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**A Great Assembly
Mark G
Area 16 Delegate**

January assembly has come and gone. The very first hybrid assembly by choice in the history of Area 16. Greet Communications committee members with a handshake. They did a tremendous job with the help and guidance of our Area Chairperson.

The assembly went very well. We had 90 plus members online. Over 50 were GSR or Alt GSR who registered to vote. There were approximately 400 in the room. Total attendance was just short of 500. A wonderful job by all who were there.

On to the GSO financial situation. Grapevine is expected to lose 350,000 this year. LaVina is expected to lose 490,000 this year. Contributions are expected to be 1,000,000 below expectations. Revenue on literature sales continue to drop due to higher-than-expected costs to publish. In fact, the gross margin on books has dropped from 60% to 49% since Covid.

Paints a pretty gloomy picture for the future.

The General Service Board has approved the following drawdowns from the Reserve fund to coverage expenses.

Grapevine	350,000
Office Move	2,100,000
GSB	750,000
(includes 493,000 shortages for LaVina)	

If all the drawdowns are taken the Reserve fund will be 8,485,000. This leaves 4.7 months of reserve.

Since 2019 the Reserve fund has gone from 16,000,000 to 8,485,000. A decrease of 7,515,000 in seven years. What

will happen in another 7 years? What will we do when the reserve fund is gone? What will AA look like then?

Don't get me wrong, this is not a plea for increased contributions. Contributions make up 52% of our revenue. Solving this crisis is going to require more than increased contributions. Do I have a solution. No I do not.

What do you want AA to look like in 5. 7. Or ten years? What future do you see for AA?

You may ask why am I asking you?

We are at the top of the triangle. The ultimate success of AA is up to us. I am talking about the members that sit next to us in meetings nightly.

Our ultimate responsibility is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Can we do that without books, websites, Meeting guides, someone to answer the phone, or someone to fulfill requests for literature?

I think we can resolve this issue if we work together. I am extremely encouraged by what I saw at our last assembly. The motion to form a Literature committee was defeated for a reason I have never seen before. We simply couldn't afford to fund another committee. That is the first time I can recall that the cost of implementing a motion was considered. It shows that we have an informed group conscious. I am proud to be a member of that group conscious.

I encourage your home group to carefully review the upcoming Agenda items. I need you to give me clear directions about what you want done at the General Service Conference.

I am honored to represent you in New York.

See you in May.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt-delegate@aageorgia.org

General Service: the Collective Conscience of A.A.

**Amy B
Area 16 Alternate Delegate**

If you're reading this, you're probably a trusted servant. If you're a trusted servant, you're probably familiar with both the Georgia and the A. A. Service Manuals, and if you're like me, you realize that having access to resources and using resources are two separate pastimes.

Perusing the Georgia and A.A. Service Manuals reminds me that the only purpose we have in general service is to make sure that the conscience of the groups themselves is given voice at the General Service Conference in New York each year.

Tools that can ensure that their voices are heard include (along with the service manuals), the pamphlets that outline the roles of our trusted servants. If you're a new GSR, DCM, or officer, or if

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TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org

The Treasury - Where Money & Spirituality Mix MFB

Area 16 Treasurer

The following happened for me in the last year and are the top reasons I would encourage you to consider serving as our Area 16 Treasurer:

- Creating enriching connections and relationships with other AA treasurers
- Sharing everything you have learned (and keep learning) regarding spirituality and money
- Learning from AAs about their experiences with spirituality and money
- Sharing Experience, Strength & Hope regarding being a Treasurer in AA
- Being in service with a great team of people
- Learning that processing conflict is healthy and necessary
- Pushing yourself to dig deeper in the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts with your sponsor
- Being an Area 16 servant leader and learning what that means for you
- Questioning everything you knew or thought you knew about spirituality and money
- Realizing that your love of numbers could be transferred to others
- Continuing a position held by so many Georgia AA leaders before you
- Experiencing a dimension of your AA program you have not witnessed before
- Challenging yourself to suit up and show up in AA like you have never done before
- Learning the history of spirituality and money from our archives and books
- Focusing on one area of service that affects all the areas of service
- Utilizing your education and experience
- Learning so many of the financial needs there are in AA that you didn't know before
- Adding something undefinable to your recovery that you didn't know was missing
- Experiencing pressure that helps you grow in your recovery

If anyone wants to know more about this position before the May Assembly when nominations for Treasurer are presented, please reach out to me at 386-562-2513

SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org

Looking Ahead Kirby M. Area 16 Secretary

What an amazing Assembly we just shared together! While family circumstances kept me from experiencing the entire weekend alongside my close fellows, I am deeply grateful that I was able to be in attendance with you all for the business meeting. Being present—especially in service—always reminds me how fortunate I am to be a small part of this Area.

I want to give a huge shoutout to everyone who helped make our *first-ever fully hybrid Assembly* a reality. To all of our service committees, and especially the Communications Committee—thank you! Your hard

work, patience, and willingness to try something new made this possible. We definitely had a few kinks to work through, but I am so glad we are moving in this direction to better include *all* of our fellows across Georgia. That spirit of inclusion and unity is truly what Area 16 service is all about.

As we move into the new year, I am incredibly excited to continue serving alongside each of you. This truth that hit me as I drove home on Sunday that this Assembly was my first *last* January Assembly as your Area Secretary, was both bittersweet and deeply humbling. Serving this Area has been one of the greatest honors of my sobriety, and I

am profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me.

Please remember that nominations for both Area 16 secretary and treasurer will be held at our Assembly in May. If you are ready to take that next step in your sobriety journey I encourage you to stand. It will be the ride of your life.

Thank you all for your dedication, your service, and your love for Alcoholics Anonymous. I look forward to all that we will continue to accomplish together.

In love and service,

Kirby M.

Essentials of Grapevine & Corrections and Treatment Facilities

Haley W., Chair

Doug H., Co-Chair

Daniel L., La Viña Chair

Area 16 Grapevine / La Viña Committee

Eight essential things to know about Grapevine

1. The General Service Conference has recognized the Grapevine as “the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
2. Grapevine is a forum for the collective voices of AA members to share their experience, strength, and hope. Members from around the US and Canada recount their experiences getting and staying sober, working the steps, applying the traditions, sponsoring, doing service, facing adversities, realizing dreams, and much more.
3. Long referred to as AA’s “meeting in print,” Grapevine is now also available in digital and audio formats. For more information, see Grapevine Handbook, two sections in Part I: “Four Different Magazine Format for Subscribers to Choose From” and “Four Digital Devices for Subscribers to Read Grapevine + Print Magazine.”
4. Grapevine is published monthly by the editorial, production, and administrative staff who work at the General Service Office in New York.
5. Grapevine publishes a popular print book and ebook series. Our print and ebook series features collections of stories that have appeared in the magazine over its long history. For more information, see this section in Part I: “Do You Know about Grapevine’s Popular Book Series?”
6. Grapevine does not receive 7th Tradition contributions. Grapevine is entirely self-supporting through sales of subscriptions and related content.
7. Grapevine is a unique service tool to carry AA’s message of hope and recovery to alcoholics both inside and outside the fellowship. For examples, see Grapevine Handbook in Part II: “How Can GVRs Encourage More Twelfth Step Use of Grape-

vine?”

8. AA members, not “professional writers,” write the stories that appear in the issues of Grapevine. (One exception is, from time to time, when a friend of AA writes an article.) For more information, see Grapevine Handbook in Part II: “How Can GVRs Encourage Members to Submit Articles to Grapevine?”

Upcoming Grapevine Magazine topics

November Issue - Classic Grapevine Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive. Due May 1, 2026 - December Issue - Remote Communities. Are you involved in Remote Community service? Do you live far from AA meetings? Are you a loner? Stationed far away? Do you have a language or cultural barrier? Are you homebound? Do you use online meetings? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you stay sober. Sober Holidays! (stories due May 1, 2026) December is a great time of year to reach out to alcoholics and help others. What are the ways you stay sane and grateful during the holidays and New Year’s? How do you navigate holiday parties and family gatherings? Share your best sober holiday stories!

Corrections & Treatment Facilities Corrections & treatment facilities typically welcome donations of Grapevine and La Viña. Some facilities allow AA groups to bring in meetings. AA groups often bring issues of Grapevine and La Viña with them - and leave them behind. Some facilities do not allow outside AA groups. In these cases, Grapevine and La Viña may be the only exposure to AA that the inmates and patients receive. If your group is interested in donating Grapevine and La Viña issues to corrections or treatment facilities, contact your local Inter-group office or your Area’s Corrections and Treatment Committee as well as Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC).

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you’d like to reacquaint yourself with these resources, please check out the [trusted servants resource page](#) on our Area website, aageorgia.org. In addition to the manuals and pamphlets, you’ll find orientation materials from previous Assemblies as well as links to, essentially, everything you need to perform your role. It’s truly one-stop shopping!

One of the best pieces of advice I’ve been given about service work is this: get a service sponsor and work with them. A service sponsor should be someone who has worked the steps in A.A. and who has experience in the service position you’re currently in or are interested in.

This trusted servant can help you with the particulars about how best to serve your group, district, zone, and Area by describing how they served A.A.

Because there are occasional conflicts of ideas of how best to serve, it’s not a bad idea to have two people you can call: one who knows the parties involved, and one who doesn’t. Sometimes a fresh perspective is needed.

A.A. can’t respond to information that A.A. hasn’t been given. As we prepare for the 76th Annual Service Conference, please help our delegate, Mark, by making sure that your group’s voice is known.

Attraction vs. Promotion

Leslie C., Chair
Tori J., Co-Chair

Area 16 Public Information/ Cooperation With the Profes- sional Community Committee

Alcoholics Anonymous follows the Twelve Traditions to ensure that its primary purpose remains helping alcoholics achieve sobriety. Tradition Eleven states that A.A.'s public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, a principle that guides how the Fellowship communicates with the public.

Attraction means that Alcoholics Anonymous does not advertise or recruit. Instead, it allows the effectiveness of recovery to speak for itself. Promotion would involve persuasion, promises, or endorsements, which could misrepresent A.A., and conflict with Traditions Six and Ten. By avoiding promotion, A.A. preserves its neutrality

and respects the personal nature of recovery.

Public Service Announcements play an important role in Public Information efforts while remaining consistent with attraction. A.A. PSAs are designed to provide simple, factual information about Alcoholics Anonymous and how to find help. They do not include member's faces, last names, or personal testimonials, and they avoid claims of success or guarantees of sobriety. This approach supports Tradition Twelve by maintaining personal anonymity and emphasizing principles over personalities.

Rather than urging action, PSAs invite awareness. They may direct individuals to aa.org, a local AA phone number, or a meeting finder, allowing the alcoholic to make their own

decision to seek help. In this way, PSAs serve as a bridge between the Fellowship and the still-suffering alcoholic without pressure or persuasion.

Through carefully crafted Public Service Announcements and other Public Information efforts, Alcoholics Anonymous remains accessible to the public while honoring its Traditions. This balance helps ensure that AA continues to be a reliable, trusted resource for those who seek recovery now and in the future.

Have you visited aa.org to view our PSAs? Now would be a great time to do so! You can watch in English, Spanish or French.

Love and Service,

Leslie C. and Tori J.

CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org

Growing Our Reach Across Georgia Corrections

Amber T., Chair
John R., Co-Chair
Area 16 Corrections Committee

We are pleased to share that we are currently serving 39 jails and prisons across the state of Georgia, and this number continues to grow. We sincerely appreciate everyone's dedication to carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. To support this work, we offer a streamlined guide that simplifies the state badge application process; please contact us if you need a copy of this guide.

A Corrections Workshop for District 10C will be held in La-Grange, Georgia, where members will share their experiences with Corrections programs, including correspondence efforts and taking meetings into prisons. We extend our sincere thanks to our participants: Kristen P. (Marietta), Greg V. (Atlanta), Ray (California), and Chris T. (Savannah).

Additionally, the Georgia Department of Corrections has requested volunteers in Helena, GA, and Alma, GA. Taking a meeting into a correctional facility provides a vital connection to hope and recovery for incarcerated individuals and remains one of the most

impactful ways to carry the message. If you are interested in any of our programs—Pink Cans, Correspondence, Pre-Release, or volunteering within a facility—please contact us. We are here to support you with any needs, questions, or guidance as you become involved in this important service work.

In service,

Amber T., Corrections Chair

John R., Corrections Co-Chair

Full Participation Hybrid Assembly **Derek W., Chair** **Lon P., CoChair** **Area 16 Communications Committee**

For the first time ever, at the January 2026 Assembly, Area 16 conducted a fully hybrid business meeting with both in-person and remote attendees participating equally in discussion, motions, and voting. It was pioneering in the truest sense.

Online participation far exceeded expectations, with 93 online attendees and 58 voting members. Floor motions tested nearly every procedure outlined in *How the Assembly Operates*. We learned a great deal—and overall, it went very well.

The Area Chairperson managed the processes and procedures with

confidence and clarity, as though she had been doing this for years. Feedback from both in-person and remote attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. Most importantly, remote participants reported feeling genuinely “a part of” the Assembly business meeting, which we believe reflects the true spirit of the motion.

What’s next? What can we do better?

A 2026 Communications Committee annual goal is to fully implement and nurture the hybrid Assembly process. This includes all hybrid formats, from observation-only sessions to full-participation business meetings.

Practically speaking, hybrid assemblies will require ongoing iteration, support, and refinement throughout the year. We expect many suggestions and requests,

and we will need to manage expectations—especially for ideas that may appear seamless to attendees but require significant behind-the-scenes effort.

As we move forward, we will continue to ask key questions:

- Is it needed?
- Does it help facilitate what we are trying to do in AA?
- Do we have the resources
- What will it cost?
- Does it align with our annual goals and capacity?

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please connect with us at the Southwest Cluster Forum on 02/21/2026 or at the DCM Pre-Conference meeting on 04/11/2026, where we will facilitate the Literature Committee roundtable. You may also email us at communications@aageorgia.org

ARCHIVES/ archives@aageorgia.org

Archives, Come Visit **John J., Chair,** **Jerry F., Co-Chair** **Area 16 Archives Committee**

Hello All. Greetings from the Archives Committee. We are excited to share many new donations made to the state repository. Most of the donations will not be in our traveling display. This means we need you to visit the state office and spend some time in the Archives room. There is no way for us to explain how vast the repository has grown due to so many generous donations. Grab a friend and come for a visit. As always please check out the state website. There

are many presentations under the archives committee tab. Great tools for all who are interested in the history of AA. The web site is also a great place to check the calendar for upcoming events. We have a recurring zoom meeting which meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. Please join us. If you would like notifications about upcoming events send us an email at archives@aageorgia.org. Lastly please save the date for our hands-on Archives workshop May 30th from 10-2pm. Lunch will be provided. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Your friends John J and Jerry F



CALENDAR of EVENTS

DCM Pre-Conference Meeting	Macon	April 11	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
76th General Service Conference	New York	April 26-May 2	
Georgia AA Service Assembly	Dublin/OFTC	May 15-17	

The message article deadline for May and June publication is April 1st.
There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated.
Please mail to: G.S.S.A., P. O. Box 68, Macon, Ga. 31202

ASSEMBLY RESERVATIONS

NEED A ROOM AT A HOTEL NEAR THE ASSEMBLY IN DUBLIN ?

CHECK THE AAGEORGIA.ORG AND SEE THE MANY HOTELS NEAR BY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE (GSSA) GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY, TO GET THE GROUP RATE. ROOM RESERVATION COMES WITH FREE WI-FI & FREE BREAKFAST.

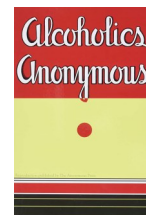
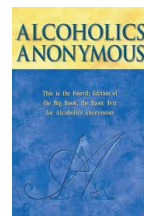
Birthday Contributions

District 3 Zone A
Wake-Up Call Group
Ginger G - January 29, 1992

District 8
Wrightsville Serenity Group
Chris M - August 17, 2009

District 10 Zone A
Straight Pepper Diet Group
Haley B - February 21, 2017

District 17
Sobriedad Latina
Jairon S - December 18, 2020



*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.



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Treatment & Accessibilities
treatment@aageorgia.org

**Claire P., Chair,
Nancy N., Co-Chair,
Area 16 Treatment /
Accessibilities Committee**

Thank you to everyone that came to the State Assembly. We had a big group in the treatment accessibility workshop. We talked about ways technology can be used at a treatment center. If you are going to a facility where they allow phones they can access the big book and 12&12 in print, audio and asl on aa.org. Living sober is available in print and audio. Treatment committees can access the treatment and accessibilities workbooks as well as any pamphlets online on aa.org as well. That's a real help when deciding what pamphlets fit your needs.

The Alcoholics Anonymous YouTube channel has videos that explain what AA is and does as well as videos for young people and the military. It also has videos available in French, Spanish and American Sign Language.

The meeting guide app is great for finding meetings. They feature the daily reflections. You can even go to a different date. If you select a meeting it will give you information about the meeting. This can include a contact number for the area or district and even a website.

Looking to start a new meeting? AA resources can help. The treatment workbook includes sample letters to a facility. If you have an email address for the facility you can copy and paste a sample add or remove what works for your group. Then add a link to a pamphlet for professionals. P-23 AA as a resource for the healthcare professional. Or P-29 How AA members cooperate with professionals. Or add a link to the YouTube video: AA video for healthcare professionals.

We continue to have a zoom meeting the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. The link for zoom is on aageorgia.org under upcoming events. If your group has had

success or is struggling with these topics let us know.

March will be let me in. Ways to start a new treatment meeting. We will talk about treatment committees, working with other committees, places to bring a meeting, deciding what type of meeting to bring in.

April will be all clear. Safety in AA. Part of accessibility is members feeling safe. And what do you do if an emergency arises.

Thank you everyone for all you do. AA doesn't work without service. And your sobriety is so enriched if you do service. There are so many opportunities for service in treatment and accessibility. District and group treatment and accessibility representatives have the opportunity to start a member down the road of service.

In loving service,
Claire and Nancy

New Groups

District 2 Zone A

Quitman Fellowship Group
Presbyterian Church
200 M Court St
Quitman GA 31643
Sunday 3:00 p.m. O/D

District 5 Zone A

Living Sober Group
Peer Center
2423 Abercorn St
Savannah GA 31401
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. O/D

District 8

Courage to Change Group
Grace Episcopal Church
114 Second Ave W
Sandersville GA 31082
Thursday 6:00 p.m. O/W

District 11 Zone C

Butts County Group
Liberty Baptist Church
3043 High Falls Rd
Jackson GA 30233
Tuesday/Thursday 5:00 p.m. O

District 13 Zone F

Serenity At 7 ZOOM Group
Virtual—Fairburn GA
Daily 7:00 p.m.

District 13 Zone F

Rainbow Recovery Group
Tara Club
575 North Central Ave
Hapeville GA 30354
Sunday 2:00 p.m. O/LGBTQ

District 13 Zone H

House of Recovery Group
The "DOOR"
4086 Covington Hwy Suite 900

Decatur GA 30034
Tuesday 2:30 p.m. O/LGBTQ

District 16 Zone A

Rule #62 Group
Self-Discovery 24
236 Level Grove Rd
Cornelia GA 30531
Saturday Noon O

District 16 Zone B

New HJF Group
Virtual—Watkinsville GA
Monday/Thursday 6:00 p.m. O/D

District 16 Zone C

Sober Dads Group
Buford First United Methodist Church
285 East Main St Room 304
Buford GA 30518
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. O/M

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Georgia State Service Assembly Business Meeting Minutes Sunday January 18, 2026 Pending Approval at the May 2026 BUSINESS MEETING

**Meeting called to order/ Serenity Prayer: Liz W., Area Chairperson
Delegate Report-Mark G.**

January 2026 Assembly Delegate's Report

Discussed process for assembling the Area 16 group conscience.

110 proposed agenda items in the past year.

22 proposed agenda items are being considered for the General Service Conference.

The General Service Conference is from April 26 to May 2. **Conference materials will be available mid-February.** All materials will not come out at the same time. Materials will be available on the website. DCMs will email you when the materials are available.

Slideshow titled, "Now that you found it, What's next? Shared with the Assembly.

Current Happenings at GSO

Audio book of the plain language Big Book.

Price reduction to \$ 2.00 for Replica First Edition Big Book.

A draft of the 5th Edition Big Book will be presented at the GSC.

All AAWS published books will increase \$3.00 effective 02/01/2026, All other AAWS published media will increase by 15 %.

Financials for AAWS/GSB

Contributions and Book Sales were projected to miss budget requirements by \$ 1,000,000. This was due to lower-than-expected contributions and increased publication expenses. Revenue is currently 52% contributions and 48 % book sales.

Grapevine is projected to lose \$ 350,000. Lavina is expected to lose \$493,313.

To cover the projected shortages for GSB AAWS Grapevine and Lavina the Board approved a Drawdown for the reserve fund as follows:

Grapevine 350,000

Office Move 2,100,000.

Service Board 750,000 includes 493,313 for LaVina.

Only 146,000 has been taken out of the Reserve Fund so far for the move.

If all drawdowns are taken fully the reserve Fund will be down to 8,485,000. This is only a 4.7-month reserve.

The reserve fund has dropped from 16,000,000 in 2019 to 11,500,000 in 2025. It is projected to drop to 8,485,000 after the drawdowns.

How do we counter this trend ?

Cut back on services. Is this in the spirit of our primary purpose?

No new books or pamphlets. Same question as number 1.

Reduce travel. Will this affect the informed group conscience?

Increase margin on book and pamphlet sales. Are we willing to pay more to insure the future?

Increase contributions. Can I dig in my own pocket to reverse the trend?

Eliminate Coffee at AA meetings. This one is for all you treasurers out there. Never going to happen.

What do you think we should do ?

Talk about in your groups. We are talking about the future of AA.

If this trend continues where will AA be in 5, 10 or 15 years?

Your home group is the Senior Management of Alcoholic Anonymous. The future is yours to make.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark G.

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Alternate Delegate Report- Amy B.

Cluster Forums are sharing sessions that provide valuable experience. They provide a space for AAs to ask questions, and potentially can spare new ideas for recovery. Attendees include: AA members, those in service or those interested in service; and representatives of the Groups, Districts or Zones, and the Area.

There are four different regional Cluster Forums each year on a rotating basis, and each year the theme is voted on at the September Assembly for the following year, traditionally the General Conference Theme. Location & agenda determined by the DCMs of each Forum

There is no registration fee; expenses are covered by the Districts or Zones of each Region and by 'Passing the basket.'

2026 Cluster Forum Themes:

Conference Theme: Humility in Action

Topics include:

Restoration and Discovering Grace, Unity & Fellowship

Gossip and Facts: Examining the Health of Our Own Communications

Finding Common Ground: Keeping our own House in Order

Our first Cluster Forum will be held by the Southwest Region, and will be hosted by Zone 1B, in Albany, on February 21.

The second Cluster of the year will be held in West Central, hosted by District 6, Columbus, on June 20.

The third Cluster will be held in Northeast Region, hosted by Zone 16C in August, and the fourth and final Cluster Forum for the year will be held in District 13 in November, and will be hosted by 13K.

Looking ahead to 2027, next year's forums will be held by the Southeast, District 4, in March; the East Central will be hosted by Zone 12A, in June; the Northwest, hosted by Zone 10A in August, and the District 17 will be hosted by Catarcis in November.

2026 Area 16 & GSO Functions

SW Cluster Forum District 1A, Albany Feb. 21

DCM Pre-Conference Mtg. Macon Apr. 11

GSAA Service Assembly Dublin May 15-17

W Central Cluster Forum Dist 6, Columbus June 20

Southeast Regional Forum Raleigh, NC Sept. 18-20

GSAA Service Assembly Dublin Sept. 25-27

73rd Annual Prepaid Conv. Duluth Oct. 16-18

Northeast Cluster Forum District 13K Nov

DCM Pre-Plan Mtg. Macon Nov. 7, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

The next two Prepaid Conventions will be held on Oct. 16-18, 2026, in Duluth, and then Oct. 2027 in Athens, GA. If you're interested in making a bid, please see p. 34 of the Georgia AA. Service Manual.

Secretary Report- Kirby M.

Assembly Attendance Report

DCMs- 41

Alt DCMs-16

District Sec/Treasurers-1

GSRs-183

Alt GSRs-53

Group Secretary/Treasurers-22

Grapevine Reps-3

Treatment Reps-5

Corrections Reps-8

Communication Reps-4

PI/CPS Reps-7

Archives-6

Online attendance-96

Online Voting members- 58

Members at large-45

Total in attendance- 490

Group Updates/Changes: In the folders that you received from your DCMs you should have a spiral notebook which is the 2025 updated Area Directory. **Please make sure you are keeping your district and group infor-**

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information up to date by going to aageorgia.org and adding any changes.

Ordering Literature: You may purchase literature on the website as well using the “Buy Online” tab at the top right of the website’s homepage.

Office Hours: If you need assistance with anything, the office is open **Monday – Thursday/9:00am – 5:00pm and on Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm.** Or you can leave a message on the website and someone will get back to you when they are in.

DISTRICT MINUTES AND GROUP MINUTES- Remember to email your minutes to district-minutes@aageorgia.org. **Both district and group minutes** can be sent to this email for archival purposes.

Please remember that nominations for Area Secretary and Treasurer will be held at our assembly in May. If you are interested in serving the Area, please reach out to myself for a copy of our area service resume template. You are all amazing!

New Post office information: GSSA P.O.Box 68 Macon, GA 31202

Once again, I want to thank you all for the amazing privilege to serve Area 16,

Kirby M.

Treasurer Report-M.F.B.

2025 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2025			
Income Details Ingreso Detalles	2025 Budget 2025 Presupuesto	2025 Actual 2025 Actual	Difference Diferencia
Contributions Contribuciones	\$215,141.00	\$199,190.80	\$(15,950.20)
Literature Sales Venta de literatura	\$91,000.00	\$105,113.74	\$14,113.74
Interest Interés	\$3,500.00	\$2,202.50	\$(1,297.50)
Total Income Ingresos Totales	\$309,641.00	\$306,507.04	\$3,133.96

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2025 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2025			
Total Number of Groups	780	Número total de grupos	780
Total Number of Corrections Groups	43	Número de grupos correccionales	43
Virtual Groups	11	Grupos Virtuales	11

Contribution Details Detalles de la contribución	Amount Importe	% of Groups % de Grupos	# of Groups # de Grupos
7th Tradition 7ª Tradición	\$183,632.60	59.62%	465
Other Otro	\$15,558.20		
Prepaid Pagado por adelantado	\$47,704.53	37.56%	293

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GSSA Account Description Descripción de la cuenta GSSA	2025 Budget 2025 Presupuesto	2025 Actual 2025 Actual	Difference Diferencia
Total Income Ingresos Totales	\$309,641.00	\$306,507.04	\$3,133.96
Total Expenses Gastos Totales	\$323,208.00	\$310,122.34	\$13,085.66
Surplus/(Deficit) Superávit/(déficit)	\$(13,567.00)	\$(3,615.30)	\$9,951.70

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Committee Expense Details Detalles de los gastos del comité			
Committee Name Nombre del comité	2025 Budget 2025 Presupuesto	2025 Actual 2025 Actual	Difference Diferencia
Office Committee Comité de Oficina	\$15,100.00	\$8,496.33	\$6,603.67
Service Committees Comités de Servicio	\$35,162.00	\$12,932.41	\$24,424.52
Miscellaneous Misceláneo	\$5,300.00	\$3,105.07	\$2,194.93
Total Committee Expenses Gastos totales del comité	\$55,562.00	\$24,533.81	\$22,462.93

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2025 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2025			
Expense Details Detalles de gastos	2025 Budget 2025 Presupuesto	2025 Actual 2025 Actual	Difference Diferencia
GSSA Office Oficina de la GSSA	\$150,714.00	\$165,243.98	\$(14,529.98)
Committees Comités	\$55,562.00	\$24,533.81	\$31,028.19
Assembly Ensamblaje	\$49,132.00	\$44,815.84	\$4,316.16
Literature Literatura	\$67,800.00	\$75,528.71	\$(7,728.71)
Total Expenses Gastos Totales	\$323,208.00	\$310,122.34	\$13,085.66

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GSSA Account Balances as of January 8, 2026 SalDOS de cuentas a fecha de 8 de enero de 2026	
Checking/Savings Cuenta de cheques/Ahorros	
Petty Cash Dinero	\$300.00
Grapevine Petty Cash La Viña Dinero	\$150.00
Money Market Accounts Cuentas del mercado monetario	\$240,560.24
GSSA Operating Account Cuenta Operativa GSSA	\$19,140.98
Total Totales	\$260,151.22

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Prudent Reserve	Reserva prudente
Current Reserve Fund Balance \$240,560.24 <i>as of 1/8/26</i>	Saldo actual del Fondo de Reserva \$240,560.24 A partir del 8/1/2026
Operating Expenses \$310,122.34 <i>Based on 2025 Actuals</i>	Gastos de Operación \$310,122.34 Basado en el Actuales de 2025
Months of Operating Expenses 9.31	Meses de Gastos Operativos 9.31
The number of months of operating expenses should reflect a normal operating year in case of emergency.	El número de meses de gastos operativos debe reflejar un año operativo normal en caso de emergencia.
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PrePaid Account Balances		Saldos de cuentas prepagadas
Checking/Savings	Cuenta de cheques/Ahorros	
Operating Account		
Cuenta de Explotación		\$102,167.40
Money Market Accounts		
Cuentas del mercado monetario		\$38,000
Total		
Totales		\$140,167.40
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2026 Budget Overview		2026 Resumen del presupuesto	
GSSA Account Description	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Difference
Descripción de la cuenta GSSA	2025 Presupuesto	2026 Presupuesto	Diferencia
Total Income			
Ingresos Totales	\$309,641.00	\$301,468.11	\$(8,172.89)
Total Expenses			
Gastos Totales	\$323,208.00	\$301,419.54	\$(21,788.46)
Surplus/(Deficit)			
Superávit/(déficit)	\$(13,567.00)	\$48.57	\$(13,615.57)
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Respectfully submitted,

Area 16 Treasurer

[Mary Flynn Boener](#)

Old Business-

Motion to “ add literature”, as as a standing committee for Area 16

For- 81

Against- 119

No minority opinion given

Motion does not pass

New Business

Prepaid Bid-

75th Georgia Prepaid Convention

Beth B. DCM district 8

October 20th-22nd 2028 in Dublin

Voting to take place in May

Approval from the body of new chairperson(s)

Archives Chair/CoChair-John J. & Jerry L.

All in favor- Chairperson(s) approved

General Sharing

Motion Maker- Kalli O. GSR 5:30 @ Main, District 16C

Seconded By: Xristi H., GSR-More than Potential, District 16 C

Motion: Allow external links that adhere to A.A. Traditions and A.A. guidelines on the Area 16 website.

John B. GSR 7B- Questioned whether or not there would be a cost associated with this motion and how long it would take to implement this motion if adopted by the assembly.

Derek W.- There would be no cost associated with the implementation of this motion, and it could be instantaneous

Phil S., GSR No Reservations, 16D- comments about the necessity of this motion if there are already external links on the website already.

Motion made to amend the main motion adding, “ To allow the Communications Committee to create a policy to allow external links that adhere to A.A. Traditions and A.A. guidelines on the Area 16 website.”

Michael, Cairo Group, GSR- Seconded motion to amend

Amy S., GSR Greenhouse Group, Called the Question on the amendment to the main motion.

Jeri R., GSR Nacoochie Women’s Group 16 A, Seconded motion to call the question

Motion Passed to Call the Question

Amendment to the main motion now moved to a vote

Motion to amend the main motion does not pass.

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Discussion resumed over original motion.

Chris N., GSR Sunrise, 16 B- Motion to Call the Question

David V. , GSR 13B, Triangle 8PM- Seconded

In favor- 188 motion passes to call the question

Main motion moved to a vote

In favor- 189

Motion passed

Motion Maker- Alexander P., GSR Senoia Second Chance, 10 D

Seconded By: Mary Ann S., GSR We Care, 10D

Motion: In order to be good stewards of our group's contributions, we propose that the following be available only in digital format: The Georgia Message, Georgia AA Service Manual, and Area Directory. We do not want to restrict being of service to anyone without access to a computer or printer so paper format would be available upon request only.

Chris N. Sunrise 16b GSR- Motion to Call the Question

Jeri R. Nacoochi Women's Group, GSR-Seconded

159 in favor

Main Motion moved to a vote

132 in favor

Motion passed

Motion Maker-Name of Originator: Craig Mckee

District/Home Group: 3B KRG

Motion seconded by: Shelby Gillentine

District/Home Group: 13G 12 Step Titans

Motion:

"I'd like to make a motion to amend the service manual concerning the term of state treasurer (page 32). I want to motion that the state treasurer be allowed to run for a second term and if elected to be allowed to serve a second term from even year to even year as state treasurer."

Motion to decline to consider- Syd M. District 16F Caulver Group

Jeremy M. GSR 16E- Seconded

148 in favor

Motion passed to decline to consider

Motion Maker-Kelly W. GSR Happy Hour Group 16C

Second- Joshua C. Keystone Group 16C GSR

Motion- To remove all physical addresses from the area service directory of trusted servants.

David V. , GSR 13B, Triangle 8PM-Motion to call the question

Antonett GSR No Name Nooners- seconded motion to call the question

Main motion moved to a vote

169 in favor

Motion Passed

Kris Atl GSR Sisters in Sobriety 7B- Comments about making the website more mobile phone friendly.

Shelby G. 13 G GSR 12 Step titans- Motion to close

Online Voting member-Phil S. GSR 16 D- seconded

All in favor

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer (English/ Spanish)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby M. Area 16 Secretary

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International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

AREA 16

GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Archives Committee Workshop

Dr. Bob & Anne S.



Lois and Bill W.

Join us Saturday MAY 30th, 2026 10am-2pm
at our State Office **145 1st Street, Macon, Ga 31201**

Around back in the basement - Lunch will be provided.

Participate in preserving our history.

*Share ideas on how to build display boards.
There will also be a hands on presentation creating a new
display board about the archives room and state office.*

*Join us for an afternnon of learning about
preservation and restoration techniques. We will also
have several unseen 1940's Newsreals playing, one of
which has not see the light of day in decades.*



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DANNY B.
SPRING, TX



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16-18, 2026**

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DULUTH, GA 30096

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OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION \$25

ALANON REGISTRATION \$25

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