



# District News

"Linking our Local Groups and AA as a Whole"

October 2011

District 41, Area 29

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov 1st, 2011 at 7 PM Grace Trinity UCC  
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!

## District 41 DCM Report

Highlights from September 24, 2011 Area 29 Delegate's Report AA World Services

- AA Regional Directories are now available for purchase.
- AAWS requested an unauthorized source to stop posting Daily Reflections online without permission, and to refrain from emailing daily excerpts to subscribers because this infringed on the copyright of this book. They have complied. GSO received over 800 emails and calls protesting it, many indicating GSO might post this book and provide the same service received from the other web-site. AAWS is considering.
- eBook Initiative: on track to meet Phase I in November 2011:
  - o Phase I – 4th Qtr 2011 be able to purchase English/French/Spanish 4th Edition BB and 12&12 to download on Apple iPhone/iPod Touch devices and Apple iPad in "compatibility mode" until enhanced for the iPad 6 wks later.
  - o Phase II – 2nd Qtr 2012 eBook purchase for download on most Android devices and various eReaders.
- Publications
  - o Through June 2011 the Total Distribution of all books – 904,368 (up 4.7% from 2010); Total A.A. purchases (81%) while non-A.A. purchases (19%).
  - o Revised Catalog of Conference Approved Literature and Other Service Material is available; and for the 1st time includes 2 pages of Grapevine subscriptions, books, and other information.
- 62nd General Service Conference Agenda
  - o Conference Agenda Items – Panels reviewing (more below)
- 63rd General Service Conference
  - o Conference Agenda Committee is requesting suggestions for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop Topics for the 63rd Annual Meeting of the GSC in April 2013. Suggestions need to be provided to Area 29 Delegate prior to or at the October 22nd Area Assembly.

### AA Grapevine, Inc. News

- 2012 One Day at a Time Calendar and Pocket Planner are now available.
- Two new books "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety II" are now available.
- PayPal is now available as a payment option on the GV online store.
- Grapevine Complete – combines GV in print magazine and online subscriptions into one for \$49.97, a \$13.97 savings from purchasing separately.

### Trustees Committee on Literature

- Revised pamphlet "The AA Member – Medications and Other Drugs" is now available in hard copy and on the aa.org website.
- New pamphlet "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" is now available.
- Trustees Committee on Public Information
- Revised pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" is now available (includes information on protecting anonymity in "digital form" and how "loved one's" can protect anonymity)
- GSR's are encouraged to attend designated MGS Area Assemblies to represent your group. That's how your vote/group counts!!!

## 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 24 groups holding about 50 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 Area 29/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

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE  
(U.S. and Canada)



## District 41 Report Continued

Group contributions to Area 29

Percentage of groups in Area 29 that contributed to GSO for 2011 = 26.3%;  
2010 = 27.4%

Area 29 Regional Panels – Final Conference Agenda Items

- Panel 4 (Districts 9, 17, 20, 40, 41 & 43): recommend agenda items under Agenda & Finance

Other/General

NERAASA 2012 – Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will take place March 2-4, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany NY. Online registration begins October 1, 2011 at [www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org).

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve District 41 as your DCM – District Committee Member. Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Jim M. (518) 265-7355



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.

## Is your Group Making the Right Contributions?

The following is the recommended breakdown for contributions:

A.A. World Services, Inc., 11th Floor (NY 10%)  
475 Riverside Drive at West 120th St.  
New York, NY 10115  
(212) 870-3400

Maryland General Service Inc.(Area 30%)  
P.O. Box 701  
New Market, MD 21774

West Central Intergroup of Maryland (Intergroup 50%)  
2 East Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
Hot Line: 301-662-0544

District 41, Area 29 (District 10%)  
P.O. Box 757  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

## Upcoming Events

Area 29 News/Updates  
27th Annual Area 29 Fall  
Conference – October 27-  
30 (flyers available)  
Maryland General Service,  
Area 29 2011 Calendar



### 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.

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***District 41 is always interested in your ideas and articles to publish in our news letter. Please contact the Mike or Janice F. with your ideas and information.***