

“We...” E.P.G.S.A. Newsletter

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**From the
Current
Delegate:**
by Caroline
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Panel 71

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From the Current Delegate

As the end of Panel 71 approaches on December 31 and the spirit of rotation takes effect when Panel 73 begins to serve on January 1, I am feeling amazed, grateful, and relieved. Amazed that we have accomplished so much together in two years, grateful for all of the GSRs, DCMs, my fellow officers, the special servants, and our past delegates, and honestly, a bit relieved to be rotating. I am looking forward to more group service, sponsorship, and time with my expanded family (my second child, Jack, was born November 3)!

In particular, I want to recognize and express my thanks to everyone who contributed to the following service activities since 2020, which I consider some of the highlights of this panel:

- We navigated the COVID-19 pandemic with virtual area meetings and events between March 2020 and September 2021 with the able assistance of the Virtual Elections Delegate’s Advisory Team (VEDAT) and

What’s Happening at GSO?

The General Service Office is Reopened to Visitors

Added November 2022

[Visitors are welcome to the General Service Office Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.](#) For more information and to schedule your visit, email gsotours@aa.org or call 212-870-3430.

2025 International Convention – Survey

Added November 2022

[Feedback on Closing Big Meetings at the International Convention](#)

G.S.O. Announcement – October 2022

Added October 2022

[With an Eye to the Future: G.S.O. Staff Positions](#)

Box 459 – Fall Edition 2022

Added October 2022

[This issue](#) highlights the efforts to bring translations of A.A. literature to Native Americans, First Nations, and indigenous people—helping to carry the A.A. message to throughout North America. Go inside the Second Virtual North/South Connections Forum that brought together members from the service structures of

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.
- 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 are planning 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!

Your new Delegate to the General Service Conference in 2023 and 2024 will be Pete B.! He has been Alternate Delegate for the past two years and is well-prepared to take on this great privilege and responsibility. Your full panel of Area 59 officers will be:

Pete B., Delegate

Curt C., Alternate Delegate

Sue M., Chairperson

Dan B., Secretary

Tara L., Treasurer

Claire B., Officer-at-Large

Please welcome them to their new roles and reach out to ask how you can help. We need you!

Argentina, Canada, Chile, and the United States in July. Meet the new Class B (alcoholic) Trustee-at-large for Canada, two General Service Board Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees, and three new Class B Trustees. And learn who's new at G.S.O.

Call to Action - Corrections in Canada

Added October 2022

[Please see the attached memo](#) asking for your help to increase participation in the Corrections Correspondence Service to A.A. members in custody in all Canadian correctional settings.

Corrections Desk Activity Update

Added October 2022

[Here is a Corrections Activity Update](#)

Members of the Hispanic Community Find Help and Hope in A.A.

Added October 2022

[Members of the Hispanic community find help and support to get and stay sober every day in meetings across the United States and Canada.](#)

Announcing: Hardcover Jacketless Format for the Big Book

Added October 2022

A new jacketless format of the hardcover Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, will reduce production and delivery time—getting this important book in the hands of those who need it in a more cost-effective and timely manner. The new format will have the image from the jacket reproduced directly on the book's cover. **Update to the announcement: The**

P.S. For those of you looking for the stats from our annual EPGSA convention - the weekend drew 772 attendees and we contributed \$1,700 to our General Service Office thanks to the collection on Saturday night!

With gratitude,

Caroline N.
Area 59 Panel 71 Delegate
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From Our Current Area 59 Chairperson: Curt C.

My journey in General Service began when I went to this thing called EPGSA. I had no idea what it was but my friend was a GSR, another unknown acronym, and he told me he was going to this voting thing so I figured I would check it out. What I saw intrigued me. There were hundreds of people sitting in an auditorium for many hours just to elect six people. I decided there and then that I did not want to become one of them and have to go through such an experience. But as the day progressed, after the election, I sensed these people were quite happy, they were enjoying the weekend.

After that I went to other Area events with more weird acronyms. SAD, PCSS, DCR and others. At all events I kept meeting the same people and they were really enjoying life. I wanted that. Well, you might guess, I became an AGSR and later a GSR. Now I was down in the aisles participating in those elections. In time I became a DCM and joined Panel 63 and was assigned as a member of the Archives Subcommittee. Suddenly the history of A.A. became fascinating. I think being a DCM has been my most rewarding service position. I still had boots on the ground in my

jacketless Big Book will be available to order in December 2022. [Click here for more information](#)

REMINDER: Our Contributions Address Has Changed

Added October 2022

A separate post office box has been established for Seventh Tradition contributions only.

Please send contribution checks to:

Post Office Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

This dedicated PO box enables us to process contributions much more efficiently and at a significant savings to the Fellowship. You also can continue to make contributions online at contribution.aa.org using a major credit card or PayPal.

For more information or assistance, please contact our Member Services team at memberservices@aa.org or 212-870-3023.

About AA – Fall 2022

Added October 2022

About AA is the newsletter from the General Service Office of the U.S. and Canada for professionals of all types who deal with alcoholics. [This issue](#) highlights the AA Media Library as a valuable resource for professionals seeking to bring the AA message to individuals who struggle with their drinking. Also in the issue, meet two new General Service Board Class A Trustees

local area and I was learning about General Service. My understanding of the 12 Traditions grew and I began to get a feel for the importance of the 12 Concepts. At election time for Panel 65 I stood for the only position I felt I was capable of, Officer-at-Large. The vote came in and I was second place. As things would happen, two months after the election a shift in officers became necessary and I was asked by the Delegate, Pat F., if I would accept the Officer-at-Large position. With apprehension I said yes. At the time, the Officer-at-Large was both registrar and tech servant. I found I could do the job and I enjoyed the service and the colleagues I worked with. Being an officer requires little specialized skill and a lot of time as well as travel. I take it as a serious commitment to give it my all with a deep desire to grow in understanding our 12 Concepts. The more I learned the better I understood just how blessed we are to have our 36 spiritual principles. When we apply them, our fellowship prospers greatly in enabling twelve step work.

Since Panel 65 I have also served as treasurer, secretary and my current position as chairperson for Panel 71. At each election, I accepted the nomination with much anxiety. I knew I could give of my time but was overwhelmed with the potential responsibilities. But at every step, each moment of uncertainty, there is a wealth of knowledge and offered assistance from those who have come before me. My understanding of our 36 principles has grown much and I am better able to practice them both inside and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. My appreciation of the importance of our fellowship and our explicit guiding principles is profound. I have been offered the gift of growth. No matter where my future leads me, I know I will value the trust and honor bestowed upon me. I will continue to aid in the future of Alcoholics Anonymous by hopefully inspiring others in their service journey and more fully embrace our responsibility declaration: I am responsible, when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that, I am responsible.

and find helpful links to more information about AA of interest to professionals.

Message from General Manager on Visiting the General Service Office

Added October 2022

[Bob W., General Manager at the A.A. General Service Office, shares information on visiting G.S.O.](#)

Quarterly Report from G.S.O.

Added October 2022

[Activities of the General Service Board Including A.A. World Services, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc.](#)

Effective October 5, 2022, the General Service Office will reopen to visitors

Added September 2022

Good news! Effective October 5, 2022, the [General Service Office will reopen to visitors](#) Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., marking the first phase of the reopening process.

Southeast Regional Forum Flyer

Added September 2022

We hope you can join us for the upcoming Southeast Regional Forum! [Click this link to find the event Flyer.](#)

We want video submissions from A.A. members

Added September 2022

[Young People's Video Project 2022 - Be creative and have FUN!](#)

Extension of Mixed-Title Quantity

From Our CPC Subcommittee:

Hello everyone!

My name is Tim S. I serve as DCM for District 30 and Area 59 CPC Subcommittee Chair on Panel 71. I was asked by the Ad Hoc Literature Subcommittee to write an article about how I came to serve on Area59sCPC Subcommittee and my experiences. So here goes!!

As an ADCM on Panel 69, I was asked to serve on the Ad-Hoc Literature committee. As a result, I got to know and interact with many of the DCMs, Area Officers and Past Delegates. My sponsor is also very involved in AA and has always suggested I say yes when asked to serve, which I have done whenever possible thus far in my recovery. Ad-Hoc literature was a blessing for me. I provided a means for me to get my feet wet and understand better how the area functions. I was voted in by my district to serve as panel 71 DCM. I received a call from the incoming Delegate for Panel 71 and was asked if I would be interested in serving the Area as a subcommittee chair. I agreed to serve and stated I was interested in CPC and there is the "How I got here".

Serving the Area on the CPC Subcommittee has been educational and an overall a great experience. Our CPC subcommittee consists of Ian L. (DCM - D61), Paul L. (DCM - D21), Frank W. (DCM - D22), Jamie H. (DCM - D56) and me (DCM - D30). As has been my experience in all new service positions, we were all a bit lost to start, but everyone was eager and willing to do our best. The outgoing P69 CPC Subcommittee Chair, Area Officers, Past Delegates, and other service-oriented AA mentors helped us get up to speed. We are grateful for that. It is a learned trait in recovery for me to ask for help and utilize the experience of those who served before me. If I have one recommendation to make, take advantage of those relationships. The "We" of our program is vital for us all to affectively carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

At the beginning of the panel, our subcommittee

Discount Test Pilot

Added September 2022

In our continued efforts to help get our life-saving literature into the hands of all those who need it, we have extended our popular Mixed-Title Quantity Discount Test Pilot until December 31, 2022. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Letter to the Fellowship from G.S.O. General Manager

Added September 2022

[Bob W., General Manager at the A.A. General Service Office, shares summer highlights of the work being done by the A.A. World Services Board and the General Service Board,](#) and outlines how G.S.O. staff are implementing the group conscience expressed at the 72nd General Service Conference. He also reports on current financial challenges and how G.S.O. is carrying out its stewardship of A.A. dollars.

AA Grapevine, Inc. New Book Release

Added September 2022

[New Book Coming September 2022](#)

News Release AA Grapevine Inc.

Added August 2022

AA Grapevine Inc., announces a Price Increase on books & other content-related items. Learn more here: www.aagrapevine.org/news-release

Update on Printing Delays and Backorders

looked at the Delegates recommendations and prioritized them in the order we wished to work on. We established a monthly meeting on Zoom to discuss our progress and collaborate on ideas on how best we could serve. I feel the monthly meetings were essential for us getting to know each other, to keep our focus and collaborate on providing affective presentations and campaigns. Some things the CPC Subcommittee worked on. We contacted all the Intergroups in the Area and established contacts, had zoom meetings to discuss an initiative for the Area CPC to assist Intergroups in their efforts to carry the message to professionals in their coverage areas. Although we never fully got this initiative to take root, we are hopeful that passing on the information to the next panel may be of use in better educating the professional community in Area 59. The hope is always getting the Alcoholic to us so we can set them on the path. We completed a 7-minute Video of our presentation to the professional community that may not have time for an in person, but may watch a video in their free time to see what A.A. is and is not. Our final contribution for panel 71 was designing a pamphlet campaign that targets professionals that AA's have relationships/acquaintances with for a more effective approach in carrying the message. The hope is that the A.A.s Dr./Priest/Minister/Rabbi/Spiritual Leader/HR Director may process something we provide and explain to them as well as have a contact they can refer a struggling alcoholic to.

I think I can speak on behalf of all the CPC subcommittee members and say we have grown as a result of serving. We have made so many great new friends along the way and bonded as a subcommittee. I am forever grateful for the opportunity. We are all blessed to have served side by side with our fellow GSRs, DCMs, Subcommittee members and Area Officers. It truly has been a wonderful experience. I would encourage anyone considering general service, or any A.A. service for that matter, to take the leap. I know for me, I was not sure if I could handle it, but there are so many qualified people more than willing

Added August 2022

[Click here for an update on supply chain disruptions and their impacts on A.A.W.S. literature](#), as well as estimated in-stock dates for our most popular back-ordered items.

Call for Stories - "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic - Never Too Late"

Added August 2022

Please click the following highlighted link to read the [latest activity update from the Treatment and Accessibilities assignment](#).

Box 4-5-9 Summer 2022

Added August 2022

[This issue](#) highlights Grapevine's podcast and a summary of the happenings at the 72nd General Service Conference, including advisory actions. Also featured: work begins on an updated pamphlet for African Americans in A.A.; FAQs on the 2025 International Convention; the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) in Canada; and the launch of two new PSAs.

2025 International Convention – Member Engagement Survey

Added August 2022

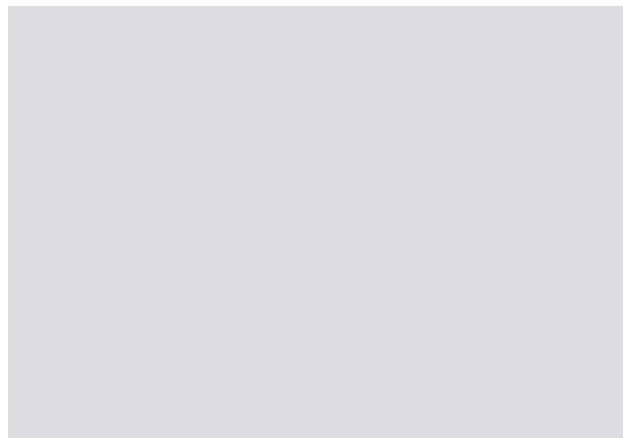
[Survey to help us to better plan for the International Convention](#)

to help you along the way. Grab yourself a service sponsor and step up! You will not regret it!

I will see you around A.A.'s campus! Until we meet again!

God Bless!

Tim S.



Area 59 Library Inventory:

NERAASA:

NERAASA	2001 – Hartford, CT.	Cassette Tape	1
NERAASA	2002 – Pittsburgh, PA.	Cassette Tape	1
NERAASA	2003 – Albany, NY.	Cassette Tape	1
NERAASA	2004 – Nashua, NH.	Cassette Tape	1
NERAASA	2005 – Newton, MA.	Cassette Tape	1
NERAASA	2006 – Burlington, VT.	CD	1
NERAASA	2007 - Hunt Valley, MD.	CD	1
NERAASA	2009 – Portland, ME.	CD	1
NERAASA	2010 - Niagara Falls, NY.	CD	1
NERAASA	2011 – Tarrytown, NY.	CD	1
NERAASA	2012 – Albany, NY.	CD	1
NERAASA	2013 – Lancaster, PA.	CD	2
NERAASA	2016 – Springfield, MA.	CD	2
NERAASA	2017 – Framingham, MA.	CD	1
NERAASA	2018 - Cromwell CT	CD	1
NERAASA	2019 - Hunt Valley MD	CD	1
NERAASA	2022 - Pittsburgh PA	Thumb Drive	1

Spanish Inventory:

AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs-Spanish: 2013 CD 1

Despertares Espirituales-Spiritual Awakening- Grapevine Stories-Volume II: 2008 CD 1

Doce Pasos Y Doce Tradiciones: 2006 CD 1

El Grupo Base: corazon de AA-Volume I & Volume II: 2010 CD 1

LA Historia de AA: 2007 CD 1

Las Doce Tradiciones-Volume 1: 2009 CD 1

Lo Mejor De Bill: 2012 CD 1

The History of La Vina-Volumes I+II+III (Set 3 CD): 2004 CD 1

All other Area 59 Inventory:

"Doors" HD PSA: 2015 DATA DVD2

12 Steps and 12 Traditions - (Braille): 2006 CD 1

12 Steps and 12 Traditions - American Sign Language: 2009 DVD 2

A New Freedom - French & Spanish Subtitles: 2016 DVD 2

AA Cooperation with the Professional Community: 2009 DVD 2

AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs: 2013 CD 1

AA in Correctional Facilities: 2010 DVD 2

AA World Service - GSO Today: VHS 1

AA World Service - PSA Compilation Video - French-English Spanish: 2012 DVD 1

AA World Service - PSA Compilation Video - French-English Spanish: 2014 DVD 1

Alcoholics Anonymous - 3rd Edition of Big Book - American Sign Language: 2009 DVD 2

Alcoholics Anonymous - 4th Edition of Big Book: CD 1

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age: 2008 CD 1

Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions: 2007 DVD 1

Carrying the Message Behind These Walls: 1998 DVD 2

Hope: Alcoholic Anonymous: 2009 DVD 2

It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell: 1987 DVD 2

Living Sober: 1998 CD 1

Marking on the Journey - GSO Achieves: 2014 DVD 3

Pioneers of AA - (very first stories): 1998 CD 1

Radio Public Service Announcement for Alcoholic Anonymous: 2009 CD 2

Southeast PA Intergroup Assoc - Ocean City NJ: 2001 Cassette Tapes 1
The Best of Bill: 2007 CD 1
The Big Book in Navajo: 2018 CD 1
The Home Group - Heartbeat of AA - Volume II: 2010 CD 1
Three Legacies by Bill: 2008 CD 1
Voices of our Co-Founders: 1963 CD 1
Young People and AA: VHS 2
Young People's Animation Video: 2010 DVD 5
Young People's Videos: 2009-2010 DVD 3
Young People's Videos: 2009 DVD 1
Your AA GSO The Grapevine & The General Service Structure: 1992 DVD 2

*If anyone is interested in any of the items above feel free to contact either our Literature and or Treatment and Accessibilities subcommittees.

literature@area59aa.org

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Link to AA's online bookstore:

<https://onlineliterature.aa.org>



Spotlight on District 21

Greetings from District 21! We are located in southeast Pennsylvania, bordering on districts 51 and 23 in the Philadelphia suburbs. We are within SEPIA as well. Our District serves Ivyland, Hartsville, Southampton, Richboro, Holland, Langhorne, and Bensalem, with a few meetings on the border in Newtown. We currently have 34 registered groups and our participation rate is

around 35%.

In the aftermath of the pandemic, District 21 is experiencing a slow rebuilding of active participation of GSR's, and through them our member District groups.

We never disbanded, but early in the pandemic we had to hold our district meetings virtually. Fortunately, after a few months our meeting place reopened and there was a group conscience to resume meeting in person. The GSR's and district officers showed great dedication and resiliency in navigating the safety protocols to ensure that the vital links of information were flowing. Attendance dipped significantly during and after the global pandemic but enthusiasm has been strong and participation is on the rise once again.

Some highlights of the panel have been our workshops. Last spring, we held an outdoor workshop that was themed "not another zoom workshop". We had speakers, camping chairs, and pizza all in a field next to the Hartsville courtyard.

Our most recent event was a GSR orientation and general service themed workshop indoors with a return to our potluck style food fun and fellowship.

Attendance and participation in these were as strong as before the pandemic.

Looking forward we see a need to focus on visitation to increase consistent representation of groups in the district. GSR's currently serving are an inspiration and will be our greatest asset in passing along the legacy of service to newcomers.

Serving at the district level was suggested to me as something to undertake on faith, "Trust without understanding" was stressed heavily as early doubts surfaced.

I can say with certainty many years later that I was steered in the right direction. It has been an honor for me to serve my District and Area 59 these past nine years.

In Love and Service

Paul L (...) outgoing DCM, district 21

“We...” is a newsletter for members of the Area 59 (E.P.G.S.A.) General Service Committee, Service Volunteers and interested Fellowship members. For information contact literature@area59aa.org

AA in a Time of Change 2021 GSC Theme

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