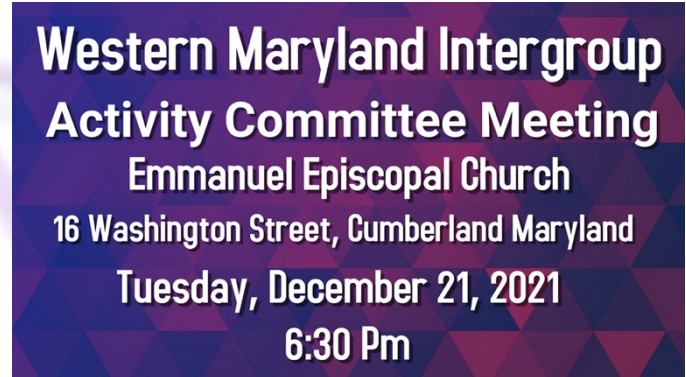
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We want to update the anniversary list. If you would like your anniversary in the newsletter, anyone can collect anniversaries and submit them through the website. Western Maryland Intergroup address is <http://www.westernmarylandaa.org/>. Or submit them to impidh@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-Step Hotline

Volunteers are needed for the 12-step hotline. You can volunteer to answer the phone or go on 12-step calls. Your phone number is not given out. Call Dan B for more information at 650-642-1235.



For more events, visit <http://www.westcentralaa.org/chatter-subscribe/> to receive regular emails and newsletters for the west central intergroup.

October & November's contributions

Frostburg Monday Night donated \$62.15 + \$53.04
HOW Group donated \$50.00 + \$50.00
Frostburg Friday \$158.70
Sessions by the Sea \$500.00
Lake Group \$42.50 + \$153.00
Into Action Group \$95.00