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Notes from the 3rd Quarterly Meeting of Area 60

- The book “AA Comes of Age” is now available in e-book format (Amazon, iTunes, B&N)
- Reminder about Direct Draft Deposit to GSO for Groups and/or Members – it’s an easy way to contribute regularly
- Birthday envelopes are available for free from GSO through the AA website – suggest donating a penny a day, a dollar per year, or whatever you feel comfortable with on your anniversary.
- International Convention: 10,000 registrations the 1st day, 27,000 registered so far
- PENSCYPAA (Pennsylvania State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) gave a presentation on how younger members of AA’s need the guidance of older AA’s and while frequently blamed for disturbances are equally members and equally carry the message. This was a very well put together and impassioned talk about prejudice within AA and how like any prejudice it is based on fear and not reality or “finding the next right thing”.
- The newsletter for next quarter will be on the topic of “Diversity in AA: Our Heritage of Inclusion” and anyone can submit stories, drawings, jokes etc...
- Final corrected group information will be sent to the area in the first week of January – if any group needs to be update their information please get the info to me before then.
- “Sober and Out” is a new book available from the Grapevine. Reviews are inspiring, with readers seeing it as another book of stories from alcoholics, all with the same problem, all useful stories.
- Quote: “Don’t leave after the miracle happens” from past delegate Jean Martin, talking about how too often people come in and get sober and then do not continue to be involved in service and responsibilities.
- Quote: “Responsibility for passing on how to behave in meetings, for example keeping your butt in your chair from prayer to prayer and keeping phones in your pocket during meetings, falls to sponsors, supports and fellow members” –PENSCYPAA chairperson talking about how young and old alike have issues with responsibility and sober behavior during meetings, and the solution falls on us individually to be examples, regardless of age.
- Quote: “The young are no different than the older – all alcoholics – twelve steps, traditions, and finding a God that works in all of our lives individually” –PENSCYPAA chairperson

Grapevine Audio Project Beginning in mid-January 2013, Grapevine started collecting up to 7-minute stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings. The recorded stories will go through Grapevine's editorial process just like the stories published in the magazine and online. If your story is accepted, Grapevine will publish it online and/or transcribe it for the magazine or website.

More info online at www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal

1st Quarterly Meeting of Area 60 January 18th, 2015 at the Comfort Inn in the Penn Hills (Pittsburgh), 8:30am until it’s finished (bring a snack). District Officers, GSR’s and anyone interested in service are urged to attend.

-Jon M., DCM, District 41, Johnstown / December 17th, 2014