

Area 29 Mini-Conference 2015

Hosted by Maryland General Service, Inc.

"Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service
~ The Foundation for Our Future"

Where: St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church
375 Benfield Road
Severna Park, MD 21446

When: Saturday, April 11, 2015
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Guest Speaker during lunch:

Rick W. – GSO Staff Member
2015 International Convention

Why:

1. Prepare the Area 29 Delegate for the 65th General Service Conference
2. Become fully informed and have a voice on the Conference Agenda Items

Who: ALL A.A. MEMBERS are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

Cost: FREE!
Lunch will be provided for a \$6 donation



*"...you are to take part in designing the shape of things to come.
You...are the tie that will permanently bind A.A. in unity and action.
Our future belongs to you."*

Bill W. in a letter to delegates – April 23, 1952

Why Do We Need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with out Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that has brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these hall unmasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

Page S20, A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service
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Directions

From the Eastern Shore:

Take any route to U.S. 50/301 across the Bay Bridge, then
At exit 27B, take ramp right for MD-2 North toward Severna Park
Pass McDonald's on the left in 1.4 mi
In 5.7 mi Turn left onto Robinson Rd
In 0.7 mi Road name changes to Benfield Rd
In 0.6 mi arrive at 375 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146

From Western Maryland:

Take any route to I-70 East toward Baltimore.
At exit 87A, take ramp right for US-29 South toward Columbia
At Exit 22, take ramp left for MD-100 East toward Glen Burnie.
At Exit 13A-B, take ramp right for I-97 South toward Bay Bridge/ Annapolis.
At Exit 10A, take ramp right for Benfield Blvd East toward Veterans Highway/
Severna Park 1.5 mi
Keep straight onto Benfield Road. 2.3 mi
Arrive at 375 Benfield Rd, Severna Park on right

From Baltimore:

Take any route to I-97 south toward
Annapolis, then follow directions from
Western Maryland.

From Southern Maryland:

Take any route to MD 2 north toward
Annapolis, and Route 97 North
At Exit 10 take Ramp right for Veterans
Highway toward Severna Park/
Benfield Boulevard
Turn left onto Veterans Highway,
then right onto Benfield Boulevard
Keep straight onto Benfield Road 2.3 mi.
Arrive at 375 on right

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Area 29 Mini-Conference Chairperson at: miniconf@marylandaa.org
or visit the Area 29 web site at www.marylandaa.org