# **AAIG BULLETIN**

Monthly Publication of the Annapolis Area Intergroup

If you are seeking help for a drinking problem, call our 24-hour hotline: 410-268-5441.

#### **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.

#### Responsibility Statement

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.

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# September 2022



#### STEP 9.

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

#### TRADITION 9.

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

#### CONCEPT 9.

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

AA Anniversaries					
Celebrating ON	NAME	YEARS	LOCATION CELEBRATING AT		
Aug 30, 2022	Jennifer G.	24 Years	Severna Park Tuesday Afternoon Group		
Sept 6, 2022	Dave S.	1 Year	Tuesday Night Pasadena Group		
Sept 12, 2022	Kirk H.	8 Years	AA for Atheists and Agnostics, SSRC		
Sept 13, 2022	Pasadena Group	59 Years	Guest Speaker! Tuesday Night Pasadena Group		
Sept 14, 2022	Angel T.	15 Years	Herald Harbor Wednesday Step		
Sept 20, 2022	Spencer O.	47 Years	Tuesday Night Pasadena Group		
Sept 23, 2022	Bookstore Dawn	40 Years	Happy Hour Group Severna Park, Friday, 5:30 pm		
Sept 26, 2022	Jennifer W.	4 Years	Zoom—Women Lit Up (Monday)		
Sept 27, 2022	Bob E.	50 Years	Tuesday Night Pasadena Group		



#### **Events & Anniversary Submissions**

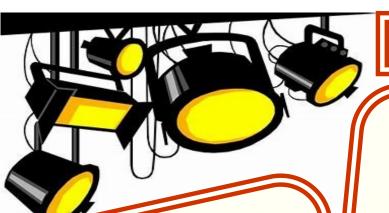
Submit to: bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org

**Deadline for Submissions:** 

The 18th of the month prior to the event or anniversary.

Get the Bulletin Free! Subscribe at:

https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/subscribe.php



# **NOTICES**

# District 22 HAS A NEW ADDRESS!!!!

Please, Send Communications or **Donations to:** 

District 22

P.O. Box 6122

Annapolis, MD

Maryland General Service HAS A NEW ADDRESS!!!!

Please, Send Communications or Donations to: Maryland General Service Inc.

P.O. Box 207

Benson, MD 21018

Beverly M., District 22, District Committee Member District 22 meetings held on Zoom on the first Monday of each

Download the Zoom app use ID 138 524 006 and the password 1212164.

DCM Contact# 301-955-6928

Plans for the next MD State Convention in 2023 They are looking for a venue that sleeps 700 people and has conference rooms and food service. Any suggestions? Send ideas to Bev at 301-955-6928

The next Area 29 Maryland General Service meeting for DCMs and GSRs is Saturday, Sept. 24 in Easton, MD from 9 am-3 pm. It is being held at

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Rd. DCMs and GSRs are highly encouraged to attend.



# **NOTICES**

# In Memory of Annapolis Area AAs

Honoring those who trudged the road of happy destiny alongside us. Save us a seat at the table of the Great Meeting, we will see you again.

Names	Years	Home Group	Life
Charlotte W.	29 Years	Sunday AM Agape	August 9, 1943 — January 27, 2022
Morgan J.	44 Years	Sat Morning Big Book	March 7, 1941 — July 10, 2022

New;

PLEASE SEND IN MEMORIAM TO THE AAIG
BULLETIN SO WE MAY COMMUNICATE
THIS INFORMATION TO THE
ANNAPOLIS AREA.

PLEASE INCLUDE NAME, HOME GROUP, DATE DECEASED, AND/OR ÅÅ ÅNNIVERSARY YEARS IF YOU HAVE IT.

THANK YOU, AAIG BULLETIN

bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org

AAIG Where & When's
Available at the Red House!

1 FREE per person

5 FREE per Group/Meeting
\$0.50 per copy for quantities in excess of 5

# **NOTICES**

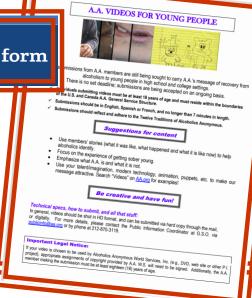


It's the End of An Era for AA Meetings
located at the Celebrate Recovery Center
in Severna Park!
Find updated meeting locations at the meeting app!

A.A. Videos for Young People Project Submission form

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View PDF



#### For More Information—Click On:

A.A. Videos for Young People Project Submission form | Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)



# Better With Age AM Meeting for Older Adults (55+) All Ages Welcomed! Open Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays — 10:30 atm-11:30 am (EST/EDT) Thursdays — 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (EST/EDT) Saturdays — 10:30 am-11:30 am (EST/EDT) Saturdays — 10:30 am-11:30 am (EST/EDT) Join Virtual Meeting by going to Zoom and entering MEETING ID: 889 2298 5420, then enter Password. Password available by contacting 2020betterwithage@gmail.com or intergroup@baltimoreaa.org. Available as a phone meeting by dialing 1-646-876-9923 and entering 889 2298 5420 and Password.

#### **Committee Information**

The AAIG website is getting an update!!

On the last weekend in August, <u>annapolisaa.org</u>, same as <u>annapolisareaintergroup.org</u>, will be upgraded to the Wix platform to allow for easier support and maintenance.

Please check out the updated site and content and let the Tech Committee know if you find any issues at:

techcomm@annapolisaa.org

# AAIG 2022 Executive Officers & Contacts

Chairperson: Aaron W.

chair@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Vice Chairperson: Chris L.

vicechair@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Treasurer: Alli T.

treasurer@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Secretary: Megan J.

secretary@annapolisareaintergroup.org

# **AAIG Executive Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting

# **Intergroup Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting information will be available on the AAIG website.



#### **Committee Information**



The **Bylaws Committee** is still waiting for YOUR input on changes you think are needed in the AAIG Bylaws to reflect AAIG's present-day practices.

You can find the current Bylaws on the Intergroup Web Site at: https://annapolisaa.org

To make a suggestion, contact the committee at: bylawscommittee@annapolisareaintergroup.org.

The **Safety Committee** wants you to know that the AA General Service Office has *updated* the following materials per Safety and AA, see the *new* materials at:

#### Safety and AA Flyer, F-228

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-228 en 0422.pdf

#### The "Yellow" Safety Card for AA Groups, F-211

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-211\_en\_0422.pdf

For questions, contact: safety@annapolisareaintergroup.org.

Safety and A.A.

> groups are made up of alcoholics who gather for the sole purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

afety is a topic within A.A. that groups and lembers may need to address to help ensure se ability to carry the message to the alcoholty who still suffers. Our Twelve Traditions proide a set of principles to help guide us, and se additional shared experience pertaining pecifically to safety provided in this service

#### SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

The General Service Office has made this optional card available as an A.A. service piece for in-personionline groups that wish to use it. Please feel f to utilize, choose a section(s) or adapt the text to your group's needs.

Tradition Pive states: Early group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message. The accretion visit as found ending primary purpose — to carry its message to the accretion visit as found endings primary in sections at this group is one concern but all any present point and control and concern but all any present point and concern but any present point and present point any present point and present present point and present point and present present

Service Material from the General Service Offi

**To order and purchase AA Literature**, contact the Literature Committee at <a href="mailto:literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org">literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org</a>.

#### **Help AAIG Deliver Local Services!**

- •Bulletin for events, notices, anniversaries, committee reports
- ◆Red House Desk volunteers pick up 12 Step Calls and provide AA info to the community
- ◆ Website "one-stop shop" convenience for community notices, meeting places and times

PLEASE DONATE AT: https://annapolisaa.org

# **AAIG Treasurer's Report**

# **Group Contributions**

Red House	\$296.00
Jonas' Birthday	\$40.00
Back to Basics	\$90.00
Caring & Sharing Group	\$398.00
Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
Friday Night Odenton	\$300.00
It Works, It Really Does	\$419.19
SP Tuesday Afternoon	\$170.85
Saturday Morning Live	\$20.00
Pasadena Group	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$1884.04

#### Literature:

Bought \$256.85 Sold \$525.00

#### **Expenses:**

Red House \$850.00 Outreach Comm \$112.05 Verizon (Ph/Internet) \$213.37 RH Supplies \$130.50

TOTAL \$953.77

#### **AA Group Treasurers!**

Please include your GROUP'S NAME on the envelope or check or in the INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUYER section of PayPal when making a donation. Thanks!



This information is a "snap shot" of contributions and expenses recently incurred. The "official" AAIG budget and balances are presented at the AAIG Council meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Please elect a representative for your AA group and have them attend! The Zoom address will be posted on the AAIG website at

https://annapolisaa.org.

#### **DRUM ROLL PLEASE!**

\*EXPRESS YOUR "AA" SELF OR ASK AA QUESTIONS

bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Area AA Member Reports on Annapolis Area Intergroup "Technology Committee"

#### Did you know with have a Technology Committee?

I did not! Yet, I blissfully attend zoom meetings and go to the meeting guide app when I need to find an extra meeting. All of which require technology to work. With COVID we moved into a technology world rapidly. We pioneered and stumbled through learning a new way to bring AA to everyone remotely. This was the beginning of the realization that we were moving into a new era.

There were other incidents though, like the internet and phone issues at the Red House. A kind AA member with a tech background went to try and find out what was wrong and found the wiring was horribly frayed. As more and more things began to bubble up there was the realization that most AA technology knowledge was in just a few peoples' heads and very few things were written down.

AAIG's only Webmaster needed help! AA community members stepped forward to resolve individual issues, but it became clear AAIG needed a Technology Committee to put enduring procedures and processes in place to bring us into the "digital age". The Committee officially stood up in June 2022.

They are still just getting started and could really use some tech savvy people to volunteer to be members. **Do you have a tech background? Send an email to find out how you can help at: techcomm@annapolisaa.org** 

"I hope you have a great story because...
we are out of coffee."

Adam F., Beaverton, Ore., Copyright © (April, 2021) AA Grapevine, Inc./La Viña.

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# You or your group can order this! Ask for p-24\_anewcomerask.pdf

at literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org

# Local AA Member Reviews AA Pamphlet, "A Newcomer Asks" and explores the question,

Q: Why do AA's keep attending meetings once they are cured?

A: We in A.A. believe there is no such thing as a cure for alcoholism. We can never return to normal drinking, and our ability to stay away from alcohol depends on maintaining our physical, mental, and spiritual health. This we can achieve by going to meetings regularly and putting into practice what we learn there. In addition, we find it helps us to stay sober if we help other alcoholics.

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Yes, AA's continue because they want to stay sober! And guess what folks we are never cured. But we continue to learn how to navigate life on a daily basis. I am a different person today than I was even six months ago!

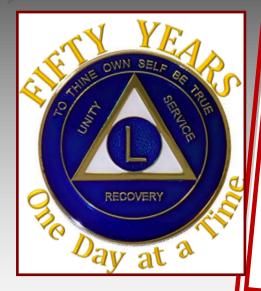
Once you put down the bottle Life happens. And what a miracle it is. The first couple of years seemed to mainly consist of stuffing myself with every other possible means of self satisfaction. And feeling supremely guilty and fat; and unworthy of anyone else's time or love. "But I'm sober" was my mantra and excuse. This is one of the many areas where my patient sponsor helped me navigate. I had to learn not to be so rigidly hard on myself.

Being the center of my universe for so long was tough to let go of. All those years of "me, me, me." I am still (only three and a half years sober) working daily, if not hourly, on all my character defects.

Learning to accept help from anyone else was probably one of my toughest hurdles. But I found a wonderful group of women who always have so patiently and kindly been there for me, to hold me up when I need support. The people who have years of sobriety and continue to show up are the ones who encourage the newcomers by showing them the possibility of a better life.

Thank god there is no cure!

# MG 50 Years - One Day at a Time!



"THIS IS TO CERTIFY ... on this  $25^{th}$  day of September, 1972 ... the foregoing Articles of Incorporation ...".

"...The name of the corporation is ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP, INCORPORATED ... and it is organized exclusively for furthering the aims of Alcoholics Anonymous and the dissemination of information concerning alcoholism ..."

With these two excerpts from the original Articles, the Annapolis Area Intergroup, Inc. was official!

By January 1973, offices were set up at 169 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland, "The Red House" and opened for business.

In its early years of operation, it is reported that a half a dozen to a dozen persons a day would visit AAIG. Once Beginner's meetings were established and other AA Groups began to use the Red House, the number of visitors to AAIG grew and grew.

Fifty years later, AAIG still has its offices at this location. The pandemic did provide challenges, reducing visitation and meetings, yet, AAIG continued to provide services during the height of the virus.

The primary service provided at the Red House is the AAIG phone answering service. Here volunteers respond to general inquiries and most importantly to the alcoholic in need. The location is also used to store and sell AA literature. It also has its use as a business office for the coordination of AAIG's other Intergroup services.

As per AA Intergroups across the globe, AAIG provides a variety of services to keep area AA's and area service partners (public and private) interconnected and informed. These services include the publication of a monthly bulletin, periodic printing and distribution of *Where and When* meeting guides, and carrying the message to persons in correctional and rehabilitation facilities.

AAIG does not sponsor AA meetings, yet, AA and AA Beginner Groups have resumed weekly meetings in the facility. In addition, the landlord (the First Presbyterian Church) makes space available adjacent to the Red House which AA Groups and AAIG use for meetings, workshops and other activities.

Looking back to 1972, special thanks go to the original steering committee, the 29 participating AA Group Intergroup representatives, and the other trusted servants that brought AAIG into existence.

In the last couple years, due to the unforeseen circumstances of the pandemic, AA was forced to move rapidly into the virtual world. And move we did! There are now about a dozen virtual meetings held weekly in the Annapolis Area. Additionally, AAIG meetings are held virtually, as do Annapolis Area Districts.

Looking forward, AAIG's trusted servants are committed to serve the alcoholic that still struggles. Through service, AAIG wants the hand of AA to always be there.

If you have an interest in serving your fellow AA members or are just curious .......... Come Join Us! Your service and participation are welcome!

# Is Your AA Group Represented!??

Elect an Intergroup Representative (IGR) for your AA Group and have them join us online, Tuesday, September 20th at 7 p.m.!

Zoom Meeting information will be available on the AAIG website.



Tuesday Night Pasadena Group
Anniversary

Celebrating 59 Years
Guest Speaker

Tues, Sept 13, 2022, 8:30 pm Christ Lutheran Church 8249 Jumpers Hole Road Millersville, MD

# **EVENTS**



Crofton Open is Celebrating its 48th Anniversary with Al-Anon Participation

Friday, Sept 23, 2022 The Eating Meeting Potluck begins at 6:30 pm Please bring Dish or Dessert

AA and Al-Anon Speakers Begin at 8:00 pm Prince of Peace (Presbyterian Church) 1657 Crofton Pkwy, Crofton, MD

# THE WALLS WILL COME DOWN

**October 22, 2022** 12pm – 3pm

WHERE

**South Shore Recovery Club** 

> 1199 Generals Highway Crownsville, Md. 21032

> > COME JOIN US !!!!!

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CO-HOSTS:

Maryland General Service polis Area Intergrou Districts 7 & 42

SERVED

Corrections Information & **Literature** avallahle IIII



# **Events**



# **Open Positions! Service Commitments!**



# Annapolis Area Needs Your **Help!**

AAIG Red House Desk Committee
Please contact us at

desk@annapolisareaintergroup.org.

#### AAIG Roll-Over Phone - Help!

Available shifts for volunteers to answer roll-over calls from the Red House Desk, especially, Sundays or Fridays. For more information, please contact





AAIG Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to contact and/or visit AA groups and its members in the Annapolis Area. For more information, please contact outreach@annapolisareaintergroup.org.

#### **OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS!**

- Finance
- Public Information
- Cooperation with Professional Community

For more information: <a href="mailto:secretary@annapolisareaintergroup.org">secretary@annapolisareaintergroup.org</a>.

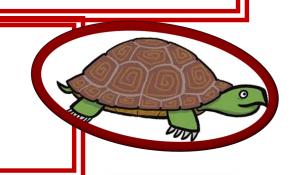


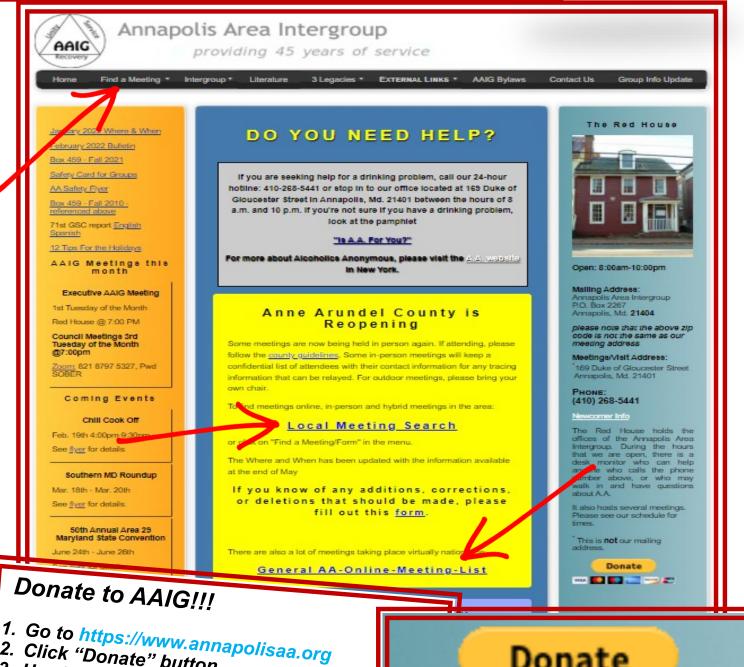
# **AAIG Webpage Information**

#### Looking for a meeting?! AAIG has 3 Methods!

Go to https://www.annapolisaa.org

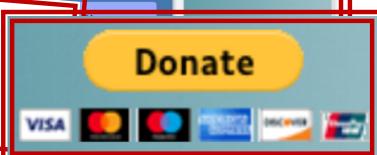
- 1. Click on "Find a Meeting Tab"
- 2. Scroll down webpage to "Local Meeting Search"











# Please send AAIG your updated meeting information!



- Visit the AAIG website https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/WWChange.php
- Or, go to Direct Link —https://forms.gle/533NzJ8WQYaR98CA8
- Or, print off page and send it in! Mailing information on bottom of the

Annapolis Area Intergroup – Group or Meeting Information Update						
Date Update Submitted:	Date Update Submitted:					
Information submitted by: (WILL E	BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)					
First Name Last Name	e phone	e-mail				
Instructions: The meeting list is maintained by volunteers; it is a LOT of work. When filling out this form "we beg you to be fearless and thorough from the very start"!!!!! It is very difficult to keep the list up to date with partial or confusing information. If the whole form is not completed, and if the contact name is not filled in we cannot guarantee that your meeting will be updated. (PS contact <a href="mailto:outreach@annapolisareainterroup.com">outreach@annapolisareainterroup.com</a> if you would like to volunteer and help our committeeor if you have questions)						
This is a: New meeting entry cl	hange to existing meeting mee	eting deletion				
	OLD MEETING INFORMATION	NEW MEETING INFORMATION				
Group Name						
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In person/online/hybrid						
Online connection info						
Online password (if applicable)						
AAIG Meeting #: (optional)						
AA GSO Meeting #: (Optional)						
AAIG Rep. Name: (optional)						
AAIG Rep. Phone #: (optional)						
AAIG Rep. Email: (optional)						
OK to list AAIG Rep? (yes or no)						
Comments:						
Meeting Key: O = Open, C = Closed, B = Beginners, D = Discussion, LD= Literature/Discussion, SP = Speakers, ST = Step/Traditions, B8 = Big Book, AB = As Bill Sees It, CTB = Came to Believe, DR = Daily Reflections, GD = Grapevine Discussion, HIW = How it Works, M = 11th Step Meditation, NCS = No Court Slips, W = Wheelchair Accessible, # = AAIG number for use with all correspondence  Form to submit online at: annapolisareaintergroup.org or Submit by Mail to: Annapolis Area Intergroup;						
PO Box 2267; Annapolis MD 21404 Submit by e-mail to: webmaster@annapolisareaintergroup.org						