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OUR COMMON WELFARE

Fostering Unity and Carrying the A.A. Message in Area 29 Maryland General Service

WELCOME TO 2026!

By: Frank M., Newsletter Chair

Greetings, friends.

My name is Frank M., and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your new Area 29 Newsletter Editor. Before we dive into the year ahead, I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to Kristin B., whose dedication and vision brought this newsletter back to life. Her service gave us a strong foundation – and I'm honored to help carry it forward.

This newsletter is one of the ways we stay connected as an Area. Across Maryland, our groups, districts, and committees are doing meaningful work every day. When we share those efforts with one another, we strengthen our unity and deepen our ability to carry the message. My hope is that this publication becomes a place where that connection feels alive, useful, and inspiring.

This newsletter belongs to all of us...and that's where all of you come in. This newsletter is not meant to be a one-way communication. It's a shared space – a reflection of the many voices, experiences, and service efforts happening throughout Area 29. You don't need to be a polished writer



Our Common Welfare is the newsletter for Area 29, Maryland General Service

to contribute. You simply need a willingness to share something that might help another alcoholic.

We welcome submissions such as:

- District or Intergroup event recaps
- Highlights from workshops or service activities
- Reflections on Traditions, Concepts, or principles in action
- Committee updates – CPC, PI, Corrections, Treatment, Grapevine, Archives, and more
- Local AA history or group heritage pieces

If it supports recovery, unity, or service, it belongs here.

My commitment is to make the submission process simple and supportive. Whether you have a fully formed article or just the spark of an idea, I'm happy to help shape it into something ready for publication. Together, we can build a newsletter that reflects the strength, diversity, and spirit of AA across Maryland.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. I look forward to hearing from you – and to sharing the many ways AA continues to thrive in Area 29.

CARCS: THE WHAT AND WHY

By Joe R.

The first time I went to a Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC) meeting, it felt like I was getting a look behind the curtain. I quickly realized that what was being discussed really mattered. What I came to understand, though, was that it wasn't behind the curtain at all. Nothing was hidden or exclusive. The process was open, and the invitation was simply to show up, listen, and take part.

I found it engaging and remembered thinking I should probably be taking notes. It made me want to take action, even though my understanding hadn't caught up yet. Over time, the CARCs became one of the ways I learned how the General Service Conference actually works. Each year, after the final Conference agenda is released, the Delegate selects topics for discussion and assigns them to the four CARC regions. Those agenda items are then reviewed and discussed by members across the Area, and that collective input helps the Delegate



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carry the informed group conscience of Area 29 to the Conference.

What helped me understand the importance of that work was seeing the kinds of things we were actually talking about. CARC discussions can include questions about A.A. literature, such as progress on a new edition of the Big Book or updates to pamphlets. Other items focus on how A.A. communicates with the public, including the use of social media, how we support members with accessibility needs, and how our services are funded and delivered.

Preparing the Delegate means more than reviewing information. It means sharing how those proposed changes resonate with members across the Area. At the General Service Conference, the Delegate brings that experience into committee discussions and votes on agenda items on behalf of Area 29, helping shape decisions that guide A.A. as a whole.

There were people there I already knew, even though I hadn't been around very long. I knew they loved A.A. and respected one another, but they didn't all agree, and they weren't shy about saying so. That was new for me, and it felt unsettling at first, even though the respect was clearly still there. I didn't have the language for it then, but I was watching group conscience take shape in real time. What I was seeing was A.A.'s service structure doing exactly what it is meant to do, allowing members to disagree, listen, and help inform decisions that affect the Fellowship as a whole.

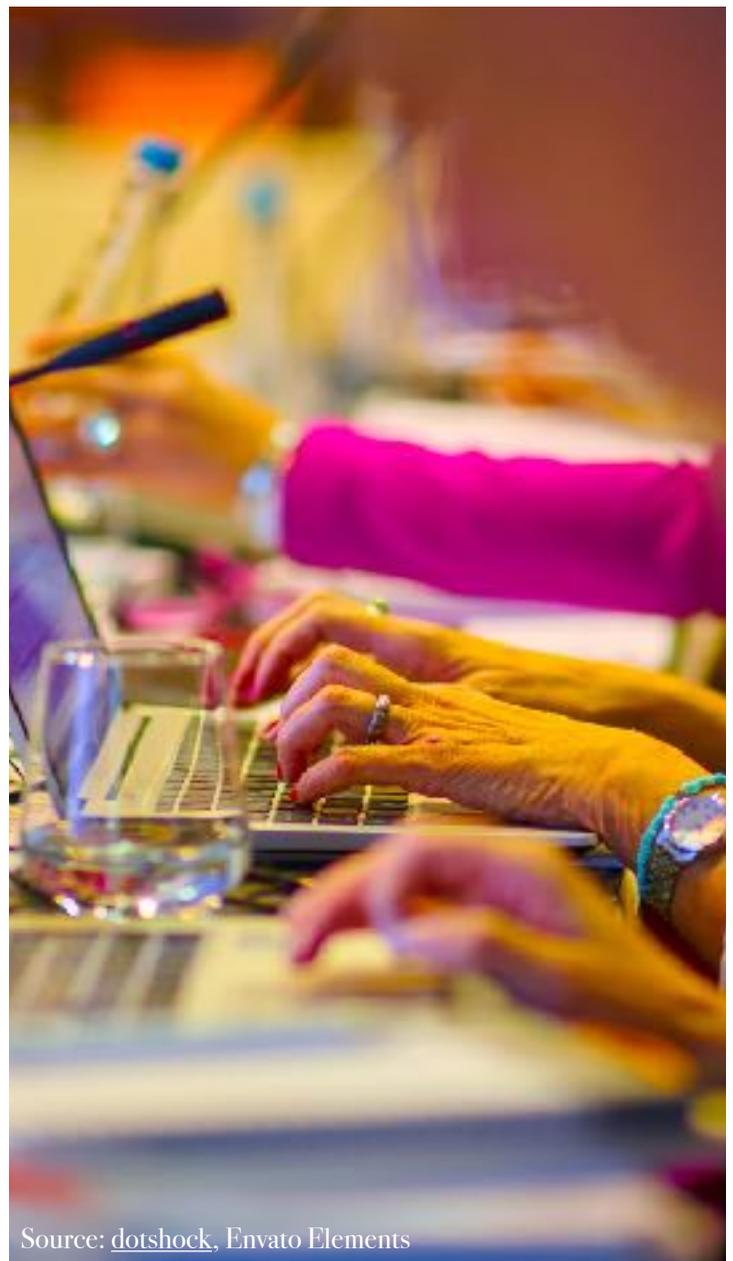
The next year, I got involved. At the December Assembly, I volunteered to present one of the agenda items. I had no idea what I was doing, but there were mentors willing to walk me through the process. It required focus and time, but with their help it didn't feel insurmountable. I was given the background I needed, and the people in General Service gave me the confidence to do the work.

Beyond my own part, I found real satisfaction in helping plan the CARC event itself. There was genuine fellowship with

people who were just as interested in General Service as I was. When I gave the presentation, I was nervous and shaking, but the people in the room were with me. When it was over, I felt a sense of accomplishment and belonging.

I love the CARC process. It's what hooked me on General Service. I love the information, the energy, and the way people can disagree without being disagreeable. I've come to look forward to seeing the agenda each year, because it shows where we need to show up. In the end, CARC isn't really about policies or procedures. It's about practicing the "we" of A.A. and trusting that the group conscience works

Joe R serves as Panel 76 Alternate Delegate



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MEET OUR NEW AREA CHAIR FOR PANEL 76!

By Kathleen W.

Seventeen years ago, as I spiraled down into what I pray were the last awful days of my drinking, you never could have convinced me that someday I would be spending many Saturdays doing service work for A.A. with my fellow alcoholics in recovery.

As a newcomer walking through the doors of my first meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was terrified of everyone and everything. I couldn't look anyone in the eye, and I could barely open my mouth to share at a meeting. Thanks to working the 12 Steps with a wonderful sponsor and experiencing the promises this program offers, I see sobriety as a blessing I can never fully repay ... but I can keep trying to give back what was freely given to me. God has gifted me with resources, time and opportunities to do my part in this fellowship.

I started service in my home group by being the secretary at 10 months sober. It was probably the most important service I have done in my sobriety. It taught me how to come out of my shell and develop a bit of confidence. I still felt like the beaten-down, timid person I was when I walked into my first meeting, but slowly this service commitment helped me feel like I could make a difference and that I belonged. It was one of those important moments that I realized I wasn't the same person I was when I was drinking. Back in those early days, I didn't hear about service outside of my home group, and thought Intergroup was the head office for A.A. It wasn't until I was nine years sober that I learned about the general service structure and how all the levels worked together to help alcoholics recover.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to serve as my group's treasurer, cake baker, meeting opener, literature person as well

as carry meetings into local institutions. All of these service jobs are integral ways that we keep the doors open, the meetings running and carrying the message to the newcomer and those struggling with life despite being sober for years.

My experiences further down the service triangle started in 2018 when a group of us worked together to relight District 18. Like so many other districts, ours faced a new challenge in early 2020 with the pandemic. I was elected DCM early in 2020 when Alcoholics Anonymous was finding its footing in the virtual age. Even when no one could leave their homes, District 18 remained active by hosting virtual workshops featuring speakers from across the country. A few of these events drew over 500 attendees, demonstrating the resilience and dedication of our fellowship.

While serving as DCM, I caught the bug for service at the Area level and, after discussions with my service sponsor, made myself available to stand during the virtual Panel 72 elections. Standing for Area Secretary, the vote went to the hat, and my name was selected. As most people may tell you, the first year in a new service position feels daunting. I have found that I never had to start a new service role without the support of those who came before me. All I have to do is ask.

Before my panel ended, I became a paid special worker for my local intergroup. I took a few years to acclimate to my new job and find my way there. As a paid special worker, I do not do 12 step work as part of my job. The workers and offices provide the means for others to do 12 step work. As a result, I started feeling a void in my sobriety.

With this in mind, and again taking counsel from other trusted servants, I stood at the Area 29 Panel 76 elections this past

October. I was honored to be nominated and elected as Chair of Area 29, Panel 76 under interesting circumstances. This experience has offered me new opportunities to serve, learn, and grow.

Starting this new chapter of my service journey, I am reminded that I am not alone. I eagerly anticipate serving with longtime friends, inspiring others to experience the joy of service, and sharing my excitement for supporting the fellowship.

Kathleen is our Panel 76 Area 29 Chair

HOLIDAY ALCATHONS: A SAFE PLACE DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

By: Jean B.

The holiday season certainly brings out some of the best of our fellowship. For many, the season is not a time of joy and sharing, but a very lonely time. Throughout Area 29, and the country for that matter, districts and intergroups host Alcathons so nobody has to spend Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years Eve alone.

Northeast Maryland has a cooperative approach to ensure folks have a place to go. District 30 hosts the Thanksgiving Alcathon, District 28 hosts Christmas and the groups of District 11 host New Year's Eve.

For the last several years I have had the pleasure of participating in District 28's Christmas Alcathon. The district has continued this vital tradition in 2025. Alcathons provide a crucial sanctuary of support and fellowship during the holidays, ensuring that no one has to navigate the day alone.

With 80 attendees participating across five meetings, it is clear that the service work provided by the local home groups—from the speakers to the secretaries—met a significant need in the community. The collaborative effort of providing meals and the spontaneous sharing of food by attendees truly embodies the spirit of the program.

We thank all who participated for their support of this event.

Jean is a member of District 28 and current Area 29 Workshop Chair

WESTERN THEME FALL DANCE IN DISTRICT 36

By: Mary F

Approximately 50 people attended. Many of them came out to listen and support our guest speaker for the night, Phil T.

The evening was kicked off with a sobriety countdown, followed by Phil T sharing his story with us.

The dance began at 8, with DJ Dream playing some great country and western tunes, as well, as some classics hits and dance numbers.

District 36 also raffled off AA Big Books, Twelve and Twelves, as well as a few various other items throughout the night.

At the end of the evening, a 50/50 raffle winner and book winners were called, and the event concluded.



Volunteers graciously gave their time to make

the event happen, spending hours decorating and setting up, as well as cleaning up after the event.

“As Events Chair for District 36, I'd like to give a big thank you out to all who made the event possible, from the church people who let us use the beautiful space, to all of our dedicated volunteers and AA's who came out and supported our event. It's a good reminder that you can have fun in sobriety, and that the Spirit of the AA Fellowship continues to make AA an attractive Program for those seeking recovery from alcoholism...thank you all.”

Mary F - Events Chair for District 36. (Photos courtesy of Melissa WDCM)

NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM (NERF)

By: Terry P.

The Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) was held December 5–7, 2025 in Providence, Rhode Island, bringing together A.A. members from across the region for a weekend of service, learning, and connection.

The Forum was streamed live, with accessibility supported through the AI interpreting app Wordly and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, allowing broad participation for both in-person and virtual attendees.

Friday opened with a meet-and-greet followed by presentations from Area Delegates and members of the General Service Board, setting the tone for the weekend. On Saturday, presentations from Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS), the Grapevine (GV), and the General Service Office (GSO) provided insight into how A.A.’s service structure functions and supports the Fellowship worldwide. The Trustee-at-Large for Canada shared on A.A. around the world, speaking in French with live AI interpretation.

Throughout the weekend, general sharing sessions and workshops offered practical information, thoughtful discussion, and creative ideas for carrying the message through service.

One of the most moving moments was the First-Time Attendee Sharing Session, where more than two dozen members shared their experiences and inspiration. Reflections included:

- “It’s a whole other level of commitment and love.”
- “The Forum has helped me grow in service and feel like I truly belong.”

- “It’s amazing to see and hear the love for Alcoholics Anonymous.”

As one member shared, “You can pretend to care, but you can’t pretend to show up.”

The Forum was a powerful reminder of the commitment, love, and shared responsibility that sustain Alcoholics Anonymous—and the impact of showing up in service.

Terry is Past Delegate, Area 29 Panel 74

NERF by the numbers:

621 total attendees

289 first-time attendees

155 virtual participants



MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE, INC

SAVE THE DATE

The Arch to Freedom



52nd Maryland State Convention

June 19-21, 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, Maryland

Register at:

www.marylandaa.org

Early Bird Registration January 30 - May 18: \$40 online, \$38 mail in

Regular Registration May 19 - June 12: \$47 online, \$45 mail in

Join us for:

Speakers
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Old Timers Pane
Meditation
Delegate Report

AA Play
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Hospitality Suite
DJ Dance
Game Room
Song Circle
Coffee

MAINE IN FEBRUARY?

FOR NERAASA, HECK YES!



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By: Brigitte F.

Traveling up to frosty, snow-covered Maine in February might sound a little unhinged, especially for those of us living here in Maryland. But after attending last year's virtual Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA), several Area 29 trusted servants are excited to head north for this year's assembly, being held Feb. 20-22, in Portland, ME.

NERAASA invites GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Committee members, and Intergroup/Central Office representatives from the 11 states in the northeast region of the country to come together for a weekend packed with opportunities to network, attend roundtables, and hear and discuss the major issues that

will be addressed at this year's General Service Conference. Perhaps most importantly, we get the chance to compare notes and share ideas about how we can better serve alcoholics, both at the roundtables and in informal meetups.

Area 29 MGS encourages its Officers and Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs to attend this powerful service assembly, with a budgeted amount included in the year's annual MGS Operating Budget as funding allows. This year, all incoming Panel 76 officers, our immediate past delegate, and chairs from six of our service committees will be attending. Reports about what we have learned to help us better serve Area 29 will be in the Spring edition of the newsletter and at the March Area Assembly.

Brigitte is currently serving as Chairperson, Intergroup Liaison

OUR STATE CONVENTION IS RETURNING!

By: Don B.

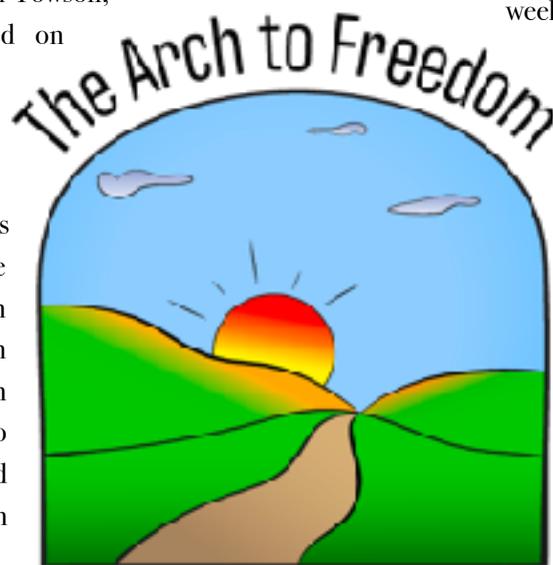
After a two-year hiatus, the MGS Maryland State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous with Al-Anon and Alateen participation is returning this year! Mark your calendars now for three action-packed days of fellowship-oriented recovery, unity, service, and fun held on June 19-21 at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, Maryland. Our contract was signed on December 17, 2025, with a two-year option, so we plan to be in Towson in both 2026 and 2027.

Our 52nd State Convention theme is “The Arch to Freedom,” taken from the Big Book quote on page 75 which reads, “. . . we are building an arch through which we shall walk a free man at last.” The convention theme and logo are found on the registration flyer and the convention pin which will be given to each registrant.

Speakers and presenters from Maryland, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky are already on the schedule, which will start at 7 AM on Friday, June 19, go non-stop from 7 AM to 12 Midnight on Friday and Saturday, and finish up from 7 AM to 12 Noon on Sunday, June 21.

A.A. and Al-Anon speakers, meetings, and workshops, Alcathon meetings, meditation sessions, old timers’ panel, A.A.

history presentations, an A.A. play, Delegate reports, MGS Service Committee displays, a hospitality suite with free snack food, a sobriety countdown, Convention buffet lunches, plated Friday dinner and Saturday banquet, Saturday night D.J. dance, song circle, game room, and Friday and Saturday ice cream socials are all on the weekend agenda. Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation will be offered throughout the weekend.



52nd Maryland State Convention

June 19-21, 2026

Our Convention is not a free event. It is a self-supporting fellowship activity paid for solely by the registration fees, hotel room rentals, and convention meals purchased by our attendees. To help meet our expenses, we are offering a weekend coffee sticker for \$10 per person for unlimited amounts of coffee or tea all weekend long during the hours of 7-10 AM, 2:30-5:30 PM, and 8-11 PM. Coffee and tea are also included in the prices of the buffet lunches and plated dinner or banquet meals available for purchase.

Online registration is available through our marylandaa.org website and the mail-in registration form also may be downloaded there. The registration form is being distributed through our Maryland districts and intergroups and beyond. The convention early bird registration price is \$38 for each mail-in registration check and \$40 for each online registration paid by credit card or PayPal. *Continued page 10*

OUR COMMON WELFARE

**“Our common welfare comes first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”
(Tradition 1)**

Our Common Welfare is the newsletter for Area 29 Maryland General Service, published quarterly to foster unity and cultivate communication among A.A. members, groups, districts, and Intergroups within the MGS Area of Alcoholics Anonymous. *OCW* aims to encourage service and carry the A.A. message by publishing A.A.-related material, including personal stories of experience, strength and hope, and members’ encounters with service at every level.

Nothing published in *OCW* should be thought of as a statement of Area 29 or A.A. policy, and publication does not constitute endorsement by the newsletter, Area 29, Intergroup, Districts, local groups, or A.A. as a whole.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are welcome, including anonymity-protected photos, graphics, drawings, and articles. Written submissions can be up to 500 words – shorter is fine, too. All submissions will be reviewed by the Newsletter Committee and may be edited for length and clarity.

Send submissions and calendar items to margenser@marylandaa.org.

Feedback is welcome...and encouraged. Let us know what you think. What else would you like to see in the newsletter?

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received by May 18, 2026. The regular registration price after May 18 is \$45 mail-in or onsite (in-person paid by check or cash) and \$47 online through June 12, 2026. Onsite registration price by credit card or Paypal is also \$47 per person. Options including coffee, meals and/or ice cream are extra.

Free covered parking is offered by the hotel to all convention registrants. Validate your parking pass at our onsite registration table in the hotel. Our convention room reservation rate is \$129 per night plus tax for early bird registrants through Monday, May 18, 2026. Regular hotel room registration prices will be in effect after that date.

Register early and often! Stay at the hotel! Purchase the meals, coffee, and ice cream – for yourself or someone else. Invite your sponsor, sponsee, spouse, partner or significant other. Buy a registration for a member in a halfway house. We must meet our room block total of 220 hotel room nights and our food and beverage minimum of \$26,000. Our final payment to the hotel is due on June 5, 2026. Our seed money of \$8,500 from Maryland General Service must be paid back in full. We’re counting on YOU to help us have a successful convention this year and into the future.

We have many opportunities for service before and during the convention, including airport shuttle drivers, coffee monitors, greeters, onsite registration, outreach, security, speaker hosts, Alcathon and workshop leaders, and much more.

To volunteer, just zoom into our online State Convention Committee meetings held on the 1st day of each month of January through July 2026 from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

Monthly State Convention meeting log in:

Zoom Meeting ID 849 5386 1662

Passcode 330331.

Join us!

Don is Chair, Panel 76 State Convention Committee

2026 Calendar for Area 29 Maryland General Service, Inc.

All Committee and Assembly meetings will be offered via Hybrid format through 2026.

Lunches are available at Area Assemblies at a cost to be determined!

January 17 Area Committee Strategic Planning Meeting - Virtual

February 14 Area Committee, Host District: TBD

**February 20-22 NERAASA 2026, www.neraasa.org
NERAASA - Portland, Maine**

**March 21 Area Assembly, Host District: DISTRICT 29 (MGS Annual Board Meeting)
Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park, MD**

April 11 Mini Conference

April 26-May 2 2026 General Service Conference

**May 16 Area Assembly: Delegate Report Back from GSC, Host District: TBD
Severna Park United Methodist, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park, MD**

**July 18 Area Committee,
Host District: Unknown**

**August 15 Area Assembly, Host District: TBD
Severna Park United Methodist, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park, MD**

**September 19 Area Committee
Held virtually if there is URGENT Area business.**

**October 17 Area Assembly, Host District: TBD
Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park**

November 21 Area Committee, Host District: TBD

**December 19 Area Assembly, Host District: TBD
Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park**

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- 8am Coffee, breakfast items and fellowship
- 8:20am Orientation for new GSRs and PCMs
- 9am-3pm Business Meeting ends when business is concluded

TECHNOLOGY: WHO NEEDS IT?

(AA DOES)

By: Marie B.

Last November, I had the opportunity to attend the National AA technology Workshop (NAATW), held last November 7-9, in Cincinnati, OH. From their website, The NAATW website defines the workshop as “an annual gathering of Alcoholics Anonymous members who are passionate about using technology to support AA’s primary purpose. The Workshop provides a space to share experience, explore ideas, connect with like-minded members, and bring practical solutions back to our groups, districts, areas, and service entities.”

I was so excited to attend, and I left the workshop with an immense amount of gratitude, excitement, and plans to keep coming back!

At the workshop, I saw presentations that gave me a spiritual experience and broadened my perspective. In a presentation on the history of technology in AA, I learned how technology through the decades has shaped and aided the growth of our fellowship since the beginning. This spanned from the very first phone call from Bill W to Dr. Bob, the use of Ruth Hock’s typewriter to publish a book, the first AA websites, and then the

meeting guide app, and now there are even groups holding AA meetings in virtual reality!

I take for granted how necessary technology is in carrying the message and hadn’t realized before how essential technology has always been in helping to reach sick and suffering alcoholics.

Presentations at the NAATW varied from accessible to highly technical, which I thought was perfect because content was offered for wide variety of AA members and use cases. Our Panel 74 Delegate, Terry P., presented on leveraging AI in AA service work, which gave me helpful ideas and strategies I could start to apply in my service positions.

Other presentations described how to use secure website infrastructure, design principles for making clear and informative flyers, and the group Code4Recovery shared about some of their service work supporting AA intergroups across the world.

The NAATW website has all presentations from past workshops on their website at <https://naatw.org/>.

Marie is serving as Area 29 Panel 76 Secretary



Source: naatw.org

GRAPEVINE: OUR MEETING IN PRINT

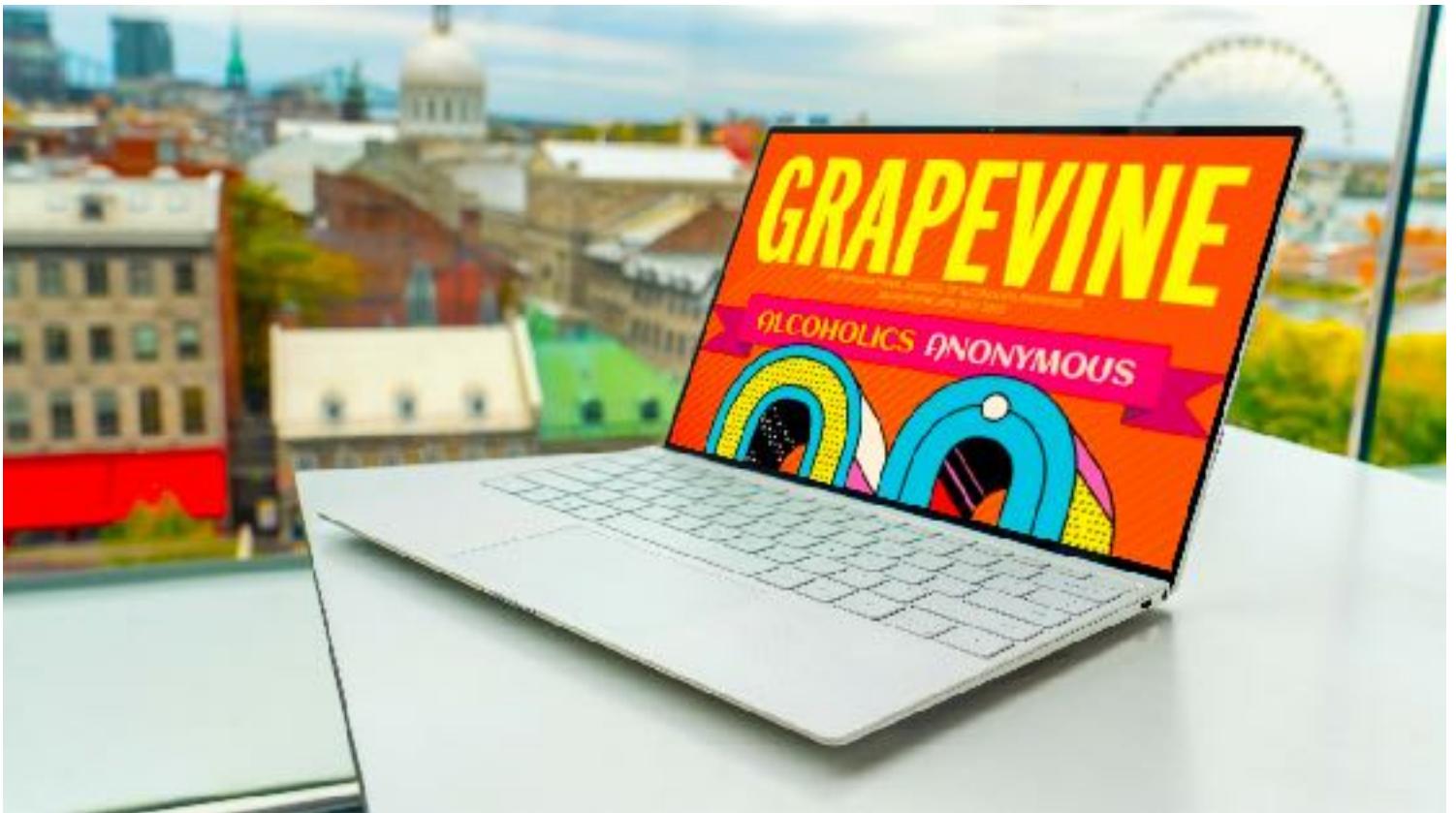
By: Kristin B.

We've all been made aware for at least two years that the beloved *Grapevine* Magazine, AA's meeting in print, continues to lose money. But according to Grapevine Publisher, an additional 15,000 or so subscribers would get *Grapevine* back into the black, Publisher Chris C. told an audience at the Northeast Regional Forum in December.

Founded in 1944 and known as A.A.'s "meeting in print," the magazine has been struggling financially in recent years, despite successful efforts to cut costs and enlarge its digital footprint.

"We're at about 60,000 subscriptions right now, and our deficit is such that I think if we could get up to 75,000 subscriptions – a combination of print and digital – then we'd be in good shape," Chris said during a presentation at the forum, held Dec. 5-7 in Providence, R.I. "We'd be able to not only break even, but maybe even contribute something back to the General Service Board."

Since July 1, 2025, *Grapevine* has added 723 active app subscribers, but print subscriptions were down 7 percent in the first half of 2025, according to the Third Quarter report from



AA GRAPPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

the General Service Office. The magazine and its sister publication, *La Viña*, remain in a “very difficult cash situation right now,” the report, available at www.aa.org, says.

“Today we’re asking for your help,” Chris C. said. “A.A. *Grapevine* strives to be self-supporting through the sale of subscriptions and books. We do not accept direct contributions, and we do not carry advertising...So our only route to self-support is through the sale of our products.”

Besides the magazine, *Grapevine* publishes and sells dozens of books – compilations of articles from the magazine over the years – calendars, greeting cards, and prints of A.A. slogans and the “Man on the Bed.”

“We’re not just the magazine,” said Nikki O., *Grapevine* Director, who also spoke at the December forum. “We’re so much more than that...*Grapevine* is your multimedia, mobile-ready, wherever-you-are 12-Step tool. In your pocket, on your phone, in your ears, and still in print.”

Grapevine representatives for A.A. groups, Districts, and Areas are encouraged to “bring the good news of *Grapevine* and *LaViña* back to your groups,” Chris C. said. “So many A.A. members don’t know about the great products and services that we provide.”

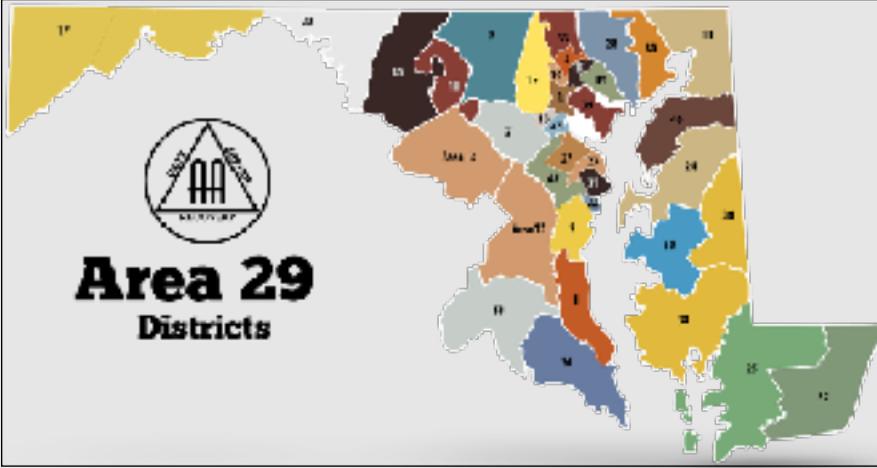
Debbie, a past *Grapevine* rep from Area 47 (New York) told the forum during a Q&A session that she spreads the word about *Grapevine* by telling a joke at every meeting she attends. *Grapevine* sells two collections of cartoons from the magazine, *Take Me To Your Sponsor*, and *A Rabbit Walks into a Bar*.

“I gotta tell you that once you’re a *Grapevine* rep you just love the *Grapevine* and you talk about it all the time,” Debbie said. She ended with a joke: “An optimist says the glass is half-full. A pessimist says it’s half-empty. An alcoholic says, ‘You gonna finish that?’”

Find the *Grapevine* at www.aagrapevine.org

Kristin is Chair, Area 29 Grapevine/La Viña Committee





WHAT HAPPENED AT THE DECEMBER ASSEMBLY?



The General Service reported sharply declining contributions and lower literature income, resulting in \$1 million year-over-year reduction in combined income.



A motion to change the name of the Grapevine Committee to Grapevine La Viña Committee passed 54-1.



A motion to make changes in the financial control policy passed 60-1.



A motion to amend the bylaws regarding the authority of the chair to remove committees instead be a function of the Area Assembly failed 18-40, finding it had no merit.



A motion amend the bylaws to include online/virtual voting was introduced and passed 57-2, finding it had merit to forward to the Area Committee.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT IN AREA 29?

Area Committee Meeting - 2/14/26

Christian Temple Church, 5820 Edmondson Ave, Catonsville, MD

Online Link

All Committee and Assembly meetings will continue to be offered via Hybrid format through 2026.

[Area 29 Events](#)

Area 29

Maryland General Service

11 Intergroups

35 Districts

886 Active groups

19 Committees

4 Committee meetings /year

5 Assemblies /year

Members of A.A. and A.A. groups can send contributions to:

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