



## Quarterly Area Committee Meeting March 2015 Delegate's Report

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Delegate.

### DCM Orientation

Area 59 is off to a great start. Thanks to all who attended. It was a great day of learning and sharing information. Our thanks to the Past DCM's and Past Delegates for their wealth of knowledge passed on to our new Area Committee. You, the Committee, were enthusiastic and the spirit in the room was electric. Our panel is alive and well. My appreciation to our Alternate Delegate, Paul M. for developing a great program for the day.

### Share-A-Day – February 15, 2015

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Share-A-Day with SEPIA, in addition to the Planning Meeting. Our relationship with our Intergroups is essential for our communications in Eastern Pennsylvania. The sharing and fellowship was outstanding. As a greeter, I was able to interact with everyone walking in the door. Love and Service was the key as we joined together for a great day of sharing. Thanks for your attendance, participation and manning your displays. My sincere thanks to all our presenters, recorders, and to our Alternate Delegate and SEPIA's Vice-Chair for co-chairing this great event.

### NERAASA February 20 – 22, 2015

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) was held in Area 44, Somerset, NJ from Friday through Sunday, February 20 – 22, 2015. Thank you so much for sending me! This annual event was, as always, extraordinarily valuable. There was plenty of discussion related to agenda items for this year's General Service Conference, as well as of other topics of vital concern to the Fellowship. As a new Delegate, it was extremely beneficial to spend time with Delegates from other Areas both past and present. Thanks to all who attended, and being part of this important event. Thanks to all who stepped up presented, chaired and recorded. And, thanks to Evelyn for interpreting.

One of the weekend highlights for me was carrying the flag representing our Area along with the Delegate from Area 60. Reading my Area Highlights was exciting too!

In particular, I enjoyed spending time with all the Area 59 representatives. It was great to see you at the microphone and enjoying the weekend. At the Delegates Roundtable, there were valuable suggestions about how best to prepare myself for the greatest possible week in New York City.

Next year NERAASA will be held in Springfield, MA, Area 31.

### **NERD – March 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Thank you for sending me to this great weekend reunion. I am writing this before our Northeast Regional Delegate's weekend in Newport, Rhode Island. So I will fill you in when I arrive at the Area meeting.

### **Subcommittee/Committees**

I know that all of you are off to a good start with your respective subcommittees. I have been impressed by your enthusiasm and rapid response to my recommendations.

Loving reminders:

- Chairpersons report at each quarterly Area Committee meeting. Copies of these reports are due to all the officers 48 hours prior to our Pre–Area meetings, which are scheduled as shown on the calendar our Chairperson distributes with her report.
- If there are questions about scope, purpose, recommendations, procedures, etc. please speak first to your adviser—one of the officers. If they need help, they'll ask me.
- Displays should be put up at every Area event, except for quarterly Area Committee meetings. They are also available for workshops, District Committee (GSR meetings) and even home group business meetings. Chairpersons should take a proactive approach to all District workshops—plan on always having your subcommittee's or committee's display at their events.

### **Delegate's Recommendations**

Just a reminder: under old business we will be voting on my recommendations #20–28, which I distributed last quarter. I decided to drop #29 and propose it as a DCM Recommendation. A copy of the Delegate Recommendations are in the red Delegate folder.

### **Pre–Conference Sharing Session**

This event will be held in District 64, on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittee and committees will meet in the morning to settle on recommendations regarding selected agenda items scheduled for consideration at the 65th General Service Conference in New York in April. In the afternoon, these recommendations will be presented by the chairpersons and then debated and voted on by any and all members of the Fellowship in attendance. This is a once-a–

year opportunity to be directly involved in what General Service in Alcoholics Anonymous is all about, and to directly influence what comes out of the Conference. More than once ideas that arose at our Pre-Conference Sharing Session have been implemented by A.A.W.S. and/or the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. as a result of their influence on the Conference through your Delegate.

For details, I refer subcommittee and committee chairs to their PCSS folder—one of 10 that I distributed – where there are detailed instructions. I am happy to help with any questions regarding the Pre Conference Sharing. Past Delegate Hugh H. will facilitate the day. All Subcommittee and Committee Chairs will be acting as Chairpersons, and each committee will have an Advisor and a Secretary. *I will receive feedback from each committee and will take the information with me when I travel to the Conference.*

### **NERF May 29 – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

Our Northeast Regional Trustee has extended an invitation and hopes that you will attend the upcoming Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). The Forum is being held May 29 – 31, 2015, at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12206 (518-458-8444), hosted by Area 48. This weekend provides an extraordinary opportunity to meet trusted servants from our New York office for sharing experience and exchanging information among AA members interested in service, local trusted servants and the General Service Board, A.A.W.S, and Grapevine. Staff from the General Service Office and the Grapevine will be present. Please pass the word and encourage your groups and members to pre register online through GSO's AA website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) before May 25, 2015. There is no Forum registration fee for this event (however, you will have fees for lodging and meals). For hotel reservations call 800-443-8952 before May 8, 2015 to receive the reduced room rate. Please use Group Code **HMB**. The Forum will take place from 7:00 P.M. Friday until Noon on Sunday.

### **Mini-Assemblies Saturday – June 7, and Sunday, June 13**

Planning went very well and I would like to ask each DCM to be sure you have the Mini-Assembly that you are hosting marked on your calendar. If you can bring someone new that would be great. While we really wish for a great attendance at the Mini Assemblies, I'll be happy to visit your district after June 13<sup>th</sup>. My thanks to Melanie and Michelle for their help and guidance with the planning sessions.

### **PA State Convention July 31 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn East – Harrisburg, PA. Please pass the word that 35 Scholarships will be awarded to those people who have AA third party make the request. It will be for registration only. Flyers containing Registrations forms are in your folders and are on our website. Please see the flyer in the Chairperson's folder.

## International Convention

GSO has requested that events not be planned which might interfere with the dates of our International Convention. Please pass the word.

Plans are underway for a fun, interactive joint Area 59 and Area 60 Hospitality Suite. We need your help. Volunteers are needed for the Hospitality Suite. Contact Ken D. to sign up. *Please publicize this special service commitment as widely as possible, as there is a need for lots of help in putting on this event.*

## Convention/Assembly

It may seem early to be thinking about our Convention/Assembly in November. However, I have begun to plan the program. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding either our Convention activities or our non-voting Area Assembly, please let me know. Next quarter I will ask each of you to submit possible topics for workshops and presentations if you haven't already submitted them.

## Other

**Reminder:** copies of all reports and documents should be distributed in both English and Spanish, although you need only bring a limited number of the latter. I will send anyone who asks a brief description of how I use online translators to do my translations. I invite any Spanish speaker to suggest ways to improve these translations, especially with regard to terms unique to A.A.

There is a staff position opening for General Manager at our General Service Office in New York. Please let everyone in your districts know. I've included information on how to apply with my hand-outs.

Always feel free to contact me or any of the other officers if you have any questions or concerns. I'm sure our Past Delegates, who overflow with experience, strength and hope, would be happy to talk to you as well.

Serving the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous alongside my fellow Area officers is, as always, a pleasure, an honor and a privilege.

Feel free to contact me [Delegate@Area59aa.org](mailto:Delegate@Area59aa.org).\_\_\_\_\_

With Love,

Pat F.

EPGSA Delegate Area 59, Panel 65

## Delegate Travel Log

Date	Event	Location
12/1/14	Pre Area Meeting	Glenside
12/06/14	614 Anniversary	Glenside
12/14/14	December Quarterly Area Meeting	Phoenixville
12/15/14	Speak Day by Day	Philadelphia
12/28/14	Gas Workers Union Anniversary	Philadelphia
01/14/15	DCM Orientation/DCR Mini Assembly Planning	Reading
01/11/15	SEPIA/EPGSA Share-A-Day Planning Meeting	Philadelphia
01/17/15	PA State Convention Planning Meeting	Harrisburg
01/29/15	Speak Drexel Medical School	Philadelphia
01/30/15	Speak Bryn Mawr D 31	Bryn Mawr
01/31/15	Speak Saturday Morning Group	Philadelphia
02/07/15	Grupo Feliz Amanecer 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Ambler
02/09/15	Long Timers Panel	Philadelphia
02/15/15	SEPIA/EPGSA Share-A-Day	Philadelphia
02/18/15	Pre Area Meeting	Glenolden
02/19-22/15	NERAASA	Somerset, NJ
03/05-08/15	NERD	Newport, RI

Except as noted, locations are in PA