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**Eastern Pennsylvania
General Service Assembly**

**60th Annual
Convention/Assembly**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday
November 3, 4 and 5, 2017
Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
Gettysburg, PA**

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The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

- 1.** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- 2.** Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 3.** Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
- 4.** Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- 5.** Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6.** Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7.** Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 8.** Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9.** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10.** Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- 11.** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12.** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Guest Observers

Each year, Eastern PA General Service Assembly invites a Guest Observer to our convention. This year we are privileged to have **two** guest observers, Diane Dawson and Stephanie Steward.

The guest observer is defined as: “A person, not in the Fellowship, and with limited access to members of the Fellowship, who has intimate, on-going contact with alcoholics in the workplace, and whose job activities would be enriched by attending our convention/assembly.” Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to, and welcome, our two Guest Observers.

Diane Dawson is a medical Social Worker with a Master’s degree in Social Work. As a medical Social Worker, she is responsible for providing psychological and social support to patients with chronic physical and mental illnesses while advocating spirituality in the healing process. She visits on a daily basis many potential or long-suffering alcoholics in their homes. Diane’s position in a far-reaching Medical Group allow her to educate the physicians, nurses social workers and behavioral consultants with whom she works.

Stephanie Steward is the Judicial Law Clerk for Judge Craig A. Daily of the Northampton Court of Common Pleas. She currently serves as Administrative Coordinator for Northampton County’s Drug and Mental Health Courts. As such, her responsibilities include writing policies, procedures and grant proposals, and maintaining pertinent data for the Court system. Stephanie also promotes and encourages client engagement in the judicial process, and serves as a member of the Drug and Mental Health Court teams.

Let’s Be Friendly With Our Friends: Friends on the Alcoholism Front

By Bill W.

WE ARE TOLD there are 4,500,000 alcoholics in America. Up to now, A.A. has sobered up perhaps 250,000 of them. That’s about one in 20, or five percent of the total. This is a brave beginning, full of significance and hope for those who still suffer. Yet these figures show that we have made only a fair-sized dent on this vast world health problem. Millions are still sick and other millions soon will be. These facts of alcoholism should give us good reason to think, and to be humble.

Surely, we can be grateful for every agency or method that tries to solve the problem of alcoholism — whether of medicine, religion, education, or research. We can be open-minded toward all such efforts.....

Excerpt from the 1958 article of the Grapevine

GUESTS

Greg T.

General Manager, GSO

Nancy McCarthy

Class A Trustee

Daymon W.

Alternate Delegate, Area 12

Diane Dawson, MSW

Stephanie Steward, Esq

Guest Observers

AREA 59 CONVENTION COORDINATORS

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ASSEMBLY

Curt C., Area Treasurer

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Steve S., Area Secretary

PROPERTIES

Caroline N., Area Officer-at-Large;

Pete B., Technology Servant

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CPC – CHAIRPERSON

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FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON

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STRUCTURE – CHAIRPERSON

Corinne O., DCM District 44

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Ralph O., DCM District 45

Ad Hoc LITERATURE COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON

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OTHER

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Corinne O., DCM District 44

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Suzanne S.

ASL INTERPRETER

Nancy Kurtz

AREA WEB SERVANT

Greg G.

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Steve O., Past Delegate Panel 63

Lowell L., Past Delegate Panel 59

Nancy K., Past Delegate Panel 53

Marty S., Past Delegate Panel 51

Marcia G., Past Delegate Panel 41

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

1:00 – 8:00 PM	Check-In & Registration	Main Lobby
2:00 – 5:00 PM	A.A. Meetings Chairpersons: 2:00 PM: Joe R., Member 3:00 PM: Sunny O., Member 4:00 PM: (Red Ball Meeting) April H., Member	Lincoln
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Bilingual A.A. Meeting/ Bilingue Reunion de AA (Traduccion en espanola disponible) Chairperson: Leo A., Member	Lincoln
5:00 – 8:30 PM	Dinner Buffet	Salon E & F
7:45 – 9:00 PM	General Session (Traduccion en espanola disponible) (ASL Provided) Chairperson: Hugh H., Convention Committee Chairperson/Panel 61 Past Delegate Speakers: Nancy McCarthy, Class "A" Trustee Daymon W., Alt-Delegate Area 12	Presidential Ballroom
9:10 PM	GSR Orientation (All GSRs expected to attend) (Traduccion en espanola disponible) Moderator: Gary C., Panel 49, Past Delegate	Salon C & D
9:10 – 10:00 PM	Usher Orientation (ADCMs Only!) Chairperson: Curt C., Area Treasurer	Lincoln
9:10 – 10:10 PM	Today's Alcoholic - Inclusion, Not Exclusion Moderator: Fran G., Member	Salon E
	Participation in All of AA – Is My Triangle Balanced? Moderator: Dale S., Member	Salon F
	Attraction not Promotion - A A's Relationship to the World Moderator: Kai K., Member	Salon B
10:30 – 12:30 AM	Ice Cream Social	Hospitality Suite
10:30PM– 12:30 AM	DJ Dance DJ Ronnie G., Harrisburg	Presidential Ballroom A, B, C
12:00 Am - ?	Midnight: Young at Heart Meeting Chairperson: Jaimie H., Member	Lincoln

SATURDAY MORNING

ALL Assembly Members MUST be seated in the Ballroom by 8:45 AM SHARP

6:00 – 7:00 AM	Sunrise: Daily Reflections Meeting Chairperson: Michael A., Member	Lincoln
7:00 – 12:00 PM	Registration Continues	Main Lobby
7:00 – 9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Salons A & B
8:45 – 12:00 PM	Area 59 Assembly (Traduccion en espanola disponible) (American Sign Language provided) Opening: Ken D., Alt-Delegate/Area Chairperson Roll Call: Steve S., Area Secretary Committee Chairpersons' and Officers' Annual Reports Assembly Speaker, Topic: Group Conscience - The Guiding Force: J. Gary L., Past Northeast Regional Trustee (Class B) & Past Delegate, Panel 55 Assembly Discussion: Topics - 1. Creating a Safe Meeting Place 2. AA Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions (Time Permitted) Moderator: Ken D., Alt-Delegate/Area Chairperson Timer: Caroline N., Area Officer-At-Large Closing: Ken D., Alt-Delegate/Area Chairperson General Session: What's On Your Mind? (Open to ALL) Moderator: Ken D., Alt Delegate/Area Chairperson Timer: Caroline N., Officer-At-Large	Presidential Ballroom C, D, E, F

ACTIVITIES FOR NON VOTING-MEMBERS
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10:00 – 11:00 AM	Our Three Legacies - Unity, Service & Recovery Chairperson: George P., Member	Lincoln
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Step Eleven – Prayer and Meditation Chairperson: Neal M., Member	Marriott-Dedication
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Safety in The Home Group Chairperson: Chuck G., Member	Lincoln
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Big Book Meeting- To Be Of Maximum Service Chairperson: Simuel B., Member	Marriott-Dedication

12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:45 – 3:15 PM
(times approximate)

Concurrent Workshops/Funshops: Round 1

Grapevine – Writings/Pass It on through Grapevine **Salon A**

Moderator: Renee W., District 53 DCM
Sheila L., District 21 DCM
Allan A., District 47 DCM
Joan B., District 54 DCM
April R., District 30 DCM

Archives – That’s My Story: The Impact of AA History and AA Archives Jeopardy Game **Salon C**

Moderator: Joyce M., District 23 DCM
Robert O., District 24 DCM
Paul L., District 36 DCM
Alexander W., District 37 DCM
Judy G., District 49 DCM
David M., District 67 DCM

CPC – Supporting Our Future **Salon F**

Moderator: Richard W., District 56 DCM
Randy H., District 25 DCM
Brian K., District 61 DCM
Leonida S., District 65 DCM
Jon H., District 29 DCM

Corrections – Area Committee “What Do We Do?” **Salon E**

Moderator: Larry G., District 63 DCM
Claus P., District 26 DCM
Carolyn D., District 32 DCM
Paula D., District 58 DCM
John M., District 46 DCM
Courtney P., District 41 DCM

Public Information – “P.S.A.’s and the A.A. YouTube Channel **Salon D**

Moderator: Mike L., District 39 DCM
Jack C., District 31 DCM
Jules C., District 51 DCM
Judy B., District 55 DCM
David D., District 42 DCM
Charles B., District 66 DCM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (cont'd)

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Concurrent Workshops/Funshops: Round 2

Structure – How Safety Supports Our Future

Salon D

Moderator: Corrinne O., District 44 DCM
Larry L., District 28 DCM
Brandon N., District 52 DCM
Frank B., District 57 DCM
Glenn W., District 62 DCM
Carrie S., District 43 DCM

Finance – Apathy and Our 7th Tradition

Salon E

Moderator: Sue M., District 48 DCM
Kate C., District 22 DCM
John Q., District 33 DCM
Andrew S., District 35 DCM
Sharon C., District 64 DCM
Tom C., District 40 DCM

Literature – Get to Know and Love Your A.A. Service Manual

Salon F

Moderator: Glenn S., District 60 DCM
Pete B., District 44 ADCM
Victoria M., District 51 ADCM
Adrian L., District 61 ADCM
Bob W., District 43 ADCM
Alicia S., District 36 ADCM

Treatment/Accessibilities – (How) Does Accessibility apply to your Home Groups?

Salon A

Moderator: Ralph O., District 45 DCM
Burnadette S., District 27 DCM
Josh D., District 34 DCM
Stephen N., District 38 DCM
Ed M., District 59 DCM
Cirilo S., District 68 DCM

Funshop – “Rotation of the Spirit of Rotation”

Salon C

Moderator: David H., District 21 Member
And a Host of A.A. Friends of the Fellowship

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Bilingual A.A. Meeting/ Bilingue Reunion de AA

Lincoln

(Traduccion en espanola disponible)

Chairperson: German P., Member

SATURDAY EVENING

6:30 PM	Banquet	Presidential Ballroom
8:30 PM	A.A. Speaker Meeting/A.A. Reunion del orador (Traduccion en espanola disponible)/ (English Translation Available/ASL) Chairperson: Paul M. Area Delegate A.A. Speaker: Greg T., General Manager, GSO	Presidential Ballroom
10:30PM – 12:30 AM	Ice Cream Social	Hospitality Suite
10:30PM – 12:30 AM	DJ Dance DJ Ronnie G., Harrisburg	Presidential Ballroom A, B, C
11:00PM – 12:00 AM	Chairperson’s Choice Open Discussion Chairperson: Christopher B., Member	Marriott-Dedication
11:00PM – ? AM	Video Meeting: Saturday Night at the Movies Chairpersons: Sabrina F. & Heather D., Members	Lincoln
12:00 AM- ?	Midnight: Young at Heart Meeting Chairperson: Jeff M., Member	Marriott – Dedication

SUNDAY

6:00 – 7:00 AM	Literature Meeting: Daily Reflections Chairperson: Randy J. & Noel P., Members	Lincoln
7:00 – 9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Ballroom A & B
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Sharing Session Topic: This weekend, I was inspired by . . . (Traduccion en espanol disponible) Moderator: Greg T., General Service Office Manager Timer: Caroline N., Area Officer-at-Large Open Mic: 2 minutes each	Presidential Ballroom
10:30 – 11:30 AM	A.A. Meeting: God As I Understand Him (Traduccion en espanol disponible) Chairperson: Ken D., Alternate Delegate/Area Chairperson Timer: Curt C., Area Treasurer	Presidential Ballroom
Close	Responsibility Pledge and Lord’s Prayer	

Please fill out your critique sheet so we may better serve you!

Hotel Check Out – No later than 12:00 Noon

Hospitality will be in Presidential Suite (6th Floor) – Hours will be posted

Archives will be in the Stars and Stripes Room (1st Floor) – Weekend

Literature and Grapevine Sales will be on the first floor in Ballroom foyer

The Board Room at the Marriott will be available for **AI-Anon Meetings** (1st Floor)

No Smoking Facility – See Designated Smoking Area Outdoor Side Entrance “E”

***Thank you for attending and participating in the 60th Annual EPGSA Convention & Assembly.
We hope you will plan to join us for our 61th Annual Convention & Assembly in November 2018!
Have a safe trip home!***