

69th annual

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

November 13 thru 15, 2026

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 Dr. Joshua W. Baker to our 69th Annual Convention and Assembly.

Dr. Joshua W. Baker is a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner who provides outpatient mental health services at the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System's Perry Point campus and the Mind and Body Consortium of Delaware. His clinical work includes evaluating and treating individuals with a variety of psychiatric conditions, including substance use disorders. He previously served as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Recovery Centers of America in Devon, Pennsylvania. Dr. Baker also teaches undergraduate and graduate nursing students at Immaculata University and supervises mental health clinical rotations at West Chester University. He earned his Doctor of Nursing Practice from Capella University, his Master of Science in Nursing Education from William Carey University, and his psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner education at Wilkes University. He served in the United States Air Force from 2003 to 2014 as an instructor of military sciences and an emergency services nurse.

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 12, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 pm	Red Ball Meeting Chairperson: Katie M., Area Officer-at-Large	Lincoln Lounge
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Friday – November 13, 2026

1:00 – 8:00 pm	Check-In & Registration	Wheatland
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2:30 – 3:30 pm	A.A. Meeting – “Let’s Get This Party Started” Chairperson: Sunny O.	Hopewell
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3:30 – 4:30 pm	Bilingual A.A. Meeting/Reunión Bilingüe de A.A. • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Chairperson: David B., GSR, Destino Feliz, D68	Hopewell
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5:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	Vistas
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7:30 – 9:00 pm	General Session • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> • <i>ASL provided</i> Chairperson: Pete B., Convention Committee Chair, Panel 73 Past Delegate Speakers: Veronica Ramirez, General Service Board Class A Trustee * <i>Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee noted by full name</i> * Eileen A., G.S.O. Staff, Nominating Assignment	Lincoln Theater
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9:15 – 10:00 pm	Corrections Update Veronica Ramirez, General Service Board Class A Trustee	Ballroom A & B
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9:15 – 10:30 pm	Usher Orientation (ADCMs Only!) Chairperson: Jen F., Area 59 Treasurer	Lincoln Theater
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10:00 – 10:45 pm	GSR Sharing Session with Q&A (All GSRs encouraged to attend) Moderator: Pete B., Convention Committee Chair, Panel 73 Past Delegate	Ballroom A & B
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10:30 – 11:30 pm	Musical Bingo from YPAA! Facilitators: Liberty Host Committee for EACYPAA and York Host Committee for PENNSCYPAA	Ballroom A & B
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10:30 pm – 12:30 am	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom A & B
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12:00 – 1:00 am	Midnight Meeting Chairpersons: Chris H., Steve R., Reading Bid for PENNSCYPAA	Marietta
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ALL Voting Members **MUST** be seated in the Lincoln Theater by 8:45 AM SHARP

6:00 – 7:00 am	Sunrise: Daily Reflections Meeting Chairperson: Chris M., GSR, Fairmount Men's, D26	Hopewell
6:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Vistas
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Continues	Wheatland

8:45 am – approx. 3:00 pm	Area 59 Assembly • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Opening: Tara C., Area Chairperson Roll Call: Lauren B., Area Secretary Election Chair: Matt K., AAWS Board Non-Trustee Director Closing: Tara C., Area Chairperson	Lincoln Theater
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ACTIVITIES FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS DURING ASSEMBLY

10:00 – 10:50 am	Intergroup Sharing Session Moderator: Dave K., Chairperson, SEPIA Intergroup	Marietta
11:00 – 11:50 am	<i>Innovation Meets Tradition</i> Chairperson: Cher B., AGSR, New Beginnings, D27	Hopewell
11:00 – 11:50 am	<i>Unexpected Spiritual Lessons</i> Chairperson: Melissa M., Past DCM, D51	Paradise

End of Assembly – 3:00 PM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:10 – 3:50 pm

Times approximate

Concurrent Workshops

CPC/PI Then, Now, and How

C.P.C./Public Information Subcommittee

Marietta

Moderator: Mark B., DCM 27

Lindsay E., DCM 51

Robert A., DCM 37

Russell S., DCM 39

Pete Z., DCM 42

Troi H., DCM 64

The Vine that Connects Us

Grapevine Subcommittee

Hopewell

Moderator: Erin R., DCM 40

George S., DCM 33

Matthew J., DCM 29

Christine B., DCM 31

Greg M., DCM 47

Dani B., DCM 50

Leadership in A.A.

Treatment/Accessibilities Subcommittee

Paradise

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

Bridging the Gap: Q&A

Moderator: Jim L., Area 59 BTG Coordinator

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4:00 – 4:45 pm	Boards: Where the Spiritual Meets the Legal Matt K., AAWS Board Non-Trustee Director	Lincoln Theater
4:50 – 5:30 pm	G.S.O. Update Eileen A., G.S.O. Staff, Nominating Assignment	Lincoln Theater
SATURDAY EVENING		
6:15 pm	Banquet	Ballrooms A&B
8:15 – 10:15 pm	A.A. Speaker Meeting • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> • <i>ASL provided</i> Chairperson: Dan B., Area Delegate Introduction of Panel 77 Officers Sobriety Countdown Introduction of Panel 75 Area Committee Members Seventh Tradition Collection for General Service Board Contributions A.A. Speaker: Matt K., AAWS Board Non-Trustee Director	Lincoln Theater
10:30 pm – 12:30 am	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom B
10:30 pm – 12:30 am	DJ Dance	Ballroom B
12:00 – 1:00 am	Midnight Meeting Chairpersons: Roisin B., Frank B., NEYPAA	Marietta

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

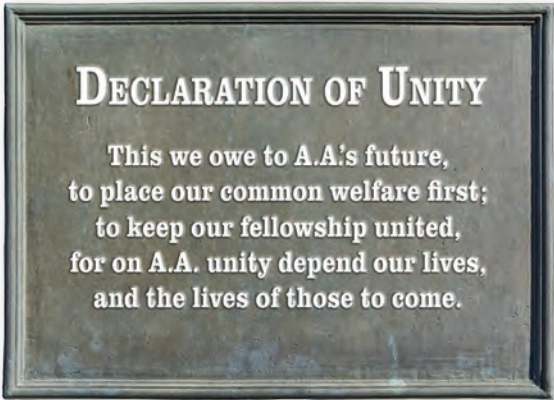
The Kinderhook Room will be available for AI-Anon Meetings

The Wyndham Resort is a “No Smoking” Facility

SUNDAY MORNING		
6:00 – 7:00 am	A.A. Meeting: Upon Awakening Chairperson: Lindsey G., GSR, Journey to Freedom, D51	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: Matt K., AAWS Board Non-Trustee Director 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 Statement and Serenity Prayer Pete B., Convention Committee Chair, Panel 73 Past Delegate Dan B., Area Delegate	



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.... Recording Secretary & Past Delegate, Panel 71
Pat F. Social Secretary & Past Delegate, Panel 65
Tate S. Treasurer & Past DCM D59
Lowell L. Past Delegate, Panel 59
Hugh H. Past Delegate, Panel 61
Steve O. Past Delegate, Panel 63
Paul M. Past Delegate, Panel 67
Dan B. Delegate, Panel 75



Guest Observer

Dr. Joshua W. Baker, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Thank you for attending and participating in the 69th Annual EPGSA Convention & Assembly

We hope you will plan to join us for our 70th Annual Convention
and Assembly, November 12-14, 2027!

Have a safe trip home!



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