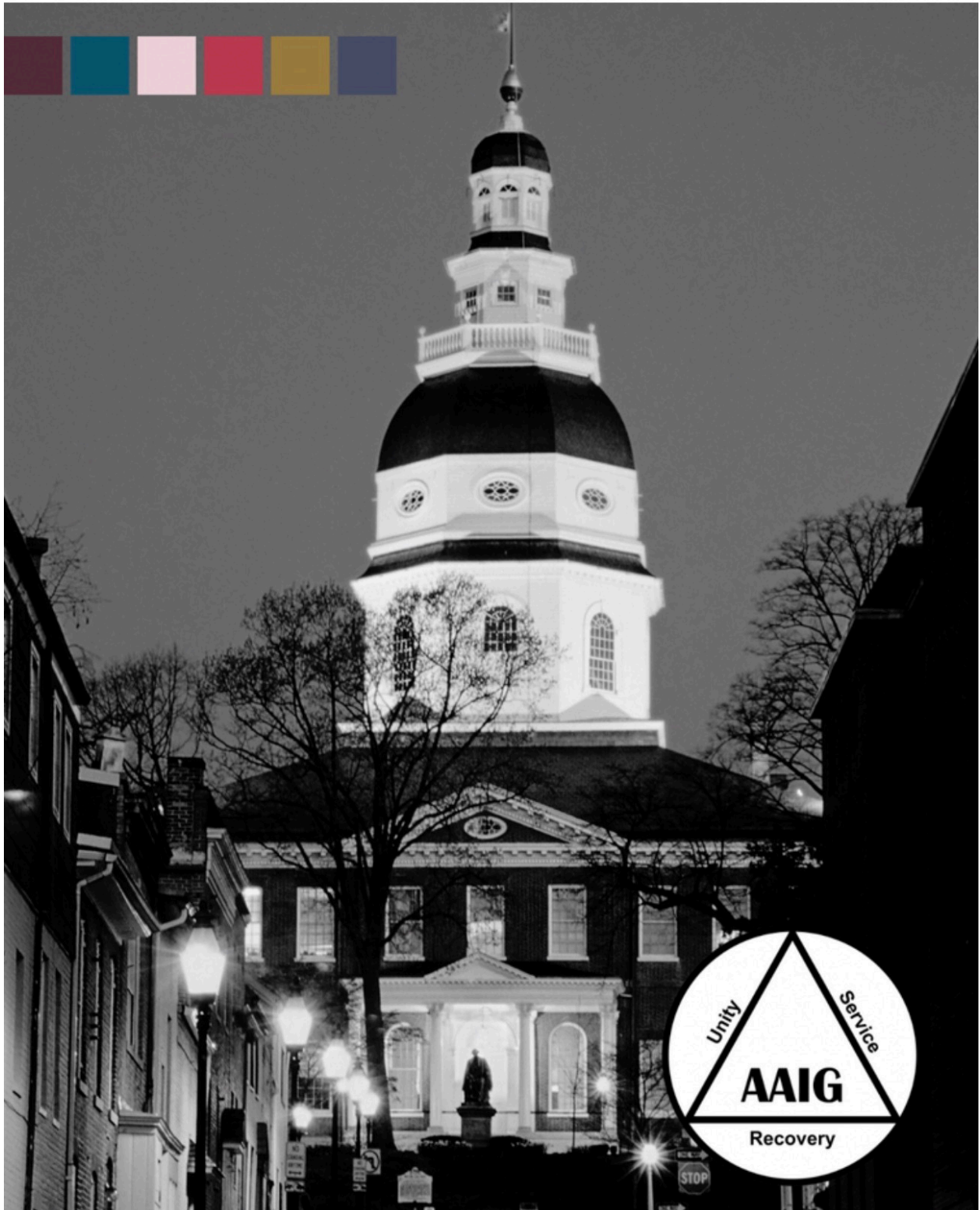


# ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP

FEBRUARY 2026



# Dear Fellowship,

The Bulletin Committee is pleased to share some exciting updates for our AAIG website. In the coming weeks, we will be adding members' Sobriety Anniversaries—a way to celebrate the milestones of our fellowship and honor the journey of recovery.

In tandem, a refreshed and more user-friendly website is underway, designed with the goal of reaching and supporting the alcoholic who is still struggling. The Tech Committee is actively gathering and organizing content, refining the structure, and guiding the site's visual design to make it welcoming, accessible, and informative for newcomers and members alike.

These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to service, fellowship, and carrying the message to those who need it most. We are grateful for the support of our members in helping this work continue.

In service,

Bulletin Committee & Tech Committee

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STEPS, TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS

## STEP 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

## TRADITION 2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

## CONCEPT II

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

## BIG BOOK QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree, and upon which we can join in brotherly and harmonious action. This is the great news this book carries to those who suffer from alcoholism.



## YOUR INTERGROUP AT WORK

Timing is everything. Our phone at the Red House died on Monday, January 19. Despite some technical and human error challenges volunteers jumped in and we kept the phones answered with our rollover system. Then a snow storm hit. Again, volunteers jumped in to keep the phones answered and keep the doors of the Red House open. The Annapolis Area Intergroup is grateful to everyone who was willing to serve under the weather conditions.

*"I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And, for that: I am responsible."*

The Red House volunteers cover 49, 2 hour shifts each week and the doors are open 8am to 10pm. We are always in need of assistance. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a phone shift or being added to the substitute list please contact the "Red House" @ 410-268-5441; or email the desk at [desk@aaigaa.org](mailto:desk@aaigaa.org).

## THE FUTURE OF WHERE & WHEN

For many years, the Where & When has been an important service to our fellowship, helping members find meetings and stay connected. As our fellowship continues to grow and technology evolves, the way we share meeting information is also changing.

Today, many members use the AA Meeting Guide App to find meetings. This app connects directly to a meeting database maintained by Intergroups across the United States and Canada. Our local Tech Committee—made up of trusted servants—works to keep this information accurate and up to date so changes to meetings can be reflected in real time.

Maintaining a printed Where & When has become increasingly challenging. Printed meeting lists represent information at a single point in time and cannot be updated once published. In addition, the ongoing volunteer effort required to manage changes, along with rising printing costs, has had an increasing impact on our budget.

As we move forward, we are taking a thoughtful look at the future of the Where & When, balancing our responsibility to be good stewards of both our financial resources and our volunteer service efforts, while continuing to best serve the fellowship.

We invite members and groups to share their thoughts and suggestions regarding the future of the Where & When. Please email your feedback so it may be considered as part of this ongoing discussion.

[bulletin@aaigaa.org](mailto:bulletin@aaigaa.org)

## THE FUTURE OF THE MONTHLY BULLETIN

On January 19, 2026 during our regularly scheduled Council Meeting the Annapolis Area Intergroup Executive Committee proposed quarterly publishing of the bulletin. A motion was made and the Council passed it contingent on the assurance that anniversaries would be published monthly on our website.

This decision was not made lightly. The Council has been aware since the summer of 2024 that we have been unable to find a bulletin committee chair.

Beginning April 2026, the bulletin will be published quarterly.

Anniversaries will be posted monthly on our website.

## OUR AAIG BUDGET

Each year, Annapolis Area Intergroup (AAIG) puts together a budget to help plan how we support the fellowship and carry the message. The budget simply helps us estimate what money will be coming in and what expenses we can expect for the year ahead.

Having an annual budget means the Intergroup Council doesn't have to vote on every single expense as it comes up. Once the budget is approved, trusted servants can move forward with their service work. And just to be clear — approving a budget doesn't mean it's set in stone. If things change, the budget can be adjusted through group conscience.

The Finance Committee prepares the budget by gathering input from AAIG officers, committee chairs, and other trusted servants during January and February. The proposed budget is then brought to the Intergroup Council for approval at the February Council meeting.

## What Is the Prudent Reserve?

A.A. experience reminds us that we don't need to stockpile money, but we do need to be prepared. That's where the Prudent Reserve comes in.

According to Article Nineteen of the AAIG Bylaws, AAIG strives to keep a Prudent Reserve equal to 50% of our annual budgeted operating expenses, not counting generally self-supporting activities like Literature and Activities.

The Prudent Reserve isn't "untouchable" money. It's simply there as a safety net — to help AAIG keep the doors open and services running if income drops or unexpected expenses come up.

Our Intergroup Service Center is dependent on Group Contributions.

[treasurer@aaigaa.org](mailto:treasurer@aaigaa.org)



## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS\*

1/5/2026: A Daily Reprieve, \$300.00

1/6/2026: Annapolis Sunday Morning, \$248.00

1/9/2026: Crofton Monday Night, \$500

1/13/2026: Early Birds, \$264.15

1/15/2026: Serenity at Seven, \$50.00

1/16/2026: Recovery Not Cancelled, \$10.00

1/20/2026: OPAAT, \$194.13

1/21/2026: Annapolis Group Heritage Baptist Church, \$467.00

1/23/2026: Wednesday Women's Group, \$20.00

1/28/2026: As Bill Sees It Severna Park, \$336.39

1/30/2026: Owensville Group, \$136.00

*\*The AAIG Financial Summary can be accessed through requesting report from [treasurer@aaigaa.org](mailto:treasurer@aaigaa.org).*



## LITERATURE NEWS

### Dear Fellowship,

Please note Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) will implement a literature price increase effective February 1, 2026. Read the [AAWS letter received on December 12, 2025 explains the price increase.](#)

For Annapolis Area Intergroup (AAIG), all in-stock literature will remain at the current pricing through March 1, 2026.

Any special orders or new fulfillment orders placed on or after February 1, 2026 will reflect the updated AAWS pricing.

AAIG Literature currently has strong inventory levels. We focus on keeping the most popular titles and formats readily available. The Red House Desk also maintains a selection of literature available for walk-in purchases.

For orders or questions, please contact our Literature Chair at:  
[literature@aaigaa.org](mailto:literature@aaigaa.org)



## CONFERENCE-APPROVED LITERATURE



# GRAPEVINE

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
AAGRAPEVINE.ORG FEBRUARY 2026

## When the news is **NOT GOOD**

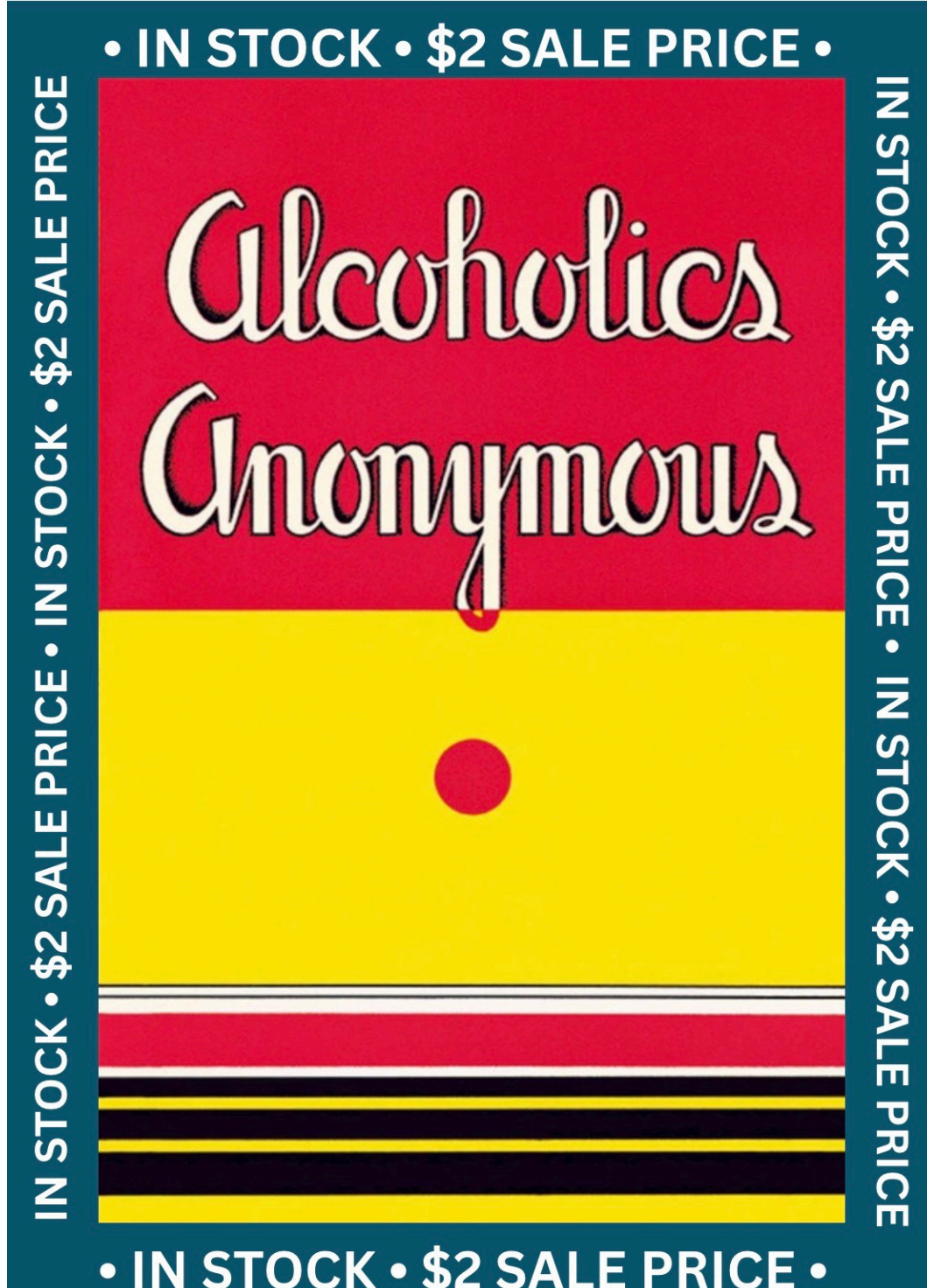
She was not prepared for what  
the doctor was about to say.  
Luckily, she had a phone full  
of AA numbers

**SPECIAL  
SECTION**  
**Getting  
Through  
Tough  
Times**

## Getting Through Tough Times

The February issue's featured section is "Getting Through Tough Times," with powerful stories by AA members about how they use the Steps, fellowship and the tools of AA to get through adversity in sobriety.

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)



#### SERVICE UPDATES

**Annapolis Area Intergroup depends on our fellowship for volunteers to help carry the message. Several committees are currently in need of support. Committee descriptions can be found in the [AAIG Handbook](#) (pages 13–28).**

For questions or to volunteer, please contact [chair@aaigaa.org](mailto:chair@aaigaa.org)

## **Committees Needing Support:**

- **Activities – Chair & Committee vacant**
- **Bulletin – Technical support**
- **Corrections – Meeting volunteers**
- **CPC – Support**
- **Literature – Support**
- **Outreach – Volunteers**
- **Public Information – Chair & Committee vacant**
- **Phone Desk – Phone shifts available**
- **Treatment – Meeting volunteers**
- **Tech Committee – Website Support**

**Service helps keep us connected and ensures AA remains available to those who still suffer.**



## **MEETING UPDATES**

### **February Meeting Updates:**

#### **How It Worked**

**Club 164, Annapolis**

**Thursday 5:00 PM**

**Effective Immediately Discontinued Meeting**

#### **Lighthouse Shelter**

**SHRC (Safe Harbor Resource Center)**

**10 Hudson Street, Annapolis**

**Friday 7:00 PM**

**Effective Immediately Discontinued Meeting**

#### **Drop the Rock (previously Free Yourself)**

**St Phillips Episcopal Church**

**730 Bestgate, Annapolis**

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

**Effective Immediately Name Change**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Bowl 4 Sobriety

AAIG + District 22 Presents  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**\$5 CONTRIBUTION PER PERSON \$5**

VISIT: [D22MD.ORG](https://d22md.org)

EMAIL: [D22DCM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:D22DCM@GMAIL.COM)

JOIN FOR BOWLING AND  
FELLOWSHIP 2-4PM  
SUNDAY 2/15/26  
KIDS FREE

ANNAPOLIS BOWL  
2057 GENERALS HWY.  
ANNAPOLIS MD 21401

BOWLING TEAMS OF 5  
SOLO PLAYERS PLACED  
WITH A TEAM  
SHOES SUPPLIED

CHECK-IN BY 1PM  
BOWLING STARTS 2PM

PLEASE R.S.V.P.  
[d22md.org](https://d22md.org)



**REGISTER NOW**



# Spring 2026 CONTRA Study

March 5, 2026 through June 11, 2026

Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time (US/Canada)

Moderated by Trusted Servants from  
the Northeast Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 4641 4040

Passcode: 330331

Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592

We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the  
**CONcepts, TRAditions & The A.A. Service Manual.**  
**No Registration Fees!**

Mar 5, 2026 – Registration & Orientation

Mar 12, 2026 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3

Mar 19, 2026 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6

Mar 26, 2026 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9

Apr 2, 2026 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12

Apr 9, 2026 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 89-108

Apr 16, 2026 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 109-18, 166-69

Apr 23, 2026 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 171-7

Apr 30, 2026 – Svc Man, Chpts 7 8 9 & pp 176-180

May 7, 2026 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 161-5, 170

May 14, 2026 – Service Manual, pp. 119-159

May 21, 2026 – Concepts pp I-VII, C1-C2, Con 1, 2, 3

May 28, 2026 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6

Jun 4, 2026 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9

Jun 11, 2026 – Concepts 10, 11 & 12

## CONTRA Study Materials

(provided via email following registration):

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, B-2 (free participant download at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org))

*The A.A. Service Manual* combined with *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*, BM-31, 2024-2026 edition

*AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist*, July 2018 revision

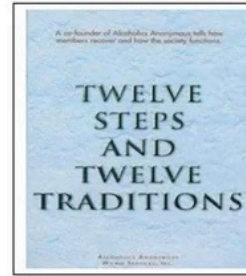
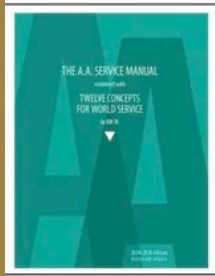
*Spring 2026 Contra Study Service Manual Questions*

*A.A.W.S. Concepts Checklist*, SMF-91, 08/18 edition

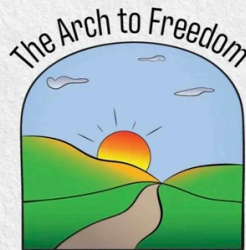
We will cover approximately three chapters of reading material per week, with associated questions.  
Only those who have read the assignment and have written answers to the weekly questions will be invited  
to read their answers to the group. All others are welcome to join the meeting and listen.

Presented by Trusted Servants from  
the Northeast Region

For more information, contact:  
[2026contrastudy@gmail.com](mailto:2026contrastudy@gmail.com)



## MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE, INC SAVE THE DATE



**52nd Maryland State Convention**  
June 19-21, 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, Maryland

Register at:

**[www.marylandaa.org](http://www.marylandaa.org)**

Early Bird Registration January 30 - May 18: \$40 online, \$38 mail in

Regular Registration May 19 - June 12: \$47 online, \$45 mail in

### Join us for:

Speakers  
Workshops  
Alcathons  
Old Timers Panel  
Meditation  
Delegate Report

AA Play  
History Presentations  
AA & Al Anon Literature  
Speaker recordings for sale  
Banquet Dinner  
Ice Cream Social

Hospitality Suite  
DJ Dance  
Game Room  
Song Circle  
Coffee



**REGISTER  
NOW!**





## GENERAL SERVICES INFORMATION

### Area 29 Delegate's Notes

January 13, 2026

**Hello, everyone, and welcome to a new year of General Service!** My name is

Lori and I'm an alcoholic, and I'm honored to be serving as your Area 29, Panel 76 Delegate. I've been named to the Conference Finance Committee and it is definitely going to be a busy couple of years!

Every few weeks I'll be sending out announcements from the General Service Office, General Service Board, A.A. World Services, and AA Grapevine/La Viña. I hope that you will find the information timely and informative.

This week's announcements are as follows; each image has a link to click through for more information!:



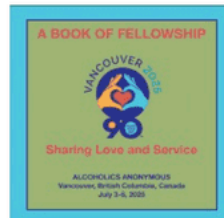
Refresh your Home Group's Literature Rack with a special offer good through Friday, January 15! Get 10% off a selection of new and revised Conference approved items! Click on the picture to order!

### YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL!

In response to two 2024 General Service Conference Advisory Actions, the trustees' Literature Committee of A.A. has assigned Working Groups to help develop **two** pamphlets:

#### PAMPHLET FOR THE TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC & PAMPHLET FOR THE ASIAN ALCOHOLIC

The Trustees' Literature Committee is looking for stories from A.A. members for two new pamphlets, one for the Transgender Alcoholic, and one for Asian and Asian-American Alcoholics. Please click through for more information about details and virtual writing workshops!!



The List Price for the beautifully produced *A Book of Fellowship: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service*, the official 2025 International Convention Souvenir Book, has been reduced!

*A Book of Fellowship: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service* (Item B-86) is now priced at \$15 USD.

Click on the picture to order today!

Thank you so much for letting me serve. If you have any additional questions about these announcements, or anything else having to do with the General Service Structure, please email me any time at [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

In grateful service, Lori McP. Delegate,  
Area 29/Panel 76

## OUR COMMON WELFARE AREA 29 NEWSLETTER



## BOX 459





## February 2026

Charlie S.: 3 years, February 1  
It Works It Really Does, Club 164

Matt S.: 2 years, February 2  
Middle of the Herd, Club 164

Marty W.: 18 years, February 5  
Odenton Open Discussion.

Matt T.: 2 years, February 6  
Fun Bunch, Club 164

Mikey E.: 2 years, February 6  
It Works It Really Does, Club 164

Nate S.: 4 years, February 8  
Middle of the Herd, Club 164

James D.: 1 year, February 10  
Club 164

Peggy G.: 8 years, February 13  
Women's Lit Up ZOOM Meeting

Mary B.: 38 years, February 15  
Club 164

Shula M.: 30 years, February 16  
Women's Lit Up ZOOM Meeting

Mary Beth: 3 years, February 16  
Middle of the Herd, Club 164

Kyte: 1 year, February 25  
It Works It Really Does, Club 164