



## **Delegate Annual Report 2022**

### **E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 71 - Year 2 of 2**

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Eastern Pennsylvania's Delegate to the General Service Conference—a service position only 35 other alcoholics have held since the Conference began in 1951!

The last two-and-a-half years have been both challenging and rewarding:

- We grieved the unexpected passing of our late Panel 69 Delegate, Ken D., in July 2020 and our longtime Web Servant, Greg G., in December 2021.
- We navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of virtual area meetings and events between March 2020 and September 2021, including our 2020 election assembly, the 2021 Pre-Conference Sharing Session, and the 2021 Delegate's Conference Reports/Mini-Assemblies (with 2022 offered as hybrid), with the able assistance of the Virtual Elections Delegate's Advisory Team (VEDAT) and Virtual Assistance Team (VAT).
- We created two new ad hoc subcommittees, Digital Communications and Technology, and the special servant positions of Bridging the Gap Coordinator, Technology Servant, and Assistant Web Servant.
- We redesigned the Area 59 website, [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org).
- We learned about the importance of good communication, and the responsibility of GSRs, DCMs, and the Delegate to pass information back and forth, up and down our upside-down triangle-shaped General Service Structure before and after our 2021 and 2022 Conferences, especially in light of the more visible and wide-reaching agenda items and advisory actions regarding the Preamble, the development of a plain language translation of the Big Book, and the removal of offensive language from the 12x12.
- We invested in targeted service projects coordinated by the Grapevine/La Viña and Public Information subcommittees as a means of carrying the message and spending down excess funds above and beyond our prudent reserve.
- We welcomed back District 50 to the Area Committee after it was inactive for several panels.
- We initiated planning meetings for the 2024 Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA) to be hosted by Area 59 at the Hershey Lodge, February 22–25, 2024.
- And much, much more!

It truly amazes me what we are capable of when we work together, shoulder to shoulder or screen to screen. We all did our best, availing ourselves to the guidance of a Higher Power and each other, even if sometimes we felt that we aren't able to give as much as we'd like to! Each time I recite the Declaration of Unity ("This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."), I reflect on the "lives of those to come," since I became a parent first as Alternate Delegate and again as Delegate. Please don't underestimate what you are capable of in service to A.A. We need you, and I thank you for your service!

With gratitude,

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