

AREA 60 OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL SERVICE, INC.

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1st Quarterly Meeting

January 27, 2013

COMFORT INN – PENN HILLS, PA.

- 1 Chairperson John K. opened the 1st Quarterly Meeting at 10:16AM with the Serenity Prayer.
- 2 **Alternate Chairperson's Report:** Diana G. asked Loyal W. for a Reading from the AA Service Manual. Loyal read from the Concepts I, Pgs 8 and 9. Diana: read the Voting Procedures, gave an update on the State Convention. The PA State Convention will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary August 3-5th, 2013. Many interesting speakers are lined up, the committee is off to a slow start probably a communication problem which is being corrected.

3 **ROLL CALL: Richard C.**

Elected Officers Present:

Delegate – Yvette N. Alt Delegate – George K. Chairperson – John K..

Alt Chairperson- Diana G. Treasurer – Barb D.

Appointed Officers Present:

Recording Secretary – Richard C. Registrar – Teresa K. Newsletter - Barb G.

Coordinators / Alternate Coordinators Present:

Corrections – Eddie P. Literature –Otto S. Alt Literature – Philip G. Grapevine- Ted G. Website – Mario D.
Alt Website – Hubert H. Archives – Denis M. Alt Archives – Dick C. T/SNA- Chris G. Alt T/SNA – Steve W.

Past Delegates Present:

Panel 55 – Chuck H. Panel 61 – Jean M.

District Committee Members Present:

(District #: DCM, Alt. DCM, GSRs, Others):

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#15: 1,1,2,0 #16: 1,1,0,3 #18: 1,0,1,1, #19: 1,1,0,0 #20: 1,1,0,0 #22: 1,0,0,0 #23: 1,1,2,1 #24: 0,1,5,1 #25: 1,0,1,0
#27: 1,1,8,5 #28: 1,1,4,1 #29: 1,1,0,0 #40: 1,0,0,1, #41: 1,1,2,4 #45: 1,1,0,1, #51: 1,0,0,1 #61: 1,1,1,1 #62: 1,0,0,0
#65: 1,0,0,0 #70: 1,1,0,0 #71: 1,0,1,0

29 of 45 districts represented: 5 elected officers, 3 appointed officers, 2 past delegates,
10 coordinators and alternates. 28 DCMs, 13 Alt. DCMs, 58 GSRs and 25 Other AA members. Total attendance: 134.
Total eligible voting members: 49.

- 4 **Delegates Report:** Yvette N. – Stated she had received many emails from the other Delegates welcoming her after the election. I have received my Conference Package and my buddy for the Conference is Lela, Delegate from No. Calif. The Committee I have been assigned is Finance and expect the background info 1 month before the Conference. “Takes its Inventory” is the theme for the Conference this year. In fact the Conference will be taking its inventory this year. Delegates will be assigned to groups to discuss the questions. NERAASA is coming up in Feb. and I hope many of you will attend. I hope to present a bid for NERAASA 2016. I would like a sense of the meeting to give me permission to do that. * Vote was unanimous* Next step I will present it to the NERAASA business meeting and then to the General Service Conference. Thank you for allowing me to serve, I feel so humble that I get to represent our Area.
- 5 **Alternate Delegate's Report:** George K. - Thanked all for attending & serving today. Talked about packets for DCMs and GSRs being available here and on the website. Introduced himself as chair of the GAW, explained what the GAW is. Stated he has volunteer sign-up sheets for the GAW & requested that one of the Districts step forward to host the Hospitality Room. The speaker will be Tracy O. from the GSO Corrections Committee. Format for the GAW will be about the same as last year but there is 1 change – there will be a panel to discuss the Correction Committee agenda items – like we used to do in the mini conference format. There will be a couple fun events. George also informed us of how he started coming to the GAW many years ago.

- 6 **Secretary's Report:** Richard C. – Hi everyone. Surprise! I am filling in because the elected Secretary resigned already – said he was overwhelmed. Can't say I blame him. If anyone has any changes or corrections to the 4th Quarterly minutes now is the time to present them. I am not going to read the minutes but will give a couple highlights. We'll elect a new Secretary at the Pre-Conference Assembly. A new Recording Secretary is ready to take over - Jim L. from Uniontown is with us today and is standing in the back of the room. Hope to serve you to the best of my ability.
- 7 **Final Treasurer's Report:** Spencer A. – Congratulations to Yvette for being assigned to the Finance Committee. For the final report we'll begin with the 4th Quarter and move to year to date. The \$850 listed in Non-Profit/Incorp was for Re-Incorporation. We were a little over \$5000 in the black for 2012. Ending balances were \$24,599.33 in checking, and \$9,320.64 in Prudent Reserve. Total money on hand is \$33,920.17. Stated that we should have an expert do our tax return every year so we won't have a problem again and so, we should have a tax return line item. Spencer talked about seed money for DOSs and how there were 4 separate instances where seed money was given but only 1 District paid it back. One DCM came to the mike and asked if it was expected to be paid back. Yvette N. then read from the guidelines about DOS seed money return. Chris G. motioned to accept the Treasurer's report it was seconded and carried unanimously.

APPOINTED OFFICERS & SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORTS:

- 8 **Registrar:** Teresa K.- 1) It is an honor and a pleasure to be your registrar, thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. I have been working on learning the software available by GSO, and have been making changes as they come in. Doing my best to keep up. I have all the GIPS and change forms available for all district's. I want to say a big thanks to Barb D., who tirelessly answered my calls and multiple questions regarding navigating around in the software. 2) To all DCMs – please review your District's GIPS and pay close attention to the ones that are highlighted as “incomplete or unknown”. I have about 100 of them to correct and I need all of your help to reduce that number. 3) The District change form online still has Barb D's address on it. However, if you fill them out online they will still get to me. I have corrected copies with me if you intended on mailing them with my corrected address. 4) The next Northeast Directory will not be out until next year but please remember to get these forms back to me as soon as possible, so I can make the changes for GSO. TY again. Respectfully Teresa K.
- 9 **Newsletter Editor:** Barb G. - Rewards of Service is a good theme. I've been thinking of some new things for the Newsletter such as ; an “Archives Corner”, a “Grapevine” section, a little humor, a list of officers and coordinators on the back to name a few. The deadline for the next Newsletter is May 3rd, “Solution in Action” will be the Topic for discussion.
- 10 **Website Coordinator:** Mario D. – We are aware that a lot of info is incorrect. We have been getting a few requests for changes – being elections were just done. After speaking with the Webmaster we are waiting for the Confidential List from the Secretary or Recording Secretary. All DCMs or Alternates, please look over your District Meeting List. Our website info is only as up-to-date as we are kept informed by you.
- 11 **Archives Coordinator:** Denis M. – I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Area 60 Archives Coordinator. I will do my best to fulfill my duties of this position. At the present time, I do not have much to report as we are just getting started for 2013. I do have group history forms available for any group needing them. I am also available for the Days Of Sharing
- 12 **Corrections Committee Coord.:** 1) Will have New P.O. Box I believe tomorrow – I will communicate the new address as soon as possible. 2) 12 contacts received – initial contact has been made with interested individuals. Once I establish contact with their district, and establish a connection with a member of our fellowship, I send them a follow up letter with vital information. 3) Any District interested in having Corrections attend their meeting please give me some time in advance to prepare. 4) I will be updating & reprinting Pre-Release Contact Forms with the new Corrections P.O. Box. If you have any questions about Pre-Release Forms or Corrections related questions, please feel free to see me today or contact me.
- 13 **CPC/PI Coordinator:** Mack M.
- 14 **Grapevine Coordinator:** Ted G. – Just took over and still getting my feet under me. Looking for an Alternate.
- 15 **Literature Coordinator:** Otto S. - Report given by his Alternate Philip G. We are set up outside there but we don't have all the material available, and we didn't get our order in yet. We apologize.
- 16 **TF/SNA Coordinator:** Chris G. - I will be happy to bring a presentation to any District. I do ask you to ask me with plenty of time before you want me so I can arrange things.

- 17 **Budget Committee:** Jean M. – Alternate Treasurer spoke on the purpose of this Ad Hoc Committee. Listed her Committee which includes 4 people from 4 different Districts one of which is a Past Delegate also. Proposed that the Area partially fund the Archives Coord., Archivist, Registrar, and Newsletter. Motion is under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 18 **John K. reviewed the calendar** – The 2nd Quarterly has been changed to 19 May 2013.
- 19 **Rotating Quarterly meetings among the Districts** - Chuck H. Past Delegate proposed forming a Site Committee to arrange for places, and sign contracts so the DCMs won't have to be totally responsible. Yvette N. reminded everyone that this plan to rotate the Meeting hasn't been approved yet. We just opened the discussion. The purpose is to try to open this meeting up to other people who won't or can't travel. This process could take up to two years. Chris G. stated we would have to approve budgets to compensate for increased travel and would have to set limits on Hotel or Hall prices. Jean M. Past Delegate stood and said we can't do it this year or next because of existing contracts and the fact that reserving this Hotel has to be done at least 1 year ahead. Suggested having a traveling GSR workshop to test the waters. Rick S. DCM from District 3 asked if we were more centrally located would more attend? Also, he asked if we get a discount from this Hotel? The answers were various for the first question with a reference to Butler and Indiana and what the attendance was there. The answer to the second question was yes we get a discount normally given groups who have events here. Discussion ended
- 20 **501-C3** – There was a discussion over the good sense to hire a professional to keep us up to date with the Fed. Govt. A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

- 21 **Day Of Sharing Bids:**
District 19 – September 14th - was set tentatively – needs flyer
District 23 – March 9th – accepted
District 27 – May 4th – flyer to come
- 22 **Filling the Position of Archivist:** Some discussion over procedure and whether the position was approved. The difference between Archivist & Archives Coordinator was read. A motion was made by Lisa V. Dist 23 that Al C. be appointed Archivist seconded by Frank B. Dist. 25. It was approved unanimously. Wayne S. Dist 2 made a suggestion that last names be taken out of any Archives stuff so that anonymity can be maintained forever.
- 23 **Budget Committee: 1)** Need to set up budget for Archivist – the original idea was \$250 but after some discussion the figure of \$500 was settled on. The reason for a budget is travel and administrative costs. A motion was made from Becky C. Dist. 27 and seconded by Jay P. Dist 19. The motion was passed unanimously. **2)** It was suggested to send Al C. to the Annual Archivist Workshop in Springfield, Ill. The discussion that followed was lively. The money needed would not come from the Archivist budget. Is there a cost? - \$1100. Is it Prudent? Will we be sending someone every year? – most likely. There is sense in trying to aid the person in charge of our history to get educated about caring for it. A motion was made to send Al C. to the Archivist Workshop by Jay P. Dist 19 and I didn't catch who seconded it, but it was seconded and voted on. There were 2 opposed – the motion carried and the minority opinion was heard. No one indicated a change of vote so the motion was carried.
- 3)** From earlier in the meeting – Motion to partially fund Archivist, Archives Coordinator, Registrar, & Newsletter Editor to attend NERAASA by Mike S. Dist 16, second by Becky C. Dist 27. 1 opposed / 48 for – motion carried

DCM REPORTS:

District 3 - DCM Rick S. 14 Home Groups in the Pittsburgh communities of North Side, Bellevue, and Avalon. Meet at Church of the Epiphany in Bellevue on the Thursday before the Area Meetings. The Tuesday Night NorthSiders hosted a New Years Eve Dinner Dance at St. Boniface Church. We continue to take a meeting and literature into Western Penitentiary four times a week. We are in the early stages of planning a Day of Sharing. Dist 3 will host and will be looking to coordinate with adjacent Districts to help.

District 5 - DCM Jeffrey L. 34 Home Groups, Hoping to have Day of Sharing in September.

District 15 - DCM Paul L., Located in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties and comprised of 26 groups. We had 32 in attendance at our last District meeting. Our annual New Years Celebration was well attended and was a real success as a District fundraiser. We have our District's 27th Anniversary coming up on Thursday, February 14 to be held in Brookville,

PA. We are also planning a Workshop to be held in May or June for all to attend. Details to be finalized at the next District meeting. We are also in the early stages of planning our next Fall Day of Sharing to be held in October.

District 16 – DCM Mike S. Had elections and will work with Dist 40 for a DOS.

District 2 – DCM Wayne S. No Report

District 8 – DCM Barry Y., First I want to say it's an honor and privilege to stand as DCM for Dist. 8. We will have our District 8 meeting February 8th at 3 PM at St. John Mark Lutheran Church – 225 E. 10th and Ann Sts., Homestead. Our District picnic will be June 29th at Renzie Park, McKeesport, blue top pavilion from noon till dark. We have 24 groups and at our last Dist Meeting we filled all positions.

District 14 – DCM Michele D., 28 GSRs attend our District meeting.

District 11 – DCM Bill W., We have 26 Home Groups with 12 -14 in attendance. Treatment facilities are covered for the rest of January and February. We currently have 8 treatment commitments. Our District meeting travels to different Home Groups. Our next District meeting is February 20th at the Parkway West location.

District 6 – DCM Patrick H., 25 groups with 5 - 8 in attendance.

Hi My name is Pat H. and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the new District 6 DCM.

1. Gratitude for the devoted service of :a) Kevin C. our former DCM b) Fred S. our former Secretary, as well as Jim J. our past & current Treasurer c) We welcomed 3 new GSR's to our Dist. Mtg. last Sunday, & elected new officers except for Alt DCM.
2. Express my personal gratitude for the opportunity to serve as DCM. I intend to encourage the participation of more groups in our district, and to continue to report to our Area as required. We typically have 8 groups out of 25 at our monthly Dist. mtgs.
3. Plans and discussion are already underway for a Day of Sharing this fall, hopefully with the continued collaboration of Districts #8 & # 28, who have shared many such successful events with us.
4. Our H&I committee is busy as usual and doing well under the very capable direction of five coordinators taking meetings and literature in to several facilities.
5. Thank you.

District 40 – DCM Bob R., The District is doing all right. Had an election of Officers and I am the new DCM. We still have a lot of positions open. Have no Alt DCM. In the planning stage of having a Day of Sharing with Dist 16.

District 41 – DCM Jon M., District 41 is home to 13 Groups and we hold our District Meeting on the 3rd Wed. of each month at the Hiram G. Andrews Center Seminar Theater, 727 Goucher St., Johnstown, PA at 6:15 PM. Our last district meeting was held on January 16th of this year. Seven of our thirteen groups were represented, with a total of 12 in attendance. The continued need for revising the 2005 District Guidelines was discussed and was tabled to our next meeting. New meeting lists were reviewed in December and printed in January, then made available at the District meeting. The formation of a TF and SNA subcommittee was discussed, as it has been an ongoing need in our district. Initial planning will be discussed at the next meeting. The East Hills Group, Richland Township, celebrated their 24th anniversary on January 24th with approximately 75 people attending for food, fellowship, and a guest speaker. A number of interested AA members in our district have discussed the reintroduction of social events such as dances or holiday parties for the Johnstown area, possibly beginning with a St. Patrick's day dance. In December we re-held elections for DCM and Secretary. Karen S. became our new Secretary and I became the new DCM. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my district and look forward to growing in service. Thank You

District 45 – DCM Andrea S.

District 51 – DCM Kevin P. 13 Home Groups

District 29 – DCM Kevin H.

District 19 – DCM Jay P., 16 Home Groups

District 18 – DCM Al H.,

District 22 – DCM Jim B., We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. Six groups have been represented and are getting active. We have filled 5 positions; Secretary, Treasurer, CPC Rep, Corrections Coord., Treatment Fac. Coord. A few us visited a District 11 meeting to see how meetings are conducted. It was a good example of how we should do it. We are getting involved and looking for more service opportunities. Currently we have two groups that are committed to existing facilities. We are composing a District meeting list.

District 20 – DCM Regis S. had to go to work – no report.

District 23 – DCM Lisa V., New Trusted Servants: DCM Lisa V., Alt DCM Margie S., plus new Secretary, Treasurer, PI/CPC, Coord., H&I Chair, Special Needs Coord., Newsletter Editor, etc. All positions filled except for Archivist. DCM, Alt DCM, plus at least 2 others from District 23 will be attending NERAASA. We will be holding our monthly business meeting this coming Friday at 6:30 PM in Jeanette as usual. In Love and Service Lisa V.

District 24 – DCM Betsy M., Alt DCM Pete H. reported Betsy in hospital and they have 18 Home Groups

District 71 – DCM Beth H. Would like to discuss merger with Dist 7 with someone. 10 Home Groups.

District 70 – DCM Brian H. 8 Home groups

District 65 – DCM Loyal W. Not present when called - they have 10 meetings a week.

District 25 – DCM Frank B. District 25 meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church 252 College Ave., Beaver, PA 15009. Elections were held in October – still in need of a Grapevine & Literature Coordinators. Corrections, Treatment, PI/CPC, and Archives are doing well and getting the message out. We currently have 12 active groups in the district, a few new groups doing well and a few have changed either times or locations and are doing well. New meeting lists are being printed for distribution. Tim T. the Alt DCM and myself plan on visiting other groups to get some more involved with the District. We are happy with the direction of the District. Our website is up and running at top performance with very current information. It is www.beavercountyaa.org - please visit and give us any info you might want passed on. Thanks for letting me serve Frank B

District 27 – DCM Becky C. District 27 consists of 31 Home Groups, holding 33 weekly meetings with a good mix of discussion, speaker, Big Book, and 12 & 12 study meetings. Our monthly District GSR meeting is held the first Sunday of the month, except Super Bowl Sunday and Labor Day weekend, when it is held the following week. We meet at the Allegheny Valley Hospital on the third floor in room 4C at 6:00 PM. Twenty one GSRs attended the January meeting along with the officers and three of the 6 committee chairs. At present we have a full slate of officers and all committee chairs are filled. We hold several events each year which shows those entering the fellowship that life can be fun without having an alcoholic beverage in hand. These are the annual family picnic in July and a family friendly New Year’s Eve party. An open meeting is held at both. Our plans for the year also include a Day of Sharing with a tentative May date, and a Gratitude Breakfast, possibly in November, to help carry the message. As plans firm up, more information will be made available to the Area membership. Respectfully submitted Becky C.

District 62 – DCM Ed Haskins 17 Home Groups

District 61 – DCM Bill H. 23 Home Groups

District 28 – DCM Gregg N.

District 21 – DCM Tom M. 22 Home Groups given by GSR

OPEN MICROPHONE: Tony W. stated that the man we approved for Archivist was not here. There should have been at least another choice. Some items on the agenda were not discussed. Richard C. and Yvette N. both had some comments about the agenda and why it is called a tentative agenda. Teresa K. reminded everyone there were GIPS to be picked up and if your DCM is not here please pick up for the District. Mario D. stated the need for a new Confidential List. Diana G. commented about how important the DCM Reports are and we need to show the DCMs respect while they are at the microphone. In other words keep the conversations to a minimum. Also written DCM reports get into the Minutes.

ADJOURNED with the Responsibility Statement:

*I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

PANEL 63: 2013-2014

ELECTED OFFICERS

<p><u>Delegate</u> Yvette N. delegate@wpaarea60.org</p>	<p><u>Chairperson</u> John K. chairperson@wpaarea60.org</p>	<p><u>Secretary</u> Richard C. secretary@wpaarea60.org</p>
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

<p><u>Recording Secretary</u> Richard C. recsec@wpaarea60.org</p>	<p><u>Registrar</u> Teresa K. registrar@wpaarea60.org</p>	<p><u>Alternate Treasurer</u> Jean M. treasurer@wpaarea60.org</p>
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PAST DELEGATES

<p>Panel 15 Ray M.</p>	<p>Panel 23 Francis Fl.</p>	<p>Panel 31 Bud T.</p>
<p>Panel 33 Carol K.</p>	<p>Panel 45 Matt H.</p>	<p>Panel 49 Arlene H.</p>

Panel 51 Vaughn H.	Panel 53 John W.	Panel 55 Chuck H.
Panel 57 Janet H.	Panel 59 Bonnie S.	Panel 61 Jean M.

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From Business Route 22 West to 791 N., Rodi Road. The Comfort Inn is about ¼ mile on the right. Follow signs to the hotel at the top of the hill.

