

District 28 Meeting Agenda

3/20//2024 @ 7pm.

The meeting will on the 2nd floor of building

Secretary's Report

Last month's meeting minutes

GSR Reports

DCM Report

Review Delegate report

Message from Technology Chair

Treasurer's Report

Committees Reports

If any

Old Business

New Business

Discuss Area 29 Picnic in The Park and possible help funding

Open Discussion/ Tradition reading.

Brian Miller

From: Brian Miller <brianmiller824@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:54 AM
To: Brian Miller
Subject: Fwd: Aberdeen Picnic

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From: George Leedom <george.leedom@outlook.com>
Date: March 16, 2024 at 10:05:17 AM EDT
To: Allison H <events@nemdaa.org>, pete_petersen@outlook.com, brianmiller824@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Aberdeen Picnic

Everything looks great. I'm so grateful for you putting all this together. I'm currently in the hospital, but I should be back home by the 23rd. If not I'll attend via Zoom. I don't know what arrangements you've made so far for food, but one of my roommates, Ted, is a broker for a food wholesaler and can usually be counted on to get us a line on, burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, etc. I don't presume to volunteer his services, but I'll talk to him about what kind of deal he can get for us. And hopefully have an answer by the 23rd.

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From: Allison H <events@nemdaa.org>
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Subject: Re: Aberdeen Picnic

Just wanted to send a quick update with the tentative agenda and draft flyer for the first planning meeting on sat, march 23rd @ the intergroup office and via zoom; to be posted in the bulletin this Sunday.

Thanks!

On Fri, Mar 8, 2024 at 2:08 PM Allison H <events@nemdaa.org> wrote:
DCMs,

Aberdeen Centennial Park is the requested Venue, flyer attached.
There should be plenty of parking within a 2 block radius.
Shooting for a Saturday between May-Sept.
Suggesting: 11am-4pm with a speaker at 2pm.

There are 8 picnic benches, but will need chairs/tables.
Possible pop-up tents, if it rains.
I have requested to use the Intergroup Office as a staging area.
I will need help obtaining and moving coolers, ice, and grills.
I may have 2 pickups to help. Will need volunteers to help cook and set up.

Looking for District's help with funding for park, food, and consumables.
6 hours would be \$360 dollars. \$500 up front deposit to be funded by Intergroup.
Approx \$300 for food and consumables.
The Health Dept is willing to provide a Temp Food License at No Cost.

Split between 3 districts would equate to a non-refundable total of \$220 each.
Since the main focus is AA Fellowship, I would prefer not to sell tickets to or for the food, 50/50 or raffles. It would require an extra license and more volunteers than we currently have staffed.

Love & Service,
-Allison
609-529-6234

District 11, 28, & 30 Hosting:

Area 29

“Picnic in the Park”

Organized by the NorthEastern Maryland AA Intergroup Office
Literature and AA Merchandise For Sale - 28 Centennial Lane

@ Aberdeen Festival Park
34 N Philadelphia Blvd, Aberdeen, MD 21001

JUNE 1st, 2024

Food & Fellowship 11am - 4pm
Speaker at 2pm

All Are Welcome!

Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks provided
Bring side dishes and desserts if you wish



Parking within 2 block radius available as on-street no fee parking, or at Keypoint Health Services, or Parking lot across from Aberdeen Firehouse. Please do not park at the Library or at Prost.

Northeastern Maryland Intergroup Of Alcoholics Anonymous

« All Events

NEMDAA Picnic Planning Committee

March 23 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Picnic Planning committee meeting will be held in-person at NEMDAA Office – 28 Centennial Lane, Aberdeen & via Zoom Meeting ID: 826-6343-9078 Password: 070124 on Saturday, March 23rd 6 PM.

Event flyer to follow!

Agenda – Planning Meeting March 23rd



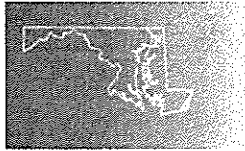
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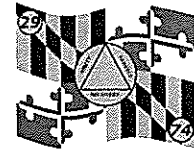


Delegate Report

Area 29 Panel 74

March, 2024

Developing Future Trusted Servants



Welcome to Area 29 Panel 74. If you are a new District Committee Member, Alternate District Committee member, General Service Representative or Alternate General Service Representative I want to thank you for stepping up onto this important leadership role. Each role we have assumed is a vital link to communication within the General Service structure and helping the still suffering alcoholic and all current members of Alcoholics Anonymous who depend on this life saving program.

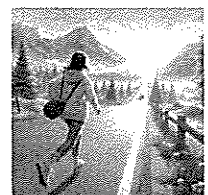
General Service Highlights

- ♦ AAWS Publishing Department - Significant progress reported in addressing backlogs and nearing completion of the first translation of the Big Book in Haitian Creole.
- ♦ Grapevine/LaVina - Strategic financial measures are included in the 2024 budget, including cut back on travel, increase subscription prices, and expand the sales of various products.
- ♦ Trustees Corrections Committee - Service Piece on Facilitating Online Meetings in Correctional Settings: Corrections Kit.
- ♦ Public Information - The most frequently visited pages on aa.org are Daily Reflections and "Have a problem with alcohol?"
- ♦ Literature - Fellowship input regarding changes to co-founders' writings: As of January 25, a total of **1,171 responses** have been received via online and postal mail. Letters received from Maryland have been forwarded to the delegate.
- ♦ 5th Edition Big Book. - 2100 stories have been reviewed. Less than 200 remain to be reviewed, 160 stories have been marked as viable for next round of reviews. Project is on track.

Founders Wittings

Several hundred members have participated and shared their thoughts through a combination of online sharing sessions, an online questionnaire or through email and letters. Workshops are happening, keep you eye out for more sharing at CARC's and the Mini Conference on April 6

- A majority of members want **no changes to the literature**.
- Members see a need for **new language** which should be supplemental to the original text.
- New literature should be created to **help new members identify with recovery**.
- Any changes, if necessary, should be reviewed cautiously over several conferences and adopted only with a **super majority of conference vote (75% or greater)**



General Service Board Finances

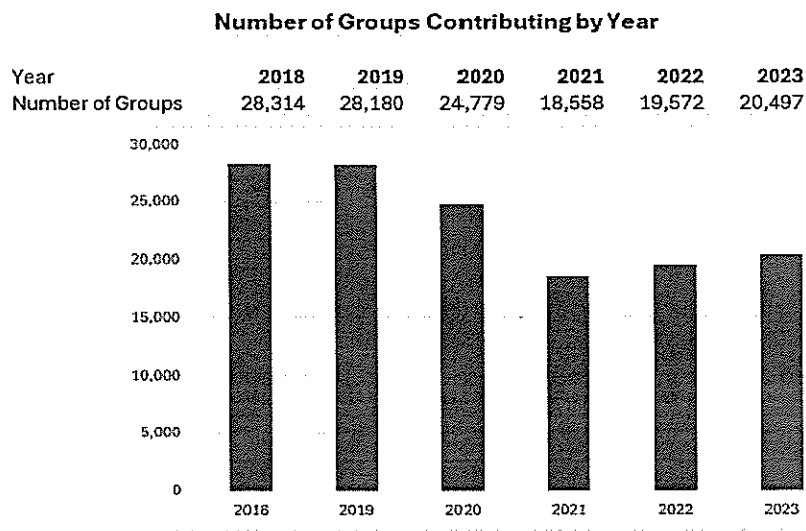
End of 4th Quarter Unaudited Financial Statement

- Contributions - \$10,872,239, 4% greater than budgeted, \$10,500,000— *This is the greatest amount of contributions ever received.*
- Gross Literature Sales - \$14,460,000 8% below budget of 15,900,000.
- Net Literature Sales - \$6,762,000 15% less than budget \$7,950,000
- 38 % increase over 2022 Net Literature Sales
- Grapevine - total revenue (Subscription and Book sales) \$2,588,000 - Exceeding budget.
* Subscriptions 54,569 versus 59,070 2022.
- La Vina—total revenue \$245,000—Exceeding budget

GV & LV App subscriptions have been less than anticipated

Reserve Fund:

- Draw of \$564,652 to fund year three of the Grapevine 5-year Plan
- Draw of \$500,000 to the General Service Board to ensure sufficient cash on hand to meet liquidity requirements in the second quarter of 2024. **This draw plus expected positive cash flow in the first quarter of 2024 will fully fund the expenses expected to be paid in the second quarter of 2024.**



Outreach

Adopt-A-District

- District 3
- District 14
- District 17
- District 24
- District 25
- District 27
- District 32
- District 34
- District 38
- District 39
- District 42



Adopt-A-District

For some time, the Area has faced challenges in engaging all our districts in General Service. To address the communication gap experienced by groups in these districts, I propose that active districts consider adopting those in need of assistance. While our District Committee Members (DCMs) are likely managing various challenges in their own districts, the idea is that a DCM and the General Service Representatives (GSRs) from an active district can dedicate some time to reaching out to meetings in the inactive districts. You can emphasize the importance of having a GSR and even a DCM for their district. These groups are likely missing out on numerous opportunities to stay informed about local and state-level activities. They probably have little to no insight into new literature and other resources that enable us to deliver this life-saving message to the still-suffering alcoholic. Therefore, I urge you to identify a district, possibly adjacent to yours, and consider adopting it. Reach out to the Registrar and our Area Panel for resources to locate meetings in a district and determine how you can help them get involved.

Anonymity on Social Media-Questionnaire

CARC II PAI 2019—GSC 2020

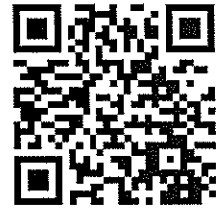
“To create a new form of communication specifically addressing the use of social media and anonymity. Highlighting anonymity can be a life or death issue. Specific education for current and future members about anonymity using social media is our responsibility”

Conference Public Information Committee—2023

The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee and staff secretary focus on developing and administering a survey, to all age demographics, particularly a young population with the goal of obtaining results that will inform decisions on any future new form of communication.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EN-anonymity>

Closes 15 April, takes about 10 minutes




2024 Grapevine Catalog




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Two small images of the Grapevine La Viña app covers, one for the iPhone and one for the Android.

Area Service Highlights

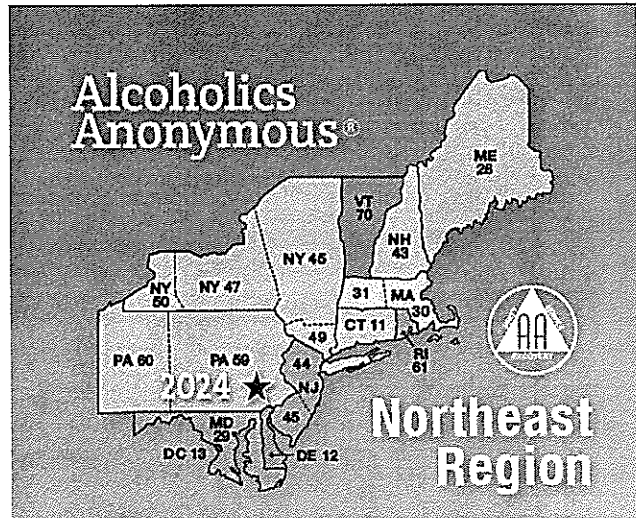
Each year at the General Service conference the first year delegates are asked to provide a two minute highlight of their service area. The intent is to provide conference members with an overview of the different areas and also give the first year delegates a chance to introduce themselves to the conference.

Area 29 encompasses all of Maryland, excluding the two counties north of Washington D.C. This diverse region, from the western mountains to the eastern ocean, comprises major metropolitan areas, suburbs, farmlands, and rural communities. With eleven intergroups, including a dedicated Spanish Language intergroup, 34 districts, and 886 active groups, including online meetings, Maryland is a vibrant and engaged community. Maryland General Service holds 4 committee meetings and 5 assemblies each year, and hosts a strategic planning session, state convention, and mini conference to foster a well-informed assembly. The pre-conference process involves meetings with four regional committees, known as Conference Agenda Review Committees. CARCs as we call them, not only prepare the delegate and alternate delegate for the General Service Conference but also stimulate widespread discussion and involvement in the General Service process. Through our year-round CARC process we continue to review the actions of each conference and develop new Proposed Agenda Items to enhance the effectiveness of our General Service. Area 29 comprises 19 committees, including the technology committee which recently unveiled a slick new polished website (Marylandaa.org), and the newsletter committee who is busy reviving our newsletter, breathing new life into these crucial communication channels. Reflecting the state motto, "Strong Deeds, Gentle Words," the trusted servants of Area 29 embody this ethos in their dedicated service to our members. Maryland, the birthplace of Samuel Shoemaker and the final resting place of Fitz Mayo and Jim Burwell, boasts a storied history of extending a helping hand to the newcomer in the pursuit of recovery. Located right in the middle of the Atlantic coast region, stop in for a meeting if you're passing through.

NERAASA Northeast Region A.A. Service Assembly

February 22-25 Hershey, Pennsylvania

Attendance - 1315 !!



NERAASA 2025—Virtual Area 45 hosting
 NERAASA 2026—Portland, Me. Area 28



Delegate Activity

Recent		Upcoming	
Feb 18	NERD Zoom with Trustee	Mar 17	NERD Zoom with Trustee
Feb 21	NERAASA Inventory cmte	Mar 20	General Service Conference Founders writing sharing session
Feb 22-25	NERAASA	Mar 23	CARC II & III
Feb 27	General Service Conference Zoom mtg	Mar 30	CARC IV
Feb 28	Maryland General Service Board mtg	Mar 30	Remote Communities zoom mtg
Mar 2	DCM/ADCM mtg	Apr 6	Mini Conference
Mar 2	CARC I, II & IV	Apr 9	General Service Conference Zoom mtg
Mar 5	Conference Literature cmte mtg	Apr 12-20	General Service Conference
Mar 6	MGS Panel Meeting		
Mar 8-10	NERD Weekend		
Mar 12	General Service Conference Delegates mtg		
Mar 14	Conference/Trustees Literature cmte mtg		

Respectfully submitted,

Terry P.
 Delegate Are 29, Panel 74
 Literature Committee
 delegate@marylandaa.org



Always available to come to your District meeting, Committee meeting, Home group or anywhere I can be of service.

Brian Miller

From: Brian Miller <brianmiller824@yahoo.com>
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From: Delegate <delegate@marylandaa.org>
Date: March 17, 2024 at 8:39:21 AM EDT
To: Terry Phillips <trex1964@gmail.com>
Cc: Chair Person <chair@marylandaa.org>, Technology Chair <technology@marylandaa.org>, webmaster <webmaster@marylandaa.org>, Alt Delegate <altdelegate@marylandaa.org>
Subject: Technology Committee meeting

Hi all. I am forwarding the information below from Bill L. , our technology Chair. Our website and technology cmte are great resources.

DCMs/ADCMS Bcc'd, flyer attached

Good Morning,

Beginning April 9th, we will hold a Technology Committee Meeting. This will be held bi-monthly at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

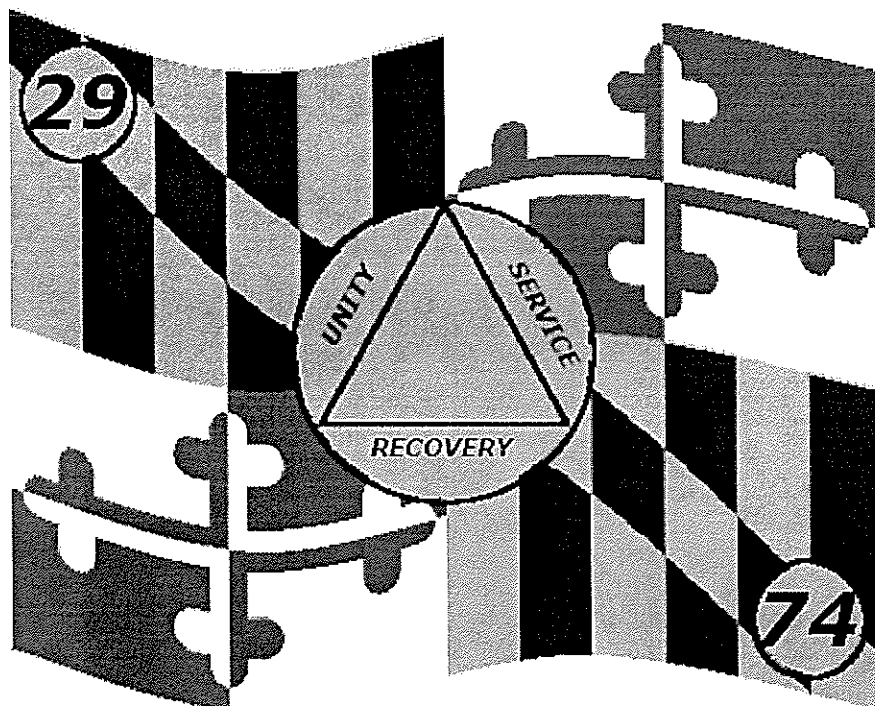
While we are targeting District and Intergroup webmasters and technology representatives, anyone that may benefit from the meetings may attend.

Please distribute the attached flyer to the DCM's and Intergroup Chairs as you see fit or appropriate.

Best Regards

Bill L. Leftwich, MBA
Technology Chair, Panel 74
Area 29, Maryland General Service

Terry Phillips
Delegate
Area 29, Panel 74
Literature Conference Committee





Technology Committee

PANEL 74

Bi-Monthly Meeting

A bi-monthly meeting to discuss technology initiatives within the Area, and all Districts and Intergroups

The target audience for this meeting is all district and intergroup webmasters or technology representatives, and is open to anyone who would benefit from attending

We will meet the second Tuesday, every other month at 6:00 PM beginning on April 9th, 2024

Zoom ID: 854 7827 6033

Passcode: 249087

For more information, e-mail the
Technology Chair @
technology@marylandaa.org