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## Delegate Report – July 17, 2010

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Following are highlights from reports received since May 15, 2010.

### A.A. World Services, Inc.

Excerpts from A.A.W.S. Highlights as of June 11:

- The newly created Archives Digital Exhibit was recently launched on the Archives portal of aa.org. The exhibit currently highlights only one display (Awards and Recognitions), with more being added in the future.
- The Conference desk reports that the 2010 Final Report of the 60<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference should be available some time in August.
- The newly formed AAWS Copyright Committee met for the first time and will consider current and future policies related to A.A. trademarks and copyrights. For the first meeting, the Committee met with Intellectual Property attorneys who provided key information regarding trademark and copyright use and protection.
- The AAWS E-Technology Committee serves as an oversight Committee involved in short and long term goals and in support of the GSO E-Technology Team in the development and delivery of electronic formats of A.A. literature and other means of electronic communication.
- The AAWS Board approved two recommendations from the AAWS E-Technology Committee. The first gave full support for GSO to begin developing e-publishing as a digital format that will enable electronic delivery of our literature.
- Full support was also given for the GSO to move ahead with a questionnaire that requests feedback from the Fellowship

on preferences for digital devices and e-delivery. Distribution of the questionnaire began at the International Convention. Further distribution will be through the Conference structure, Forums and other AA related events. I will forward this questionnaire as soon as I receive it electronically.

**A.A.W.S. Finance Summary** – For the first quarter ended March 31, 2010 un-audited results reflected net sales of \$3,315,000, contributions of \$1,498,000 and total revenue (income) of \$3,646,000. Un-audited net income for the first three months of 2010 of \$626,000 compared with \$351,000 budgeted income and was approximately \$335,000 greater than the \$291,000 profit reported for the same period in 2009.

### **Area 29 Group Contributions**

From the GSO Quarterly Report for the three months ended March 31, 2010 the percentage of groups contributing to GSO from Area 29 was:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
17.18%	16.89%

**Publications Report** – Total distribution of all books for the five months ending May 31, 2010, was 740,813 units, down 22.7% from the same period in 2009. Through the month of May 2010, 374,945 units of all editions of the Big Book were distributed compared to 516,814 units for the same period in 2009. Gross sales for the five month period were budgeted at \$6,207,630. Actual sales, un-audited, came in at \$5,429,456, which is 12.6% under budget. In the same period in 2009, gross sales amounted to \$5,760,651, or 2.5% under budget. Last year's gross sales budget totaled \$13,900,000. The 2010 projected gross sales budget is

\$14,300,000 (\$400,000 higher than 2009 budget).

The Publications Department has announced the immediate availability of:

- Compilation (English, French and Spanish) – “A.A. in Correctional Facilities” in DVD Format (DV-02) \$10.00
- Set of 3 Window Shades – 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts (M-26) \$72.00
- New Spanish and French Language CDs and DVDs of: The Big Book, “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls”, “It Sure Beats Sitting in A Cell”, “Markings on the Journey” and “You’re A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure

I also received news from the 2010 Int’l Conv Coord after this report went to print that a limited number of the special soft cover edition of AA Comes of Age, which was the souvenir for the Convention, will be made available on a first come, first served basis once inventory has been taken. I will let you know as soon as these editions are available. Quantities will be limited to one case (20) per order.

### A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News



For those not able to attend the 2010 International Convention this year, the stories in the July edition of Grapevine give a taste of what celebrating AA-style is like. First, there is a message reflecting on the convention theme, “A Vision for Us,” by Ward Ewing, the AA General Service Board’s non-alcoholic chair. Then “Bike and Bagpipes” shows an up close and personal view of the annual Founders’ Day event that celebrates the June 10, 1935 birth of AA in Akron, Ohio. Finally, in “Party in the Park,” a member from San Antonio shares his memories of the Toronto 2005 Convention.

**Circulation** – Average monthly Grapevine circulation at the end of the first quarter of 2010 was 95,514. GV circulation slipped to 92,415 in April. Bi-monthly circulation of La Viña averaged 9,024 for the first three months of 2010.

**Un-audited Financial Status** - AAGV was \$108,578 ahead of budget for the first quarter

because several projects were put on hold while the strategic plan was reviewed. While average monthly GV circulation was 3,500 better than budgeted, magazine income was below budget because revenue from the price increase has not come in as quickly as anticipated. La Viña was ahead of budget by \$10,642 for the same period. La Vigne (French) income was slightly ahead of budget and costs and expenses were slightly less.

**La Viña** is not a translation of the Grapevine, although from time to time some articles are translated if there are not enough Spanish articles from the fellowship. To this end, an e-mail account especially devoted to receive articles and art submissions has been reactivated. Spanish articles are needed and can be sent to [manuscritosLV@aagrapevine.org](mailto:manuscritosLV@aagrapevine.org). Anyone who wants to communicate with the LV editor can write to her at [Editorlv@grapevine.org](mailto:Editorlv@grapevine.org).

**Grapevine Questionnaire** – As you know, area delegates are gathering sharing on the Grapevine magazine on behalf of the AA Grapevine Conference Committee. Everyone is encouraged to participate in and support this endeavor. So far I have received over 70 completed Grapevine Questionnaires. GV Questionnaires are available today at the Grapevine table along with a box in which to deposit your responses. **The deadline for responses has just been changed to OCTOBER 30 since the committee compiling the results for GSO needs the information by November 10..** Please make sure your district and groups have received the questionnaire to complete.

The Grapevine and La Viña magazines will be doing some surveying of their own this summer. A readership survey will be sent out to randomly selected readers, and it is hoped that all who receive this information will participate.

The 2011 Grapevine Calendar and Pocket Planner are available now. Please see our Grapevine committee to purchase or order yours.

## 2010 International Convention July 1 – 4, 2010



On Tuesday morning, June 29, three of us headed out from Hagerstown for the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, TX. We were met in the long-term parking lot at the airport shuttle station by a gentleman and his son who were making their way to Perdue University for orientation. The gentleman asked where we were going and we all said "San Antonio". He said "What takes you to San Antonio?", to which I excitedly replied..."The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous!" My traveling companions held their breath. But the gentleman replied "I'm a member of the fellowship from Annapolis! My son here grew up in the rooms." Our adventure had begun.

Over 53,000 people registered for the International Convention in San Antonio. The streets were filled with conventioners wearing bright green lanyards, most filled with pins collected and traded. The Harry B. Gonzales Convention Center was a constant hive of activity accommodating the registration area and information centers for GSO, Archives, Grapevine, Literature, etc. The Alamodome was almost filled to capacity for the big meetings Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning. The excitement was contagious as "The Wave" broke out at each meeting and beach balls made their way around the sections. But, for me, there was also an undercurrent of calm and serenity caused, I believe, from an extreme sense of gratitude for the opportunity to participate in and witness this event.

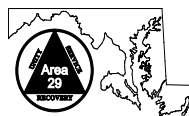
Hurricane Alex helped to reduce some of the heat from what would have been a blistering sun, and the short episodes of rain were a welcome relief.

The Area 29 Hospitality Room provided another welcome relief from the heat. We dropped in several times and always found friends from Area 29 and many other states and Canada. Hospitality chair, Jane T., provided an enthusiastic source of conversation and sometimes entertainment as she did her best rendition of "Oh, Canada". During the two hours John and I volunteered to greet, we often heard the song break out and knew we had a visitor from Canada in the room. We also heard many favorable comments about our Archives as

people viewed the artifacts and sifted through the volumes of letters and photos Archives Chair, Jim T. had brought with him. The display was beautiful and a wonderful representation of Area 29.

During the week we accumulated enough new friendships and experiences to last us in conversation for the next five years when we can begin all over again. If you were not able to make it to San Antonio this year, consider putting \$1 a day in a safe location for a 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, GA fund. We hope to see you there!

Area 29



News

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Convention** was held at the Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Convention Center in Hagerstown over Father's Day weekend in June. Thanks to Chairperson, Chuck T., and his committee for all the hard work over the last year to make this event a great success. Good luck to incoming chair, Jeff M.

**The 26th Annual Fall Conference** will be held October 28-31, 2010. The event has been moved back to the Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Convention Center in Hagerstown. Look for the orange flyers available today and be sure to tell everyone about the new location!

**The MGS Regional Panels** are re-convening and hopefully formulating suggestions for Agenda Items to bring to the Area for discussion, and possible approval. The deadline for Area 29 to approve Agenda Items to forward to the GSO in New York is December 18 at the Area Assembly.

### **Election of Area 29 candidate for Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT).**

In April 2011, current NERT, John K. will be rotating. Area 29 will hold an election at the October Assembly to choose our candidate to submit to the Trustee's Committee on Nominating at the General Service Office. The final election of the NERT from among the candidates submitted by Areas in the Northeast Region, will take place at the 2011 General Service Conference

Please see me today if you would like a copy of the letter from GSO which provides the guidelines, qualifications, and resume form for this position.



## Delegate Wanderings

Since the report back in May, I have been able to attend and, in some cases, participate in the following events:

**May 21-23** Delaware State Convention – I was invited to present at a workshop on Tradition 5 with fellow NERD Deb D. from NY. I also got to spend a day shopping with Phyllis H., the General Manager of the GSO; all for the sake of service of course.

**May 26** West Central Intergroup – I gave a short report on the General Service Conference.

**June 2** District 22 – I gave a short Conference report and helped with election of officers.

**June 3** Regional Panel 4 in Frederick, MD on Grapevine and Policy/Admissions

**June 5** District 42 GSR Workshop in Crofton. Jane G. and her committee, with the help of the MGS Workshop committee, provided much valuable information to the GSRs and others in attendance.

**June 7** Spoke at Frederick Women's Group Anniversary – Thanks to Kris M. for the invitation.

**June 13** District 9 Gratitude Breakfast – Thanks to the District Activities Committee for another successful event!

**June 13** Regional Panel 2 - Davidsonville on Finance

**June 16** Met in Easton with GSRs and others to discuss re-lighting several districts. This was a very exciting sharing of information by our immediate past delegate, Area Chair, Area Alt Del, Area Treasurer and seven GSRs or other AA members from Districts 24, 37, 38, 46 and 47. The immediate result is a meeting

scheduled for July 25 to re-light District 24. Thank you to all who participated!

**June 26** Workshop – AA History and MGS Committees – Thurmont, MD. Thanks to District 40 for an informative presentation on A.A. History and also to the MGS Chairs of CPC, Literature, PI, Grapevine, Special Needs, and Treatment for their informative presentations.

**June 27** Hagerstown Area Intergroup – I gave a short report on MGS/Intergroup opportunities and the General Service Conference.

**June 29** Left for International!

And finally, if I can assist your district, group, Intergroup or committee, please contact me. I am available to give a shortened version of the report back from the 60th General Service Conference to your districts and Intergroups. Please call me at 301-797-1964 or e-mail me at [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

**Yours in Service,**

**Nancy Bagley**  
**Panel 60 Delegate - Area 29**



## Delegate's Calendar

- July 19 – Delegate Report to District 40
- July 21 – Regional Panel 1 – Chestertown
- July 24 – D41 Annual Picnic – New Market, MD
- July 25 – Regional Panel 2 – Davidsonville
- July 25 – D24 – first meeting to re-light
- Aug 7 – D1 Workshop – “Practicing These Principles”
- Aug 14 – Area Assembly – Frederick, MD