

Newsletter

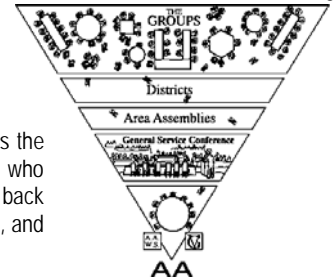
District 41, Area 29

"Linking our local Groups
and AA as a Whole"

October - November, 2008 (No. 19)

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 12 groups holding about 20 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 Area29/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

District 41 meets the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 2nd 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Cross Roads Group, Damascus, MD**

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!

Minutes of District 41's Meeting, November 4th, 2008

NOTE: This is an abridged copy of the minutes.

DISTRICT 41 MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE LOCATION OF THE CROSSROADS GROUP IN DAMASCUS, MD AT 7:00PM

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a MOS and Opening Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: (Mt Airy Main Street) Patty W.-GSR, (New Freedom) Gene L. - Alt. DCM/GSR, (Antiques) Mike NYC - GSR, (To Thine Own Self Be True) Trish R. - GSR, (Bottomless) Dick G. - GSR, (Let Go and Let God) Kirby M - Alt. Treasurer / GSR.

LOCATION: Prospect St. Paul's Catholic Church, Damascus, MD, location of the Crossroads Group

SEVENTH TRADITION REPORT: Balance Forward \$522.85, Deposits \$17.00, Expenses \$0, Current Balance \$539.85. Treasurer's report approved. 7th Tradition hat was passed.

GROUP REPORTS: As available.

- Walkersville Walking Thru the Books Group, Tuesday night BB meeting needs support. 7:30PM in Walkersville
- By The Book Group, Sunday night BB meeting needs support. 7:00PM in Mt. Airy
- Cedar Grove Group, Monday night Closed Discussion meeting needs support. 8:30PM
- Boyds Group, Wednesday night requested regular Newsletters, 8:30PM in Boyds
- Sunday Morning Special Group, Sunday morning requested regular Newsletters, 10:00AM, Thurmont

OLD BUSINESS

- **District 41 Workshop:**
 - Workshop was held Nov 8th, The topic was: **The Group Inventory, why do we have one?**
- **MGS A.A. Library Book Program:**
 - MGS has challenged the Districts to supply A.A. Big Books and other A.A. Conference Approved Literature to local community libraries. MGS has money to help fund the effort.
 - District 41 has decided to meet the challenge and is now assembling a list of all the libraries in District 41 and will be distributing Big Books and A.A. literature in coming months to libraries.
 - **Ask your GSR how you can help!**
 - Details of the MGS Library Book Program are in the **2nd Quarter 2008 MARGENSER**. Weblink is: <http://www.marylandaa.org/docs/Margenser/marqQ2-08.pdf>

District 41 Mailing Address:

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Christine P.

Alternate D.C.M.
Gene L.

Chairperson
Roger T.

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Gene L.

Secretary
Brian S.

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OLD BUSINESS (Cont'd)

- **Intergroup Liaison Report:**

- Home groups should send their Anniversary Announcements to Intergroup Newsletter representative for posting in the WCI Newsletter.
- The Alcathon schedule for Christmas / New Years 2008 is posted below:

NEW BUSINESS

- **MGS, Panel 4 Sessions:**

- This year, Districts 40, 41, and 43 are covering the agenda for Panel 4. The topic of Panel 4 is "Grapevine and Admissions". Check the MD General Service website and click on Panel 4 for meeting schedule. http://www.marylandaa.org/regional_panel.htm

- **District 41 Membership Support**

- District 41 GSR's agreed to go out to 2 additional Groups each in the District to inform the Groups about the District 41 and how it fits into A.A.'s General Service structure.
- Gene L. will make up a list of Groups not currently represented at District 41. GSR's will visit these Groups.

- **District 41 Expense Reimbursement:**

- **Motion: Starting Jan 1, 2009, District 41 representatives who attend conferences, assemblies, committee meetings, and Panel Sessions (AA General Service functions) as part of their service will be reimbursed for mileage and registration costs.** Passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: September report passed and distributed via email.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

AA Service Calendar

Nov 15: Area Committee Meeting (Budget), Crofton, MD

Dec 13: Area Assembly (Budget), Dist 30, Aberdeen, MD

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.

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.

Groups Supporting District 41 in October 2008

District 41 expresses gratitude to our Groups and members who contributed financially in October 2008:

District 41 is also grateful to the 11 Groups represented by GSR's: Antiques; Crossroads; Last Stop; Let Go & Let God; Mt. Airy Main Street; Mt. Airy Woodville 8:30; New Beginners; To Thine Own Self Be True; Walkersville Walking Thru the Books; Woodville 7:00, New Freedom, Bottomless

Contributions should be mailed to District 41 mailing address (**District 41, Area 29, P.O. Box 757, Mt. Airy, MD 21771**) and checks made payable to "**Area 29 – District 41**".

Concept of the Month: Concept XI

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Newsletter, District 41, Area 29

Location: Frederick Presbyterian Church, 115 West second Street, Frederick, MD

CHRISTMAS ALCATHON 12/24 – 12/25/08

Time	Host Group
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
Noon – 1.00 pm	High Noon of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Pot Luck Group of Poolesville
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Let Go – Let God of Mt. Airy
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Commuter Group of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Prime Time Group of Frederick
7.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Catoctin Furnace of Thurmont
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Liberty Group of Libertytown
10.30 – 11.30 pm	Young, Dumb and Full of AA of Frederick
<i>Christmas Day</i>	
Midnight – 1.00 am	Original Frederick Group of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 am	Jefferson Group of Jefferson
3.00 – 4.00 am	Mid Morning AA of Frederick
4.30 – 5.30 am	Saturday Nite Mountain Group of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 am	Early Bird of Frederick
7.30 – 8.30 am	Saturday Red Door Speaker of Braddock Heights
9.00 – 10.00 am	Red Door of Braddock Heights
10.30 – 11.30 am	Mt. Airy Woodville Beginners of Mt. Airy
Noon – 1.00 pm	High Noon of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Bottomless of Adamstown
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Golden Mile of Frederick
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Commuter Group of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Sisters in Sobriety Group of Frederick

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Location: Frederick Presbyterian Church, 115 West Second Street, Frederick, MD

NEW YEAR'S ALCATHON 12/31/08 – 1/1/09

Time	Host Group
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	
Noon – 1.00 pm	High Noon of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Frederick Sober Women's of Frederick
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Sunday Morning Special of Thurmont
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Commuter Group of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Maxon Dixon of Emmitsburg
7.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Blue Light Special of Point of Rocks
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Uptown-Downtown of Damascus
10.30 – 11.30 pm	New Freedom of Frederick
<i>New Year's Day</i>	
Midnight – 1.00 am	Primary Purpose of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 am	Fireside Spirituality of Boyds
3.00 – 4.00 am	Antique Group of New Market
4.30 – 5.30 am	Happy Hour of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 am	Early Bird of Frederick
7.30 – 8.30 am	Saturday Night Live of Frederick
9.00 – 10.00 am	Back Alley of Frederick
10.30 – 11.30 am	Keep It Simple of Myersville
Noon – 1.00 pm	High Noon of Frederick
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Neelsville of Germantown
3.00 – 4.00 pm	Legacy Step of Frederick
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Commuter Group of Frederick
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Sisters in Sobriety Group of Frederick