



Delegate Report, Panel 69

Quarterly Area Meeting: March 8, 2020

The March Quarterly Area Committee meeting is important as we prepare for the Pre-Conference Sharing Session coming up on April 5, 2020 at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Your District Committee leadership is critical to our service to Eastern PA and I hope you invite Members and GSRs to attend the Pre-Conference Sharing Session.

General Service

- The New Suites implementation at G.S.O. continues. This is a good thing but as with most all implementations of new information systems, there have been a few hick-ups. The issue that you are probably most aware of is the lag in receiving GSR acknowledgement and kits. Our Officer-At-Large, Pete has been doing a terrific job staying on top of the changes and working with GSO. He will share more details in his report.
- I have been participating in several conference calls with the Regional Trustee, Francis G. and with the General Service Conference Corrections Committee to prepare for the 2020 G.S.C. The Agenda has been set and background items in English (as of this writing) have been prepared for distribution for our Pre-Conference Sharing Session. We will test a password-protected section of our website this year to allow DCMs, GSRs and ADCMs to access the agenda background material for selected PCSS items. If you have any questions contact our area chairperson, chairperson@area59aa.org or my self delegate@area59aa.org.
- Planning for the 2020 International Convention continues. Please note that there is a respectful request that local events avoid holding major events during the same time. Of course not all members will go to the international. It is merely requested to be aware and use good judgment. I will be attending the Convention. I received word that a professional non-alcoholic that I nominated, Dr. Harry Morris, has been invited to speak at a workshop at the International.
- Most of the downtown Detroit hotels have sold out for the International convention. There will be shuttles for all the outside, convention-approved hotels. Over 4,000 members have volunteered for service at the convention.
- I announced Area 59's intention to bid for the 2023 NERAASA. Suzanne C. was selected to take the lead managing the proposal process. She has been working with Marty S. and Caroline N. to receive the hotel proposals and will be presenting the three alternatives with a recommendation to the Area 59 Convention Committee meeting in March. The selection of the venue will take place at that meeting. I will present the Area 59 bid at the Conference in April. The Northeast Delegates vote to make the final selection. Two other areas are bidding this year: Washington (A13) and SENY (A29).

- The Corrections assignment continues to emphasize the spiritual value of giving without any expectation of return via the "Carry the Message" (CTM) Program. To contribute a CTM Gift Certificate to someone you do not know (such as an alcoholic in prison):
 - Go to store.aagrapevine.org. Click on the Gift Certificate box.
 - Click the Buy button of the appropriate Carry the Message Gift Certificate option and you will be taken to a page showing our quantity discounts (at the bottom).
 - Enter the number of gift certificates that you want and click the Buy button. (For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied).
 - Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
 - When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email.
 - Forward the gift certificate to nherron@aagrapevine.org and we will redeem it for someone who has requested a subscription but can't afford one. (If you have purchased multiple gift certificates, select all of them and use the Forward as Attachment option, so you only have to send us one email).
- Please convey a heartfelt message of gratitude to the Fellowship. We set a record for voluntary contributions 2019, almost \$9 million (i.e., \$8,855,697). Of this amount, over \$1 million (i.e., \$1,001,083) was contributed electronically.
- The GSB Finance Committee discussed how on-line contributions can save the office \$2.00 per contribution. For example, when I send a check for \$8.06 to the office, just a little over \$6.00 will be available for services– when I send that same \$8.06 via on-line, an additional \$2.00 is available to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.
- **2019 General Service Conference Annual Reports** – printed versions are for your taking today.

2020 General Service Conference

- The 2020 General Service Conference will be held during the week of April 17 – 25, 2020. I am serving on the Corrections Committee. Any suggestions for the Corrections Kit and the items in it are welcomed.

2020 E.P.G.S.A. Convention Preparations

- Program: I have recruited two keynote guests for this year: Northeast Regional Trustee, Francis G. who will Chair our election; and, Sister Judith Ann Karam, of the Sisters of Charity and a Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee. She will be traveling from Akron Ohio and serve as our keynote service speaker.
- The communications plan for E.P.G.S.A. has already begun with an email blast save-the-date communication. Please welcome the Past Delegates and Convention Committee Members to attend your District business meetings to present the details.
- I am grateful to all of the Area 59 Convention Committee Members for their outstanding work. I believe you heard the details of success from Paul M., Convention Chair. We are working hard to make it even better. Your help as DCMs is critical and we thank you deeply for your continued support.
- Please stress the importance during your district visitation initiatives.

Important Service Events

- I attended the 2020 NERAASA in Nashua, NH. It was an excellent event with lots of great sharing on current topics. I attended the Delegate's luncheon and workshops where we discussed much of the preparation delegates need for the Conference. The Northeast does a great job preparing our delegates for the Conference.
- I attended the SEPIA Share-A-Day and send congratulations to our Alternate Delegate, Caroline for her work planning the event. Also, I appreciate that most of our Area 59 subcommittees participated and did a nice job describing what they do for A.A.

Travel & Activity Report

Dec. 15	District 26 Workshop	Philadelphia, PA
Jan. 5	SEPIA Share-A-Day Planning Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Jan. 9	Meeting with Convention Committee Chairperson	New Holland, PA
Jan. 13	G.S.C. Corrections Conference Call	home
Jan. 15	Regional Delegates Conference Call	home
Jan. 19	DCM Sharing Session/ Mini-Assembly Planning	Ephrata, PA
Feb. 9	Convention Committee Meeting	Camp Hill, PA
Feb. 13	Northeast Regional Conference Call	home
Feb. 15	Pre-Area Officers' Meeting	Glenolden, PA
Feb. 16	SEPIA Share-A-Day	Philadelphia, PA
Feb. 21 - 23	Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly	Nashua, NH
Mar. 8	Area 59 Quarterly Committee Meeting	Quakertown, PA

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve!

In Fellowship & Service,

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