



Delegate Report – Area Assembly, August 20, 2016

Panel 66, Area 29 Maryland General Service, Inc.

Looking Toward the Future

Challenge: “Fellowship in Motion” participating in Committee Work at all levels of the Conference

On page S36 of the A.A. Service Manual in Chapter Four entitled “The Area Assembly” it states: “...the Area holds an important middle position in the Conference structure - - through the elected Delegate, it participates in A.A. worldwide, while through the DCMs and GSRs, it is close to the local scene. The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference Structure - - the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself.

Be a part of the Future of A.A.: What we do here in Area service and at the Conference is “protect AA against disintegration and at the same time ensure that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem feel welcome.” The 13 Conference Committees do the principle work of the General Service Conference. If the General Service Conference is the Area’s role model or Service Sponsor, then emulating that process here in Area 29 would seem pivotal going forward. The committees of Area 29 need **you** to join them so they can perform in likewise fashion to the GSC. Two choices come to mind ~ stand by and watch or jump in and be part of the solution for the future of A.A.

Two-Way communication is vital for true participation in a given process to be effective. If anyone communicates with you, your Group, your District, or your Committee, and they hear nothing in return, is it Communication??? No it is not. It is only an announcement! If there is a better way for your Delegate to communicate with you or the District, please let me know. I am diligently attempting to keep the “string” taut between the Conference and Area 29 in order to be responsible to those I serve.

Where are “WE” in the Year Round Conference Process?

May Assembly - - Delegate Report Back from Conference

June – August - - Delegate attending District and Intergroup meetings to provide a brief overview from Conference as well as invite all members of the Fellowship to engage in the year round process. The CARCs have also begun to reconvene to assess the information from Conference in order to bring forth potential Agenda items to the Area.

August – December - - Continue CARC meetings and Delegate visits to Districts & Intergroups to update folks on what is going on in A.A. as a whole. Any potential Agenda items are presented to the Area Committee and Assembly. If passed, the Delegate will submit to GSO by December 15 for possible inclusion on the 2017 Conference Agenda.

Theme for the 2017 General Service Conference is “Supporting Our Future”.

General Service Board News

The General Service Board met the weekend of August 1st. Reports will be sent out to the Area Committee and other members of the fellowship upon receipt by your Delegate.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Corrections: The video approved by the 2016 GSC entitled “A New Freedom” is now available on the aa.org website. It replaces “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”. It will soon be available for purchase or in a shortened format.

Literature: Trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking current sharing from young people in A.A. Stories should reflect in a general way a person’s recovery story. The deadline for submission is December 30, 2016.

Regional Forums – 2016

August 26-28	Western Canada
September 30-October 2	Pacific
December 2-4	Southeast (Orlando)

Name That Theme

Submit an idea for the Theme of the 2020 International Convention to be held in Detroit. Deadline for submission is October 3rd and should be sent to the International Convention Desk at GSO.



A.A. Grapevine News

The New Grapevine app, useful for offline viewing of videos, articles, magazines and pamphlets, is available for only \$23.99/yr. Another way to support the GV is the “Grow Your Grapevine” initiative. Go to aagrapevine.org for more information. You can pre-order a new GV book which will be available on September 1st entitled “The Twelve Traditions”.

NORTHEAST REGION NEWS

Area 59/Eastern PA: 59th Annual Conv & Assembly, November 4-6th in Gettysburg, PA (area59aa.org).

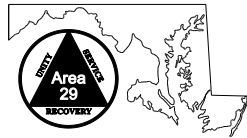
NERAASA 2017 - - Feb.24-26th in Framingham, Mass. ~ SAVE THE DATE flyers available today. NERAASA is an opportunity to learn more about service work in A.A.

NERAASA 2019 Area 29 will be hosting the 2019 Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly in Hunt Valley on February 24-26, 2019. I will provide updates, and keep you informed when the planning committee is formed.

In Memoriam

Area 29 extends our sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy H., a faithful and well-loved trusted servant, who passed away July 19th. Dorothy humbly served as a Past General Service Trustee and Grapevine Director in 2010. She was a guiding force for many of us in service in Area 29 and will be sorely missed at Regional events.

AROUND AREA 29



Summary of Area 29 Contributions

2016 Area Contribution Reports from GSO for the period ending May 31, 2016 have been sent to DCMs for distribution to GSRs. The Report reflects total Group contributions of \$37,570.83 from 28.3% of the 1,000 groups in Area 29. During this same period in 2015, 27.8% of groups contributed. GSRs should review the information, and share with your group. It provides an excellent opportunity to: (1) make sure information on your group contribution is correct, and (2) discuss the importance of the 7th Tradition with all groups and especially, if the group does not currently contribute. It is noteworthy that all 34 Districts in Area 29 made some contribution to GSO during this reporting period.

Contributions to the General Service Office support G.S.O.'s services to members and groups throughout Canada and the U.S. and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around the world. The services that the G.S.O. provides the A.A. groups cost more than \$7.14 per member per year and we currently contribute only \$5.24 per member.

~ Gratitude Month Challenge ~

I am personally challenging each member in Area 29 to participate in a Gratitude Month initiative. While November is often thought of as Gratitude Month, it will take time to communicate the challenge to all group members across the Area. I have 2,000 Birthday Plan envelopes to begin the

process today. Please take as many as you need and pass them along so everyone has an opportunity to participate in supporting the Fellowship that saved our lives. Perhaps this is one of the ways we could be part of the solution to help “catch up” on the current shortfall between costs of services and contributions to facilitate 12th step work.

Some ideas on using the Birthday Plan envelopes are: (1) a penny for every day sober; (2) a dollar for every year sober; (3) \$\$ in the envelope rather than a planned gift to a Sponsor or Sponsee; (4) pass an envelope at your Home Group, and the list goes on. You can use the envelope or keep it simple and contribute on line at aa.org

Finally, if I can assist your Group, District, Intergroup or Committee, please contact me. I can be reached at (443)875-2723 or at delegate@marylandaa.org.

**Yours in Service,
Linda J., Delegate
Panel 66, Area 29**



Delegate Travels...

8/27	CARC 3	Baltimore
8/31	WCIG	Frederick
9/10	SMIA	Prince Frederick
9/12	LSIG, District 25	Salisbury
9/14	MSIG/D24,37,38,46	Joint Meeting
9/15	Finance Committee Mtg	Columbia
9/25	HAIG	Hagerstown
9/26	IGLC Conference Call	Armchair
9/28	WCIG/Facilitate Inventory	Frederick
10/1	District 10	Parkville
10/4	District 32	Ocean City
10/4	OCIG	Ocean City
10/5	District 11	Northeast
10/10	BAIG	Baltimore
10/11	District 36	Hollywood
10/12	District 30	Aberdeen
10/13	District 7	Columbia
10/15	Area Inventory Assembly	Severna Park
10/21	Fall Convention	Hunt Valley
11/4	Area 59 Convention	Gettysburg
11/8	NEIG	North East
11/10	District 4	Towson
11/18	WMIG	Oakland