

District 25 Panel 66: DCM Report (Cort H.)

11-1-16

Welcome to our monthly District meeting.

1. Web-servant Report (from Deanie): ...
2. The DCM read the “Quarterly Report from G.S.O.,” from August 2016. Of note:
 - a. General Sharing Session: The topic was “Communication.” Reports were given on the easy access to information via aa websites, books, and pamphlets; however, there also seems to be almost too much information and too much competition for information. A comment was made about the use of filters, or how to filter the most important information. As well, a note was made that what and how AA communicates to the general public is important too.
 - b. Finances look alright (to me). 7th Tradition Contributions and Literature sales are slightly up from last year, and above projections for this year.
3. The DCM could not attend the Area 59, Area Day, on Sunday, October 16th. (Was anyone able to? How was it?)
4. Regarding the local Philadelphia New Year’s Eve Alkathon, the District learned of another Planning Committee that had already started organizing. Diane, GSR for Sunshine Group, attended its first planning meeting on Sunday Oct. 16th, and she initiated District 25s participation and support of the other planning committee. Our, District 25’s, Alkathon Planning Committee then disbanded, and did not meet, though we have been in communication via email, etc. As well, the DCM along with Chris, GSR for Good News Group, attended the second planning meeting, this past Sunday Oct. 30th. Of note:
 - a. the Alkathon will be held at the Falls Presbyterian Church on 3800 Vaux Rd., beginning on December 31st, 2016 at 12 pm (noon) and finishing the following morning, January 1, 2017 at 7 am (the last meeting will be from 6 – 7 am). So it will be a 19 hr. Alkathon. Each meeting will be 50 minutes, allowing set up and cleanup between each meeting. The Theme is “Bringing in the New Year Sober: Your Best Days Are Ahead of You.”
 - b. The committee has two more Planning meetings scheduled, Sunday November 13th and Sunday November 20th, both to be held at the SEPIA office and beginning at 12 pm, and lasting about 1.5 hours. The DCM has handed out Flyers for the Alkathon Planning Committee’s upcoming meetings. Please let your groups know and disperse to any other meeting(s).
 - c. At the next Alkathon Planning Meeting, November 13th, the schedule for the Alkathon will be set, and preference will go to those in attendance at this meeting. The schedule will be selected randomly, with 19 times (hourly) put in a hat, and each individual/ group present will draw a time. Please let groups know about this and encourage participation.
 - d. A Flyer for the actual event should be available at the next planning meeting.
 - e. As well, the DCM volunteered to Chair the Refreshments Committee, responsible for collecting money for and organizing the basic coffee and refreshments supplies. We will also try to provide someone to be on site during the alkathon to help facilitate the use of the kitchen for beverages, food, etc. Please talk to your group about donating money for supplies (or donating actual supplies) to the Alkathon. (This is definitely an AA event, as it will mostly be meetings.) Also, please participate on this committee if you can.

5. Regarding the EPGSA General Service Assembly, on Nov. 4-6, in Gettysburg, PA, the flyer is at <http://www.area59aa.org/EPGSA%202016/2016_EPGSA_Eng_Registration.pdf>:
 - a. This is an election year. The elections are for Area 59 positions, Delegate, Alt.-Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Officer-at-Large. Those eligible for positions are current members of the Area Committee, including Area Officers and District Committee Members. The spirit of rotation is usually encouraged. Those eligible to vote are members of the Area Assembly, Area Officers, District Committee Members (DCMs), and General Service Representative (GSRs). Importantly, to be part of the voting body, the participants must be present for the opening roll call, held on Saturday November 5th at 8:45 AM. If not present at that time, members will not be able to participate in the vote.
 - b. Alt. Delegate, Paul M., asks that the Districts try to get non-GSR volunteers for EPGSA, especially to assist with activities and duties during the Convention, when DCMs, ADCMs, and GSRs will be occupied with the convention and voting. Please register as a volunteer using the online form on the area website, www.area59aa.org, or contact the Alt. Delegate, Paul M., at alt-delegate@area59aa.org. As well, you can submit information to the DCM who can forward it to the Alt. Delegate.
 - c. The Delegate, Pat F., has organized a “Unity” 5K Walk/ Run at 6 AM on Sunday Morning. Please participate if you are so inclined!
6. District 25 elections will take place during New Business at tonight’s meeting. Of note, the standard practice of District 25 is to use the “Third Legacy Procedure” for the structure of our voting, found in *The A.A. Service Manual* (2015-2016) on S21-S22 and in the *Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly Area Structure Manual* on 23-24. As well, A brief overview of each position is listed below, mostly taken from *The A.A. Service Manual*, the *Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly Area Structure Manual*, and *District 25 Guidelines*.
 - a. D.C.M.: “District Committee Member. An experienced G.S.R. elected by other G.S.R.s to represent the groups of the district in area committee meetings and to coordinate service activities in the district.”¹ “The D.C.M. is an essential link between the group G.S.R. and the area delegate to the General Service Conference. As leader of the district committee... the D.C.M. is exposed to the group 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.”² “Qualifications... [the D.C.M.] has usually served as a G.S.R. and is elected by other G.S.R.s... should have enough sobriety (generally four to five years) to be eligible for election as delegate... needs to have the time and energy to serve the district well.”³ For more information on DCM duties and qualifications, see Chapter 3 of *The A.A. Service Manual*, “The District and the D.C.M.”
 - b. A.D.C.M.: “The Alternate D.C.M... is a backup for the D.C.M. If the D.C.M. resigns or is unable to serve for any reason, the alternate steps in... Alternate committee members should be encouraged to assist, participate, and share in the D.C.M.’s responsibilities at district and area meetings.”⁴

¹ *The A.A. Service Manual*, p. S20

² IBID, p. S31

³ IBID, p. S32

⁴ IBID, p. S33

- c. Secretary: “The Secretary records the minutes at the [district] meetings and functions; prepares the minutes and distributes them...; [and] maintains current records [of District Information and G.S.R.s].”⁵
 - d. Treasurer: “The Treasurer records and acknowledges group contributions; maintains the [district’s] bank accounts; pays all of the bills incurred by the [district]; submits ‘group contributions’ lists...; and [prepares] financial statements quarterly/annually.”⁶
 - e. Web Servant: The Web servant updates and maintains the district website, www.district25aa.org, regularly posting district meeting minutes, treasury reports, etc.
7. The District should start to consider ideas for recommendations for the next panel, starting officially in January, and should try to provide a budget overview of yearly contributions and expenses. Hopefully, in December we can put together some recommendations for the next panel, which they may choose to accept or reject.
 8. Upcoming important District 25 and Area 59 Events:
 - a. **EPGSA General Service Assembly**, on **Nov. 4-6**, at Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, Gettysburg, PA. Phone (717) 339-0020. (DCM & ADCM plan to attend. All GSRs are suggested to attend. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.)
 - b. **Area 59 Quarterly Meeting**, on **Dec. 11th**, hosted by District 51, at Bristol Borough Active Adult Ctr. 301 Wood St. Bristol, PA 19007. Area Committee Meeting begins at 11:00 AM. (DCM & Incoming DCM plan to attend.) (All GSRs and members are welcome to attend.)
 9. DCM Group/ Meeting Visitation in the District this past month:
 - a. DCM attended the **Osceola Group** on Saturday October 15th, 2016 at 1:00 PM
 10. DCM Travel Log this past month:
 - a. DCM attended New Year’s Eve 2017 Alkathon Planning Meeting, on Sunday, October 30th from 12 to 1:30 PM at the SEPIA office.
 11. DCM Expenses this past month: None

⁵ *Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly Area Structure Manual, 2015 Edition*, “Area Officer Duties,” p. 17

⁶ *IBID*, p. 17