Officer-At-Large Report
E.P.G.S.A. Panel 67
June 10, 2018
Area Quarterly Meeting, 3Q18

Group Information Sheets
Group information sheets for each group in your District have been included in your folder. "Active" groups are on the right, "Unknown" groups are on the left. Please verify with your "Active" groups that the information is complete and correct. A group is listed as "Unknown" if it does not have a meeting location or if there is no contact person. Please check and see if these groups exist. Thank you for your help!

New Group, Group Change, and District Change Forms
I will make your changes in GSO's FNV database as soon as I receive new or updated information.
1. Ways to submit changes:
    a. Online form at www.area59aa.org under Service Resources
    b. Type the information in an e-mail and send to me at officer-at-large@area59aa.org
    c. Print, fill in, scan, and e-mail the form to me at officer-at-large@area59aa.org
    d. Mail it to me at: 5214 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143
    e. Bring a hard copy to the next Area Quarterly Meeting or event
2. New GSRs usually receive their GSR kits within 2 weeks. You can also view the GSR kit contents under Service Resources on the Area website.
3. There is a 30-day pending period after a new group is added and when it is made "Active" by GSO.

A Message from the GSO Records department, April 27, 2018
Dear Area Registrars, Warm greetings from the GSO Records department. Some Area Registrars have called and sent emails inquiring about this year's cutoff date for directory updates. The date is usually the first Friday in May, however this year because we will not be producing regional directories for 2018-2019. The GSO is in the process of integrating all the GSO databases for all departments, including FNV into one CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system. The new database is currently in the development stages and is expected to be live in the latter part of 2018. We ask that you continue to enter updates into FNV. We will provide occasional updates on the development process. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to records@aa.org or call 212-870-3400.

Delegate's Conference Reports and Mini-Assemblies
We are in between our two Delegate's Conference Reports and Mini-Assemblies, at which our Delegate reports back on the 2018 General Service Conference. The first was held on June 2 in Selinsgrove (District 42), welcoming 93 members, and the second will be on June 24, in Newtown Square (District 54). Thank you to all of the districts who took commitments at these events. If anyone participating in Mini II has any questions or concerns about your district's role, please ask.

Area 59 Liaison to Pennsylvania State Convention
The 2018 convention will be the 25th anniversary of this annual event, to be held August 3-5, 2018.

Travel Log
3/24/18 Speaker at YPAA Event, Pittsburgh *
3/31/18 Area 59 Forum I, Ephrata
4/4/18 Speaker at Old School Speakers, Kennett Square *

4/8/18 Pre-Conference Sharing Session, Philadelphia
4/29/18 Lansdowne Women's Group Anniversary, Lansdowne *
5/5/18 Archives and Public Information Workshop, Wilkes-Barre
5/16/18 District 67 Conference Call for Group Change Forms
5/21/18 Pre-Area Meeting, New Holland
6/2/18 Mini Assembly I / Delegate's Conference Report, Selinsgrove
6/10/18 Area Quarterly Meeting, Lehighton
* = not official Area 59 business

FNV Update
1,599 Active Groups, 73 Unknown Groups, 961 Inactive Groups as of June 6, 2018

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Group Status Codes

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New Indicates a new group record has been added to the database by the Area Registrar and its status has not been changed to "Pending Active" by the GSO Records department staff. The status change occurs the business day following the database entry, and review. If the New Group form has no anomalies or omissions of information the record is updated to "Pending Active."

Pending Active Indicates a group that was recently added to the database is in the 30-day pending period which is assigned to all newly added groups. Once the 30-day pending period has elapsed the status will change to Active.

Active The Group's record indicates that it is active when it has a primary mail contact on record along with meeting information.

Pending Inactive The GSO Records department is processing a request to inactivate a group. If the record in the database has a contact's name, a letter is sent to verify the request to inactivate is genuine. If there is no contact on the record the groups status is changed to inactive immediately.

Inactive The Records department has received and verified information that a group has disbanded or is not currently meeting, or the Primary mail contact has been removed.

Merged Two groups have decided to join and become one group. The GSO Records department receives the information as to which group will remain the active, who will be the GSR, and the meeting place, days and times. Then the records are combined and cross referenced. The active group will show a status of active and the merged group will show the status of merged. The merged group can request to be unmerged at any time by contacting the Records department and providing updated contact, meeting place and meeting time information.

Unknown A group is still active; however their group record at the GSO does not have a GSR or Primary mail contact attached to it; which indicates there is no one receiving the group's mail. Anyone in the group can volunteer to receive the group's mail it does not need to be a GSR. Also a group can become "Unknown" when the GSO receives returned mail and is unable to confirm a new mailing address.

With Staff Indicates there is a question about information on a New Group form that requires one of the A.A. Staff members to review the form and reach out to the new group's contact for clarification. It usually has to do with the way a group is named. Should there be any questions about the information on a new group form, it will be referred to an A.A. staff member for further review/resolution. In these cases the 30 day "Pending-Active" period will not begin until the outstanding questions have been answered. The status would be changed from "New" to "With Staff" and will remain until there is an answer to whatever question has arisen during the New Group review process. At that time the status would be updated to "Pending Active."

Yours in fellowship and service,
Caroline N., Area 59 Panel 67 Officer-At-Large and Area Registrar