

District 25 Panel 66: DCM Report (Cort H.)**3-1-16**

Welcome to our monthly District meeting.

1. As a reminder, Southeastern PA Intergroup (SEPIA) is moving to a new web site: www.aasepia.org.
2. The DCM attended the EPGSA/SEPIA Share-A-Day on February 7, 2016 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Of note:
 - a. SEPIA has a Unity Committee that will come to any homegroup to give a “Unity Pitch,” mostly explaining what SEPIA does and how members and groups can get involved in services, such as PI, CPC, Prisons, Treatments, Archives, etc.
 - b. In particular the Interphone Committee is a good (and easy) way to get involved (I have some forms here).
 - c. As many know, AA General Services and the Grapevine have been struggling. Many meetings and groups are reading the “Self-Support” (Green) Card along with the 7th Tradition (I have a few).
 - d. There will be a SEPIA sponsored Unity Picnic on June 18th.
3. The DCM attended NERAASA (North East Regional AA Service Assembly) on Feb. 26 - 28, 2016 in Springfield, MA 01103. “Celebrate Our Silver Anniversary in the Golden West (MA).” Of note:
 - a. DCM attended Panel 3 “7th Tradition: Where AA Money and Spirituality Mix”
 - i. There were three presentations: 1) “Feasibility Study on Future Impact of Long Term Trends”; 2) “Exploring Solutions to Declining Literature Sales”; & 3) “How, or If, AA Should Focus on Ways to Increase Revenues.”
 - ii. Of note: 1) GSO is not currently self-supporting. Operating costs, including publishing literature, offering services, translating the AA literature and many reports into other languages, etc. cost more than GSO collects. 2) There is discussion of how and whether to use literature to generate money. 3) Some found it odd that the groups, districts, and areas were self-supporting, but GSO is not, considering this a case of GSO not practicing the 7th Tradition. 4) Others pointed out that contributions have not kept up with increased cost (inflation) (\$1 doesn’t go very far anymore). 5) Others explained that GSO is an abstract idea to many members and groups, who don’t understand what it does for the fellowship. 6) Literature moving online will further alter GSO’s financial landscape. 7) Some believe that AA has lost its primary purpose, of helping the alcoholic, and has extended itself too far into helping the drug addicts. 8) Many believed that AA should not be using literature sales to prop-up its lack of financial stability.
 - b. DCM attended Panel 4 “Communicating with Others and Each Other:
 - i. There were three presentations: 1) “Consider Admitting Reps. From Other 12 Step Programs as Observers to the GSC”; 2) “Consider that All Conf. Members be sent the Same Background Material [with certain exception]”; & 3) “Consider Plans for Translation of All Conf. Background Materials and Impact on Submission Date for Conference Agenda Items.”
 - ii. Of note: 1) In Presentation #1, it was explained that the relationship between AA and Other 12 step programs has traditionally been one of “sharing information freely,” but there are over 200 12 step programs, which could cause logistical

problems at the conference. 2) The issue of confidentiality came up, in regard to Presentation #2. 3) The issues of cost, related to translating, came up in regard to Presentation #3.

- c. DCM attended Panel 5 and 6, and purchased the audio from Panel 1 and 2 and the N. E. Regional Trustee Report.... Notes will come in next months DCM Report.
4. Upcoming important District 25 and Area 59 Events:
 - a. **76th Anniversary of AA in Philadelphia on March 10, 2016** from 6:30 PM -8:30 PM at St. Luke's, 330 So. 13th Street (between Spruce & Pine), Philadelphia, PA. Potluck dinner, Archives presentation, and speaker meeting. Contact adcm@district27.org regarding donations and planning.
 - b. **Area 59 Quarterly Meeting on March 13th, 2016**: Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire and rescue Company 402 Hemlock Farms Rd. Hawley, PA 17025. (DCM plans to attend.) (ADCM and all GSRs are invited/ encouraged to attend.) [120 miles]
 - c. **Pre-Conference Sharing Session** sponsored by Area 59 on **April 3rd, 2016**. All DCMs should attend. All Members welcomed. Hosted by District 30. Doors open at 8AM. Meeting starts at 9AM. The Washington @ Historic Yellow Springs, 1701 Art School Road, Chester Springs PA 19425. [28 miles]
 - d. **General Service Conference from April 17-23, 2016.**
 - e. **Mini-Assembly & Delegate's Conference Report 1 on June 11th, 2016** from 10 AM and end at 2:30 PM: Sponsored by Area 59. Site TBD.
5. DCM Group/ Meeting Visitation in the District this past month: None
6. Travel Log this past month:
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7. Expenses this past month: (NERAASA **[and past expenses]** was paid by District 25 Treasurer Candy S.)