

**District 25 Panel 66: DCM Report (Cort H.)****1-5-16**

Welcome to our monthly District meeting.

1. As a reminder, Southeastern PA Intergroup (SEPIA) is moving to a new web site: [www.aasepia.org](http://www.aasepia.org). It's almost all the way there. It is able to identify local meetings much more easily and quickly, especially on cell phones.
2. Regarding our District's December 5th Workshop, "How to Inspire and Guide AA Members in Service," I think it was a great event. It was very informative, well attended, and very enjoyable. All the organizers did a great job, especially Randy (ADCM). As well, all the other presenters and organizers did a great job: Miles and Tanya, John P. and John C., Colleen and Rick, Mike C. and John S. And finally, Cheryl organized and orchestrated a great lunch, with some incredible assistance from her various friends. Much thanks to everyone. Also, I believe we had at least 60 people come and go throughout the day, including the Area 59 Alternate Delegate, Paul M., and Treasurer, Steve S.

It would be great to have a discussion, perhaps during new business, about the take-a-ways from the event.

3. The DCM attended the Area 59 Committee Meeting, on December 13, 2015 in Enola, PA. Of note:
  - a. Area 59 Convention Committee announced that the yearly Area 59 Convention, the EPGSA, will take place on November 4-6, 2016 in Gettysburg, PA at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel and Resort. This is a change of location, from Lancaster and a slight change of date (one week earlier than usual). More details will follow by the summer.
  - b. Area 59 Treasurer reported that the Area's finances are in "good" shape, experiencing a slight increase in 2015 donations compared with 2014.
  - c. Area 59 Delegate reported that the lawsuits against Santa Clarita Alcoholics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services have been dismissed. GSO had not responded to the lawsuit, nor commented on it, deeming it an outside issue to the program. As well, the Delegate reported that the finances of AA GSO are "terrible," and not predicted to improve. This is potentially due to a significant decrease in literature sales, most likely caused by the increase in literature prices in 2015 and the proliferation of literature on-line.
  - d. Area 59 Finance Committee recommended a budget for 2016: passed.
  - e. Area 59 Structure Committee made a recommendation that the Area map have a non-geographic symbol for District 68, the Linguistic District (for non-English speakers (dominantly Spanish speakers)): passed.
  - f. District 51 DCM, Michael N., brought the question to the floor as to whether the District, in Bucks County, should be split or re-organized, as it has over 70 meetings and over 40 active GSRs. After discussion, some suggestions were made, which the DCM will attempt to implement, and then he will report back at the next Quarterly Area Meeting.
  - g. District 27 DCM, Caroline N., brought two motions to the floor, related to the election process of Area officers and subcommittee chairs. As well, a third motion was brought asking for documentation of the Pre-Area Meetings (held by the Area officers), "to ensure transparency." All three motions failed.
4. Please thank Randy (again) for stepping in as Chair over these last three months.

## 5. Upcoming important District 25 and Area 59 Events:

- a. Area 59 DCM Sharing & Mini-Assembly Planning: on January 10, 2016 starting at 9:00 AM, at St. Joseph's Hall, 500 Woodlawn Ave. Collingdale, PA 19023. (DCM plans to attend.)
- b. EPGSA/SEPIA Share-A-Day event Planning Meeting: on January 17, 2016 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM, at SEPIA Office, 444 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Philadelphia, PA. (DCM hopes to attend, but is not definite.) (ADCM, all GSRs, and all AA members are invited/ encouraged to attend.)
- c. EPGSA/SEPIA Share-A-Day: February 7, 2016. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. 600 South 43rd Street, Philadelphia 19104. (DCM plans to attend.) (ADCM, all GSRs, and all AA members are invited/ encouraged to attend.)
- d. NERAASA (North East Regional AA Service Assembly): Feb. 26 - 28, 2016: Springfield, MA 01103. *"Celebrate Our Silver Anniversary in the Golden West (MA)."* (DCM would like to attend.)

**Go to: <http://neraasa2016.org/> for information. HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE** is Wednesday, January 27th, 2016. Hotel reservation prices are guaranteed until that date OR until room blocks are filled. **Please mention "NERAASA 2016"** when making reservations by phone. Room rates are set at \$119 per night/ person.

- i. (DCM would like to attend) (ADCM would like to attend) (All GSRs invited/ encouraged to attend)—
  1. Room is \$119.00 / person (2 nights lodging) (ADCM & DCM) = \$476.00
  2. Registration is \$21.00 (x 2) = \$42.00
  3. Meals are @ \$100.00 for most event meals on Saturday (x 2) = \$200.00
  4. (240 miles x 2) 480 miles x \$.40 = \$192.00
  5. Total = \$910.00 (for DCM and ADCM to attend, and room together) {DCM only is \$554.00.}

- e. Area 59 Quarterly Meeting: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. TBA. (DCM plans to attend.)

## 6. DCM Group/ Meeting Visitation in the District this past month:

- a. Serendipity Group, which meets on Sunday's at 8:00 PM, at 8000 Saint Martins Lane Philadelphia, PA 19118. It is an Closed Speaker/ Discussion Meeting. Attended on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## 7. Travel Log this past month:

- a. District 25 Workshop on December 5, 2015 from 1-5 PM.
- b. Area 59 Committee Meeting, on December 13, 2015 in Enola, PA.

## 8. Expenses this past month: [\$87.20] + (DCM owes District [-\$60.80]) = [\$26.40]

- a. Area 59 Committee Meeting, on December 13, 2015 in Enola, PA. [\*Drive is (@ 109 miles x 2) 218 miles x \$.40 = \$87.20]