



Alternate Delegate & Chairperson's Report: Quarterly Business Meeting

June 11, 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It is a privilege to serve the Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly.

1. Included in your folder from the Chairperson is a 2017 Service Calendar. Please note the dates.
 - a. Detailed announcements of events will be posted at www.area59aa.org. Please learn to use our Area web site for important information like reports, calendars, flyers and directions to events.
 - b. Thanks to all Districts who are hosting Area Events this year. Please keep me informed of progress and any need for assistance for those DCM's hosting future events.
2. On Sunday evening, April 9th, I received a call from Melanie M. to inform me that she had decided to resign her position as Alt-Delegate. On Monday, April 10th, I met with our Delegate to discuss the situation. Our Delegate informed me that he would be reviewing our Structure and it's interpretation for officer replacement. On Friday, April 14th, I was asked to accept the decision to assume the duties of Alt-Delegate (as it reads in the Structure Manual), knowing that I would continue to serve as area chair. I accepted and therefore will serve as your Alt-Delegate and Chairperson. I will advise the Public Information subcommittee in addition to Archives and Structure. I am grateful for Melanie's service to Area 59. I was her adviser when she was DCM and Chair of the PI subcommittee. It is a joy to work with her. I appreciate her intelligence and zest for service.
3. The 60th Ohio State Convention Committee extended an invitation to me to speak at their convention July 28 – 30, 2017 in Columbus, OH. I will be speaking at their 8:00 PM meeting on Saturday, July 29th after their banquet celebrating their 60th anniversary. Area 59's Past Delegate and Immediate Past Trustee, J.Gary L., will be speaking at that same convention on Friday, July 28th. See www.area53.org for registration details.
4. Intergroup activities included a successful Share-A-Day with Hanover, Lancaster, York, Reading/Berks Inter-groups, Hand-Of-AA Conference Committee and Lancaster PENNSCYPAA Bid Committee. My thanks to all our DCMs, some Past Delegates and our Area Secretary and Treasurer who participated to make it a valuable experience. The attendance was 86.
5. After our Delegate sent the announcement of officer changes, I sent an introductory email to all Inter-Groups in Eastern PA. I received replies from most, including NEPA and SEPIA. I was able to meet many IG officers at the Share-A-Day in Lancaster.
6. Thanks to all the districts and volunteers who helped make our Pre-Conference Sharing Session a success. Attendance was over 200 and the discussions were informative. I believe the informed group conscience was enlightening to all who attended, most importantly, our Delegate.
7. At the last Quarterly Business meeting in March, a guest – not a member of the Area Committee – approached the microphone during new business discussion. The chairperson did wave the person away. A question came up regarding who has the right to speak at area business meetings. In your folder you will find a background statement entitled, "Who is a "Member"? Discussions at Area Business Meetings." This document explains the Area Chairperson's understanding of our guidance literature. The short answer is only DCMs (or someone filling in for them) and area officers are members of the area committee. These positions are the only positions with the right to speak at business meetings during debate.
8. I attended the Northeast Regional Forum near Pittsburgh. In addition to all general session reports, I attended the Grapevine and YPAA workshops. The entire forum was educational and left me with

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confidence that our trusted servants on the corporate and Trustees' boards are competent and prepared for the challenges we face to support our future. The same impression came from our General Manager of the G.S. Office and the Executive Editors of La Vina and Grapevine. I had a wonderful individual conversation at Sunday breakfast with Amy B., Executive Editor of the AA Grapevine. We discussed trends in print and digital publishing that affects our Fellowship. I would like to highlight the new Grapevine App and the updated Digital Archives. I find these tools to be valuable investments. I'm sure you can get details from our GV Chairperson, Renee and the subcommittee.

Key travels during the past quarter:

Apr. 2	Pre-Conference Sharing Session	Philadelphia, PA
Apr. 10	Met with Delegate to review Area issues	Kennett Square, PA
April 13	GSR Orientation: Districts 29 & 32	King of Prussia, PA
Apr. 26	District 32 business meeting	Springfield, PA
May 20	Multiple Inter-Group Share-A-Day	Akron, PA
May 24	Hosted Pre-Area Officers' Meeting	Kennett Square, PA
June 2 – 4	NERF	Mars, PA
June 10	Delegate's Conference Report & Mini-Assembly I	Spring Brook, PA
June 11	Quarterly Area 59 Business Meeting	Shrewsbury, PA

Please feel free to call on me to assist or attend any of your District functions. I look forward to getting to know each of you. Your service leadership is greatly appreciated.

In Fellowship & Service,

Ken D.

Alternate Delegate & Area Chairperson,

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