

Officer-At-Large/Registrar Report
EPGSA Area 59 Panel 73
June 9, 2024
Area Quarterly Meeting Q3 (Williamsport, PA)

A huge heartfelt *thank you* to all the Districts who made the Mini-Assemblies possible! I am truly inspired by the dedication to service that you demonstrated, and I feel fortunate to serve alongside you. We had 170 people sign in at registration for Mini I on May 11 in King of Prussia. I look forward to Mini II this Saturday in Milton.

AA's Fellowship Connection Database

Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania has a robust service structure comprising 48 districts. We have 1,603 active, registered groups; 29 of which are virtual. One of my main responsibilities is to keep the information in Fellowship Connection as current as possible. Fellowship Connection is the database that our General Service Office uses to track all registered groups and their representatives. The information in this database is only as good as what we put into it. So please help by submitting any changes through the "Group Change Form" on our website. DCMs are granted read-only access to this database so that you may view and download reports at any time. If you would like to access this database and have been unable to do so, please let me know. I am always happy to send you reports about your district at any time.

When should I submit a change to Area 59?

- Starting a new group
- Registering an existing group
- Changing a group's name, meeting location, format (in-person or virtual), or district
- There is a new GSR, Alternate GSR, or Mail Contact
- A group becomes inactive, or an inactive group becomes active again

Please note: A personal email address owned by the individual is required, and not a rotating position email address. A mailing address is also required to enter a new contact. The database now requires me to enter a service position end date. This date defaults to two years, and I add an extra time so there is some cushion. At the service end date, that person drops from the group and a new service end date or new contact is required to keep the group from obtaining an "unknown" status. If the contact does not use email at all, they can still be recorded, but I must contact Member Services and ask them to make the change.

What if a group needs to make a change on the Meeting Guide App?

- Submit the change to your local intergroup, if your district is served by one. Area 59 contains 11 intergroups! If the group is not served by an intergroup, submit the change to the district. The meeting lists maintained by intergroups and districts are what feed into the Meeting Guide App, and also to the meeting list on the Area 59 website.

Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous & District 68 (Spanish-speaking groups)

I serve as your Area 59 Officer Liaison to Young People in AA (YPAA) and to District 68, our Spanish linguistic district. We are planning a Share-A-Day for YPAA, District 68, and Area 59 on Saturday, October 6th in Lemoyne, PA. Please save the date. If your District has a Young People's meeting, please let me know so that I can personally invite them to participate. There is an admirable enthusiasm and dedication to service that I have observed in the young people committees. And a huge dose of FUN. We hope to channel some of that into General Service -- we are not a glum lot! We will be joined by members of our Spanish-speaking community to hear about their unique strengths and challenges. We look forward to exchanging ideas and supporting one another as we express our primary purpose to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

Please consider encouraging attendance and support for Young People's committee events and PENNSCYPAA. "Young" is defined as anyone with room to grow in recovery. The Pennsylvania Conference of Young People in AA is an annual event in its 35th year and if you have never been, you just have to experience it. Various YPAA committees throughout the state submit bids for the opportunity to host. This year it was hosted by Montgomery County and was held May 31-June 2 at Eastern University in St. David's PA. Spanish interpretation was available and utilized at the conference. Next year it will be held in Harrisburg so stay tuned for details.

Would you like me to visit your District meeting to talk about the Fellowship Connection database, Young People in AA, our Spanish-linguistic district, or anything else? Just ask! I would love to meet your GSRs and assist in any way possible.

Activity Log

3/10/2024	Area Quarterly Meeting	Carbondale, PA
3/13/2024	Registrars Meeting	Virtual
4/06/2024	Pre-Conference Sharing Session	District 25
4/07/2024	GSO Registrars Meeting	Virtual
4/13/2024	YPAA Summit	Virtual
4/20/2024	Chester County YPAA Bingo	West Chester, PA
5/11/2024	Mini-Assembly I & DCR	District 29
5/25/2024	Pre-Area Officers Meeting	Virtual
5/31-6/2/2024	PENNSCYPAA XXXV	St. David's PA
6/5/2024	EPGSA Prep Meeting	Virtual

In Gratitude,
Claire B.