

# 68<sup>th</sup> annual

## Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

November 14 thru 16, 2025

Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center  
2300 Lincoln Highway East  
Lancaster, PA 17602



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 Robert Repard to our 68th Annual Convention and Assembly.

**The Honorable Robert Repard** is a member of the Special Court Judges' Association of Pennsylvania, currently serving as director for District 3, as well as sitting on several community boards. He currently instructs Defensive Tactics and Court Facility Security for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs Education and Training Program at Penn State University's Justice and Safety Institute. He served 26 years as a Probation Officer with the Tioga County Probation Department before retiring from supervisor in 2011. During his time as a probation officer, he helped develop and implement court facility security measures and office safety protocols, and served as a two term Commissioner to the County Probation and Parole Officers Firearm Education and Training Commission. Judge Repard was named “Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer” by Mansfield Area Jaycees in 1989 and was awarded with the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission Award for outstanding service to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System in 1994.

## 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.



## Thursday – November 13, 2024

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| 8:00 – 9:00 pm | <b>Red Ball Meeting</b><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Neill D., Area Officer-at-Large | Lincoln Lounge |
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## Friday – November 14, 2024

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| 1:00 – 8:00 pm | <b>Check-In &amp; Registration</b> | Wheatland |
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| 2:30 – 3:30 pm | <b>A.A. Meeting</b><br><i>Let's Get This Party Started</i><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Sunny O. | Hopewell |
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| 3:30 – 4:30 pm | <b>A.A. Meeting</b><br><b>Bilingual A.A. Meeting/Reunion bilingue de A.A.</b><br>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i><br><b>Chairperson:</b> David B., BTG Coordinator, Lancaster Intergroup | Hopewell |
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| 5:00 – 8:00 pm | <b>Dinner Buffet</b> | Vistas |
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| 7:30 – 9:00 pm | <b>General Session</b><br>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i><br>• <i>ASL provided</i><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Pete B., Convention Committee Chair,<br>Panel 73 Past Delegate<br><b>Remembrance of Marty S.</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>Dawn Klug, General Service Board Class A Trustee*<br>* <i>Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee noted by full name</i><br>Racy J., G.S.O. Staff, Staff Coordinator | Lincoln Theater |
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| 9:15 – 10:30 pm | <b>GSR Orientation</b> ( <i>All GSRs expected to attend</i> )<br><b>Moderator:</b> Pete B., Convention Committee Chair,<br>Panel 73 Past Delegate | Ballroom A & B |
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| 9:15 – 10:30 pm | <b>Usher Orientation (ADCMS Only!)</b><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Jen F., Area Treasurer | Lincoln Theater |
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| 9:15 – 10:20 pm | <b>Gossip vs. Facts:</b><br><b>Examining the Health of Our Own Communications</b><br><b>Presenter/Moderator:</b> Carolyn R., Past DCM 32 | Marietta |
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| 10:30 pm – 12:30 am | <b>Ice Cream Social</b> | Ballroom A & B |
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| 10:30 – 11:30 pm | <b>Game Night from YPAA!</b><br><b>Facilitators:</b> Lehigh Valley Host Committee of PENNSCYPAA XXXVII | Ballroom A & B |
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| 12:00 – 1:00 am | <b>Midnight Meeting: Step 3</b><br><b>Chairpersons:</b> Tyler and Tristan W., NEPA Bid for PENNSCYPAA | Marietta |
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## Saturday Morning – November 15, 2025

**ALL Assembly Members MUST be seated in the Lincoln Theater by 8:45 AM SHARP**

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| 6:00 – 7:00 am          | <b>Sunrise: Daily Reflections Meeting</b><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Angelo P., GSR, Founders' Way, D51                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Hopewell</b>        |
| 6:30 – 9:00 am          | <b>Breakfast Buffet</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Vistas</b>          |
| 7:00 am – 12:00 pm      | <b>Registration Continues</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Wheatland</b>       |
| 8:45 – approx. 11:20 am | <b>Area 59 Assembly</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i></li> <li>• <i>American Sign Language provided</i></li> </ul> <b>Opening:</b> Tara C., Area Chairperson<br><b>Roll Call:</b> Lauren B., Area Secretary<br><b>Committee Chairpersons and Officers Annual Reports</b><br><b>Assembly Discussion:</b> (Open Mic. for Assembly Members) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Founders' Literature</u>: What general process should we use to classify writings as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical? Who should determine the classification?</li> <li>2. <u>Founders' Literature</u>: What literature do you consider to be in each category of Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical?</li> <li>3. What's On Your Mind?</li> </ol> <b>Moderator:</b> Tara C., Area Chairperson<br><b>Timer:</b> Neill D., Area Officer-At-Large<br><b>Closing:</b> Tara C., Area Chairperson | <b>Lincoln Theater</b> |

### ACTIVITIES FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS DURING ASSEMBLY

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| 9:10 – 10:00 am     | <b>Intergroup Sharing Session</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Tim S., Chairperson, Harrisburg Intergroup                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Marietta</b>        |
| 10:10 – 11:00 am    | <b>Why should my homegroup care about the General Service Conference?</b><br><b>Chairpersons:</b> Jodi M., Treasurer, D27                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Paradise</b>        |
| 10:10 – 11:00 am    | <b>Humility in Action</b><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Ed M., Past DCM 59                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Hopewell</b>        |
| 11:20 am            | <b>End of Assembly</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>General Session (OPEN TO ALL)</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i></li> <li>• <i>American Sign Language provided</i></li> </ul> <b>A.A.W.S. / General Service Board Report with Q&amp;A</b><br>Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, A.A.W.S. Secretary | <b>Lincoln Theater</b> |

**12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN – ALL ATTENDEES**

**1:40 – 2:30 pm**

**Concurrent Workshops: Round 1**

**“Anonymity and the Internet”**

**Marietta**

**Ad Hoc Digital Communications Subcommittee**

**Moderator:** Nick M., DCM 56

Deborah H., DCM 26

Alan A., ADCM 21

Dani T., ADCM 31

Mike H., ADCM 38

Ben S., ADCM 44

Luther W., ADCM 45

Chuck J., ADCM 47

Becca K., ADCM 51

Susan H., ADCM 64

Floyd H., ADCM 67

**“Leadership in A.A. – Servant Leadership”**

**Hopewell**

**Structure Subcommittee**

**Moderator:** Anna A., DCM 48

James R., DCM 49

Jeff L., DCM 34

Gerry O., DCM 38

Jonathan S., DCM 54

Kyle W., DCM 60

Marie F., DCM 62

**“Get Exposed! to A.A. Accessibility Resources”**

**Paradise**

**Treatment/Accessibilities Subcommittee**

**Moderator:** Tom W. DCM 67

Olivia A., DCM 63

Loretta M., DCM 25

Terry M., DCM 32

Nicholas H., DCM 43

Inocencio C., DCM 68

**2:40 – 3:30 pm**

**Concurrent Workshops: Round 2**

**“Partners in Recovery”**

**Marietta**

**C.P.C./Public Information Subcommittee**

**Moderator:** Mark B. DCM 27

Lindsay E., DCM 51

Robert A., DCM 37

Russel S., DCM 39

Pete Z., DCM 42

Troi H., DCM 64

**“Through the Grapevine”**

**Hopewell**

**Grapevine Subcommittee**

**Moderator:** Erin R., DCM 40

Evan P., DCM 29

Christine B., DCM 31

George S., DCM 33

Greg M., DCM 47

Dani B., DCM 50

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|                     | <b>“Our Service Roadmap”</b><br><b>Finance Subcommittee</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Andrew D., DCM 66<br>Tim S., DCM 65                      Ellen G., DCM 65<br>Pennie F., DCM 41                  Taylor S., DCM 44<br>Fred E., DCM 58                                                                                                                                                                           | Paradise        |
|                     | <b>“Bridging the Gap: Q&amp;A”</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Jim L., Area 59 BTG Coordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Limerock        |
| 3:40 – 4:30 pm      | <b>C.P.C. / Treatment &amp; Accessibilities Update</b><br>Dawn Klug, General Service Board Class A Trustee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Lincoln Theater |
| 4:40 – 5:30 pm      | <b>General Service Board Communication:</b><br><b>Staying Informed</b><br>Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, A.A.W.S. Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lincoln Theater |
| SATURDAY EVENING    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| 6:15 pm             | <b>Banquet</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Ballroom A & B  |
| 8:15 – 10:15 pm     | <b>A.A. Speaker Meeting</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i></li> <li>• <i>ASL provided</i></li> </ul> <b>Chairperson:</b> Dan B., Area Delegate<br><b>Sobriety Countdown</b><br><b>Introduction of Panel 75</b><br><b>Seventh Tradition Collection for General Service</b><br><b>A.A. Speaker:</b><br>Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, A.A.W.S. Secretary | Lincoln Theater |
| 10:30 pm – 12:30 am | <b>Ice Cream Social</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ballroom B      |
| 10:30 pm – 12:30 am | <b>DJ Dance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Ballroom B      |
| 12:00 – 1:00 am     | <b>Young in A.A. Panel: Staying Focused in Recovery</b><br><b>Moderators:</b> Matt C., Randy J., Brandy M., York Bid for PENNSCYPAA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Marietta        |

SUNDAY MORNING

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| 6:00 – 7:00 am   | <b>Upon Awakening</b><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Nevada K., GSR,<br>Honey Brook Big Book Step Study, D30                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Hopewell</b>        |
| 7:00 – 9:30 am   | <b>Breakfast Buffet</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Vistas</b>          |
| 9:00 – 10:00 am  | <b>Sharing Session</b><br><b>Topic:</b> This weekend, I was inspired by . . .<br>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i><br><b>Moderator:</b> Dawn Klug, General Service Board Class A Trustee<br><b>Timer:</b> Neill D., Area Officer-at-Large<br><b>Open Mic:</b> 2 minutes each | <b>Lincoln Theater</b> |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am | <b>A.A. Meeting: God As I Understand Him</b><br>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i><br><b>Chairperson:</b> Lauren B., Area Secretary<br><b>Timer:</b> Jen F., Area Treasurer                                                                                                   | <b>Lincoln Theater</b> |
| <b>Close</b>     | <b>Responsibility Statement and Serenity Prayer</b><br>Pete B., Convention Committee Chair, Panel 73 Past Delegate<br>Dan B., Area Delegate                                                                                                                                        |                        |

Hotel Check Out – No later than 11:00 am.

Hospitality will be on the 6th Floor – Hours will be posted.

Archives display will be in the New Holland Room – Weekend.

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

Subcommittee and YPAA Displays will be in the Ballroom Foyer.

The Kinderhook room will be available for Al-Anon Meetings.

The Wyndham Resort is a “No Smoking” Facility.

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

## **We extend our gratitude to our Special Area Servants**

Donald H..... Archivist  
Jessica T..... 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**

Pete B..... Chairperson & Past Delegate, Panel 73  
Caroline N... Secretary & Past Delegate, Panel 71  
Tate S ..... Treasurer & Past DCM 59  
Lowell L ..... Past Delegate, Panel 59  
Hugh H ..... Past Delegate, Panel 61  
Steve O..... Past Delegate, Panel 63  
Pat F ..... Past Delegate, Panel 65  
Paul M ..... Past Delegate, Panel 67  
Dan B..... Delegate, Panel 75



## **Guest Observer**

Honorable Robert Repard

## **Thank you for attending and participating in the 68th Annual EPGSA Convention & Assembly**

We hope you will plan to join us for our 69th Annual Convention and Assembly, November 13-15, 2026!

**Have a safe trip home!**



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