“We began to see each adversity as a God-given opportunity to develop the kind of courage which is born out of humility, rather than bravado” Grapevine, January 1962. Reprinted with permission by AAWS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next intergroup meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th, via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45m. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
- The Intergroup office will be closed on Friday, April 7th, in observance of the Good Friday holiday. Thanks to our volunteers for answering the phones during the office hours.
- We really need phone volunteers! Training is easy; 3-hour shifts and substitute positions available; answer calls in person or from the comfort of home. Call us to be of service: 410-663-1922. Thank you!
- The Intergroup office is open from 9am – 4:30pm M-F to purchase literature and chips. Orders can also be shipped or made available for hallway pick up. For your convenience, orders can be placed using our online store. https://baltimoreaa.org/literature-store/ or call 410-663-1922

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- The next Institution meetings will be hybrid on Friday, April 21st at 7pm. Join us in person at University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway (Charles Village, 21218). Or Zoom waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Meeting ID: 886 6629 3910/ Password: 229395
- Homegroups and Speakers needed – The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments, both in-person and online. Let us know your group’s preference. Please fill out this form if you or your home group would like to carry the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before). Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.

INTERGROUP BOOKSTORE

- The Intergroup Bookstore is excited to announce special Tri-Plate Medallions in stock and available for purchase! These medallions are available in red, blue, or black in years of 1 through 50.
• Our Bookstore is well stocked with AAWS, Grapevine literature, and some Hazelden titles. We continue to stock pamphlets, cards and other special items that can be purchased online at our Literature Store. Purchases can also be made by visiting or calling the office; Shipping is available for a fee.

GROUP ANNIVERSARIES
• Towson Women's will celebrate their 62nd group anniversary on Wednesday, April 26th. A pot luck meal starts at 6:30pm with a meeting to follow.
• If your group is celebrating an anniversary of any length either in-person or via Zoom, contact us. Call: (410) 663-1922 or email: intergroup@baltimoreaa.org.

NEW MEETINGS/UPDATES
• LOCATION CHANGE – Essex Eye Opener (O)(D)(Middle River, 21220) will meet at their new location starting on March 2nd. New Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River.
• REOPENNING – Queens of Peace (W)(O)(D)(Middle River, 21220) This meeting reopens on March 1st at 1pm on Wednesday; Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River.
• LOCATION CHANGE/ NEW TIME - Shalom (Hybrid)(O)(D)(Randallstown, 21133) will now meet at their new location, Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 5115 Old Court Rd. at 8pm (no longer at 8:15pm)
• NEW TIME – Fort McHenry (O)(Lit)(Baltimore, 21230) This group will meet at 7pm effective
• REOPENNING – C.H.M. (O)(D)(Baltimore, 21218) This meeting is now open at a new location: All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church at 4215 Loch Raven Blvd. on Saturdays at 5pm.
• NEW MEETING - Steps and Traditions in Sobriety meets on Friday mornings at 11am on Zoom. (C)(D)(Lit)(Online Only)
• REOPENNING – Outdoor Sobriety (O)(D)(Cockeysville, 2030) starts again for the 2023 season on March 30th. Please check the website Meeting Schedule for closure dates due to park activities. There are three meetings a week at Oregon Ridge Park, i.e. Thur. Fri, Sat at 6:30pm

GROUPS - NEEDS SUPPORT
• Retread meets at 7pm on Sundays (O)(Beg)(Step)(Sparrows Point, 21219)
• Guides To Progress meets at 8pm on Mondays (O)(Spk/D)(Step)(H) (Baltimore, 21230) Despite current construction, the meeting is still open. Please knock loudly on temporary entrance.
• Putty Hill meets at 6:30pm on Sundays as a Hybrid gathering (O)(Spk/D)(H) (Towson, 21204) Meeting ID: 850 6448 1495 Passcode: 404040
• Triangle Club meets at 12:15 pm on Mondays (O)(D)(H)(Cockeysville, 21030)

DISCONTINUED MEETINGS
• Thursday Only – You Are Not Alone Beginners meeting has been cancelled on Thursday evenings. However, the group will continue to meet on Tuesdays, 7pm at The Foundry Church (O)(BB/Step)(Baltimore, 21230)
• Crossroads of Recovery meetings are discontinued. All 15 groups which met 102 Washington Blvd in Laurel have closed pending further notice.

GROUP INFORMATION
• A Digital Newcomer’s Packet is available: Please post this link for a digital newcomer's packet in your meeting chats so newcomers can get quick and easy access to meetings, literature, and online resources.
• For all virtual meetings or meeting changes, please use this form.
• For all in-person meetings or meeting changes, please use this form.
EVENTS

- **Sunday Breakfast at the 857 Club** is hosting the **Annual Old Timers Meeting** with a sobriety countdown on April 2nd from 11:30am-1pm. All are welcome to join the sobriety celebration!
- District 19 will host a spring workshop – “Carrying the Message”. [Click Here for flyer/info.](#)

G.S.O. & MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE EVENTS

- For ALL **CARC INFORMATION** - Click on this link: [https://www.marylandaa.org/carc_meetings_schedule](https://www.marylandaa.org/carc_meetings_schedule)
- April 1, 2023 CARC 4 Part I
- April 8, 2023 CARC 4, Part II
- April 15, 2023 Area 29 Mini-Conference- Hybrid Venue. [Click Here for flyer/info.](#)
- April 29, 2023 Corrections Committee Workshop - "Corrections Correspondence" [Click Here for flyer/info.](#)
- May 6, 2023 Treatment Committee Workshop - "Carrying the Message into Treatment Facilities" [Click Here for flyer/info.](#)

**REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE for the 51st Annual Area 29 MD State Convention**, August 4-6th with Al-anon participation. **ANNOUNCING** a new location-Delta Hotel by Marriott in Hunt Valley, MD 21031. [Click here to register.](#)

- **What Does a GSR do?** How can you help your home group and the still suffering alcoholic? – Join MGS for a Zoom GSR Discussion/Q&A on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am. Meeting ID: 818 6222 7157/No password needed.
- **District 31 Monthly Hybrid Meeting** – Meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, 21146. Virtual Info: Meeting ID: 885 8467 6255 Passcode: distict31. Contact [district31MD@gmail.com](mailto:district31MD@gmail.com) for more information.
- **District 33** will now meet on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm. New Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9848 4086 Passcode: D33164 [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84998484086?pwd=WkJqemdGYXVBvW9kOGwrNTZRc2dz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84998484086?pwd=WkJqemdGYXVBvW9kOGwrNTZRc2dz09)
- Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: [https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/)
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IN MEMORIUM

- There will be a Celebration of Life service for Edy T, long time member of Free to Be Me Women’s and a former Intergroup special worker, who passed away last October. The service will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd from 2-5pm at the Cylburn Arboretum (Volmer Center). Fellowship and refreshments for all who wish to join the celebration.

    *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.*
Dave L. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Group Representatives: There were 2 new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: Jen G presented the minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Jen G reported that last month's ordinary income was $12,202.69, which included $9,113.42 from AA groups and $3,035.33 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $16,888.32, yielding net ordinary income of -$4,685.63. Literature revenue was $8,025.59, with literature expenses of $4,311.01 yielding net literature income of -$971.05. Therefore, net income for January was a $2,703.98. Total assets were $232,305.17.

Administrator's Report: Jen G. reported that during the past 20 working days for Feb, there was 2 new/re-opened meeting, 2 closed/cancelled meetings, and 24 meeting changes. There are now 681 total meetings (467 in-person, 112 virtual and 102 hybrid). There were 306 calls for help during office hours, 3,142 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 11 shipped literature orders), and 164 visitors/ literature pick-ups at the office. Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended meetings of the Activities and Institution Committees, and the weekly office managers' meetings. Jen also had weekly calls with our Intergroup Chairperson.

The office is open. The elevator is out of service. Visitors should use the front door rather than the door closest to the parking lot. The office is in need of substitute volunteers during the day to help answer phones. If you are interested in answering phones in the office, call 410-663-1922 and ask for Misty. Please make sure you bring in the 12th Step/Bridging the Gap sign-up list in your home groups. Groups may have passed them out, but we need them back in the office.

Activities Committee Report: Jen G., for Paulette R. (Chairperson), reported that there has been a good response for tickets to the Gratitude Breakfast scheduled for March 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m to 12 noon at Columbus Gardens. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased on-line or at the office. It will be open seating, with a speaker at 10:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased by this Wednesday 3/15 in order to give an accurate count to the Caterer. Tickets will not be sold at the door. The committee is still trying to find a venue since Tall Cedars Hall is being sold and is not available. If you are aware of a venue that can accommodate at least 300 please contact the intergroup office. It does not matter what area it is in.

Answering Service Committee Report: Melody B. (Chairperson) reported that in there were 113 calls, including (3)12th Step calls. All shifts are currently filled.

Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees: Ferdinand gave the report. On Saturday 3/18 from
10am – 2pm – Baltimore City will be hosting a Healing City Summit at the Tall Center on Coppin State University campus (Student Union). There will be many resources for various Mental Health Issues. AA will have a table to hand out information and to answer questions.

Speakers Committee Report: No report.

Literature Committee Report: No report.

Internet/Website Committee Report: No report.

Institution Committee Report: No report. Jen mentioned that the number of commitments is slowly increasing, so the committee needs more home groups to sign up.

Outreach Committee Report: No report.

Chairperson Report: Dave L. reported that he has kept in contact with Jen via periodic calls during the month of February.

Old Business: None

New Business: Kurt W., our Area 29 Delegate, reported that the agenda items for the next General Service Conference have been released and will be discussed at a Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC) scheduled for March 18, 2023 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Parkville. All AA members are encouraged to attend. The delegate Assembly is just six weeks away.

Joe R. reported that the Maryland General Service State Convention is scheduled for August 4th-6th at the Delta by Marriott Hotel in Hunt Valley. Please see the flyer on the Intergroup website for details.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki V, substitute Recording Secretary
# February 2023 Group Contribution List

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Reunión Maratónica

Viernes 7 de abril del 2023
Hora 6:00 pm a 3:00 am
Dirección 1913 Lansdowne Rd.
Suite L Halethorpe, Md. 21227

Quinta Tradición: Cada Grupo tiene un solo objetivo primordial
Llevar el mensaje al alcoholico que aún esta sufriendo.

Coordinadora  Wendy V. (443) 820 8633
Secretario Ramon R. (443) 794 0209
Tesorero Santos M. (443) 983 7093
GRUPO (443) 570 5211

Reunión Pública

Sábado 8 de abril del 2023
Hora: 6:00 pm a 12:00 pm
PATASCO ARENA
Dirección 3301 Annapolis Rd
Baltimore MD 21230

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26th Annual Back to Basics

Back To Basics

The Alcoholics Anonymous
Beginners' Meetings

"Here are the steps we took..."
in Four One-Hour
Sessions

Wally P.

Sponsored by Free At Last Group.

Both In-person or on Zoom
Zoom Mtg ID 82170577648 - Password 06101935
Contact: Fred A, 410-665-3888

DATES: Wednesday, 5, 12, 19, and 26 April 2023

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

At: Saint John's Lutheran Church
8808 Harford Road
Parkville, Maryland 21234

Join us as we take the 12 Steps in 4 one-hour sessions.

Bring your Big Book and Highlighter.
AREA 29
MINI-CONFERENCE

ALL AA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
9:00AM-3:30PM
8:30AM ORIENTATION

BE INVOLVED....Your views, opinions, and experience are essential to our Delegate, Kurt W.

BE INFORMED.....Our Area 29 trusted servants will share agenda items to be discussed at the General Service Conference.

BE INSPIRED.... It's up to us to ensure that the AA program is here anytime, anywhere when someone reaches out for help.

HYBRID MEETING:
Severna Park United Methodist Church
731 Benfield Road,
Severna Park, MD 21146
Zoom ID: 335 232 9265
Passcode: mini

BE OF SERVICE:
• Come discuss GSC agenda items and make recommendations to the Delegate, Kurt W.
• Bring your sponsor, sponsee or a newcomer

Coffee, snacks and FREE lunch provided!

For more information, contact Terry P. at altdelegate@marylandaa.org
DISTRICT 19
SPRING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 4/29, 1PM-4PM
NORTH BALTIMORE MENNONITE CHURCH
4615 ROLAND AVE

"CARRYING THE MESSAGE"
- SPONSORSHIP
- PRACTICING PRINCIPLES
- SERVICE IN OTHER FORMS
PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Corrections Workshop

Topic: Corrections Correspondence

Saturday, April 29th
12-3:30 PM
Saint Stephens Church
901 Courtney Road
Arbutus, 21227
51st Annual Area 29
Maryland State Convention
August 4-6, 2023

Hosted by Maryland General Service, Inc. with
Al-Anon Participation

Held at the Delta Hotel by Marriott—Hunt Valley
245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

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| Amalia C.—Farmington, CT  
(Friday, 1 pm) | 7:00 am Registration Opens  
8:15 am Prayer and Meditation  
10:00 am Workshops  
11:30 am Lunch on your own  
11:30 am Workshops/Delegate Report  
1:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
2:30 pm Workshops  
4:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
6:00 pm Dinner on your own  
7:30 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
9:00 pm Ice Cream Social with Live Music  
10:00 pm AA History Presentation: Founding Moments | 7:00 am Registration Opens  
8:15 am Prayer and Meditation  
9:00 am AA Speaker Meeting  
10:30 am Al-Anon Speaker Meeting  
12:00 pm Lunch A La Carte  
1:00 pm Old Timers Panel  
2:30 pm Workshops  
4:00 pm Delegate Report  
5:30 pm Dinner Banquet  
7:00 pm Meet Area 29 Officers and Sobriety Countdown  
7:30 pm AA Speaker Meeting  
9:00 pm Ice Cream Social/Live Music  
10:00 pm Recovery Talent Show |
| Stephanie L.—Eastampton, NJ  
(Friday, 4 pm) |  | |
| Barclay R.—Nashville, TN  
(Friday, 7:30 pm) |  | |
| Greg T.—South Deerfield, MA  
(Saturday, 9 am) |  | |
| Jimmy A.—Spring Lake Heights, NJ  
(Saturday, 7:30 pm) |  | |
| Sara V.—Frederick, MD  
(Sunday, 10 am) |  | |
| Al-Anon Speaker  
Katie C.—Frederick, MD  
(Saturday, 10:30 am) |  | |

Open AA and Al-Anon Meetings  
at intervals each day

Evening Activities  
Ice Cream Socials ($5 each night)  
Live Music and Talent Show

**Pre-Registration Gift!**  
Limit 600  
See Back

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| Sunday, August 6th |  |  |
| 9:15 am  
Prayer and Meditation |  |  |
| 10:00 am  
AA Speaker Meeting |  |  |

Convention Hotel Room Rate: $124/per night + tax
Hotel reservations must be made by Sunday, July 9, 2023
For hotel reservations, call 844-781-7404
*(Code: MGS 2023 State Convention)*
For online hotel reservations click on—
**Book your group rate for MGS 2023 State Convention**
https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1666295673654&key=GRP&app=resvlink
Pre-Registration Gift—51st MGS Convention Pin—First 600 pre-registrations!

51st Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

Registration and Meal Selection
Register online at [http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention](http://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention)

Online registration payment by credit card or PayPal is $38, including a $2 convenience fee.
Registration payment by check is $36 Make check payable to MGS State Convention.
Mailing address for hardcopy/check registration is:
MGS Convention
P.O. Box 9879
Towson, MD 21284

| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Address: | Email: |
| City: | State: | Zip: |

Please contact me regarding Service Opportunities at the Convention:  □ Yes  Phone #:  
I require accessibility accommodations at the Convention. Please list:  

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Saturday Lunch—A La Carte  
$34.00  X _______ = $ ________
Rotisserie style chicken served with warm rolls & butter, classic Caesar salad, au gratin scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, New York style cheesecake, premium coffee, tea, and iced tea.

Saturday Banquet—Seating limited to 200—(Must Specify Meal Option 1-4 Below)
Plated meals served with warm rolls & butter, mixed green salad, New York style cheesecake, premium coffee, tea, and iced tea.

Option 1:  Chicken piccata with lemon caper sauce, Yukon gold smashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables.  
$51.00  X _______ = $ ________

Option 2:  White fish Veracruz with capers, olives, peppers sauteed, Saffron cilantro rice, seasonal vegetables.  
$54.00  X _______ = $ ________

Option 3:  Roasted pork tenderloin with mushroom marsala demi glaze, parsley fingerling potatoes, seasonal vegetables.  
$55.00  X _______ = $ ________

Option 4:  Vegetarian lasagna, seasonal vegetables.  
$49.00  X _______ = $ ________

Total Amount Due:  = $ ________
Celebrate your Anniversary and help carry the message! Please participate in the:

**ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY PLAN**

Please complete this form -- call or email the office by the 15th of the preceding month for anniversaries to be printed in the bulletin. Or, mail them by the 10th to allow time for delivery.

Please list the name and phone # of the person to contact if the Intergroup office has any questions:

Name: ___________________ Group: ___________________________ Phone #: __________________

For over the past 45 years, many anniversary celebrants have donated $1.00 per year of sobriety to the **Birthday Plan**. Your donations help us CARRY the MESSAGE to the still suffering alcoholic.

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** Individual members may contribute up to $5,000 in any year of sobriety; $5,000 posthumously. As always, this is only a suggestion and may vary as an individual desires. **

Please Keep In Mind

- List the date the individual will celebrate; NOT the actual anniversary date.
- List first names and last initial.
- List group name as it appears in the directory.
- Call the Intergroup Office or email to intergroup@baltimoreaa.org
- If mailing, please post before the 10th of the month, to allow time for delivery.
- Make checks payable to: Baltimore Intergroup
BECOME A FAITHFUL FRIEND!

Faithful Friends are A.A. members who pledge monthly contributions of $5 or more or yearly contributions of $60 or more (up to $5,000 per member per year). These monthly or yearly gifts are made beyond what’s contributed to the basket at meetings and go directly to support the Intergroup Office. As a thank you, you have the option to receive a free hardcopy subscription to our monthly bulletin delivered by first class mail.

Faithful Friends are committed to supporting AA knowing that we spent much more than $5 each month during our drinking days! Because A.A. is fully self-supporting in keeping with the Seventh Tradition, the money necessary for A.A.’s survival and day-to-day operations can only come from individual A.A. members and A.A. groups. Your generosity keeps the Intergroup office open and running smoothly so that A.A. can be available to carry the message to suffering alcoholics in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

NAME:______________________________________________________
ADDRESS:___________________________________________________CITY:___________________STATE:__________
ZIP:______________PHONE NUMBER:____________________________
EMAIL:________________________________________PLEASE SEND MY FREE BULLETIN VIA: □ P.O.  □ No, thank you.

MONTHLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:                                      OR YEARLY PLEDGE AMOUNT:
□ $5                                                             □ $60
□ $10                                                           □ Other_____________
□ $25
□ $50
□ Other__________

To pay:
Visit www.baltimoreaa.org/contribute to contribute online or call the Intergroup Office at 410-663-1922 or send us a check made payable to: Baltimore Intergroup.

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CONCEPT IV

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

The principle of “Right of Participation” is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e. G.S.O.) and the A.A. Grapevine.

In the same way, the boards of these two operating entities include as voting members not only trustees, but also non-trustee directors and paid administrators and staff members.

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oncept IV Bill warns against the possibility of new delegates or trustees trying to “weaken, modify or toss out” the “Right of Participation.” He cites arguments by delegates to take away the trustees’, directors’ and staff members’ vote at the Conference. “Certainly,” he says, “our trustees and service workers are not less conscientious, experienced and wise than the delegates.”

Finally, there is a spiritual reason for the “Right of Participation.” All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are “second class.” The “Right of Participation” therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in “ultimate authority” over another. We perform our tasks better when our ‘participation’ assures us we are truly the ‘trusted servants’ described in Tradition Two.”

reprinted from the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts for World Services Illustrated

Concept Checklist

Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the “Right of Participation?”

What does “in reasonable proportion” mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?

Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

April 2010