

Area 29 Mini Conference
Saturday, March 29, 2025
Severna Park United Methodist Church

8:30 - 9:00am **Coffee & Fellowship**

9:00 - 10:00 am **Speaker Meeting**

- Kristen B.
- Rex

10:00 – 10:10 am **Coffee Break—Place Your Pizza Order by 10:10!!!**

10:10 – 11:00 am **Grapevine & La Viña**

Started in June 1944 by six AA members in the New York Area, the AA Grapevine has been our fellowship's 'Meeting in Print' ever since. In response to the stated need of the fellowship, La Viña's first issue came off the press in June of 1996.

Recent efforts to revitalize Grapevine/La Viña have faced mixed results. A new app, You Tube channel, standalone website, and Grapevine Books are all available to the fellowship.

How are these media platforms performing? What is the financial outlook for Grapevine & La Viña? How can GV/LV help carry the message to the fellowship?

11:10 – 12:00 pm **Workshop: Addressing Financial Reality**

At this year's General Service Conference there will be a workshop discussing the "financial reality" of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The numbers show persistently low rates of contributions to GSB from the AA Groups, and a decades-long reliance on literature sales to break even.

How do we balance the 5th Tradition (carrying the message) and the 7th Tradition (self-supporting through our own contributions)?

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch (We're Ordering Pizza)**

1:00 – 1:30 pm **A.A. Resources: A Tour**

Alcoholics Anonymous and the A.A. Grapevine/La Viña have a wealth of information available online: websites, social media platforms, a YouTube channel, and more.

What resources are out there? What are some hidden gems that you may have missed? Kick back, relax, and take a tour through what's available.

1:30 – 2:00 pm **Censure Proposal**

In conducting corporate business, a public censure is basically a documented reprimand of a Trustee or Director. In recent years, there have been a number of proposals to censure members of the General Service Board.

This year, the Conference will consider different alternatives to improve or clarify the censure process for A.A.'s corporate boards.

This presentation, from a member of CARC 2, will walk us through the steps, traditions, and concepts to consider.

2:00 – 2:05 pm **Last Call for Coffee**

2:05 – 3:00 pm **The Future of our Founders' Writings**

Today, as in the early days of A.A., the A.A. message of recovery from alcoholism is carried by one alcoholic talking to another. However, since the publication of the Big Book in 1939, literature has played an important role in spreading the A.A. message.

Looking to the future, should our founders' writings ever be changed? How do we define "founders' writings"? If we retain the option to change those writings, what process should we follow to make it happen?

See You at the Report-Back Assembly on May 17!!