

67th annual

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

November 8–10, 2024



Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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GUEST OBSERVER

Each year, Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly invites a Guest Observer to our convention. The guest observer is defined as: “A person, not in the Fellowship, and with limited access to members of the Fellowship, who has intimate, on-going contact with alcoholics in the workplace, and whose job activities would be enriched by attending our convention/assembly.”

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly welcomes the Honorable Nancy L. Butts to our 67th Annual Convention and Assembly.

The Honorable Nancy L. Butts is the President Judge of the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, she graduated from Lehigh University and California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA. Judge Butts has served the people of Lycoming County since 1986, when she started her career there as an Assistant Public Defender. In 1990, she became an Assistant District Attorney, then in 1995, she became the first woman elected to the bench in North Central Pennsylvania. Judge Butts founded and presides over Lycoming County’s Drug Court (since 1998), Juvenile Drug Court (since 2004), and Mental Health Court (created 2008). In her profession, she comes in contact with many who suffer from alcoholism, and looks forward to applying what she learns this weekend to her work.

Let’s be friendly with our friends

Friends on the Alcoholism Front

Excerpt from an article
in a 1958 *A.A. Grapevine*

We are told there are 4,500,000 alcoholics in America. Up to now, A.A. has sobered up perhaps 250,000 of them. That’s about one in 20, or five percent of the total. This is a brave beginning, full of significance and hope for those who still suffer. Yet these figures show that we have made only a fair-sized dent on this vast world health problem. Millions are still sick and other millions soon will be.

These facts of alcoholism should give us good reason to think, and to be humble. Surely, we can be grateful for every agency or method that tries to solve the problem of alcoholism—whether of medicine, religion, education, or research. We can be open-minded toward all such efforts . . .

By Bill W.



Friday – November 8, 2024

1:00 – 8:00 pm	Check-In & Registration	Wheatland
2:30 – 3:30 pm	A.A. Meeting Chairperson: Sheri W., GSR, Women of Change, D64	Hopewell
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Red Ball Meeting Chairperson: Dave H., Past DCM, D21	Hopewell
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	Vistas
7:30 – 9:00 pm	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> • <i>ASL provided</i> Chairperson: Pat F., Convention Committee Chair, Past Delegate Panel 65 Speakers: Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee Michael R., G.S.O. Staff, C.P.C. Assignment	Lincoln Theater
9:00 – TBD	Usher Orientation (ADCMs Only!) Chairpersons: Tara C., Area 59 Treasurer	Lincoln Theater
9:15 – 10:00 pm	GSR Sharing Session with Q&A Moderator: Paul M., Past Delegate Panel 67	Ballroom A & B
10:00 – 10:45 pm	The General Service Board and General Service Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Traducción española disponible D68</i> Presenter: Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee	Ballroom A & B
10:30 pm – 12:30 am	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom A & B
10:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Activities Facilitators: PENNSCYPAA XXXVI Host Committee	Ballroom A & B
12:00 – 1:00 am	Young at Heart Midnight Meeting Chairperson: Tim S., Chairperson, PENNSCYPAA XXXVI	Hopewell

Saturday Morning – November 9, 2024

ALL Voting Members MUST be seated in the Lincoln Theatre by 8:45 AM SHARP

6:00 – 7:00 am	Sunrise: Daily Reflections Meeting Chairperson: Christine B., GSR, D30	Hopewell
6:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Vistas
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Continues	Wheatland

8:45 – approx. 3:00 pm	Area 59 Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> • <i>American Sign Language provided</i> Opening: Sue M., Area Chairperson Roll Call: Dan B., Area Secretary Election Procedure: Pete B., Area Delegate Election Chair: Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee Closing: Sue M., Area Chairperson	Lincoln Theater
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ACTIVITIES FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS DURING ASSEMBLY

10:00 – 10:50 am	Intergroup Sharing Session Moderator: Sue A., Lancaster Intergroup	Marietta
11:00 – 11:50 am	Our Three Legacies Chairpersons: Dale S., Past DCM, D38	Hopewell
11:00 – 11:50 am	Prayer and Meditation Chairperson: Brad S., Hilltop Group, D66	Paradise

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:00 – 3:50 pm

Workshops

Times approximate

Take the Money and Run – Hopewell

Finance and Structure Subcommittees

Frank W., DCM 22	Lauren B., DCM 24
Jen P., DCM 33	Jeff L., DCM 34
Laura F., DCM 37	Nathan M., DCM 42
Alex V., DCM 42	Tim R., DCM 44
Alex N., DCM 51	Vicki M., DCM 57
John H., DCM 66	

Anonymity Online – PI/CPC Subcommittee Paradise

Diane M., DCM 25	Deb S., DCM 30
Alex B., DCM 43	Adam S., DCM 45
Marie F., DCM 62	Faith B., DCM 63
Rosendo R., DCM 68	

Making the A.A. Message Accessible – Marietta
Treatment/Accessibilities Subcommittee

Devon C., DCM 21	Bobby J., DCM 29
Steve B., DCM 41	Dwayne L., D53
Tim S., D65	Jim K., D67

Bridging the Gap Limerock

Jim L., Area 59 BTG Coordinator

Sober Friends Episode 7 Skit: Vistas Windows
Plain Language Big Book Improv!

Ted C., DCM 27	Mark B., ADCM 27
Colleen M., ADCM 30	Steve P., ADCM 33
Jessica S., ADCM 51	Mark M., ADCM 57
Tom W., ADCM 67	

Saturday – November 9, 2024

4:00 – 4:45 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S.	Lincoln Theater
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Your A.A. General Service Office: Tools and Resources Michael R., G.S.O. Staff, C.P.C. Assignment	Lincoln Theater
SATURDAY EVENING		
6:00 pm	Banquet	Ballrooms A&B
8:00 pm	A.A. Speaker Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> • <i>English translation available</i> • <i>ASL provided</i> Chairperson: Pete B., Area Delegate Introduction of Panel 75 Officers Sobriety Countdown Introduction of Panel 73 Area Committee Members Seventh Tradition Collection for General Service Board Contributions A.A. Speaker: Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S.	Lincoln Theater
10:00 pm – 12:00 am	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom B
10:30 pm – 12:30 am	DJ Dance	Ballroom B
12:00 – 1:00 am	Young in A.A. Panel Chairperson: Laura S., PENNSCYPAA Advisory Council Panelists: Matthew C., Brandy M., Randy J.	Marietta

Hospitality will be on the 6th floor – Hours will be posted

Archives display will be in the New Holland Room

Literature and *Grapevine* Sales will be in the Ballroom Foyer

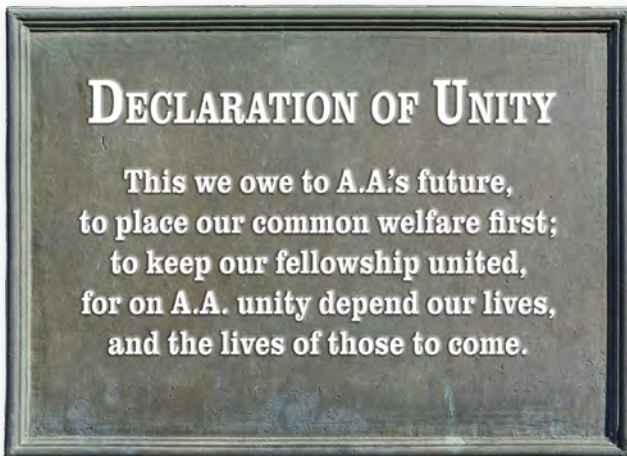
Subcommittee Displays will be in the Ballroom Foyer

SUNDAY MORNING

6:00 – 7:00 am	On Awakening Chairperson: Kayla E., GSR, D30	Hopewell
7:00 – 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	Vistas
9:00 – 10:00 am	Sharing Session Topic: This weekend, I was inspired by . . . • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Moderator: Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S. Timer: Area Officer-at-Large Elect Open Mic: 2 minutes each	Lincoln Theater
10:30 – 11:30 am	A.A. Meeting: God As I Understand Him • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Chairperson: Area Alternate Delegate Elect Timer: Area Treasurer Elect	Lincoln Theater
Close	Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer Pat F., Convention Committee Chair, Past Delegate Panel 65 Pete B., Delegate	

Hotel Check Out – No later than 11:00 am

Please fill out your critique sheet so we may better serve you!



We extend our gratitude to our Special Area Servants

Donald H..... Archivist
Jack C..... Assistant Archivist
Jim L..... Bridging the Gap Coordinator
Evelyn D..... Spanish Interpreter
Sandra P..... Spanish Interpreter
Fred S..... Technology Servant
Nick P..... Assistant Technology Servant
Scott F..... Web Servant
Lenny T..... Assistant Web Servant



Area 59 Convention Committee

Pat F. Chairperson & Past Delegate, Panel 65
Marcia G. Secretary & Past Delegate, Panel 41
Hugh H. Treasurer & Past Delegate, Panel 61
Marty S. Past Delegate, Panel 51
Lowell L. Past Delegate, Panel 59
Steve O..... Past Delegate, Panel 63
Paul M. Past Delegate, Panel 67
Caroline N.... Past Delegate, Panel 71
Pete B..... Delegate, Panel 73



Guest Observer

Honorable Nancy L. Butts, President Judge Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas

Thank you for attending and participating in the 67th Annual EPGSA Convention & Assembly

We hope you will plan to join us for our 68th Annual Convention and Assembly, November 14-16, 2025!

Have a safe trip home!



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