

AAIG BULLETIN

Monthly Publication of the Annapolis Area Intergroup (AAIG)

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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2024 AA Anniversaries

CELEBRATING ON	NAME	YEARS	LOCATION CELEBRATING AT
April 26	Sean S.	33	Twilight Zone/Living Sober
May 1	Sarah L.	18	The Hatchery Group
May 5	Tim S.	1	Sharing Beginners Group
May 9	Amy P.	10	Women's Emotional Sobriety, Thurs, 6:30 pm
May 12	Holly S.	21	Sharing Beginners Group
May 13	Christine V.	12	O.P.A.A.T.
May 19	Jen N.	9	Sharing Beginners Group
May 21	Kathleen R.	38	Tuesday Afternoon Severna Park Group
May 26	"Spirit Will"	50	Open Forum in Davidsonville, Sunday, 5 pm
May 28	Ted B.	33	Tuesday Pasadena
May 30	Nancy M.	11	As Bill Sees It, Wood's Memorial Severna Park

AAIG Delivers Local Services!
PLEASE HELP BY CONTRIBUTING AT:
<https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org>
Services Include:
 Cooperation with the Professional Community,
 Corrections, Treatment, Literature,
 24 hour hotline, and Online Informational Website



Announcement!

AAIG Intergroup Representatives

**Special Election for Offices*

Treasurer and Secretary



AAIG Intergroup Council Meeting

June 18, 7 PM

In-Person at Red House

Online Zoom ID and Passcode posted at

<https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/>

*Per AAIG BYLAWS, ARTICLE TWELVE, ELECTIONS, Special Elections
Special elections to fill Officer vacancies shall be held when necessary. At least thirty (30) days advance notice of said Special Election shall be given to all Intergroup Representatives via the monthly bulletin.

CLOSED AA MEETING

Important
Notice

Sorry We're
CLOSED

“We Are Lit Group”
Thursday Nights at 7:30 p.m.
Community United Methodist Church
Crofton, MD



AAIG HANDBOOK

Find it posted on the AAIG Website at:
www.annapolisareaintergroup.org

Go to tab: Intergroup

Click on: What is an Intergroup?

[AAIG Handbook 2023.pdf](#)

Or Click on Link

Additional Committee Info may be found at:

- <https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/committees> AND
- [AAIG Handbook 2023.pdf](#) AND
- AAIG Bylaws at <https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/aaig-bylaws>

NOTICES

Snapshot of Open AAIG Positions



OPEN STANDING COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Qualifications (suggested): Two (2) years of continuous sobriety at time of appointment.

Term (suggested): Appointed by the AAIG Chair for a term of one (1) year.

BULLETIN

Prepares monthly publication for distribution to local area AA groups and friends of AA, which contains AA sponsored news and events. Publishing software experience.

FINANCE

Advises and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters related to Intergroup finances.

LITERATURE

Distributes General Service Conference approved literature to individuals, groups, and institutions.

INTERESTED? CONTACT AAIG CHAIR, EMAIL: chair@aaigaa.org

***FOR MORE INFO: SEE THE AAIG HANDBOOK
(See Previous Page)***

Additional Committee Info may be found at:

- <https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/committees> **AND**
- [AAIG Handbook 2023.pdf](#) **AND**
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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Arranges for volunteers to participate in public information programs requested by schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations interested in the A.A. approach to recovery from alcoholism.

RED HOUSE DESK

Committee manages the *AAIG Desk* “Volunteer List” that provides telephone service for alcoholics who are in need of help, and off-hours support with the rollover phone, and maintains a 12th Step call list.

TECH COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to manage the AAIG websites, to provide data and input on technical matters to the Intergroup and its committees, and support the operations at the Red House. Web technology experience preferred.

INTERESTED? CONTACT AAIG CHAIR, EMAIL: chair@aaigaa.org

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**Which District Serves
My AA Group?**

**Go to the Map at
Maryland General Service**

Zoom Link

<https://www.marylandaa.org/areamap>



District 22

<https://www.d22md.org/>



**Monthly Meeting Hybrid
Meeting ID: 329 163 4298
Password: D22AA**

**New Date: Last Thursday of the Month
New Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
New Location: Red House
169 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**We invite all GSR's in District
to join us!
We meet early with coffee
and snacks!**



**FYI—District 22 has Literature available for
new groups in our District.**

**Contact email:
d22dcm@gmail.com
d22altdcm@gmail.com**

**Contact Mobile:
Dominic 415-990-8735**



**District 31
<https://www.d31md.org/>
Zoom 742 9478 7397
PW 005011**

**2024 Meeting Schedule
Thursdays at 7:30 PM
5/23/2024**

No meeting in either June and July

8/22/2024

9/26/2024

10/24/2024

12/12 (Combined for Nov/Dec)

*****We are looking to bring back the Gratitude
breakfasts and are looking for people to join a
committee to run the twice yearly event.**

**You do not need to be in District 31 to join the
committee. Reach out to District31md@gmail.com.*****



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News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A.[®]

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■ GSO Welcomes Two New Staff Members

The General Service Office (GSO) welcomed two new staff members in fall 2023 — both A.A. members who are coordinating and providing services through their work on staff assignments. At GSO, there are 12 staff member assignments, or “desks,” that are filled by a rotating group of professionals who are also A.A. members. With the help of staff assistants, staff members provide services specific to their desk, which cover a broad range of areas related to A.A., while responding to thousands of inquiries from the Fellowship.

Kelley C. joined GSO in September as a staff member on the Treatment/Accessibilities assignment. Her arrival at GSO entailed a cross-country move from California. As Kelley puts it, “I really do believe that my Higher Power puts me where I’ll be of maximum service.”

Originally from Binghamton, New York, Kelley says that “drinking was always a part of my family gatherings — there were a lot of drinkers, but only a few alcoholics, so A.A. wasn’t really around and people weren’t sober. I don’t actually remember my first drink, but I had graduated from college, was going through a breakup, and everything kind of set the scene where I thought, ‘You know what? Now’s my time [to drink].’ That’s when it kind of took off. I thought, ‘Oh, I want to do this all the time.’”

Kelley moved to the Oakland/San Francisco area in 2010 and spent the next 11 years there forging a career in social work. “I had taken one class in college and I really fell in love with it. I just fell into this career. It was a live sound at the time, and then broadened

at museums as an A/V tech. My last job was in video preservation, preserving and digitizing old VHS tapes. The nonprofit I worked for did work for different libraries and museums, as well as individuals.” Kelley says that one of her most fascinating jobs was digitizing 100 VHS tapes for La MaMa, the experimental art theater on New York City’s Lower East Side. She loved this aspect of her work because of “all the history I could see in front of me.”

Despite work that engaged her, her drinking continued. “My drinking was never really normal,” Kelley says. “I always wanted to drink until I blacked out. My thinking was always like, ‘Okay, something interesting or dramatic has to happen tonight.’ Messy relationships, dangerous situations, that was my story. It took me a lot of those experiences to finally ask for

“I’m learning so much and it’s informing how I look at my own sobriety and my own group. I think about who is having trouble accessing this message right now, whether through physical barriers or mental or cultural. It’s always been a passion of mine to support people who might not be ‘in the room,’ in whatever career or capacity that is.”

Does the AA
General Service Office
have a newsletter?

YES!

“BOX 4-5-9”

Go to: <https://www.aa.org/box-459>

Box 4-5-9 is a quarterly newsletter from the U.S./Canada General Service Office. Newsletters may include:

- **information about A.A. service**
- **news about literature**
- **a calendar of upcoming events**
- **sharing from groups and service committees**
- **sharing from individual members in the U.S./Canada**

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Shift Volunteers and Backup

**YOUR SERVICE is
NEEDED and APPRECIATED!**

**Want to join the team?
Call Red House at
(410) 268-5441**



***AAIG Where & When's
Available at Red House
For FREE!!!***

Or find online at:

<https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/find-a-meeting>



***AAIG Bulletin
GRAPEVINE Subscription
CONTEST TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED!
IT'S BEEN FUN!***

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Area 29 Accessibilities Committee

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us @ 3pm on the
2nd Sunday of the
Month

Zoom ID:
848 0308 9697
Password: Area29

The Area 29 Accessibilities Committee explores, develops, and offers resources to alcoholics with significant barriers to receiving the AA message and to participating in our program of recovery.

Scan the Code!
Take the Accessibilities
Survey



District or Intergroup
Chairs and all
interested AA Members
are invited!

For more information email the
Accessibilities Chair at
Accessibility@marylandaa.org

Announcement—A Celebration of the Big Book's 85th Anniversary Flash Sale

May 1 to July 31, 2024

Cut and Paste into Your Browser:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_Big%20Book_Flash_Sale_2024.pdf

Visit the General Service Office!

Visitors are welcome to GSO, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tours are scheduled at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., and last about 45 minutes.

On Fridays, GSO hosts an open A.A. meeting at 11 a.m.
There is also a guided tour offered after the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TO GSO

All visitors must register in advance to gain access to the building in accordance with the building policy. Accordingly, we strongly recommend that individuals contact us prior to their visit so that we can enter them into the building's security system.

**We're located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY
(building entrance at 61 Claremont Avenue).**

Groups of 10 or more must contact us ahead of time to schedule their visit so that we can best prepare for your time at the General Service Office.

To schedule your visit, email gstours@aa.org or call 212-870-3430.

To learn more about visiting GSO, including location details, our health and safety policy, and information about purchasing literature, please visit <https://www.aa.org/visiting-the-gso>.

Please note, the building will be closed to visitors March 29, May 27, June 19, and July 4-5.



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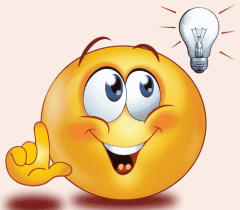


FAQs Regarding the *(supplemental)* PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK (PLBB)

*For More Information —
See Pages 28—31*

https://mcusercontent.com/981cd9a14e49728398ac9e3b5/files/faa55fc0-c35f-abfd-79d6-293ad80264cb/PLBB_FAQs_2024.pdf

Spanish Version: <https://ks-aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/PLBB-FAQs-2024-SP.pdf>



*Want to Know More About the PLBB?
Go to the “Report Back” to see Terry P., Delegate,
for Area 29, Panel 74, Chair, Literature Conference*

Area Assembly Delegate Report Back

May 18 @ 8:00 am—3:00 pm

Severna Park United Methodist Church

731 Benfield Rd

Severna Park, Md 21143

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990240795?pwd=dzd4Ym84anNINnA4Z2Z0MW1WUEJYZz09>

COMMITTEE INFORMATION - Treasury

AA GROUP & MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

1st Month of Quarter 2— April 2024

Date	AA GROUP	CONTRIBUTION
04/01/2024	MOTH (Club 164)	\$ 249.05
04/01/2024	Red House Beginners	\$ 82.50
04/02/2024	Language of the Heart	\$ 200.00
04/18/2024	Red House Beginners	\$ 216.00
04/19/2024	The Hatchery	\$ 30.15
04/19/2024	A New Way of Life	\$ 268.10
04/19/2024	Early Birds	\$ 497.00
04/28/2024	Red House Beginners	\$ 183.00
	Total	\$1,725.80



COMMITTEE INFORMATION—Treasury



*New! Keep your eyes peeled!
Link to be available for real time access to AAIG's Accounting!*

2024 AAIG Statement of Income

	<u>Approved Budget 2024</u>	<u>Jan-2024</u>	<u>Feb-2024</u>	<u>Mar-2024</u>	<u>Apr-24</u>	<u>YTD-2024</u>
Cash on hand						
Operating Cash	\$ 14,018.00	\$ 18,196.12	\$ 16,288.27	\$ 16,304.53	\$ 15,506.30	
Prudent Reserve (\$10K)	\$ 15,009.00	\$ 14,984.32	\$ 14,984.32	\$ 14,984.32	\$ 14,984.32	
Total Cash	\$ 29,027.00	\$ 33,180.44	\$ 31,272.59	\$ 31,288.85	\$ 30,490.62	
Income						
Contributions (+)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,836.91	\$ 1,550.27	\$ 1,844.56	\$ 1,715.53	\$ 10,947.27
Literature sold(+)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 209.59	\$ 163.00	\$ 238.80	\$ 207.00	\$ 818.39
Interest	\$ 725.00	\$ 0.32				
Total Income	\$ 40,725.00	\$ 6,046.82	\$ 1,713.27	\$ 2,083.36	\$ 1,922.53	\$ 11,765.66
Expenses						
Operating:						
Rent	\$ 10,200.00		\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,550.00
Insurance	\$ 600.00					\$ -
Accounting Services	\$ 2,000.00					\$ -
Phone/Internet	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 221.05	\$ 221.10	\$ 221.10	\$ 221.10	\$ 884.35
PO Box	\$ 600.00					\$ -
Bank, Corporate & Other Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 38.95	\$ 75.95
Cleaning/Supplies	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 95.21		\$ 992.00		\$ 1,087.21
Non-Operating:						
Literature Purchases	\$ -		\$ 1,790.98			\$ 1,790.98
For Resale	\$ 5,000.00					\$ -
For Corrections	\$ 3,000.00					\$ -
For Treatment	\$ 4,000.00					\$ -
SUB	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Officers:						
Chair	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,321.39				\$ 1,321.39
Vice Chair	\$ 500.00					\$ -
Secretary	\$ -					\$ -
Treasurer	\$ -					\$ -
Committees:						
Activities	\$ 7,000.00				\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Archives	\$ 200.00					\$ -
Accessories	\$ -					\$ -
Bulletin	\$ 500.00	\$ 28.97	\$ 29.99		\$ 10.71	\$ 69.67
CPC	\$ -					\$ -
Corrections	\$ -					\$ -
Facilities	\$ -					\$ -
Finance	\$ -					\$ -
Grapevine	\$ -					\$ -
Literature	\$ -					\$ -
Outreach	\$ 500.00	\$ 197.67	\$ 152.12			\$ 349.79
Phone Desk	\$ 500.00					\$ -
Public Info	\$ -					\$ -
Red House	\$ -					\$ -
Technology	\$ -					\$ -
Treatment	\$ -					\$ -
AAIG Website	\$ 1,000.00					\$ -
Where&When	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 572.93			\$ 572.93
Misc.	\$ -					\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 1,893.29	\$ 3,621.12	\$ 2,067.10	\$ 2,720.76	\$ 10,302.27
Operating Net	\$ (4,775.00)	\$ 4,153.53	\$ (1,907.85)	\$ 16.26	\$ (798.23)	\$ 1,463.39

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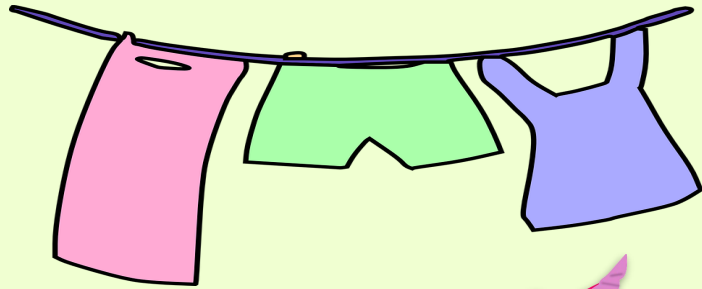
AAIG Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6pm
Zoom Meeting

Intergroup Council Meeting

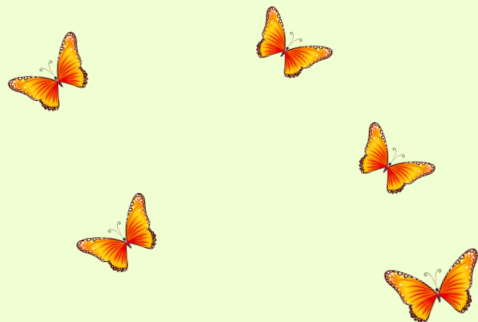
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 7pm

Zoom Meeting Information is
available on the AAIG Website



Happy

Mother's Day



AAIG 2024 Executive Officers' Contacts

Chair: Dominic L.
chair@aaigaa.org

Vice Chair: Cybele D.
vicechair@aaigaa.org

Treasurer: Bob P. (*interim*)
treasurer@aaigaa.org

Secretary: C.J. (*interim*)
secretary@aaigaa.org



COMMITTEE INFORMATION



NEW! AAIG EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Office of Treasurer (*Pro Tempore*), Bob P.
Office of Secretary (*Pro Tempore*), C.J.

WELCOME BACK!

TechComm (Interim), Jochen H.
Literature (Interim), Dave S.

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Bulletin, Finance, Literature, Public Information, Red House Desk, Treasurer (Checkbooks Experience Preferred)

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Events & Anniversary Submissions

Submit to: bulletin@aaigaa.org

Submission Deadline

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

Subscribe at: techcomm@aaigaa.org or QR Code

Please send *in-memoriam* to: bulletin@aaigaa.org

Send: First name, Last initial, Home group, and Date of Passing. You may also include, AA Anniversary date and years, and if celebration of life is open to public. Thank you, AAIG Bulletin



COMMITTEE INFORMATION

**AA GROUPS IN THE
ANNAPOLIS AREA!!
CHOOSE SOMEONE TO
REPRESENT
YOUR AA GROUP!**



**INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES (IGR)
ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM
MEETING ID: 730 188 7817
PASSWORD: SOBER**

**LEARN ABOUT SERVICE WORK HAPPENING IN ANNAPOLIS AREA
FIND OUT AA AREA NEEDS
PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS
REPORT BACK TO YOUR MEETINGS**



GRAPEVINE

New Book Announcement!

AA Grapevine's highly anticipated new book, ***Our Twelve Steps***, is now available!

Order your copy today, and receive it fresh off the press!

BUY NOW



AAIG MONTHLY BULLETIN CONTEST

In Support of Grapevine's "2024 Carry The Message Project"

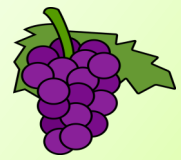
WIN A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION

TO THE AA GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA

In-Print or via App



1. FIND a hidden "Grape Cluster", look like this
2. Email the correct name/location of the cluster



to bulletin@iaaig.org

3. Correct answers are placed inside hat.



4. Random AA's will select name out of hat.

5. Chosen name will win a 1-year subscription to GRAPEVINE or LA VIÑA!

6. Limit to "One" Year Subscription Per Year!

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IT'S BEEN FUN!



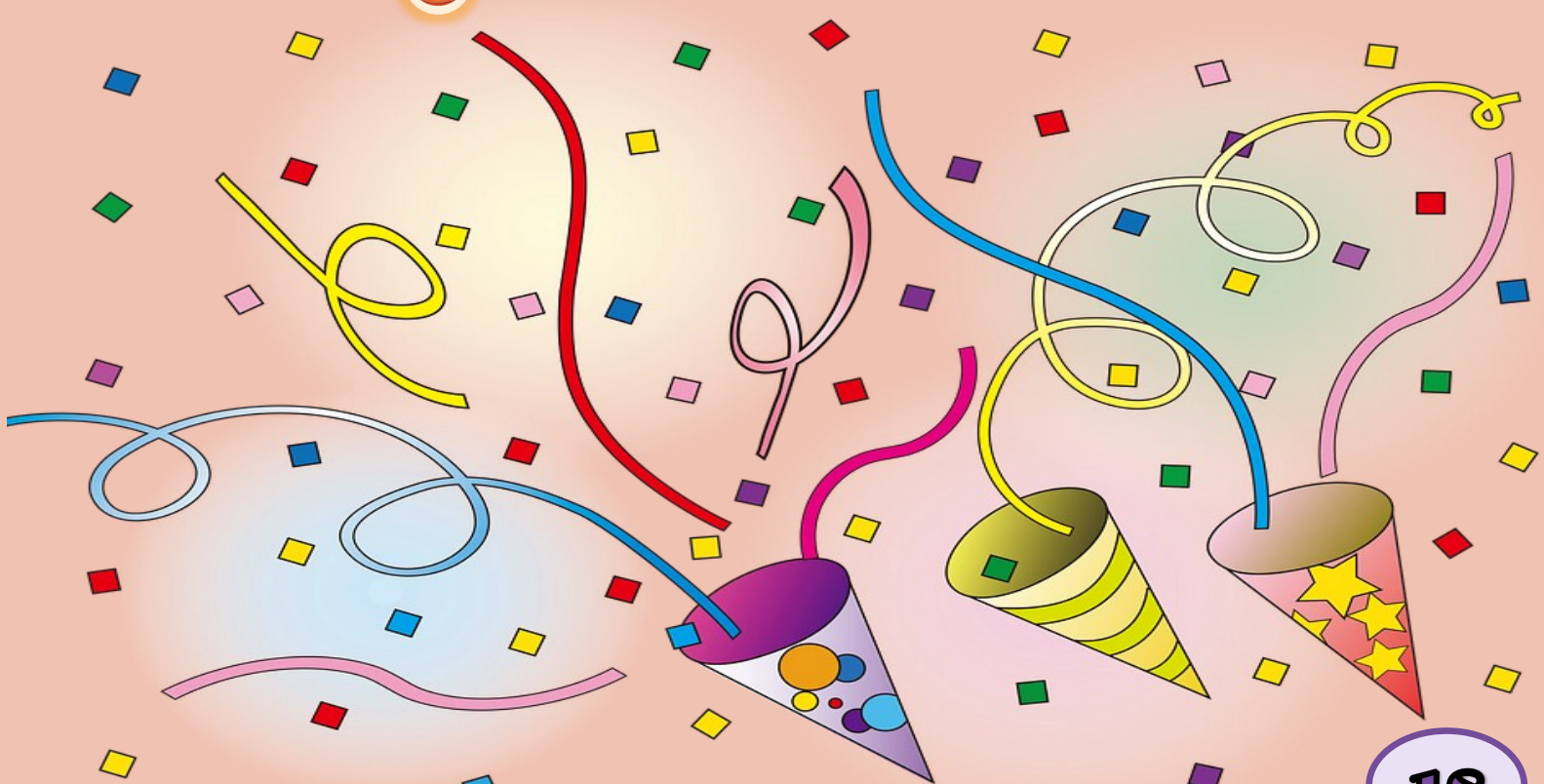
The AA GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA CONTEST WINNER IS...

Jochen H.

Keep it Simple Group
College Parkway Baptist Church,
In-Person, Sundays, 6:30 pm



Hat Drawing performed by Mike B.,
Tues. Afternoon Severna Park Group
(Thank goodness he lives in the editor's house. 🤪)
Many thanks for all your support. 😊



Spring 2024 CONTRA Study

March 7, 2024 through June 20, 2024

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

Moderated by Trusted Servants from Areas 13 (DC), 29 (Maryland) & 45 (Southern New Jersey)



Zoom Meeting ID: 881 6177 7393

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**

Mar 7, 2024 – Registration & Orientation

Mar 14, 2024 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3

Mar 21, 2024 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6

Mar 28, 2024 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9

Apr 4, 2024 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12

Apr 11, 2024 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 85-104

Apr 18, 2024 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 105-14, 160-2

Apr 25, 2024 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 164-8

May 2, 2024 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 169-73

May 9, 2024 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 155-9, 163

May 16, 2024 – Service Manual, pp. 115-154

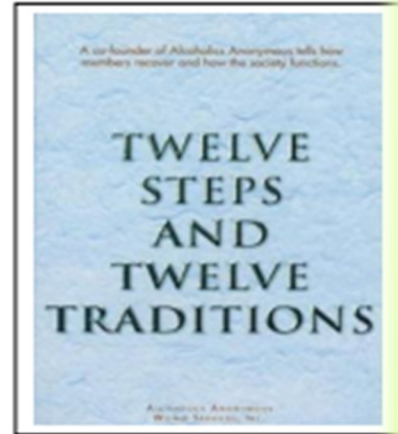
May 23, 2024 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2, Con 1 2 3

May 30, 2024 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6

June 6, 2024 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9

June 13, 2024 – Concepts 10 & 11

June 20, 2024 – Concept 12



CONTRA Study Materials (provided via email following registration):

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, B-2 (free participant download at www.aa.org)

The A.A. Service Manual combined with *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*, BM-31, 2021-2023 edition

AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist, July 2018 revision

Spring 2024 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
Areas 13 (DC), 29 (Maryland) & 45 (Southern New Jersey)

For more information, contact:
2024contrastudy@gmail.com

PRESENTED BY BALTIMORE INTERGROUP

**SHOW DATE: SATURDAY
MAY 11, 2024**



SOBRIETY SHOW 2024

A Baltimore tradition since 1958

FREE!!

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:
HOT DOGS, MEATBALL SUBS, PIZZA, SODA,
COFFEE, CAKES AND MORE!**

Doors open: 5:00pm
Meeting starts: 6:30pm
Show starts: 7:00pm

LOCATION

CATONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6 MELVIN AVENUE
CATONSVILLE, MD 21228

**ALL PROCEEDS HELP THE SUPPORT THE
BALTIMORE INTERGROUP**

JOIN US ON THIS ROAD OF NEWFOUND HOPE
AND ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

79th Annual WAA Gala

COME DRESSED
TO IMPRESS

RECOVERY EVENT
OF THE YEAR!

**May
11th**



[BUY TICKETS](#)

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
6:00 - 11:00 PM

AR GRAND HALL AT THE MAJESTIC
SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
721 NORWOOD ROAD
SILVER SPRING, MD 20905

DINNER | LIVE DJ
KEYNOTE AA SPEAKER
AA FELLOWSHIP
SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING
TICKETS \$50

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT AA-DC.ORG/2024GALA

*Remember, Honor,
Celebrate*



Literature Sale

**MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY MAY 27
RED HOUSE**

169 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
BOOK SALE STARTS
11:00AM-2:00PM

BIG BOOK 4TH EDITION \$5

BIG BOOK 1ST EDITION \$3

12 STEPS & 12 TRADITIONS \$5

LIMIT 4 COPIES PER TITLE

**MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY MAY 27
RED HOUSE**

Cookout

**FOOD & SERVICE PROVIDED
BY RED HOUSE HOME GROUPS**

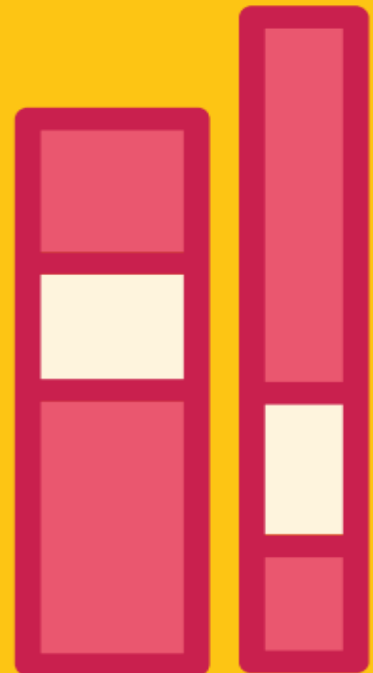
FOOD SERVED FROM
11:30AM-2:00PM

Alcathon

**A.A. MEETINGS EVERY 90
MINUTES STARTING
7:30AM-1:30PM**

ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGTOUP
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169 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

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12:15 SHARING & CARING TRIBUTE TO

Founders Day

June 10, 1935—June 11, 2024



Let your gratitude light shine as we celebrate

89 Glorious Years

of joyous trudging (walking with purpose) the road to happy destiny!

- Mike M. is a past archivist of the Maryland General Service, Inc. and will speak about the history of A.A.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Tuesday 12:15 Sharing and Caring Group

Calvary United Methodist Church

301 Rowe Blvd. Annapolis

For this event, we will be in the Assembly Hall

A light lunch will be available

- SAVE THE DATE -

**2nd Annual Sober
BEACH PICNIC 2024**

**Sunday, Aug 4
9 am 'til dusk**

**Sandy Point State Park
On beach at the Flounder Shelter**



FREE event sponsored by AAIG and District 22!

Food, fun, fellowship, and AA meetings provided.

**More details on registration and
events available soon.**

**To participate on the Activities Committee or
for more information,**

**contact:
Henry B.
314-420-3104**



28th Annual Southeast Woman to Woman Conference



“Secrets Women Don’t Share”

A Conference for Sober Alcoholic Women with Al-Anon Participation
No Children Allowed in Conference Rooms



“OUR COMMON BOND” AUGUST 16-18, 2024

Hilton Charlotte University Place

8629 JM Keynes Drive – Charlotte, NC 28262

Reservations: 704-547-7444 or online at <https://www.sewomantowoman.org/>

King or Double rooms \$169 – Code SEW (Cutoff 07/10/24)

[Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings for registered hotel guests included in the room rate.]

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704-491-1519

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Registration: Claudia H.

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CUT OFF DATE FOR ONLINE AND MAIL IN REGISTRATION IS 7/31/2024

Conference Registration: \$65.00 until March 31st \$70.00 April 1st to July 31st, then On-site Registration

REGISTRATION IS TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE!

Register Online at <https://www.sewomantowoman.org/> beginning October 15, 2023

Or: Clip and mail the Registration Form at the bottom with your payment

Queens Banquet: \$75.00

(Capacity is 400)

Register Early

Optional Dress Code: “Gowns, Crowns and Tiaras”

Colors: Purple and Silver/White

“We do clean up nicely!”

Clip and Mail Registration with payment Payable to: Southeast Woman to Woman

Mailing Address: SEW2W, c/o Claudia Howard, 8705 Fox Chase Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____ Sober Date: _____

Registration Fee: \$65.00 _____ Scholarship: \$ _____ Banquet: \$75.00 _____ AA _____ Al-Anon _____

\$70.00 _____ (AFTER 3/31/24)

Are you willing to Volunteer? _____ Special Needs: _____

Souvenirs:

Tumbler: \$20.00 _____ T-Shirt: \$22.00 _____ Hoodie: \$32.00 _____ Ball Cap \$15.00 _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the Convention webpage at aa.org/international-convention for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

**Let's celebrate sobriety together
in Vancouver in 2025!**

SPEAKING OF SOBRIETY (SOS)

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!

Draw, tell jokes, got AA questions, or just like to write?

Send to bulletin@aaigaa.org.

(See below).

A drunken bum is walking along the railroad tracks and finds an old fashioned oil lamp laying on the ground.

He picks it up and rubs the dirt off it and a huge genie appears and says thank you for releasing me! I will reward you with two wishes.

The bum says I want a bottle of wine that will magically refill itself. Instantly a bottle appears and the bum chugs it down and instantly it is refilled.

The genie asks him what he wanted for his second wish and the bum replies, another bottle just like this one!

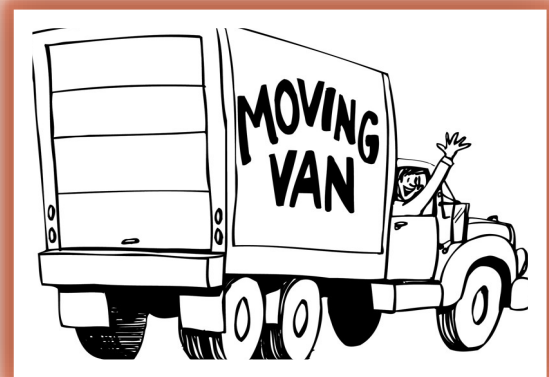


"An optimist sees a partly filled glass and says it's half full.

A pessimist sees a partly filled glass and says it's half empty.

An alcoholic sees a partly filled glass and says, "Hey, were you going to finish that?"

How can you tell two newcomers are on their second date? They're driving a moving van.



How many alcoholics does it take to change a light bulb?

Just one, they hold the bulb up and the whole world revolves around them!



*AAIG reserves the right to review all submissions for approval and possible editing prior to publication and preserves the anonymity of contributors.



AAIG Standing Committees and Open Service Commitments!

See NEW!!! Email Addresses Below

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Bulletin Committee, bulletin@aaigaa.org

*Cooperation with the Professional Community,
cpc@aaigaa.org*

Corrections Committee, corrections@aaigaa.org

Desk Committee (phone), desk@aaigaa.org

Finance Committee, finance@aaigaa.org

Literature Committee, literature@aaigaa.org

Outreach Committee, outreach@aaigaa.org

Treatment Committee, treatment@aaigaa.org

Website Committee, techcomm@aaigaa.org

OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS!

*Bulletin, Finance, Literature,
Public Information*



For Info: <https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/committees>

ALSO See: [AAIG Handbook 2023.pdf](#)

(AAIG Handbook includes Purpose, Duties & Responsibilities)

If Interested, please email AAIG Chair at: chair@aaigaa.org

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK (PLBB) FAQs

1. How did the PLBB come about?

The development of a plain language Big Book can be traced back to an agenda topic in 2016, at which time the General Service Conference began the assessment of the need for plain language literature. Following lots of in-depth research and reports, in 2021 the Conference as a whole requested:

*“That a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be translated into **plain and simple** language and be developed in a way that is **accessible and relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Literature Committee.”*

2. Will the PLBB replace the Big Book?

No. The intent was and remains for the PLBB to be a tool to access original text and be a companion piece. The original Big Book is not going away and will remain in publication.

3. Is this the first time A.A. has developed plain language literature?

No. Most of our pamphlets are in plain language. Also, at the time the Big Book was first published, Dr. Bob was concerned that the language was beyond the capability of blue-collar members to grasp and, as a result, 5 pamphlets (still available and known as *The Akron Pamphlets*) were written by Evan W. at the request of Dr. Bob during the 1940s.

4. What is Plain Language?

Plain language is a style of writing designed for word choice, sentence structure, and layout to improve readability and increase understanding.

5. Is it a word-for-word translation?

No. It is a rewrite into plain language that also reflects the scope of the task assigned to ensure that the draft *“be developed in a way that is **accessible and relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible.”*

6. Will it be available in Spanish and French?

We will address this question if and when the PLBB is published. However, we understand that English Plain Language is an approach not a language and so

any simplified French or Spanish versions will need to spring from the original translations into French and Spanish.

7. What reading level will the PLBB be at?

5th Grade

8. Why is the draft confidential to Conference Members only and why can't I see a draft?

Historically, whenever the Conference reviews new or significantly revised books or pamphlets, only the Conference Literature Committee (or whichever Committee is reviewing the item) is provided with copies of the new or revised literature before Conference begins. In the case of pamphlets, all other Conference members have been required to sign out copies of the new or revised pamphlet(s) sometime during Conference and have been given a limited time to review the literature. In the case of books, Conference members, other than those on the reviewing committees, have not been given any opportunity to review the manuscripts and have, therefore, had to base their votes entirely on the recommendation of the committee. The reasons for operating in this way are as follows:

- 1) In order to retain the copyright of A.A.'s literature assets, we have to be able to assert that they were not "at large," shared widely in whole or in part within the Fellowship or shared on social media, prior to being published.
- 2) It usually takes several years to complete a piece of A.A. literature. During that time, multiple versions of the piece are shared with the reviewing Conference Committee. If shared widely, it would be possible for the Fellowship and the public to become confused about what is in revision, what is the current revision and what is "Conference Approved."

When circumstances such as these require that we trust the Conference process explicitly, it may be helpful to remember that Tradition 2 asserts that God's will is expressed through the group conscience and that Concept 2 states that the Conference has become "the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

9. What is being translated?

Five things:

- i) The Doctor's Opinion
- ii) The first 164 pages of the original

- iii) Dr. Bob's Nightmare
- iv) The Appendices
- v) Forewords from the first 4 editions (which, together, are now a new Appendix VIII in the translation)

There will also be a new Preface, a new Foreword, and a Glossary.

The stories (other than *Chapter 1 – Bill's Story* and *Dr. Bob's Nightmare*) are not being translated.

10. Does that mean the Steps, Traditions, and Warranties are being changed?

No. As laid out in the Conference Charter, only a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all the groups in the world responding to a proposal has the authority to do that.

The Steps and Traditions will be printed in their current form. However, alongside those items, an explanation in plain language will be included.

11. What will be the title of the PLBB?

Subject to the draft being approved for publication and the views of the General Service Conference, the working title is: Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

12. How much has this cost?

The hard costs are \$100,000 for the writer and approximately \$40,000 in publishing-related expenses. \$140,000 to date.

13. What printing options will be available if this book gets published?

As with other A.A. Conference approved literature, hardcover softcover and large print are options that will be decided if the Conference approves publication.

14. How was the writer chosen and are they an A.A. member?

Alcoholic Committee Members chose the best writer for the task through a Request For Proposal (RFI) process. Proposals were received from A.A. members and non-A.A. members. The writer who was eventually chosen is not an A.A. member. Alcoholics have been reviewing the work of the writer at all stages and making changes to ensure that the intent (as expressed in the RFI) that it "**must capture the welcoming and inclusive spirit** of Alcoholics Anonymous and **inspire a sense of belonging and hope** in the alcoholic seeking help" is followed.

15. Was AI (ChatGPT or similar) used in the plain language big book development?

No AI or text generator was used in the plain language draft.

16. Were any Non-Alcoholics on the Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) or Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) subcommittees?

No. All members were alcoholics.

17. How will the PLBB address gender and God?

The gender of named individuals will not be changed, but where the example given is of an archetype, e.g. the Jaywalker, we will switch up things so that there is a broader representation of both men and women. The original Big Book contains about 250 he/him/his to about 50 she/her/hers. The plain language big book will be more balanced.

Where God is mentioned, and will continue to be mentioned, this is sometimes paired with 'Higher Power.'

18. When the 2023 General Service Conference got to review the work in progress, i.e., the draft of the first 6 chapters, what did the Conference think?

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Even those who initially expressed concerns liked the plain language BB after reviewing it.

19. If published, who will own the copyright?

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

20. What happens next?

The 74th General Service Conference will review the complete draft at the Conference. Possible outcomes include:

- i) Approving the draft for publication as presented
- ii) Approving the draft with minor changes as may be suggested by the Conference Committee on Literature or the Conference floor
- iii) Sending the draft back for more work, indicating the issues to be addressed
- iv) Halting the project