
Delegate Report – Area Assembly, October 20, 2018



Panel 68, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

Thank you for attending our Assembly today! It is only once every four years that we elect our Area's candidate for Northeast Regional Trustee. Our biennial Area Inventory will help us assess how effectively we provide services to our groups and how we can improve our performance. Your participation today is the vital link which connects the collective group conscience of Area 29 to the rest of Alcoholics Anonymous!

2018 Conference Final Report

The 68th General Service Conference *Final Report* booklets are available today. Most of our DCMs already have received copies of the *Final Report* for distribution. The 88 English and 44 Spanish language copies here today are all we have left; please take only what you need. We will increase the number we order in 2019.

General Service Board News

Application deadline for Appointed Committee Member on the Trustees' Literature Committee is 11/02/18. To apply, contact: literature@aa.org.

General Service Conference

The 69th General Service Conference, "*Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages*," is set for May 19-25, 2019 in New York, NY. Conference topics which can be themes for local workshops include:

- ^ Yesterday's World – Our Legacies Begin
- ^ Today's World – Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service
- ^ Tomorrow's World – Courage to be Vigilant
- ^ Clarity of Purpose – Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Corrections: Deadline for submitting shared experience on A.A. materials utilized at juvenile facilities is 12/19/18. Please send sharing to corrections@aa.org or call 212-870-3085.

GSO will mail a free *Corrections Workbook* to new District Corrections Chairs, or a *Corrections Kit* to Area Corrections Chairs. Notify GSO to get yours.

Thanks to A.A. members carrying the message behind the walls, 4,256 letters from inmates to GSO have been answered. Requests forwarded to local committees included 202 for Prerelease contacts, 125 for outside support for meetings, and 106 for literature.

1,368 Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) requests have been answered by the Fellowship, and the waiting list for male inmates has been reduced from 149 to 34. For more info, go to: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-correspondence-service.

The *Corrections Kit*, *Corrections Workbook*, pamphlets, videos, CCS form for A.A. inmates, Prerelease forms, and the inmate newsletter *Sharing from Behind the Walls*, are all on the Corrections Committee page at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-committees.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) committees are organized by local A.A. members focused on helping A.A.'s get to their first meetings. Local Corrections committees are responsible for raising awareness with corrections professionals about the role A.A. volunteers play in carrying the A.A. message in correctional facilities. To become a BTG Temporary Contact (TC), see your local Corrections or Treatment committee. A BTG TC can be requested at: www.btgww.org.

Updates to Prerelease materials for A.A. inmates (F-163) and Outside volunteers (F-162) will focus on long-term incarcerated alcoholics who are soon to be released. GSO may work with non-profit agencies to facilitate requests from inmates who wish to receive A.A. materials digitally.

It's not too late to attend the 2nd National Corrections Conference in Portland, Maine, from November 2-4, 2018. For more info, go to: <http://www.2018nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>.

Finance: Contributions through August were \$98,391 (1.90%) over budget. Gross sales were \$13,301 (0.14%) ahead of budget. Operating expenses were \$224,336 (2.01%) more than budget. Net gain was \$51,891 below budget. Professional fees were \$97,820 above budget.

International: Our Trustee-at-Large/U.S. was one of 73 delegates from 46 countries at the 25th World Service Meeting in Durban, South Africa, on October 7-11, which included first-time attendees Bolivia and Turkey.

Literature: Personal stories of members' experiences for the development of a new pamphlet on the Three Legacies are due to GSO by 11/10/18. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double-spaced, in 12-point font. Email to: literature@aa.org or snail mail to GSO.

The pamphlet *The 'God' Word* will be available from GSO in November for 40 cents per copy.

Online Contributions: A.A. members can demonstrate their gratitude for the gift of sobriety with a one-time or recurring contribution to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Many members make an annual birthday contribution on their sobriety date. Take 5 minutes and go to: aa.org and choose *Make a Contribution*.

Publishing: July gross sales were \$1,193,752, which is \$37,881 (3.28%) above budget. July web sales were \$789,293, which involved 1,458 online orders (67.34% of total orders). July bulk orders of \$565,302 were mostly to intergroups; there were also \$223,991 in sales to individual customers. Total e-book gross sales through July were \$129,381, with 33,070 units sold.



A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News

New Grapevine publication! *One Big Tent* offers articles expressing the experience, strength and hope of atheist and agnostic members of A.A. Priced at \$11.50 per book or \$10.99 each for five or more copies.

Give the gift of Grapevine! Buy a one year Grapevine gift subscription for \$28.97, and a second gift subscription costs only \$13.00! Why not give subscriptions to the next two members who celebrate their anniversaries in your home group? We have had 213 new Grapevine and 47 new La Viña subscribers from Area 29 in the first nine months of 2018. You can help Area 29 win the 2018 Subscription Challenge!

Please take 10 minutes to complete the *2018 Grapevine and La Viña Fellowship Feedback Project* by 10/26/18. Go to: aagrapevine.org.

Regional News

NERAASA 2019 ~ Help welcome over 1,000 service-oriented members from throughout the Northeast Region & beyond to Hunt Valley, MD, on February 22-24, 2019. The Host Committee for the 28th annual Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly meets from 2-4 pm on the third Sunday of each month at the Serenity Center in Columbia, MD. (That's tomorrow!) To register for NERAASA, go to: neraasa2019.org.

SERF 2018 ~ The Southeast Regional Forum is November 16-18, 2018, at the Dulles Marriott in Sterling, VA. Speak one-on-one with *Grapevine* Board member Josh E., *La Viña* Editor Irene D., and trusted servants from our General Service Board and General Service Office. Registration and parking are free! Register on-site or online at www.aa.org. For room reservations, call 703-471-9500 by 10/26/18 to receive SRF \$109 rate.

Around Area 29

District 30 & the Northeast Maryland Intergroup are collecting literature to send to Florida in response to the devastation caused by recent hurricanes and tropical storms. For the latest updates on what's happening all over Maryland, go to: marylandaa.org/events.

Yours in love and service,

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Delegate Travels...

- 10/03 - D6, 7, 20, 22, 35, 36, 40 & 41
- 10/04 - D4 & 19
- 10/05 - D10, 11, 14, 28, 30 & NEMD
- 10/06 - D1, 9, 18, 31, 42, WCI & SMIA
- 10/07 - D17 & 39
- 10/08 - D24, 25, 32, 37, 38, 46 & MSIG
- 10/12 - Fellowship event, Ocean City
- 10/13 - Fellowship event, Howard County
- 10/14 - Area 13 Committee Meeting
- 10/20 - Area 29 Assembly, Easton
- 11/2-4 - AFG Fall Convention, Hunt Valley