# AAIG BULLETIN 2023

Monthly Publication of the Annapolis Area Intergroup

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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**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.

### For Long Forms go to:

**Traditions -** https://www.aa.org/twelve-traditionsalcoholics-anonymous-long-form

**Concepts -** https://www.aa.org/the-twelveconcepts#long





# 2023 AA Anniversaries

CELEBRATING ON	NAME	YEARS	LOCATION CELEBRATING AT
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Aug 26 Z	lach P.	6	All Inclusive, SSRC, Sat., 4 PM
Sept 5 C	Chris O.	18	Crofton 12 & 12 Step Group, 7:30 PM
Sept 6 T	īm H.	14	Pasadena Wednesday Noon
Sept 7 S	Shellby M.	3	Women's Emotional Sobriety, 6:30 PM
Sept 11 K	Kirk H.	9	Atheists and Agnostics, SSRC
Sept 13 P	Paul M.	38	Staying Connected Online, Arnold, 6PM Zoom https://zoom.us/j/646567403 Password 21012
Sept 13 N	lick B.	1	Herald Harbor Step
Sept 18 H	lal S.	40	Crofton Monday Night Group, 8:30 PM
Sept 19 B	Becky M.	1	TBD
Sept 20 A	Angel T.	16	Herald Harbor Step
Sept 25 D	Debby T.	17	TBD
Sept 25 J	lennifer W.	5	Zoom - Women's Lit Up, 7 PM
Sept 30 C	Chris B.	21	All Inclusive, SSRC, Sat., 4 PM
Sept 30 K	Kevin S.	4	All Inclusive, SSRC, Sat., 4 PM
Oct 3 P	Pat G	4	Severna Park Tuesday Afternoon,12:30PM
Oct 4	/like T.	2	Herald Harbor Step Meeting
Oct 7 B	Bruce H.	42	All Inclusive, SSRC, Sat., 4 PM

# \*Contribute to the AA Birthday Plan

The Birthday Plan is for AA groups or members who wish to contribute to the General Service Office on their A.A. birthday (G.S.O. New York). \$1 per year is suggested, members may contribute as much as they wish up to \$5,000.

Groups may order at: <u>Birthday Contribution Envelope (aa.org)</u> Or make donations at: <u>Log in | Register (aa.org)</u>



## **NOTICES 11<sup>TH</sup> STEP** CANDLE LIT <u>ստուստոն՝ հս</u>տ **MEDITATION MEETING** անանում) (ֆմմնն Keep nandalar 🖺 👔 Calm and **Meditate** 8:00 - 9:00pm Monday evenings Club 164 Industrial Blvd, Annapolis AAIG Where & When's

Please see link for an important announcement on behalf of

the AA Grapevine, Inc. Board of Directors:

Vacancy for the position of Non-trustee Director of AA Grapevine **Board in 2024** 



Please send *in-memoriam* to AAIG Bulletin for communication to Annapolis Area AA fellowship.

Available at Red House! **1 FREE per person** 5 FREE per Group/Meeting

\$0.50 per copy for quantities in excess of 5

Or find online at: https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/find-a-meeting

Please send: first name, last initial, home group, date deceased, AA anniversary date and years, and whether celebration of life is open to public. Thank you, AAIG Bulletin, bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org



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# NOTICES



# General Service Conference (G.S.C.) Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form

GSRs may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members. Experience suggests

discussing the items first with their groups, then at District or Area meetings.

Your District or Area 29 can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

**Deadline for submissions for a GSC is September 15\*. For more info:** 

**Standardized G.S.C. Proposed Agenda Item Submission** 



# **District 31 Is Up and Running!**

Donations may be sent to: District 31, PO Box 209, 1521 Ritchie Hwy, Suite 100, Arnold, MD 21012-2708

*Meetings are held:* 4th Thursday of Month, 7:30 PM

In-Person: Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146

Online Zoom, ID: 742 9478 7397, Passcode: 005011

generally includes: Arnold-21012, Severna Park-21146, and 21409-Annapolis and Broadneck Peninsula (Anne Arundel County)







#### FORMING TRUE PARTNERSHIPS How AA members use the program to improve relationships

# Get Your Reading On! Click: <u>Books | AA Grapevine</u>

This month's feature...

### "Forming True Partnerships"

When we were drinking, many of us had, "a total inability to form a true partnership with another human being." With candid and colorful stories on families, friendships, marriage, divorce, dating, romance, coworkers, sponsorship and pets, this book covers a wide range of experience from sober alcoholics on how we form true partnerships with others.



To Learn More Click this Link:

Carry The Message | AA Grapevine



# **Committee Information**



# Literature On Sale Now!

The AAIG is *now* offering select literature published by AA World Services, Inc., at *half price!* 

Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers: now \$6 Twelve and Twelve pocket edition: now \$4

For any questions, please contact the Literature Committee at: literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Please note that these are the only titles offered at a discount!

# **Events & Anniversary Submissions**

# Submit to: *bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org* Submission Deadline

The 18th of the month prior to the event or anniversary. <u>Subscribe at</u>: techcomm@annapolisareaintergroup.org

To order and purchase AA Literature, contact the Literature Committee at literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org.



# **Committee Information**

# AAIG Meetings are Back In Session!

# **AAIG Executive Meeting**

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 7 pm Zoom Meeting

# **Intergroup Council Meeting**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7 pm Zoom Meeting Information is available on the AAIG Website



AAIG 2023 Executive Officers & Contacts

Chairperson: Aaron W. chair@annapolisareaintergroup.org Vice Chairperson: Cybele D. vicechair@annapolisareaintergroup.org Treasurer: Scott C. treasurer@annapolisareaintergroup.org Secretary: Suzanne L. secretary@annapolisareaintergroup.org

The AAIG website at <a href="https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org">https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org</a> was upgraded to the Wix platform to allow for easier support and maintenance. Please report any issues you find to the Tech Committee at:</a>
techcom@annapolisareaintergroup.org

# **Committee Information**



### **Interview - AAIG Literature Committee**

Thanks to the Literature Chair, the Bulletin is able to report on this AAIG committee and the services it provides. Here's what we learned!

The AAIG Literature Chair has been in the position for a little over a year and plans to work with someone to help as needed and as a backup.

The most importantly is ensuring that AA materials are available at the Red House. This means keeping an eye on the inventory. For example, walk-ins can purchase literature stored at the RH Desk.

Around 20 titles of AA literature are stored at the RH. There are pamphlets and books in hard and soft cover, large print, and pocket editions. The biggest seller is the Big Book, followed by the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, with Living Sober and As Bills Sees it, coming in a solid 3rd.

Special orders are also placed once or twice a year for the Treatment and Correction Committees, both of whom have their own budgets. Typically they purchase BBs and 12x12s. Corrections also purchases an AA approved text called, "AA in Prison: A Message of Hope" (formerly known as AA In Prison: Inmate to Inmate). Special orders are also processed for AAIG events or as contest prizes.

The GREATEST benefit for area AA's is that the Literature Committee **Buys In Bulk**, therein lowering the overall cost of AA materials (no shipping!). Also, **no** charges are added onto the prices. So buyers **do not** pay the mark-up prices which often occur in retail. This is a no-profit service. **IMPORTANT!** If you or your AA group need a bulk order of 5+, reach out to Literature *As Soon As You* can! *FYI*, even AAWS in NY can be out of product!

To order AA Approved Literature, contact the Literature Committee at: literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org Also, a TEXT number is available posted in the RH Office

Written by Local AA member



# 2023 AAIG Statement of Income

		Approved udget 2023		Jan-2023	1	Feb-2023		Mar-2023		Apr-2023	N	lay-2023		Jun-2023		Jul-2023
Cash on hand	-	uuget zvzo		2020	ľ				ľ			, 2020	Ì	2020		
Operating Cash	s	13,754.72	s		s	18,133.96	s	19,900.10	s	16,828.61	s	19,724.98	s	21,985.32	s	23,359.76
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Income																
Allocation from Op. Cash	\$	7,500.00	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Contributions (+)	\$	25,000.00	\$	4,135.22	\$	5,258.42	\$	3,210.50	\$	1,199.53	\$	2,413.40	\$	5,134.04	\$	2,705.07
Literature sold(+)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,280.00	\$	66.00	\$	490.00
Total Income	\$	32,500.00	\$	4,135.22	\$	5,258.42	\$	3,210.50	\$	1,199.53	\$	3,693.40	\$	5,200.04	\$	3,195.07
Expenses																
Operating:																
Literature Bought (-)	\$		\$	1,736.72	\$		\$	865.39	\$	1,529.80	\$		\$		\$	-
"Rent"	\$	10,200.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00	\$	850.00
Insurance	\$	550.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Cleaning/Supplies	\$	3,700.00	\$	179.66	\$	604.24	\$	354.28	\$	-	\$	-	\$	279.20	\$	177.23
Accountant	\$	1,050.00	\$	-	\$	775.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	275.00	\$	-
Phone/Internet	\$	3,000.00	\$	220.14	\$	220.69	\$	220.69	\$	220.69	\$	220.10	\$	220.10	\$	220.10
PO Box	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Bank Fees	\$	170.00	\$	4.00	\$	23.18	\$	4.00	\$	22.70	\$	4.00	\$	4.00	\$	4.00
Corporate Fees	\$	49.00	\$	49.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-
Committees:																
Officers	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Activities	\$	3,500.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	535.66
Bulletin	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	33.64
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Corrections	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Treatment	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Finance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Outreach	\$	500.00	\$	58.96	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Public Info	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Red House Desk	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Rollover	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Technology	\$	1,000.00	\$	119.88	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	461.40	\$	-
Where&When	\$	1,800.00	\$	-	\$	572.93	\$	-	\$		\$	572.93	\$		\$	
Ad Hoc:																
By-Laws	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Safety	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	•	\$		\$		\$	
Total Expense	\$	32,219.00	\$	3,218.36	\$	3,046.04	\$	2,294.36	\$	2,623.19	\$	1,647.03	\$	2,089.70	\$	1,820.63
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Operating Net	\$	281.00	\$	916.86	\$	2,212.38	\$	916.14	\$	(1,423.66)	¢	2,046.37	\$	3,110.34	\$	1,374.44



# Committee Information—Treasury (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)

# **AAIG Group Contributions**

Date	Group	Amount
4/1/2023	New Way of Life	\$115.00
4/10/2023	Happy Hour Group	\$50.00
4/11/2023	Middle of the Herd	\$200.00
4/15/2023	Women's Emotional Sobriety Group	\$161.47
4/25/2023	Annapolis Sunday Morning	\$120.00
4/27/2023	Serenity at 7	\$80.00
4/30/2023	Annapolis Morning Meeting	\$770.16
5/2/2023	Severna Park Tuesday Afternoon	\$71.13
5/2/2023	Severna Park Tuesday Afternoon	\$4.98
5/3/2023	One Page at a Time	\$177.80
5/4/2023	Hatchery 135378	\$32.79
5/7/2023	Back to Basics	\$72.00
5/11/2023	Group 113570	\$86.00
5/11/2023	Serenity at 7	\$65.00
5/11/2023	Literature 164	\$1,605.90
5/22/2023	A Daily Reprieve	\$500.00
5/23/2023	Group 166608	\$880.00
5/26/2023	As Bill Sees it	\$50.00
5/26/2023	Courage to Change	\$204.50
5/27/2023	Annapolis Quiet Waters Group	\$176.18
5/28/2023	Group 166607	\$530.00
6/5/2023	Group 39	\$25.00
6/5/2023	The Pasadena Group	\$100.00
6/5/2023	Group 7373	\$125.00
6/6/2023	Women's Serenity	\$228.00





# AA GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA AUGUST 2023 CONTEST WINNER IS SHARON MCM.

HAT DRAWING PERFORMED BY LORIEN W. AT WOMEN'S EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY GROUP

# MONTHLY BULLETIN CONTEST



In Support of Grapevine's *"2023 Carry The Message Project"* 

WIN A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AA GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA In-Print OR ePub!

# **NEW RULES!**

1) Find the *hidden* "Grape Cluster", looks like this



bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org

- 3) Correct answers will be placed inside a hat.
- 4) Random Area AA Groups will select one name from the hat.
- 5) The chosen name will win *one* 1-year subscription to their choice of AA GRAPEVINE or LA VIÑA!
- 5) Limited to "One" 1-Year Subscription Per Year!



# ALCA THON

# Labor Day Alcathon Monday 9/4/2023

Red House + AAIG Meetings every 90 minutes at Red House (Nooner in Fellowship Hall) Food + Cookout Begins at 11am-5pm First meeting at 7:30am Last meeting at 7:30pm

> Meeting Schedule: 7:30am 9am, 10:30am. 12 noon, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm, 6pm, 7:30pm





### MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE - DISTRICT 22 ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP - AAIG

# DISTRICT 22 & AAIG BEACH PICNIC

### CO-SPONSORING FIRST ANNUAL BEACH PICNIC

### WHEN

Sunday September 17th 2023 - 10:00am to 5:00pm

We will have our first home group meeting at 11am. We anticipate excellent weather, so come early to get a good spot in the grass or on the beach area.

Lunch will be served from 12 Noon-2pm, followed by the second meeting at 2pm. Activities will be ongoing with the last meeting is scheduled at 4pm. Kids are welcome and we will have a kids' face painting party!

### WHERE

#### Sandy Point State Park - East Beach Shelter Location.

1100 E. College Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21409. The shelter name is **Flounder**. This shelter area has access to the beach and large grassy park areas. ADA Bathrooms are nearby.

Parking & Access is **FREE** as long as there is a **RSVP Reservation** for your Group/Party/Carpool. RSVP Reservation can take 10 guests. Please consider carpooling to allow more parking for attendees. **We are limited to 180 guests** - please **RSVP** at **www.d22md.org** to secure a reservation.

### FAQ

### 1) How do I RSVP for a Reservation?

Visit our website at **www.d22md.org** find the **RSVP TODAY.** Fill out the Reservation Form. Once we receive your RSVP, we will send you a detailed email with directions by September 8th, 2023. One RSVP Reservation contact can have up to 10 Guests.

### 2) Where do I pick up tickets?

Tickets will be available beginning **Friday September 8th** at **Club 164** at the following Home Group Meetings: Weekday Meetings: 7am, 10am, Noon, 5:30pm, and 7pm. Weekend Meetings: 9am, Noon, 5:30pm, and 7pm.

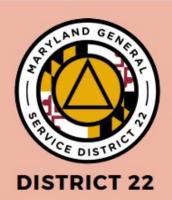
### 3) Can I help through my Home Group?

YES PLEASE! Speak to your Home Group's GSR or contact District 22 directly at: d22altdcm@gmail.com



### WHAT TO KNOW

- Bring Your Own Beach Chairs
- Bring Picnic Blankets
- Bring Sunglasses + Sunscreen
- Wear Beach Attire
- Beach Games + Activities
- 50/50 Raffle Cash Prize
- Live Entertainment 12pm-2pm
- Kids Welcome + Face Painting
- Swimming Allowed
- No Lifeguard on Duty
- No Pets Allowed
- Carpool with Guests
- Limited to 180 persons RSVP
- FREE Event District 22 + AAIG



District 22 of Maryland General Service encompasses the greater Annapolis Area in and around Anne Arundel County. District 22 supports each Home Group and each GSR to be fully engaged in the Service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.



### Alcoholics Anonymous, an Area 29 Accessibilities Subcommittee

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# Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC)

Created to organize the foundation of funding and scheduling in-person AA meetings interpreted in American Sign Language (ASL) in Area 29

### Who We Are

Alcoholics

Anonymous

The Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC) is a group of AA members who work in cooperation with our local area districts and home groups to help ensure we can carry the message to ALL those seeking recovery.

### AA Traditions

We follow AA's 12 Traditions and are not affiliated with any outside organization. More information will be provided on our website soon. Also see our FAQs.

#### Focus

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Our main focus is providing ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters at in-person AA meetings in Area 29 to make the fellowship more accessible to the Deaf and hard of hearing community

### Contributions

We rely on contributions from AA members and groups to pay for ASL interpreters. We encourage people to remember that when we're discussing having ASL interpreters at meetings, we're discussing providing language access to A.A.

Contributions can be made to: PayPal/MarylandDeafAccess@gmail.com and Venmo@District18-21228 (notate ASL)

MarylandDeafAccess@gmail.com or Accessibilities@Marylandaa.org



### **AA Traditions Workshop**

Hosted by Severna Park, MD. Wake-Up East

On Zoom, for more info click: <u>Wakeup Group</u> <u>East (wugeast.com)</u>

4 Sundays: August 20 - September 10, 2023, 8:00 to 9:30 am EDT

Covering the 12 Traditions, origin from Bill and Bob's experience, and how they keep me connected with my Home Group, my local Intergroup, and AA as a whole. With US and UK speakers and group sharing.



AA Traditions Workshop

on 200M, running for 4 Sundays: 20 August to 10 September, 2023 8h00 to 9h30 EST.

Hosted by Wake-Up East Zoom (www.WUGEAST.com)

We will be covering all 12 Traditions, their origin from Bill and Bob's experience, and how they keep us connected with our Home Groups, our local Intergroups, and AA as a whole.

We present speakers from the US and UK with experience, strength and hope at Intergroup, national and international AA service. and include group sharing.

Session 1: 20 August 2023 The AA Traditions: How and why they came about

Session 2: 27 August 2023 AA as an organization

Session 3: 3 September 2023 Each AA group...

Session 4: 10 September 2023 AA and the Outside World



### Fall 2023 CONTRA Study

Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (MD) & Area 13 (DC)



All A.A. members invited to this virtual study of the CONcepts, TRAditions & A.A. Service Manual

### Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM EST Weekly Meetings, Sept. 14 through Dec. 28, 2023

Zoom ID: 814 7038 7175, Passcode: 195173 Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592

Sept 14 - Orientation (Free course materials will be sent out after orientation)

- Weekly reading assignments and questions.
- Do your homework and you may share your answers.
- Don't want to do homework? You are welcome to listen.





# **SPEAKING OF SOBRIETY (SOS)**

Do you draw, tell jokes, have AA questions, or just like to write? Send to **bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org -** we'll publish. (See below).



Two drunks decide to go ice fishing. After packing tackle and auger, they go to the ice.

Once on the ice they start drilling a hole to fish in. Suddenly, a loud booming voice says, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THAT ICE!"

The drunks look around, shake their heads, and then continue drilling the hole. The voice repeats, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THAT ICE."

One of the drunks looks up and says, "God? Is that You trying warn us?" The voice replied, "NO, I'M THE MANAGER OF THIS ICE RINK."



Contributor, Anonymous Member



Help AAIG Deliver Local Services! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE AT: https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org

> Services Include: Corrections and Treatment, 24 hour hotline, and Online Informational Website

\*AAIG reserves the right to review all submissions for approval and possible editing prior to publication and will preserve the anonymity of each contributor.





AAIG Standing Committees and Open Service Commitments!

See Email Contacts Below

Activities Committee, activities@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Bulletin Committee, bulletin@annapolisareaintergroup.org

**Corrections Committee**, corrections@annapolisareaintergroup.org

*Literature Committee*, literature@annapolisareaintergroup.org

**Outreach** Committee, outreach@annapolisareaintergroup.org

(Phone) Desk Committee, desk@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Treatment Committee, treatment@annapolisareaintergroup.org

Website Committee, techcomm@annapolisareaintergroup.org

**Open** Positions!

Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information

For more information, PLEASE contact: <u>chair@annapolisareaintergroup.org</u>

