



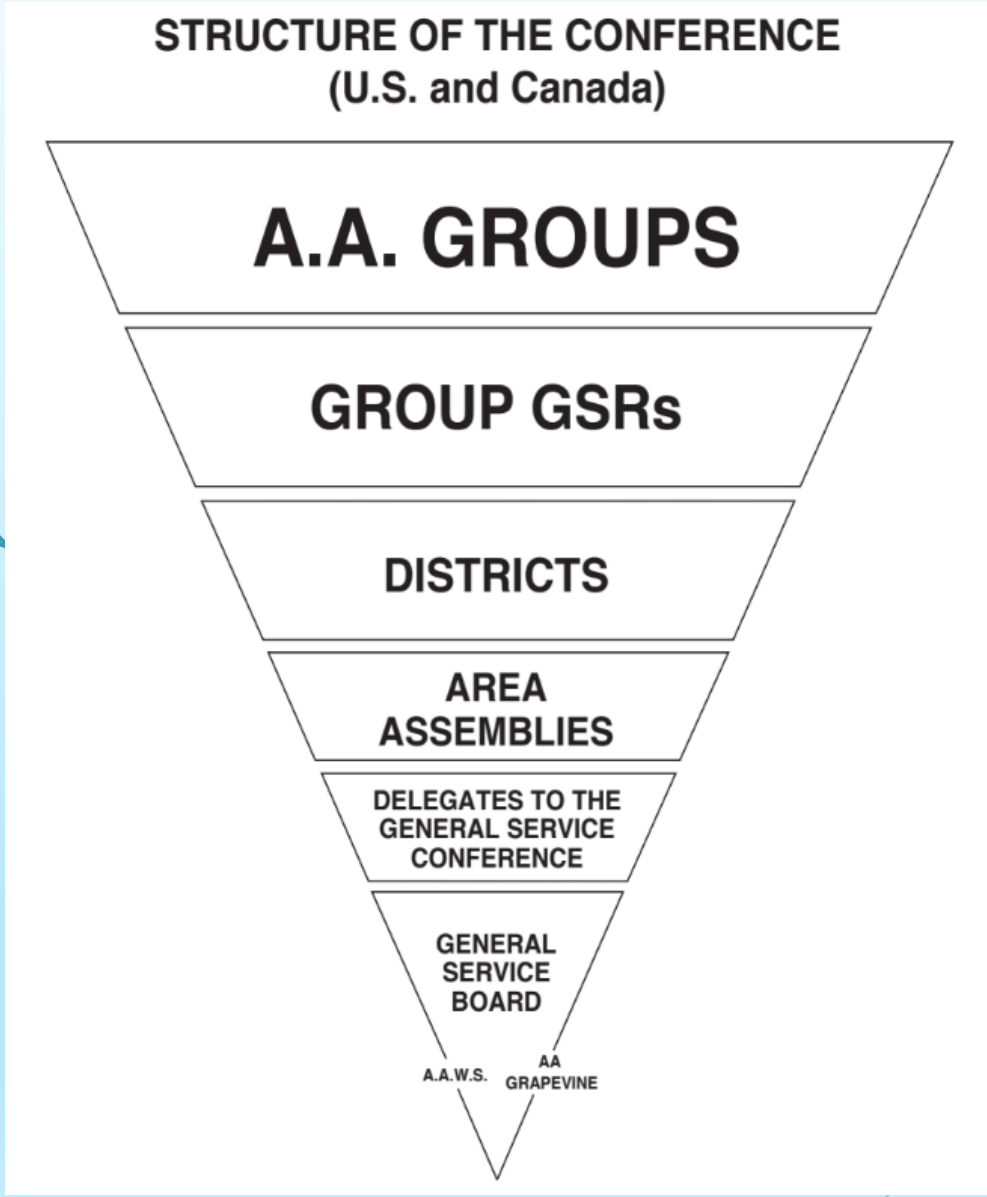
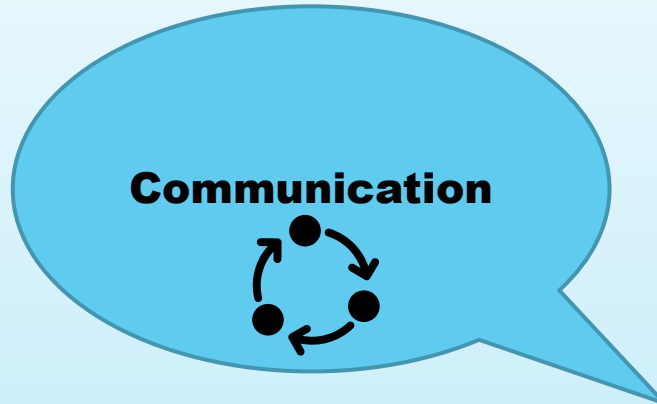
Welcome to District 1 (D1) General Service

**GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR)
ORIENTATION**

Congratulations on your new position as a General Service Representative (GSR)!

- **Home Groups afford the individual the “*privilege*” of voting on issues that affect the A.A. Fellowship as a whole.**
- **Each A.A. member has ONE VOTE! Our Home Group is where we attend business meetings and cast our vote on matters affecting A.A. as a whole.**
- **How do Groups cast their vote on issues affecting A.A. as a whole (*like literature changes*)? They elect a GSR; who usually has 2 years of continuous sobriety.**
- **GSRs serve as the vital link between their Home Groups, D1, Area 15 (A15) and the General Service Conference (GSC). Our A15 Delegate carries our “collective conscience” to the GSC in April of each year. You are linking your Home Group with the whole of A.A.**
- **GSRs of the U.S. and Canada are the very foundation of our General Service structure.**

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. & CANADA) See the A.A. Service Manual

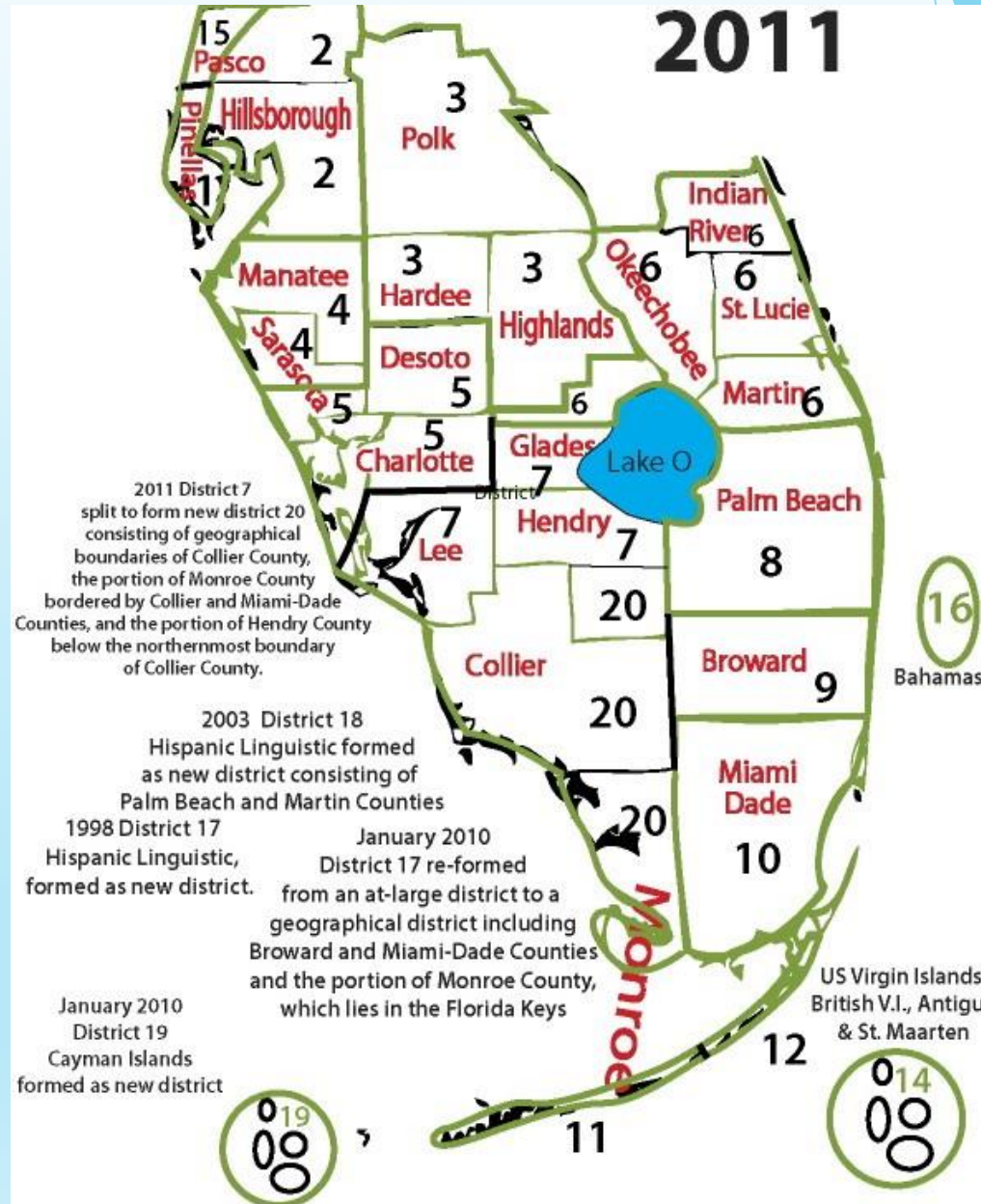


AREA 15 SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT DIVISIONS

► Link to map:

<https://area15a.ogr/area/map/>

Area 15 has 19 Districts



DISTRICT 1 STRUCTURE

▶ **A15 has an *Alternate Service Structure*.**

***A15 Districts are divided into subdistricts because dense population=more groups and our large geographical area makes it difficult for District Chairpersons to serve all the GSRs.**

▶ **D1 currently has 17 subdistricts, covering most of Pinellas County.**

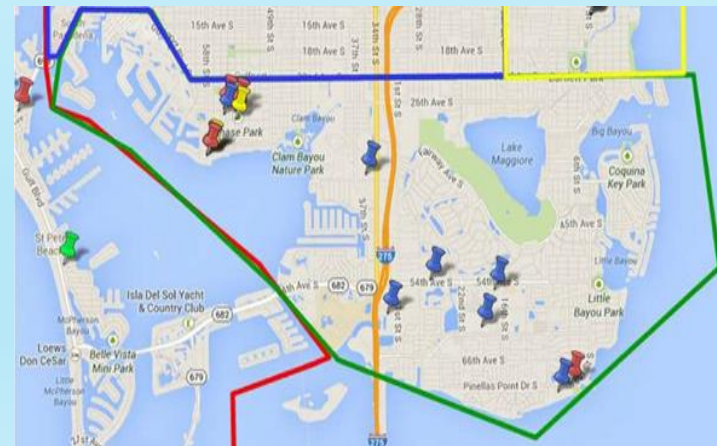
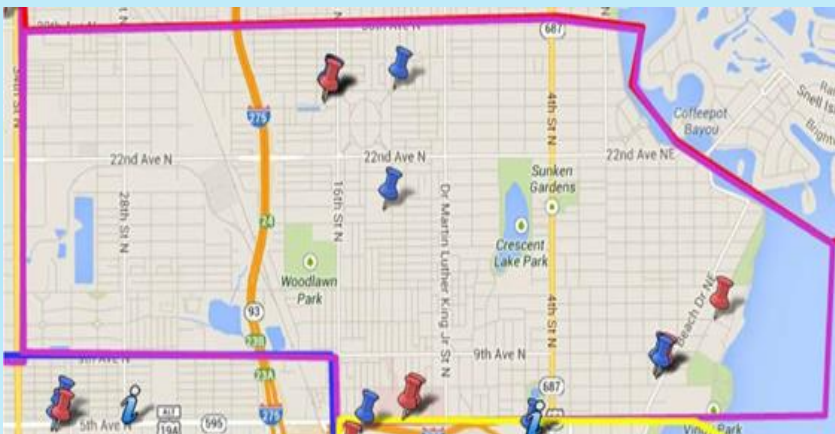
*** *Note Tarpon Springs is in District 15-Pasco County***

▶ **Below are maps showing two of seventeen D1 subdistricts.**

*** *Colored push pins=groups located in that subdistrict.***

▶ **D1 has over 200 groups with General Service ID Number**

▶ **To see all subdistrict maps go to: [District 1 Pinellas County - District 1 A.A. Pinellas \(district1aapinellas.org\)](http://District 1 Pinellas County - District 1 A.A. Pinellas (district1aapinellas.org) Search Committees-Current Practices-Book of Current Practices-pages 2-9) Search Committees-Current Practices-Book of Current Practices-pages 2-9**



Duties of the General Service Representative (GSR)

See the A.A. Service Manual

- ▶ **GSRs attend district meetings**
- ▶ **They also attend area assemblies**
- ▶ **G.S.R.s serve as the mail contact with the General Service Office (GSO) for their Home Group. They receive the GSO bulletin *Box 4-5-9* and keep their group abreast of A.A. activities all over the world.**
- ▶ **They need to become knowledgeable about material from GSO-literature, guidelines, bulletins, videos, etc. and they are responsible for passing it along to their group.**
- ▶ **Learn everything you can about A.A.'s 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.**
- ▶ **Work with your Home Group Treasurer to develop a plan for supporting A.A. as a whole.**

District 1 General Service Business Meetings

- ✓ **3rd Tuesday of each month**
- ✓ **Sign in 6pm**
- ✓ ***How? For example : 1D1GSRTomS***
 - ✓ **1=voting**
 - ✓ **D1=your district**
 - ✓ **GSR=your position**
 - ✓ **No spaces and no punctuation**
 - ✓ **AGSRs are 2s unless GSR is absent.**
- ✓ **6:15pm-GSR/DCM Sharing (odd months) Leadership Training (even months GSRs are welcome!)**
- ✓ **Business Meeting at 7:00pm**
- ✓ **2021and 2022 D1 Business Meetings are online.**
- ✓ **No meeting in December**
- ✓ **Become familiar with D1's *Book of Current Practices*.**
- ✓ **You can find our *Book of Current Practices* at www.district1aapinellas.org under Committees/Current Practices.**

WHICH D1 SERVANTS VOTE AND MAKE MOTIONS AT D1 GENERAL SERVICE BUSINESS MEETINGS?

DISTRICT MEMBER	VOTES	MAKES MOTIONS
GSR or AGSR (if GSR absent)	YES	YES
DCM or ACM (if DCM absent)	YES	YES
D1 Standing Committee Chairs	YES	YES
D1 Intergroup Liaison	YES	YES
D1 Officers (except D1 Chair)	YES	YES

WHAT IS RIGHT OF DECISION? See *The A.A. Service Manual, Concept III.*

- 1) We may hear information or a minority opinion that is in opposition to our Home Group's majority vote. What do we do? As *trusted servants* we must accept the responsibility to make the decision based on the new information.**
- 2) Then what? Take the information back to your Home Group and explain why you didn't vote the way they thought you were going to vote.**

WHAT IS A DCM?

See The A.A. Service Manual Chapter on The District and the D.C.M.

- ▶ **“The district committee member (DCM) is an essential link between the group GSR and the area delegate to the General Service Conference (GSC).”**
- ▶ **“As leader of the district committee, made of all GSRs in the district, the DCM is exposed to the conscience of that district.”**
- ▶ **“As a member of the area committee, he or she is able to pass on the district’s thinking to the delegate and the committee.”**

The above bullet points are referring to the District Chairperson.

DUTIES OF ALL DCMs (D1 Chairperson and Subdistrict DCMs)

- ✓ **“Regularly attends all district meetings and area assemblies”.**
- ✓ **“Receives reports from groups through their GSRs”.**
- ✓ **“Holds regular meetings with all their GSRs”.**
- ✓ **“Keeps their GSRs informed about GSC activities”.**
- ✓ **“Helps GSRs make interesting reports for their group and encourages them to bring new A.A. members to service events”.**

DISTRICT 1

D1 has 18 DCM positions. WHY?



What are subdistrict DCMs?

- ❖ Remember in A15 we have an *alternate service structure*; so we have a District 1 Chairperson and 17 DCMs, one for each subdistrict.
- ❖ *Ideally, every subdistrict should have a DCM.*

Why doesn't D1 have more DCMs?

- ❖ To serve as a DCM you have to have served as a GSR.
- ❖ Too often, our GSRs serve their term and choose not to move down the triangle and serve as a DCM.
- ❖ How can we retain servants?
- ❖ How can encourage more young A.A. members to serve in General Service?

AREA 15 SOUTH FLORIDA ASSEMBLIES

❖ ***When? January, April, July & October***

❖ ***Who funds GSRs?***

a. **Your Home Group**

b. **How much? They decide on the amount of funding they can provide**

c. **Often that amount is one night's lodging and mileage**

d. **Sometimes they will pay for the Saturday night banquet ticket**

❖ ***What happens at the A15 Assemblies?***

a. **Friday night-welcome and speaker meeting**

b. **Saturdays are dedicated workshops such as GSR sharing, Traditions, Concepts, the Service Manual and Standing Committee Meetings that you can attend. Saturday night banquet and speaker meeting.**

c. **Sunday morning is the Business Meeting. *It is important to be in your seat by 9 AM so your vote counts.* Go to <https://area15aa.org> to view current assembly flyer.**

WHICH D1 SERVANTS VOTE AND MAKE MOTIONS AT SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 ASSEMBLIES?

District Member	Vote	Make Motions
Chair	Y	Y
Other Officers	N	N
DCMs	Y	Y
GSRs	Y	N
Standing Committee Chairs	N	N
Intergroup Liaison	N	N



HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?

- a. **D1 Website www.district1aapinellas.org Password: DIST1.** The D1 Website has the contact information of each D1 Officer and Standing Committee Chair.
- b. **Emails – D1 Minutes and Agenda are distributed on the 4th Tuesday of each month.** If the email is not in your inbox check spam, junk and/or promotions folders. They will also be submitted to the Website Chair to be posted on the D1 Website. Please do **NOT** post any portion of the Agenda or Minutes online, not even on a “private” social media page.
- c. **A15 Website has the contact information of every Officer and Standing Committee Chair. A15 Communications such as Minutes, Agendas and Assembly Programs will be emailed to you when they become available or go to www.area15aa.org Password: area15aa.**
- d. **General Service Office Website https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/f-6-your-aa-general-service-office**



MAILING ADDRESSES

✓ **District 1 Treasurer**

P.O. Box 7055

St. Petersburg, FL 33734

If you mail a check make it out to the D1 or A15 Treasurer (not the individual's name). Please note your Group's name and 6-digit GSN on the check.

✓ **Area 15 Mailing Address**

Area 15 Panel 71 Treasurer

P.O. Box 311

Safety Harbor, FL 34695

**How do I find my group number?
Ask your D1 Registrar or go to:
<https://area15aa.org> look under quick links, type group name, look for Dist01.**

✓ **AA General Service Office Mailing Address**

Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, New York 10166

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Each of you will receive a GSR Packet from the General Service Office (GSO). If you do not receive your packet within 6-8 weeks please let us know.**
- **Please be sure you submit a registrar form to our District 1 Registrar. You can find an electronic copy at www.district1aapinellas.org Password: DIST1 or contact our D1 Registrar at districtoneregistrar@gmail.com.**
- **GSR Packet- will include: A.A. Service Manual, GSR Pamphlet, The A.A. Group Pamphlet, DCM Brochure, Inside A.A. Understanding the Fellowship and its Services, Circles of Love Brochure, Traditions Illustrated, Concepts Illustrated and a Self-Support Card – you can also access the information at:**
 - **https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_GSR_list.pdf**
- **See page S25 of your Service Manual for more information about your job. Link to online pdf Service Manual: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf**

MORE ONLINE SERVICE MATERIALS

- **Memo to you, the new G.S.R. (F-57)**
- **Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (F-3)**
- **Your A.A. General Service Office (F-6)**
- **Corrections Correspondence (F26)**
- **A.A. Group Information Change Form (F-28)**
- **Self-Support Card (F-42)**
- **The A.A. Group Treasurer (F-96)**
- **Your Seventh Tradition Contribution: *Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group* (F203)**
- **Group Contribution Envelope* (FR-2)**
- **Birthday Contribution Envelope (FR-5)**
- **Concepts Checklist (SMF-91)**
- **Traditions Checklist (SMF-131)**
- **Safety and A.A. – Our Common Welfare (SMF-209)**

PAMPHLETS:

- **Twelve Concepts Illustrated (P-8)**
- **The A.A. Group (P-16)**
- **Inside A.A. (P-18)**
- **G.S.R.: General Service Representative (P-19)**
- **Twelve Traditions Illustrated (P-43)**
- **Circles of Love and Service (P-45)**
- **Grapevine and La Viña (P-52)**
- **CATALOGS/ORDER FORMS:**
- **Literature Catalog (includes A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine material) (F-10)**



QUESTIONS?

HOW CAN I GET MY HOME GROUP INTERESTED IN MY GSR REPORT?

- ✓ **Keep it brief, 5 or 6 bullet statements.**
- ✓ **Choose topics of interest to your Home Group, *events, money, literature changes, etc.***

WHAT IS THE GSR PREAMBLE?

History: The GSR Preamble as stated below, got its start in Southern California and Area 9 in particular. This preamble is NOT originate from GSO and is not Conference approved.

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the World of AA. We realize that the Ultimate Authority is a Loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and AA as a whole.

YOUR QUESTIONS?