



District News

"Linking our Local Groups and AA as a Whole"

April 2011

District 41 meets the FIRST TUESDAY of every month.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7 PM Grace Trinity UCC
For your group conscience to be heard, make sure your Group is represented! All A.A. members interested in General Service are encouraged to attend!

District 41 DCM Report

March 2011 District 41 DCM Report

Highlights from February 19, 2011 Area 29 Delegate's Report AA World Services, Inc. News

- * GSO will be hiring an additional staff member this year
- * 3-ring binder of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit was priced at \$12 and will be mailed to SN Area Chairs
- * AAWS Board approved recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on E-Technology to create and distribute AAWS publications in digital form
- * Publications
- * Through November 2010 the Total Distribution of all books – 1,568,493; Total A.A. purchases 1,330,606 units (85%) while non-A.A. purchases 237,887 (15%).
- * 61st General Service Conference Final Agenda
- * Final Conference Agenda Items – see Panels under Area News below
- * 2 Agenda Items under Finance were submitted by Area 29
- * AA Grapevine, Inc. News
- * AA Grapevine Digital subscription is now available for \$19.97 for one year; will receive digital subscription 2 weeks prior to print edition. Subscribe at www.aagrapevine.org. Can convert your current print to digital.
- * AA Audio Grapevine subscription is available for \$19.97
- * AA Grapevine Digital Archive is available for \$26.97 per year – access every article, letter, editorial, special feature, joke, and cartoon published since 1944
- * The book Spiritual Awakenings II is now available
- * Two new Grapevine CD sets are now available: "The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA" Volumes 1&2 in English and Spanish.
- * Distribution – not reported
- * Box 4-5-9 – can be accessed at www.aa.org under "For Groups and Members" in the drop down box under "AA Literature.
- * General Service Board News – nothing to report
- * Area 29 News/Updates
- * 41st Maryland State Convention – June 16-19 (flyers available)

Maryland General Service, Area 29 2011 Calendar

- * GSR's are encouraged to attend designated MGS Area Assemblies to represent your group. That's how your vote/group counts!!!
- * Next Area Assembly is March 26
- * Group contributions to Area 29
- * Area 29 Regional Panels – Final Conference Agenda Items
- * Panel 4 (Districts 9, 17, 20, 40, 41 & 43): agenda items under Agenda & Finance
- * 1st Meeting – Saturday March 19; 10 a.m.; Cascade, MD
- * Mini-Conference Saturday April 16 – Panel reports to Area 29 Delegate to bring to General Service Conference

Other/General

- * NERAASA 2011 – held February 25-27, 2011 in Tarrytown, NY; will provide summary at next District meeting
- * NERF – Northeast Regional Forum – May 20-22, 2011 in Sturbridge, MA

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve District 41 as your DCM – District Committee Member. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jim M. (518) 265-7355

What is a District?

District 41 is a geographic unit that includes the AA groups between what is generally western Montgomery County and Union Bridge, Carroll County. Elongated and running northeasterly -- approximately 24 groups holding about 50 meetings a week. The District is the essential link between the AA Groups and the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference, enabling two-way communication between our Groups and Area 29/AA as a whole. By attending area meetings, your G.S.R.s and D.C.M. pass on the thinking of the District and its Groups to the delegate and the Area Committee. The District may provide other services beyond the organizational and financial resources of individual Groups. District work occurs through the activity of the District 41 Committee, consisting of GSRs, committee officers and any other AA members interested in general service work.

What is a GSR?

"The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the G.S.R. responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth. Only when a G.S.R. keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole." – A.A. Service Manual, p S24



Area 29 Archives Committee Forming!

The Archives committee for area 29 is forming and beginning to discover some wonderful things about the history of A.A. in Frederick.

If you would please, write down the history of your home groups and any other information which is pertinent to the development of A.A. in area 29. This includes district 40 and 41 meetings, The Intergroup, Alcahion Meetings, Thanksgiving Dinner, the New Years dance, Intergroup Picnic, The Hucklebuck, Volleyball Tournament, and Gratitude Breakfast.

When all the information is gathered it will be written into a small booklet and available through the intergroup literature office. Written histories should be carried to intergroup through your intergroup rep, if your group does not have an intergroup rep. then you may submit them directly to intergroup when they are open and place them in the archives basket.

Contact Eric M @ eross spider@comcast.net

Is your Group Making the Right Contributions?

The following is the recommended breakdown for contributions:

A.A. World Services, Inc., 11th Floor (NY 10%)
475 Riverside Drive at West 120th St.
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3400

Maryland General Service Inc.(Area 30%)
P.O. Box 701
New Market, MD 21774

West Central Intergroup of Maryland (Intergroup 50%)
2 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Hot Line: 301-662-0544

District 41 Area 29 (District 10%)
P.O. Box 757
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Upcoming Events

April 10

"WCI Gratitude Breakfast"
8:30am - 12:00pm
Frederick Elk Lodge,
289 Willowdale Drive
Frederick, MD 21702
Cost \$15:00 (Tickets **NOT** Available at the door)
Contact: your Intergroup Representative for Tickets

April 16

"We Are Responsible for A.A.'s Future - Let It Begin With Us"
Severna Park Methodist Church
731 Benefield Rd,
Severna Park, MD 21146
Cost \$Free Contact: altdelegate@marylandaa.org or Area 29 web www.maylandaa.org

May 20-22

2011 Northeast Regional Forum
Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main Street
Styrbridge, MA 01566
Cost \$Free,
Pre-Register @ www.aa.org

June 16-19

The 41st Annual Area 29 State Convention
Hagerstown, MD
Hosted By: Maryland General Services
Cost \$27 Pre \$29 at the door
Registration Form available at www.marylandaa.org

August 19-21, 2011

14th Sunlight of the Spirit Conference
York Holiday Inn and Conference Center
Cost \$25, discounted to \$20 if postmarked by July 1, 2011
For more info. visit www.sosyorkpa.org



*I Am Responsible...
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to
be there. And for that, I am
responsible.*

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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District 41 is always interested in your ideas and articles to publish in our news letter. Please contact the Mike or Janice F. with your ideas and information.