



# Delegate Report – Area Committee, November 18, 2017

Panel 66, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

## Keep Up the Momentum of AA's Legacy of Service

### “Supporting Our Future” and “Looking Towards A Solution for All Generations”

District Elections are currently being conducted in Area 29. DCMs are urged to communicate the following points about “election season” to their GSRs: (1) *The A.A. Service Manual* suggests holding district and GSR elections shortly *after* Area Assemblies to facilitate rotation of current DCMs and GSRs; and (2) Bill cites four attributes to consider in choosing our Panel 68 leaders in our Home Groups, Districts and Area. They are “tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision”.

Newly elected GSRs, DCMs, and Area Officers, will begin their service on January 1<sup>st</sup>, not the day of election. There's a great reason why?? So the newly elected trusted servants may follow along behind the person currently serving in your soon to be service position in order to more easily “learn the ropes”.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> First Annual Transition Training:** Join us at the DCM/GSR Transition Training and receive a Manual which will assist you to more effectively serve as a DCM, Alt. DCM, GSR, or Alt. GSR. The intended audience is all in-coming and out-going DCM/Alts and GSR/Alts. The training will be held at Severna Park United Methodist Church from 8:30 -12:30 pm. Mark your calendar now to attend!! Flyers available on the back table.

### From the Bottom of the Service Triangle

#### A.A. World Service, Inc. News

**Gross Sales through September 2017:** Total revenue for the first nine months of 2017 was \$13,150,183 and total expenses were \$11,847,697, resulting in net profit of \$1,302,486 for the first nine months of 2017. Budgeted profit for this period was \$85,993. Seventh Tradition Contributions during the first nine months were a record \$5,881,983, which is \$593,175 (11.22%) greater than budget and \$414,100 (7.6%) greater than last year. The Board thanked the Fellowship for this continued level of support.

**Administration:** An organization-wide communication audit is currently underway, as required by the General Service Board in the Strategic Plan, in order to identify ways to more effectively communicate with the Fellowship. An outside communications agency, Impact Collaborative, is conducting the inventory. Their professional focus is assisting nonprofits and service organizations in these types of internal audits.

## General Service Office

- **Archives:** The renovation project is complete, however due to the office closure during the renovation there is a tremendous backlog of inquiries to be answered. Approximately 42,000 pages of paper records have been digitized and are now available. There is a new digital exhibit on Sam Shoemaker, which was added in the past week to the “Archives and History” portal of aa.org. (Also available under the “What’s New?” tab)
- **Conference:** Work continues in preparation for the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. As of our last Delegate update on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 32 proposed agenda items had been received by the Conference Coordinator, Rick W. The Theme for the 2018 Conference is “A.A. ~ A Solution for All Generations”.
- **Literature Gift Set:** A.A. History Shelf 4 Volume Gift Set available for \$30.00 (\$44 value) which includes the “AA Big Book” commemorative edition, “Pass It On”, “Dr. Bob & the Good Old Timers”, “AA Comes of Age”, and “A Brief History of the Big Book”. (available from 10/1-1/31/18).
- **Corrections:** Area 28/Maine won the bid to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Corrections Conference in 2018.
- **Public Information:** An addition to the PI Committee page on aa.org allows local PI Committees to link broadcasters to a page where all current video PSAs can be downloaded in HD broadcast quality, on demand and without a cost to the broadcaster or the local committee. As of September 30, the video PSA, “I Have Hope” has had 596 million audience impressions in North America. The PI Desk at GSO continues to be the point person for communications regarding the 1939 Printer’s Copy manuscript of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

### **Summary of Contributions to GSO from groups in Area 29:**

The Quarterly Contribution Report for Area 29 listing group contributions to GSO through September 30, 2017 were recently sent to DCMs. These should be provided to GSRs to share with their group, giving them an opportunity to be sure their group contributions are recorded and discuss the spiritual and financial importance of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Area 29 Group contributions to GSO as of June 30, 2017 were \$71,422 from 38.6% of 995 groups currently listed with Fellowship New Vision. (FNV). This is slightly higher than the same period last year.



**AA Grapevine, Inc. News**

**New GV Literature:** “The Voice of Women in AA”, now available for \$11.50, is a collection of 61 stories demonstrating the various ways women alcoholics – often with great courage – find sobriety in AA and embrace the program to live rich and rewarding lives.

**FREE SHIPPING** on all GV orders through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Support our Grapevine:** Writing a short article is another way to support the Grapevine “4 Seasons of Service” Challenge. Go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) to submit your story by December 31<sup>st</sup> on “Using Grapevine Digital Tools”. The Northeast Region is only ahead by two stories, so we need to keep up the momentum of story submission in order to win.

**Aagrapevine.org:** A recommendation from the GSO TCS (Technology/Communication/Services) committee was approved to have all A.A. Grapevine items in kit lists on GSO’s A.A. website be linked to a designated page on [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org).

**GV Financial Overview:** Gross profit for the first nine months of 2017 is \$1,462,274, which is \$120,987 greater than budgeted. Total costs and expenses are \$1,356,838, which is 6.6% less than budgeted.

**Events in and Around the N.E. Region**

- **NERAASA 2018:** Feb 23-25<sup>th</sup> in Area 11, Cromwell, CT. Registration flyers available today. NERAASA is an opportunity to learn how to perform service and committee work at all levels in A.A. and connect with other trusted servants in the Northeast Region. ([neraasa2018.org](http://neraasa2018.org))
- **MD State Convention:** June 29 - July 1, 2018; Frederick Clarion Inn.
- **60<sup>th</sup> ICYPAA:** August 30 - September 2, 2018; The Hilton Baltimore ([icypaa.org](http://icypaa.org))
- **2020 International Convention:** July 2- 5, 2020 in Detroit ([aa.org](http://aa.org))

**Timely Topics in Area 29**

\* \* \* **Gratitude Month Challenge** \* \* \*

It’s November and each member in Area 29 is being challenged to participate in the Gratitude Month initiative. Pick up “Birthday Plan Envelopes” today and be sure to get them to all the groups in Area 29. Let’s keep up the momentum of contributions toward the goal of A.A. becoming self-supporting. Be sure to Thank your Groups again this month for their ongoing support of and contributions to Alcoholics Anonymous!

- **DCM/GSR First Annual Transition Training:** December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 to 12:00pm at Severna Park United Methodist Church. For all incoming and outgoing DCM/Alts and GSR/Alts to demonstrate and share ideas on using the tools available to provide group and district service.
- **CARCs:** Several Motions from the CARCs for potential Agenda Items will be brought forward to the Area Assembly in December. If the Motion passes, your Delegate will forward the potential Agenda Item to the Conference Coordinator, Rick W. for possible inclusion on the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Agenda. Thank you again to all who participated in preparing me to attend the General Service Conference this year, by participating in one of the CARCs and/or the Mini-Conference.
- **67<sup>th</sup> GSC Final Conference Reports:** DCMs and Alt DCMs are challenged to deliver one copy to each of the groups in their District. Over 1,700 Final Conference Reports have been distributed around Area 29 thus far!! Well done.
- **Rotation Notebook:** It’s never too early to begin putting together your rotation notebook for the position in which you currently serve in order to pass along documentation or suggestions which will surely give a boost to the new trusted servant as they begin their new service journey. Leave your legacy behind so projects continue as you rotate on.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me any time at [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

**In Love and Service,**

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**Delegate’s Calendar...**

11/18	Area Committee	Cockeysville
11/25	ByLaws Ad Hoc Committee	Frederick
12/2	DCM/GSR Transition Training	Severna Park
12/2	D42 Workshop	Crownsville
12/9	Area Assembly (Rotation)	Ellicott City
12/11	NERAASA Steering Committee	New Market
12/12	D42 Election	Crofton
12/14	Lower Shore Intergroup visit	Salisbury