
Delegate Report – Area Committee, November 16, 2019

Panel 68, Area 29



Maryland General Service, Inc.

Welcome to the scenic Eastern Shore for our final Area Committee meeting of 2019! We will decide whether to send several important business items to the December 7 Area Assembly, so there should be a lot of info to take back to our groups.

General Service Board News

NERT: Our Northeast Regional Trustee Francis G. currently serves on the Trustees Committees on Corrections, International, and CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities/Remote Communities, plus a subcommittee on AA for the Older Alcoholic. He will be nominated to serve as a Trustee Director on the AA Grapevine Board, and thus begin that service at the conclusion of the 70th GSC.

General Service Conference

December 9 is your deadline to submit ideas to delegate@marylandaa.org for the 2021 GSC theme and presentation or workshop topics.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Admin Services: Records Dept. is processing the backlog of GSR, DCM, and New Group kits.

Archives: Staff continues digitizing background materials, correspondence and other related items that exist largely in paper format from activities of the Conference and Trustees' Committees. In July and August, the staff completed scanning materials from 2009 through 2017, thus preserving 3,500 digitized documents.

Communication Services: As the next step in fulfilling the strategic communications initiatives of the GSB, our new Communications Services Department was inaugurated on November 11.

Finance: Revenues for the first nine months of 2019 were 2.59% higher than budgeted and 3.76% higher than 2018. Operating expenses were 4.53% over budget and 9.94% more than last year. Book/booklet sales have decreased from 2018 by 33,920 pieces (2.66%), including decreases of 9,727 in *Daily Reflections* and 10,270 in Pocket Edition Big Books. *Our Great Responsibility* has sold 21,910 units (English).

Contributions through September were \$6,197,296 (6.29% over budget) and 6.29% higher than 2018. Online contributions totaled \$664,860, or 10.73% of total contributions. Total 2019 GSC expenses were close to budget.

Variances noted for the first 9 months of 2019: Salaries were \$5,766,070 (1.48%) under budget but \$259,799 (4.72%) over 2018. Professional fees were \$194,629 (63.55%) over budget and \$98,225 (24.39%) over 2018; contract reviews over budget by \$119,192; general counsel fees \$132,915 over budget; contracted services over budget by \$714,846 (71.48%) and \$816,466 (90.88%) over last year; enterprise resource planning (ERP) costs \$433,912 over budget; and Travel, Meetings & Accommodations \$148,850 (14.59%) over budget and \$189,570 over 2018.

Human Resources: Five temporary hires are processing the backlog of contributions and helping with transition to the new system. Two employees are leading an inter-departmental team for six months to assist with the evaluation and review of ERP practices, procedures and processes from the user perspective.

International Convention: Over 10,000 of us registered on September 9, the opening day of registration for the 2020 I.C. Within four weeks, there were over 21,000 total registrations. Now is the time to make plans to spend July 2-5 in Detroit with up to 65,000 other A.A. members and their families. Feel free to chill out between events in the Ambassador Suite of the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, where Area 29 will host a Hospitality Room within walking distance of the TCF Center.



Love and Tolerance Is Our Code

Literature: AAWS is offering a holiday gift set of four A.A. books for the price of three (only \$30) with free shipping through 1/31/2020. The four books are: Commemorative facsimile of the 1939 first edition first printing of the Big Book; *Pass It On*; *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*; and *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*.

The AAWS and AAGV Boards are exploring the possibility of developing an online store on the new aa.org website that would include materials for both corporations under one system.



AA Grapevine & La Viña News

Supporting Grapevine & La Viña is a key component of our 7th Tradition.

Enjoy free shipping on all purchases from *aagrapevine.org* through 12/31/19, plus an additional 25% savings on these 3 sets of two books for only \$17.25 per set: *Our Twelve Traditions* plus *The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA*; *No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety* plus *Voices of Long-Term Sobriety*; or *Beginners Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA* plus *Into Action: How AA members practice the program in their daily lives*.

Regional & National News

CSCYPAA ~ Nov 29-Dec 1, Cromwell, CT
Hispanic Forum ~ Nov 30, Silver Spring, MD
NECYPAA ~ Dec 27-29, Warwick, RI
NERAASA 2020 ~ Feb 21-23, Nashua, NH
R.I. Convention ~ Mar 20-22, Newport, RI
Area 70 Convention ~ Apr 3-5, Manchester, VT
62nd ICYPAA ~ Sep 3-6, New Orleans, LA
S.E. Reg. Forum ~ Dec 4-6, 2020, Biloxi, MS

Around Area 29

11/16 Sat Nite Mtn Grp 31st Anniv, 6p, Frederick
 11/16 SMIA Gratitude Dinner, 630p, Mechanicsville
 11/17 **D20 Meeting**, 5 pm, Hagerstown
 11/18 **D40 Elections**, 6:45 pm, Frederick
 11/18 **D1 Meeting**, 7 pm, Prince Frederick
 11/19 **Annapolis Area IG Meeting**, 7 pm
 11/19 **D9 Elections**, 7 pm, Westminster
 11/20 **Beg's Big Book Potluck**, 6 pm, Coloma
 11/20 **D37 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Easton
 11/20 **D28 Meeting**, 7 pm, Bel Air
 11/20 **D6 Meeting**, 7 pm, Davidsonville
 11/23 **North Beach Group 49th Anniv**, 6 pm
 11/24 **Balt IG Bull Roast**, 1-5 pm, Parkville
 11/24 **HAIG Meeting**, 3:30 pm, Hagerstown
 11/25 **Eldersburg Into Action 27th Anniv**, 630p
 11/28 **Early Bird Gratitude**, 8:30a, North East
 11/28 **NEMD Alcathon**, 10-10, Havre de Grace
 11/28 **D28 Alcathon**, 10a-8:30p, Bel Air
 11/28 **Atlantic Club Mtg/Dinner**, 12-3 pm, OC
 11/28 **D9 Alcathon**, 12-6 pm, Westminster
 11/28 **857 Club Alcathon**, 12-9 pm, Baltimore
 11/30 **D7 Gratitude Brkfst**, 8-11a, Ellicott City
 11/30 **D19 Meeting**, 10 am, Baltimore
 12/02 **IG Liaison Conference Call**, 6:30 pm
 12/03 **D32 & O.C. IG Meetings**, 5:30 & 6 pm

12/03 **D15 Meeting**, 7 pm, Owings Mills
 12/03 **3 Legacies 38th Anniv**, 7pm, Rising Sun
 12/03 **D31 Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Arnold
 12/04 **Joppa 12 Step Grp 44th Anniv**, 6 pm
 12/04 Melrose Beg's 9th Anniv, 630p, Manchester
 12/04 **D22 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Annapolis
 12/04 **D41 Meeting**, 7 pm, New Market
 12/05 **D35 Meeting**, 7 pm, Waldorf
 12/05 **WCI Nov/Dec Mtg**, 7pm, Frederick
 12/06 **D11 Elections**, 6:30 pm, North East
 12/06-08 **Big Book Comes Alive**, St. Michael's
 12/07 **Area Assembly**, 9a-3p, Severna Park
 12/07 **D18 Meeting**, 4 pm, Catonsville
 12/07 **D10 Meeting**, 4:30 pm, Parkville
 12/08 **D39 Meeting**, 7 pm, Dundalk
 12/09 **Baltimore IG Council Meeting**, 8 pm
 12/10 **D36 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Hollywood
 12/10 **NEMD IG Meeting**, 7 pm, Aberdeen
 12/10 **D42 Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Crofton
 12/11 **MSIG Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Easton
 12/11 **D30 Meeting**, 7 pm, Aberdeen
 12/12 **LSI Meeting**, 6 pm, Salisbury
 12/12 **D4 Meeting**, 7 pm, Towson
 12/12 **D7 Meeting**, 7 pm, Columbia
 12/14 **D22 Step 4 Workshop**, 9a-12, Annapolis
 12/14 **D33 Meeting**, 10 am, Cockeysville
 12/14 **SMIA Meeting**, 10 am, Prince Frederick
 12/14 **2nd Sat Mtn Brkfst**, 10a, Cascade (\$7)
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 12/16 **D40 Meeting**, 6:45 pm, Frederick
 12/16 **D1 Meeting**, 7 pm, Prince Frederick
 12/17 **Hollywood Grp Christmas Party**, 7pm
 12/17 **Annapolis Area IG Meeting**, 7 pm
 12/17 **D9 Meeting**, 7 pm, Westminster
 12/18 **D37 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Easton
 12/18 **D28 Meeting**, 7 pm, Bel Air
 12/19 **One Big Tent 1st Anniv**, 7 pm, Parkville
 12/20 D9 Jinglebell Jamboree 5:30p Westminster
 12/20 **WMDIG Meeting**, 6 pm, Frostburg
 12/24 **D36 Alcathon**, 9pm-9pm, Lexington Park
 12/25 **Atlantic Club Mtg/Dinner**, 12-3 pm, OC
 12/28 **D19 Meeting**, 10 am, Baltimore
 12/31-1/01 **WCI Alcathon**, 9am-9pm, Frederick
 12/31 **D19 Alcathon**, 4 pm-1 am, Baltimore
 12/31 **Atlantic Club NYE Dance**, 9:30 pm, OC
 01/25 **D6 AA History Wrkshp**, 10a, West River
 01/26 **Solomons Group 36th Anniv**, 5-8 pm
 1/31-2/02 **Footprints in the Winter Sand**, OC
 03/20-22 **Southern MD Roundup**, Solomons
 05/06 19-week Mon Big Book study, Mechanicsville
 06/05-07 **50th MD State Convention**, Frederick

Yours in love and service,

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