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Meet your Panel 73 Officers!

Delegate – Pete B.

District 67

The Delegate is responsible for carrying Area 59's collective conscience to the General Service Conference. I became interested in pursuing this position so I could gain a wider perspective and contribute to our fellowship's growth, which are my main interests in General Service.

Alternate Delegate – Curt C.

District 36, Hershey Group

I take the Responsibility Declaration very seriously and can see the beauty of our 36 principles and how well the upside triangle can work if we participate.

Chairperson – Susan M.

District 48, Tuesday Night Williamsport Group

It has been a joy and an exciting learning experience to have been an Area 59 Officer for the past seven years in my service journey. It has exposed me to a whole new level of service.

I remember when I was first introduced to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1987. I was told by "seasoned members" to begin to get

involved into the service part of the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous too. To this day my homegroup is still The Tuesday Night Williamsport Group in District 48; where I began to get involved in service.

Service commitments also have taken me out of my comfort zone. Service has provided me the opportunity to become the Area 59 Finance Chair, Area Treasurer, Area Secretary and currently the position of Chairperson of Area 59. My service journey has taken me to conferences, conventions and due to the pandemic, to zoom meeting rooms around the world.

Today, I have a Service Sponsor, who still pushes me to take service commitments. I have a 12 step Sponsor, who I still meet with weekly to make sure I am staying on the path. I have Sponsees who know I will add their names on any volunteer event or newcomer phone list before they even have a chance to sign up for themselves; as we all navigate the service journey of sobriety and recovery.

Service could be the most rewarding experience of your life; and as for me, I could never repay what the program of Alcoholics Anonymous has given me.

Treasurer – Tara L.

District 35

The treasurer handles all money transactions and has access to both the Area bank accounts. I am in charge of paying bills in a timely manner, reimbursing subcommittee members, area officers, and districts. I handle the legal and tax stuff with the help of an accountant. I am responsible for signing contracts for site locations for events. I also handle literature orders for subcommittees and Grapevine/La Vina (GV/LV) orders for Area events. I also advise two subcommittees (Finance and GV/LV) and am an advisor for the respective districts within those subcommittees.

I had served as Finance subcommittee chair last panel. Having spent so much time with Area finances and budgets, I felt that Treasurer was a position I was knowledgeable and qualified enough in to serve the Area well.

I found general service and my love of service through YPAA (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous). Being part of a committee introduced me to group level and district level service; I was hooked. I'm extremely grateful to those who introduced me to service and got me involved.

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35th Annual Share a Day

SEPIA + Area 59 Present:

A.A.'s Three Legacies Our Common Solution

Share-A-Day

February 18, 2023 • 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Philadelphia, PA

A little history . . .

The idea for a joint workshop between Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly (EPGSA) and the Philadelphia Intergroup (now Southeastern PA Intergroup Association or SEPIA), came from an event held in Manhattan called the Share-A-Day Program. Frank D., the Vice-President of Philadelphia Intergroup, first presented the idea on October 21, 1988. It was enthusiastically accepted by all as a way to promote UNITY between the Area and Intergroup. Reba W. was EPGSA Delegate and encouraged full participation in this joint venture.

A Statement of Purpose was developed: "This event will be designed to inform the fellowship in the Philadelphia Five-County area of the Twelfth Step opportunities available so that we may better do our common job of reaching the alcoholic who still suffers." A planning committee was formed and the theme of the first Share-A-Day in Philadelphia was The Beginning of Sobriety. It was held on February 23, 1989. It was decided that it should be geared toward getting the "newcomer" involved in service.

Interviews with Attendees

Pat F.

What is your current service position?

Past Delegate Area 59, Panel 65, and Chair of EPGSA Convention 2023 to be held Nov. 10–13, at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster, PA.

How many Share-A-Days have you attended?

Since the first one. I was a speaker at the second one.

Why do you continue to attend?

I enjoy the event collaboration, cooperation between SEPIA Intergroup and General Service, the educational topics, and meeting fellow AA members. It is a wonderful way to carry AA's message.

What was your favorite part of this year's Share-A-Day?

Of course, being a co-moderator for a topic close to my heart, Service. Being with AA friends, sponsees, and new members.

Would you recommend that members come attend Share-A-Day? Why?

Yes, by all means. First, I believe in supporting events and workshops presented by AA's Intergroups and Area 59 General Service. It is a great opportunity to experience a really memorable Share-A-Day, then tell everyone who could not be there how great it was and share the amazing things I learned. My sobriety is enhanced when I attend Share-A-Day gatherings.



Tricia

What is your current service position?

I am the recently elected GSR for the See You Next Tuesday Group.

How many Share-A-Days have you attended?

This is my first one.

Why did you decide to come to Share-A-Day?

I came to Share-A-Day because a fellow home group member told me about the event and said it was a good idea for me to go as the group's GSR. I know it's not a good idea to say "no" to any kind of service opportunity in AA, so I made plans to attend.

What was your favorite part of this year's Share-A-Day?

My favorite part of the event was hearing people exchange ideas, sometimes ideas that were diametrically opposed to one another, but do so in a respectful way. It was obvious that everyone who attended and shared was deeply committed to the fellowship as well as to the importance of service. It was a beautiful and inspiring thing to see.

Would you recommend that members come attend Share-A-Day? Why?

I will definitely recommend the event to my friends in the fellowship. I learned a lot about the work that SEPIA and the EPGSA does to bring AA's message to those who are still sick and suffering. I didn't have a good idea of what the "committees" did but now I know what those committees are and what their goals are. And with this knowledge, I can help inform others who are looking to get into service.

Meet your Panel 73 Officers! *(continued)*

Treasurer – Tara L. *(continued)*

I'm super excited to serve Area 59 as the Panel 73 Treasurer. It is truly an honor and a privilege to humbly serve all members of the area! Please reach out to treasurer@area59aa.org if I can be of service to your district or homegroup or if you have any questions!

Secretary – Dan B.

District 27, Sober and Gay Group of AA

Secretary Duties: Records minutes at Area quarterly meetings and other Area functions; maintains the Area roster of contacts, responsible for approving events to be posted on the Area calendar; in charge of the Area's audio/visual library.

What interested me the position: It's outside of what I typically do, so like all service positions, it is an opportunity to grow, learn, and function outside of my comfort zone.

Unusual Tidbit: While on break in college, my friends and I made a movie (scifi/horror spoof), that included someone getting run over by a train.

Officer-at-Large – Claire B.

District 44, One Day at a Time – The 307 Club in West Chester on Monday nights at 8:30pm

I serve as the Area Registrar; assume the duties of the chairperson, secretary, or treasurer if necessary; chair the mini-assembly planning meetings; custodian of the area's properties; liaison to District 68 and YPAA.

I absolutely love working with Fellowship Connection, AA's database of all registered groups and their contact people! I get to connect with lots of DCMs and GSRs, and with our wonderful special servants at the Member Services Desk at GSO.

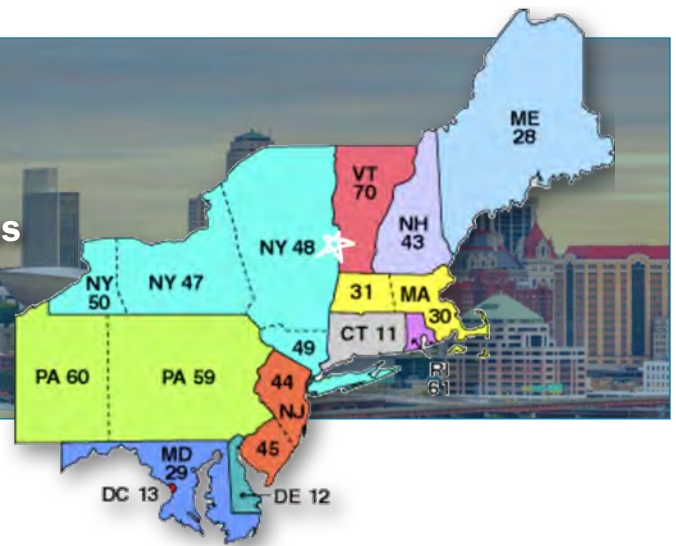
I feel so fortunate to be in this position of service and I am honored to give back as much as I can to the groups that make up our outstanding area.

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NERAASA 2023

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)

February 23–26, 2023 • Albany, NY



The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

Carolyn R.

When was your first NERAASA?

First NERAASA was 2015.

How many have you been to?

I have been to 6 of them.

What is your current service position?

Current service position is a member as I don't have a position this year at my group. I am the secretary for the greeters committee for NERAASA 2024.

Why did you decide to come to NERAASA this year?

I go because I love going to NERAASA to find out about the agenda items and find out what's happening in other areas in the northeast region. Also, I have friends that go so it's very social for me as well. Also, I'm on the greeter committee for next year.

What was your favorite part?

My favorite part is the panels. I particularly love the Saturday morning panel on Safety in AA.

Would you recommend that members come to it? Why?

Going to NERAASA will enhance anyone's sobriety. It's where you get to see up close and personal one of the ways the groups run AA. We are very fortunate in this area that we also have pre conference sharing. Not every place does. But regional service assemblies and forums are where you see that your voice matters. Things may not always go the way we want but this is a place where as a member you can be heard and the delegates are listening.

Interviews with Attendees

Kim B.

What is your current service position?

I am currently the ADCM for District 62 in Area 59.

Why did you decide to come to NERAASA?

NERAASA was a foreign word to me a few months ago. My Service Sponsor, strongly recommended that I go, to have a greater depth of the workings of AA in the Northeast. He was so right!

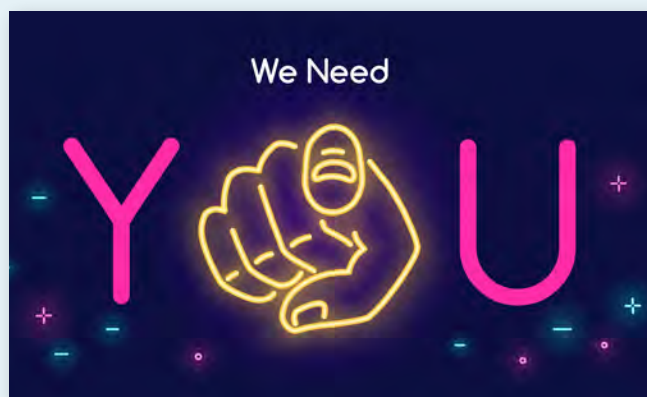
What was your favorite part?

Roundtables and Networking with other AA Servants.

Would you recommend that members come to it? Why?

Absolutely. The sharing of ideas and solutions were invaluable. There are very few opportunities to be in the same room with this many people at the same level of service, looking for solutions to common problems. There is an old saying, "Many hands make light work." I also made lasting friendships from all over the area. Next year NERAASA 2024 will be in Hershey PA, I'll be there, GOD willing.

Join the 2024 Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA) Planning Committee!



In 2024, Area 59 will be hosting
NERAASA in Hershey, PA
and *we need your help!*

For more information,
email Steve O.

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News from the General Service Office

Find out what's new with GSO!

More
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Literature price increase
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More
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More
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**2025 Alcoholics Anonymous
International Convention**

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Area 59 Archives

Area 59 Archives Walking Tour

Introduction

Join Area Archivist Donald H. on an informative walk through the Area 59 Archives Display Room.

Check to see if your group has a history on file by emailing: archivist@area59aa.org.

Area 59 Archives



In this first segment, we are introduced to the center of the room which contains (48) District binders that contain the Group histories, in alphabetical order, that have been submitted to our Archivist over the years.

Area 59 Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events



In this section of the Area 59 website you will find a comprehensive chronological list of events occurring within Area 59 and our larger A.A. fellowship.

We also show you how you can add your local A.A. event to Area 59's Calendar of Events.

Get in Service!

Bridging the Gap



Our fellowship offers a program designed to assist new members after their release from treatment and correctional facilities, this program is called **Bridging the Gap**.

Visit our webpage for more information and to get involved!

Bridging the Gap

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