

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

### 10-4-16

Welcome to our monthly District meeting.

1. Web-servant Report (from Deanie): As a follow up to last month's Report, Web-servant is currently continuing to use same webserver and will be present at November District Meeting with recommendations for next year, and next panel.
2. Along with the ADCM, the DCM attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Area 59 Meeting, on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Phoenixville, PA. Of note:
  - a. Convention Committee asks that GSRs and members register as soon as possible, especially roommate situations. Due to sufficient registration, cut-off for Registration at the Hotel has been moved back to October 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you register with the Hotel, **using the form**, the registration cost of \$299.00 covers all convention activities and meals, including the banquet dinner. A separate registration and moneys does not need to be sent to the EPGSA convention committee.
  - b. Alt. Delegate 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](http://www.area59aa.org), or contact the Alt. Delegate, Paul M., at [alt-delegate@area59aa.org](mailto:alt-delegate@area59aa.org). As well, you can submit information to the DCM who can forward it to the Alt. Delegate.
  - c. The Delegate has organized a "Unity" 5K Walk/ Run at 6 AM on Sunday Morning. Please participate if you are so inclined!
  - d. The 2016 Final Report from the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous was handed out. I have dispersed them and have more. More can be obtained at the EPGSA Convention and can be found on the Area 59 website along with at the main AA website.
3. The DCM attended the EPGSA/ YPAA Share-A-Day (organized in part by newly relocated to District 25 member, Kelly F.), on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Of note:
  - a. Many of the Area 59 and local Intergroup service reps. have been influenced and aided by the YPAA community and conferences. As well, more members identifying as YPAA affiliates are participating in the AA General Service Structure.
  - b. The Share-A-Day provided a lot of information and experience about the YPAA conventions, including the bidding process, hosting a conference, and post-conference insights and services. Most presenters identified the conference process as "service work," which connected them more deeply to AA and their service counterparts or community.
  - c. As well, there was an organized discussion on "Overcoming YPAA Misperceptions," which examined the perception that YPAA represents a separate or non-AA entity. Most presenters spoke to the idea that YPAA follows AA Traditions and Concepts for organizing, that it tries to compliment the General Service Structure (not take away from it), and that it provides a unique service to those who identify with or feel connected to the YPAA community.
4. 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](http://www.area59aa.org/EPGSA%202016/2016_EPGSA_Eng_Registration.pdf)>:

- a. The deadline for pre-registration is **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, for those who do not register with the hotel. Please mail to {Treasurer, EPGSA Convention, 128 Bellwood Drive, Upper Holland, PA 19053}.
  - b. The deadline for the hotel reservation has been extended to **October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Please contact Kevin Welsh, at the Wyndham Gettysburg, for any questions or to make your reservations at the hotel, Kevin.Welsh@interstatehotels.com or 717-339-0060. Cost for the weekend, including registration, all convention activities, and all meals, including the Sat. Night Banquet, is \$299.
  - c. This is an election year, and therefore it is important that participants, GSRs and DCMs, be present for the opening roll call, held at 8:45 AM. If not present at that time, members will not be able to vote. As well, 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.
5. District 25 Elections next month, Tuesday November 1, 2016 (not to be confused with U.S. General Elections the following Tuesday ☺).
- a. G.S.R.: “General Service Representative. The Group contact with the General Service Office; voting member of the area assembly.”<sup>1</sup> For more information on the G.S.R.’s duties and qualifications, see Chapter 2 of *The A.A. Service Manual*, “The Group and Its G.S.R.”
  - b. 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.”<sup>2</sup> “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.”<sup>3</sup> “Qualifications... [the D.C.M.] has usually served as a G.S.R. and is elected by other G.S.Rs.... 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.”<sup>4</sup> For more information on DCM duties and qualifications, see Chapter 3 of *The A.A. Service Manual*, “The District and the D.C.M.”
  - c. 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.”<sup>5</sup>
  - d. 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].”<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The A.A. Service Manual 2016-2018*, p. S21.

<sup>2</sup> IBID, p. S20

<sup>3</sup> IBID, p. S31

<sup>4</sup> IBID, p. S32

<sup>5</sup> IBID, p. S33

<sup>6</sup> *Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly Area Structure Manual, 2015 Edition*, “Area Officer Duties,” p.

- e. 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.”<sup>7</sup>
  - f. Web Servant: The Web servant updates and maintains the district website, [www.district25aa.org](http://www.district25aa.org), regularly posting district meeting minutes, treasury reports, etc.
6. 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. Since, November will be dedicated to Elections during New Business, perhaps, in December we can put together some recommendations for the next panel, which they may choose to accept or reject.
  7. Upcoming important District 25 and Area 59 Events:
    - a. **District 27 Bus Trip to General Service Office, on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, leaving from parking lot near Front St. and Snyder St. under I-95 (free parking), at 7 AM, and returning around 5 PM. Only \$20 for a ticket. Contact [adcm@district27.org](mailto:adcm@district27.org) for more information. (*DCM cannot attend* ☹. ADCM, GSRs, and all members are invited to attend. Must contact Bernadette at [adcm@district27.org](mailto:adcm@district27.org) or by phone, ?)
    - b. **Area Day, for Area 59 and SEPIA, on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, theme “**SERVICE,**” at 101 South Progress St., Pottsville, PA 17901, from 10 AM to 3 PM. (DCM plans to attend. ADCM, GSRs, and all members are encouraged to attend.)
    - c. **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 and all members are encouraged to attend.)
    - d. **Quarterly Area 59 Meeting.** 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 & ADCM (incoming DCM) plan to attend. All GSRs and members are welcome to attend.)
  8. DCM Group/ Meeting Visitation in the District this past month: None
  9. DCM Travel Log this past month:
    - a. DCM attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Area 59 Meeting, on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM at Black Rock Fire Hall, on 260 Green Tree Rd, Phoenixville, PA.
    - b. The DCM attended the EPGSA/ YPAA Share-A-Day on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 6 PM at the Greenspring Bic Church, on 720 Green Spring Rd., Newville, PA.
  10. DCM Expenses this past month: None

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<sup>7</sup> IBID, p. 17