

Second Quarterly Meeting
 Area 60 Western PA General Service Inc.
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 Butler Days Inn, Butler PA
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OPEN: SERENITY PRAYER

Reading from the service manual:

Concept #12: Mary #28, Warranty #1: Rick DCM #7 Warranty #2: Michael #42

(FYI: the minutes from the 2nd Quarterly meeting AND the Agenda for the Post Conference Assembly are enclosed in this document)

Service Coordinators Sharing

Literature: Al C. Hi. My name is Al Coppock. I'm an alcoholic and the Area 60 Literature Coordinator. Since the 1st quarterly meeting, I've attended the East Liberty anniversary meeting, the Getaway Weekend/Pre-Conference assembly meeting, Districts 7,11,22, and 70 Day of Sharing, and Getaway Weekend planning and officers and coordinators meetings. I'm in the process of updating the pamphlets in the literature display racks as some of the pamphlets have been revised as a result of the changes recommended by the 2005 General Service Conference Advisory Actions, namely "The AA Group", "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship", "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic", and "Your AA General Service Office" and coincidentally there was an interesting article on literature in the Feb./Mar. 2006 issue of Box 459, entitled "How Does Your Group's Literature Stack Up?" dealing with displaying AA literature. I've made copies of the article and have them available at the literature display tables. I've also received an updated service piece "The AA Message in Print- Summary of Distribution" from the literature coordinator Adrienne B. at GSO in New York. I've made copies of that also and have them available. And lastly, I would like to mention that I would be happy to attend any group anniversary, district meeting, or Day of Sharing, but please give advance notice so that I may plan accordingly. And I'm still looking for an alternate, if anyone is interested, please let myself and the area officers know. Thank You, Yours in Love and Service, Area 60 Literature Coordinator, Al Coppock

Registrar: John W. I would like to take this time to talk about a few items of concern, Dark Districts, Group Listings in Directories and Position Kits.

What Constitutes a Dark District?

**1* A district that sends no one to represent it at area assemblies is said to have gone "dark." This occurs with the breakdown of the process by which general service reps (G.S.R.s) meet to elect a district committee member (D.C.M.) to attend area meetings. When the district goes dark, its members no longer have a voice in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.*

Why Groups are not Listed in the Directories

**2* Each year the GSO publishes seven different directories. These directories assist members who are traveling to find a meeting no matter where they are.*

Every year after the directories are published and distributed the GSO receives multiple calls from groups that for some reason or other are not reflected in the directories or the information associated with the group is outdated. Of course this causes concern within the group and could cause a traveling member not to get the fellowship he/she is seeking
There are a number of reasons that a groups information may not appear in the directories the most common are as follows: 1. There is no GSR or Mail Contact listed for the group 2. There is no phone number attached to the GSR or Mail Contact listed for the group 3. If the option to list name and telephone number in the directory on the New Group form or on the Group change form is checked NO.....OK TO LIST IN THE DIRECTORY? — Yes — No/4. If the Group has never registered with the GSO 5. If an incomplete record has been submitted for listing 6. Last but not least your Area/Group updates arrive at the GSO after the established deadline (May 1, 2006)

New Position Kits

**3* The process of updating Group and Individual records is a year around task as is the generation of new position kits. The process and time line associated with sending out the kits is as follows:*

1. A record of a change or update is received at the GSO Records department: let's say a new GSR is added to a group.
2. Updates and changes are processed in the order in which they are received. The Records department has a 21 business day turnaround timeline in which to update information into the database and return the disks to Area Registrars. (Processing time depends on the quantity of work that is pending processing)
3. At the time the record is updated into the

GSO database a request is automatically generated to produce and mail out the following kits:
 GSR.....DCM.....New Group.....Central Office/Intergroup.....Professional Community.....New Prison
 Group.....Prison Group Contact 4. Then within 3 business days the request is sent to one of the Fulfillment Centers used
 by AA. (Either Kansas or Canada) It is from one of these Fulfillment Centers that the packages are sent. 5. The
 turnaround time from the Fulfillment Center receiving, processing, mailing and receipt of the package to the designated
 recipient is 10-15 business days.6. *Alternate positions do NOT receive packages.*7. All other new position kits are sent
 directly from the service desk at the GSO. (I.e. Literature Chairs, Treatment Chairs etc...)***An incorrect or incomplete
 address can cause non delivery of packages i.e. no apartment number, building name or number***Copies of the Group
 Listing in Directories and New Position Kits can be found on the Registrar's table. Additionally when submitting group
 changes and new groups please make sure you are submitting the correct forms, I have been receiving group changes
 using the New Group forms. This creates confusion for GSO, there are group's listed two or more times that has been
 assigned different Service numbers and explains why some groups are not being credited for donations made.
 Respectfully Submitted ,John Webster Area 60 Registrar*1* Box 459 Vol. 52, No. 1 February-March 2006*2* GSO
 Records Dept. Delegate Area Program Instruction Manual*3* GSO Records Dept. Delegate Area Program Instruction
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Website: Bill G.: I would like to remind everyone that if you have any changes to your meeting lists or a flyer about an
 event in you District, please email or snail mail it to me and I will see that it gets put on the website. Remember last
 names are a definite no no!!! The website can be seen by anyone, so anonymity is of the utmost importance. The seasons
 for District Days of Sharing (DOS) are upon us and I look forward to visiting the different Districts to join their DOS. I
 have already enjoyed a DOS at Carnegie; I would like to thank Otto S. for volunteering to be my alternate. Welcome
 aboard Otto. 157 Hammer Ave. Johnstown, PA 115905-4714 or website@wpaarea60.org yours in love and service,
 William Greene Area 60 Website Coordinator and Otto S. Alternate Website Coordinator (total monthly visits to the web
 since June 2005 are 14048, total hits to the website since June 2005 are 944244!!!!)

PI/CPC: Mary S.: Out thanks to all of you who are helping to carry the message to the PI who work with the suffering
 alcoholics. Be sure to read "Seeds of Service" page #5 to see a letter to DCMs by Kevin S. District #8 compiled a
 "newcomer package" In my home group the GSR gives a packet to a nervous person who states I am Bill and this is my
 first meeting". I've watched the newcomer hold onto the packet as though it is a life line. It is DCM's ask your GSR's to
 help extend the hand of AA beyond the weekly meeting.

Grapevine: Paula H.: I want to remind everyone that the cassette tapes are on sale for \$5. I was very pleased to have
 been invited to the Carnegie Group DOS, it was a wonderful day with great workshops and food, it also gave me an
 opportunity to show one of my sponsee's what a DOS is and what an experience it is to go to a DOS and how friendly
 the people really are in AA. Yours in Love and Service, Paula H.

Treatment Facilities: Deanna G.: Hi everyone I'm Deanna and I'm an alcoholic. First, I would like to thank those that
 worked so very hard at the GAW and also take this opportunity again, to thank those that participated on the Tx Fac.
 Committee mock conference. There are two pieces of service material that were sent to me by GSO, one is called the AA
 Fact Sheet which includes the Preamble of AA-What AA does and What AA does not do-Revised 20023. and the reason
 I bring this up is because I've never seen it before. I can email it to whoever would like a copy. Another piece of service
 material I received and had never seen before is, Sharing Experience On coping with Influx of New Members. Its about 4
 pages of information-revised 2002-both can easily be emailed unless you don't have email let me know during one of the
 breaks, to make arrangements see to it a copy is sent to you. I'll also have some copies made to have with the Tx Fac
 "read the literature" display the next time we meet here. DCMs and or GSRs if there is anything that I may be able to do
 to help, please let me know, my email address is treatment@wpaparea60.org and I'll be listening to your reports here
 today. Thanks for the opportunity to service, Love and service Deanna

Corrections Committee: Joby G.: My name is Joby and I'm an alcoholic. The Pre-release contact program is going
 well. We receive approximately 15 letters per month from inmates all over. I had the opportunity to meet an inmate at
 the Erie Spring Conference who had contacted me from one of the Correction Facilities. I talked with him for quite some
 time and he seemed to be doing well. As corrections coordinator I received a list of Correctional Facility Bridging the
 Gap and K&I chairs for the US and Canada which will help me with this work. Also; you might be interested to know
 that the price of 50 assorted back issues of the Grapevine will be \$30 plus \$6 shipping as of 7-1-06. Committees wishing
 to take advantage of this opportunity to share our meeting in print with those on the inside, see me for more information.
 Thank you

Newsletter: Richard S.: the deadline for the next newsletter is August 10th, 2006, those articles that did not make it into
 the last newsletter will be published at that time. Thanks

ROLL CALL**Present Officers:**

Chair: Richard C. Alt. Chair: Bonnie S. Delegate: Chuck H.,
 Alt. Delegate: Jan H. Secretary: Mary Ann K. Treasurer: Sue H.

Present Coordinators:

Rcd. Secretary: Abby B. Literature: Al C. Newsletter: Richard S.
 Grapevine: Paul H. TF: Deanna G. Website: Bill G.
 Archives: Ron N. Registrar: John W. PI/CPC: Mary S.
 Alt Reg: Jean M. Alt. Web: Otto S.

Past Delegate:

Panel 23: Francis F. Panel 45: Matt H. Panel 51: Vaughn H....

Present DCMs:

Example: District #, DCM, Alt. DCM, GSRs

#1: 1,0,4+1, #2: 0,0,0 #3:1,0,2 #4:1,0,1 #5:1,0,0 #6:1,1,1 #7:1,0,0 #8:0,1,5+2 #10: 1,1,0 #11: 1.0.5
 12:0,1+1 #14:1,1,1 #15:1,0,0 #16:0,0,0 #17:0,0,0,LCM+ #18:0,0,0 #19:1,1,1 #20:0,0,0 #21:0,0,0 #22:0,0,2 #23:1,10+1
 #24:0,0,1 #25:1,0,1 #27: 1,0,0 #28:1,12+1 #29:1.1.0 #31:0,0,0 #32:1,0,0 #33:0,0,0 #34:0,0,0 #36:0,0,0 #40:0,0,0
 #41:1,1,2+1 #42:1,0,+21 #43:0,0,0 #44:0,0,0 #45:0,0,0 #51:0,0,0 #52:1,0,1 #610,0,0 #62:0,0,0 #65:1,0,0 #70:0,0,0
 #71:1,0,1

*TOTAL MEMBERS:..... 6 officers.....10 coordinators.... 3 alternate coordinator.... 3 past delegates....23DCMs...8alt
 DCMs...34GSRs...1 LCM... 10 interested others....total in attendance=98*

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Richard C.

Hey every one. Can't say that I have been terribly busy since the Pre Conference Assembly but I have done a few things. Been to Erie (31, 32, 33, 34, 35,36), Warren (19), Olean New York (NY Penn Intgrp & 40), Punxytawney (15), & West Middlesex (52). I did miss a DOS at Carnegie put on by Districts 7, 11, 22, 70 because of a previous accepted commitment. I am sorry I missed it – I heard it was a good day and I congratulate those Districts for doing our first successful DOS of the year. Today we are here to do a little business for the Area. We have information to help everyone understand any new business items so we each can have an informed vote. Keep in mind we all have the right of decision - that's why our home groups and districts ask each of us to serve them. We are also here to hear information from each District so please pay each DCM a bit of respect as they give their reports. The results of our Area Inventory will be gone over today also. We are the collective group conscience of Western PA today. It would be great if most groups were represented, but we deal in reality here not ideality. Every one please be attentive and have a wonderful meeting today. I will be available for questions all day, as will all of the Area Offs. / Coords. I ask that no Business with Literature or Grapevine is done during the meeting except during breaks and after the meeting. Remember there is open mike at the end for questions and answers so stick around. If you wish to have any Area Officer or Coordinator visit your District or Home Group please ask us with plenty of lead-time so we may adjust our schedules. We all are committed to you and will travel. I thank District 8 for hosting this meeting today and I apologize to District 27. District 27 hosted our Pre Conference Assembly – did an awesome job, even working on clearing the Hospitality rooms which as I understand now they didn't need to do. I forgot to thank them that Sunday I thank you today and humbly apologize for my mistake. I am honored to be a servant for this Area. Richard T. Crum - Area 60 of Western PA General Service Inc. - Chairperson

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mary Ann K.

Hello and welcome to the 2nd Quarterly meeting of 2006. I would like to thank all of those that participated in the GAW. A special thank to the Report and Charter Committee who worked diligently on the agenda items. I enjoyed the experiences of attending a wonderful DOS in Carnegie and an anniversary in Punxy, which I also enjoyed immensely. The minutes that I receive from the various districts are greatly appreciated. I enjoy reading and learning the activities throughout the Area. I do not want to forget to thank everyone for partially supporting my journey to NERAASA in Vermont. The experience and knowledge gained is now being applied to our Area. As you can see we have a new format for dispersing the minutes. The minutes will now be posted on the website at www.wpaarea60.org and to assure that the minutes are sent out to everyone in attendance, you are to fill out an envelop with your name and address on it. This is your mailing envelope. We also have a new form for the DCMs to write their reports. We attempted a DCM report form in the past that was not fully accepted, the form has been revised and we will try this process one more time. This new form will allow more accurate and consistent information to be dispersed. Thanks to all for their cooperation. The form

can be obtained on the Area 60 web page. PLEASE use this form for your reports. IF you have any further suggestions, please inform me. It is an honor to serve you. Mary An K.

Treasurer's Report: see attached

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Hi everyone, welcome to the 2nd quarterly meeting of Area 60. I cannot believe that just a week ago, I was saying goodbye to the members of the 56th General Service Conference. Time has really gone by fast. I would like to take the this time to thank all of the districts that continue to send me their meeting minutes. I appreciate getting them and reading them. Included with this report is the March AAWS Highlights. I did not receive them in time to give them out at the recent pore-conference assembly. Some of the news is outdated but most of the news is still pertinent. Today, I would like to give you a small bait of information regarding wheat transpired at the 56th GSC. The theme for next year is "Our 12th Step Responsibility-Are we Going to Any Length and the Workshop topic for the 2007 GSC is "Spiritual Value of Our AA Dollars". You can read about the conference in the Early Bird Addition of the Box 459 that was given to you today. The rest of the conference report will be at the Post Conference Assembly in June. While at the conference, I received post cards from many DCMs and those attending the DOS in Carnegie, PA . Thank you all. I wish to announce that we have three new groups in Area 60. One each in Districts 14,15,and 21 is our first registered Spanish-speaking group. Welcome to our Area. Respectfully submitted, Chuck H.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT: JAN H.

Thank you to those DCM's that participated in the post card mailing to our Delegate while Chuck was attending the General Service Conference in NY. I know that his knowing that we were thinking about him and supporting him was special. The DOS in Carnegie done recently by Districts 7, 11, 22, and 70 was excellent. Seeing these districts work together to put on this day of great, informative workshops was a great example of the "we" of our beautiful program. I encourage you all to watch the Area calendar for upcoming Day of Sharing dates. Please make an effort to attend at least one of these Days of Sharing as one of your recovery experiences this year.Thank you to District #52 for their invitation to share in their GSR training in West Middlesex, PA. The people in attendance were enthusiastic and obviously ready and willing to serve. You will receive your copy of the Box 459 today. It is the newsletter of your General Service Office in New York. This copy has your summary glimpse of happenings at the 56th General Service Conference as well as the 2006 Conference Advisory Actions and additional considerations. Chuck will tell his experiences in his brief summary at the Area Post Conference Assembly on June 4. We will experience the conference through his daily journaling of his impressions, feelings, and activities. It will be just as if you were there. You will not want to miss his sharing. We can also look forward as well to receiving our full conference reports in the fall of this year. Chuck has graciously ordered 1000 copies for our Area, so there will be enough for everyone. These reports also are a wealth of information. Thank you to all of you for being examples of recovery, unity, and service. I encourage you to continue to keep stepping as you keep the service candle burning at your Districts and home groups.

Alternate Chairperson

Hello, and there are flyers to register for the State Convention in August.

DCM Reports

#42: DCM: Sam H. Secretary Frank Z. Treasurer Debbie C. H&I: Glen P. Committee meeting varies and is located at the Calvary Presby Church 7th and School St. Indiana, PA. 4 groups are registered and 4 attended the district meeting. Highlights: continue to carry the message to the "Open Door" and "Pine Grove SCI". The new noon meeting is Blairsville is doing OK. The district is participating in a DOS with 2 others on 6/10 St. Vincent College. The 57th Anniversary is Thursday 7/20/06 by the Indiana Friendly Group at Calvary Presby Church 7th and School St. Love and service Sam H.

#15: DCM: George K.: Things are going well in the District. We have finally managed to fill most of our position in the district. We now have new coordinators for both CPC/PI and the Corrections Committees. Both of these individuals are re-energizing their respective committees. CPC/PI had recently attended a Health Fair at the DuBois campus of Penn State. We had 8 members of the fellowship attend and assist at the fair. The Corrections Committee had addressed a few issues regarding some of our member being able to go into the jails and the number of members carrying the message into the jails had increased. At our most recent district meeting we had 20 people in attendance, including 11 GSRs, which represent a large majority of out total number of groups. On a more personal note, our District recently lost one of our members, Kermit from DuBois had passed away. Kermit was s very positive force in our fellowship and will be

sorely missed. As part of his service to others outside of the fellowship, Kermit served on the board of directors of the Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission. Upon learning of his passing, the board and the staff took up a collection among themselves of \$120 to be used in some fashion in Kermit's memory. The board members were absolutely delighted when they discovered that for their \$120, they could purchase 20 of the Big Books of AA. Consequently, all of our local high school libraries, libraries of our local universities, and all community libraries will now have a Big Book on their shelves. One of the reason I am telling this story is to point out the amazement of folks who are not members of our fellowship when informed that a Big Book only cost \$6. This is something that we of the fellowship take for granted and have to realize that without ongoing financial commitment to area and to NY, the \$6 Big Book will quickly become a thin of the past. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, George K.

#14:DCM Tom H: I have been very busy getting the GIPS straightened out for our district. There have been some changes. We have lost one group but gained two. Your trusted servant, Tom H.

#5: DCM; Kevin S.: Alt DCM; Tom M. Treasurer; Jen W. 22 groups. Started a PI/CPC committee by talking about it in district meetings, now the groups are stepping up. A committee and chairman and alternate have been elected, GSRs reports to their groups and people are going out grassroots spreading literature. Lists of local meetings as well as a stock of pamphlets, meeting lists, and newcomer packets are being sent out. The committee had its won meetings and reports progress to the district. By just talking about it at district the idea of spreading the word into the community, to professional, and those who contact drunks has grown legs and walked. Its 12-step work, its easy, fun, and it works. Please just do it. Bring it up at district group consciences.

#27: DCM: Arron P.: All is well. Our annual fellowship picnic will be held on July 2nd at Memorial Park. More information to follow.

#32: DCM: Wayne O., Secretary Terri A., Treasurer Diane W., Corrections: Joby G., District meeting held at St. Sterrettania???? Church on West Road, Mckean PA on the last Friday of every month at 6:30PM. Diana W. is the new GSR for the Mckean Monday night meeting and Kristin D. the new alternate GSR. Wednesday Scots group at 12 noon had Megan D as the new GSR. Monday Mckean with help from district #32 donated 19 Big Books to Albion State Prison. Were getting ready for the DOS on June 24th. Flyers are available.

#41: DCM: Bob S.: Our district committee meetings are held at 6PM on the first Sunday of each month in the Seminar Theater at the Hiram G Andrews enter, 727 Goucher St. in Johnstown. All AA members are welcome. At our district committee meeting in Mach, funds were set aside to provide literature to our treatment facilities committee. In April the motion was passed to form an ad hoc finance committee to create a budget and budget guidelines for the Treatment Facilities Committee. I updated the GIPs for District 41 and mailed them in to GSO. With them were three GIPS which had no district assigned. All three had a notation next to it the group name, which I believe indicates a prison group. By the city in which they were listed, I believe they were in District 43's geographical area. District 43, being a neighbor to my home district, is largely inactive, they have not been holding district meetings and the DCM has not been attending the Area functions. I sought information for Laurel Highlands Intergroup Correctional Facilities committee, but was unable to get updated accurate information by the May 1st deadline, so I sent them into GSO with the District 41 GIPs, with correction listing them in District 43. Will hold a workshop on "What is a GSR?" and "Where do we go from here?" later today at 5PM at the Hiram G Andrews Center 727 Goucher St. in Johnstown. Our district committee meeting will then follow. On July 9th the Laurel Highlands Intergroup will host the Serenity Picnic at McCormick Park in Portage, PA. A flyer can be viewed and downloaded at our district website at www.johnstownpa.com/district41 We look forward to helping out in District 17s DOS on September 23rd in Bedford. Thank you

#29: DCM: Juanita B.: Alternate DCM: Jeff H., Secretary: Marcia T., Treasurer: Dave G., PI/CPC: Skip G., TF/CF: Jeff D., also the archives, Spec Needs: Marianne N., District meeting is held monthly at 4PM at the Tradition One Club in Uniontown, PA. There are 23 groups registered and about 10 attend the district meeting. Highlights: we will be holding our next district meeting on May 21 with a O&C meeting. This is a quarterly meeting. DOS June 10th with districts 23 & 42 at St. Vincent's College and the 5th annual district picnic is scheduled for September.

#10: DCM: Irene K.: Alternate DCM: Damian W., Secretary: Andy H., Treasurer Frank K., District meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM at Sat. Josephs Church Coraopolis. There are 18 groups with about 7 attending the district meeting. Highlights: we are working on making sure that all groups in the district have a GSR. There is a concern about individuals attending meetings only to have court slips signed and the anonymity of members being affected. Is there anything that can be done on a higher level to address the courts of the importance of sending these individuals to open meetings only.

#7: DCM: the DOS went well. We got \$87. back. We are starting or trying to put big books and literature in public libraries.

#8: DCM; Judy H.: which includes Greenfield, Hazelwood, West Mifflin, Homestead, Munhall, Duquesne, east McKeesport, McKeesport, Glassport, Clairton, West Elizabeth, and Elizabeth. Due to family commitment I could not be with you all today. I'd like to thank you for letting District 8 host this quarterly meeting. I've had the opportunity to

attend many anniversaries in my district. They were Greenfield, No Butts, Clairton, Homestead Tuesday and Steelton. Every event was a blessing to be able to attend. The district appears to have more active GSRs due to personal contact with those meetings. I also had the opportunity to attend Carnegie's DOS. It was informative and interesting. Our PI committee distributed information to local magistrates. Our McKeesport Hospital Committee had continued to be well attended and well received. Our new archives committee had just started to collect group histories in District 8. We will be giving Area Archives copies of all our histories. I hope you all have a good day and I'll see you soon.

#11: DCM John P.: Alternate DCM: Ed N. Treas.: Mark S. PI/CPC: Jack B. Tx: Rick S. Committee meeting time and location varies. 21 groups in the district and 8-9 attend the district meeting. Highlights include a DOS held 4/22 with districts 7,22,& 70. We would like to thank Area 60 O&C that attended. Still visiting unrepresented groups. Elections will be held in October. District 11 may be found on web at www.AAPA11.org

#3: DCM Alvin S.: alt: none, Sec.: Kim S., Treasurer: Albert Z.. Committee meeting Thurs, 5/25 at North Boro's Group. There are 13 registered in the district with about 8 attending the district meeting. Highlights include the decision to keep Mercy Hospital in Dist 3. It had moved to Dist 20. Dist 3 will be able to finance it as long as it's in Dist 3, otherwise, we would have to get permission from the other 13 groups in Dist 3. Have been in contact with GSRs who do no object and in contact with the DCM. Note: hospital is geographical in district. Complete GIPS turned into registrar. Contacted Chuck, Diana Jan, or Bonnie.

#28: DCM Jean M.: meets monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM Laird Hall. Had 28 groups, 6 new GSRs, Kat H., Harrison City Hope Group, Bernie G., Delmont Does it Simple, Victoria B., Crossroads Group, Leo S. Monroeville 12&12, Amy F., Grapevine Study Group, Rich P., Pitcairn Attic Group. The GSR for the Plug In the Jug group has a rotated out and not replaced yet. I have visited all the groups in my district this quarter, and have started making the rounds for the second time already. Our district Grapevine Rep is planning a district Grapevine Workshop for September. It will be open to anyone interested. District 28 had 7 members at the GAW, 4 at the Carnegie DOS and continues to support the AA and our district magistrates. Meeting at the Gateway Rehab Facility in Monroeville with literature, and to support the AA Meetings at Torrance State Hospital four months per year. Than you for the opportunity to be of service Jean M. 28 is comprised of Monroeville, Murrys ville, Delmont, Harrison City, Trafford, Pitcairn, and Plum Boroughs, has 19 groups, 16 GSRs, 4 alt GSRs and 4 O&C. Attendance at meetings is 15 members.

#23: DCM: Matt Q.: DCM; Matt Q.: alt: Lee M. Sec: Marie M, Treasurer: Ed J., PI/CPC Nick N., SN/RC: Gary S., Answering Service: Cliff R., Web: Rob A., Archives: Todd V., DOS: Marie S., Grapevine: Rick M., HI: Chris G., Bridging the Gap: Tony A., Literature: Donald S. Committee meeting 1st Friday at 6: 30 PM at 4th and Bullit Sts in Jeannette PA. 38 registered groups and 26 attend the district meeting. 2 new groups "the Happy Hour Group" in Acme, PA on Fridays at 5: 30 PM and the "Jacobs Creek Big Book Group" on Mondays at 8:30PM also in Acme, PA. In August the HI picnic is at St. Vincent Grove on 8/13 at 12 PM. Hello to all, it is nice to see you all up here in Butler. We at #23 have been busy with a few things these last 3 months. We have been planning our DOS with #29 and 42. We had our last planning committee meeting yesterday (5/6/06). There was a little change in the facilities we are using this year at St. Vincent College so we had a walk through to get a little more familiarized. The DOS is in the amphitheater this year not in Piacio hall. We are very excited about doing this with our neighboring districts. Please come on down and visit us on 6-10-06 for a great DOS and fellowship. Our PI/CPC committee is busting loose. They have taken on a few projects that seem to be an excellent way to communicate with the public and professionals. They have had 2000 business cards made which have our hotline info on it and also they are checking with police stations and others to try to leave some mtg lists and a new 5x8 little sign that can be set out for people to look at. Great job PI/CPC. We as a district took it upon ourselves to try and help out in the need for financial support to our GSO. The members from the district sent \$200 to the New York at our April mtg. Hats off to them for wanting to do their share in doing a little extra. The answering service is working in the black now thanks to district contributions picking up. Myself and the alt DCM Lee M. were able to attend the GAW this year thanks to our district. We want to thank them for that honor. We had 6 others attend for the weekend also. As DCM and alt. We continue to reach out to our district and attend meetings through out it. I think this is a super way of knowing the heartbeat of our district. Thank you and God Bless Matt Q.

#17: DCM: Tammy L.: Has been busy helping out with the State Convention coming up in August and we are excited about the event being hosted in Altoona. We are planning a DOS which will be September 23 in Bedford PA. We look forward to both of these events. We have also been keeping the home fires burning in the district by continuing to have our officers and coordinators routinely visit our home groups and keep in touch with their GSRs. Our district continues to prosper as new meetings are starting each month and staying around to succeed. We are happy to se our district growing and reaching out to others. We look forward to continued success, as we remain responsible for reaching out the hand of AA. Respectfully yours Tammy L.DCM and John P. LCM

#24: DCM; Tammy H.: Our meetings attendance there is room for improvement. Myself and TJ have been visiting groups to see how the district can better serve them, and to find out the reason for some groups no longer attending. We

will have to purpose a new budget for our district. Contributions do not meet the needs of our simple everyday budget of expenses. A letter reminding groups we meet every 3rd Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church at 7PM and would like each group GSR or representative or anyone in the districts whom is interested to attend. Our dist meeting for this month is postponed until June 20th due to election being held in the church. Current information will be mailed to each group for this month. We hope to see more members at our next district meeting in June. Yours in service, Tammy H

#19: DCM: Mike J.: Alt. DCM. Pat B., Secretary.; Jeff E., Treasurer; Bill M., CPC/PO; Jane T., Men's jail; John B., Women's jail; Deb, H&I; Jim T., Archives; Pat B., Grapevine; Dale B., District committee meeting the last Sunday of the month at 6PM at the Jefferson Defrees Family Center. 18 groups are registered and 11 attend the district meeting. Highlights: we have put a committee together to put on a DOS, which I will be presenting today. Jane T. will be the chairperson they have informed me the only thing that I will be responsible for is showing up for the event. Our H&I committee had had several 12 step calls at the hospital and our state hospital meeting is going strong. We have a new women's jail chairperson Deb. Both the men's and women's jail meeting are doing well. The CPC/PI reported that the phone committee has had a total of 4 calls in the last 3 months. District 19 will be having a workshop on May 13, the topic will be the importance of a home group. Our social committee will be having their annual picnic on July 8, they will also be having a Halloween and New Years Dance.

#1: DCM: Kathy M., Alternate DCM: Jim W., Secretary: Bronia R., Treasurer: Betty S., H&I: Patty M. & Joe F., Answering Service: Lou C., Corrections: Rachel W. District meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM at St. John's Reformed Church with 20 average in attendance. . There are 32 groups and 1 pending. Highlights the new coordinator for the Butler Memorial Hospital meeting is doing great. The women's jail meeting is going well with more involvement for other women to take the meeting in. The "Chicken Coop Group" at Butler Memorial Park is holding pig Roast on June 25th. The district is planning a DOS for the fall. Also there are many planned picnics coming up. One last note, I was sad that I missed the GAW. I am proud of our district especially our coordinators. Everyone has been very attentive at our meetings and I am happy that the Area Delegate is reviewing our notes.

#52: DCM: Robert E., Alternate DCM: Steven H., Secretary Desire A., Treasurer: Bard E.. District meeting is held at Morrison Hall in Sharon, PA with zero in attendance. There are 15 meetings registered in the district. Highlights: workshop of service held 4/29. There was a sparse showing of GSRs or interested parties. It was informative and fun. Committee for H&I, PI, and corrections has rented a pavilion and set a date for the picnic. The date will be June 24th from 11 AM to 6PM. A Big Book drive will be held along with the picnic. The collected books will go to jails and prisons. Tom F. continues to develop the fundraiser of the spaghetti dinner for the phone service. District 52 continues to work to carry the message of AA. DOS in Sharon PA is 8/26 at St. Josephs Church on State Street and Case Avenue in Sharon, PA.

#65: DCM: Barbara R., Alt DCM: 0 Secretary: Patti W., Treasurer Laura D., Corrections: Patti W., H&I: Sue N. and Jim A., Grapevine: Ed, PI/CPC: 0. Committee meeting is held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Kittanning, PA with 5-8 in attendance. There are 10 meetings registered in the district. Highlights: there has been a first quarterly newsletter and improvement in committees and volunteers. There will be a district picnic on July 15th at Crooked Creek Park with the flyer available to those interested.

#71: DCM: Edward M., Alternate: 0, Secretary: 0, treasurer Diane F., coordinators: 0. Committee meeting was held on 4/25 at 7PM at Mitchell's Corner with 2 in attendance. There are 10 meetings registered in the district. Highlights: discussed the frequency of meetings, contributions, literature in institutions, DOS, Area 60 literature/letters, GSO conference agenda items, sales and purchase of Hazeldon literature by home groups, and Area 60 quarterly meetings.

#25: DCM: Mike D. standing in until replaced, Secretary: Chris D., Treasurer: Mike D. Committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday on the month at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver, PA with 18 meeting registered to the district and 10 represented at the district meeting. Highlights: we are currently in the process of electing a new DCM and alternate DCM. We had a good turn out at our last GSR meeting. There are more interested in service and the idea is picking up. A few of us shred what we got out of the GAW and GIP sheets were done to the best of my ability. We have a few groups struggling; one of them is Wednesday Moving n Common Ground group in Beaver and the Saturday Night Midland Group. I had the opportunity to attend my 1st DOS in Carnegie and strongly enjoyed it.

#6: DCM: Goeffrey C. Next district meeting will be Friday June 2nd at Braddock Friday Night Group at 6:45PM. The last district meeting was well attended. I will talk to John W. about the GIPS. The district is comprised of Penn Hills, Wilksburg, N. Braddock, Bradock, Swissvale, Churchill, regent Square, Turtle Creek, Edgewood, Verona, and East Pittsburgh. We continue to take meetings into the following institutions: Braddock hospital detox and dual diagnostic, Gateway Braddock, Transitional Pyramid in Wilksburg, and as of April we've included links to the Women's Shelter in Penn Hills. There are Institutional meetings every night of the week in District #6, some day 2-3 meetings. We ask contributions of literature within our district to help support our institutional commitments. We also spend a large portion of our budget on literature. Sunday morning open speaker meeting at Braddock Hospital no longer meeting. It has been changed into a closed institution meeting.

#4: DCM: Jerry L. This report begins in a somber note. One of the seven meeting in our district, The St. Mary's Wednesday night open speaker meeting was placed on the endangered meeting list in January of 2006. Due to waning financial support and an aging 3 active member home group it was decided that this meeting would celebrate its 26th anniversary on April 26th and then be laid to rest. Despite 11th hour heroic attempts by myself and others to rescue a meeting that in its heyday launched many great sobrieties, the meeting would take its last breaths on 4-26-06. The obituary was placed in the Greater Pittsburgh AA Newsletter. As the anniversary date approached final preparations were made, heads hung low, and sadness abounded. All hope was lost. As our vigil continued, our old friend, supporter of District 4 and Area 60, the St. Mary's Wednesday Night meeting lie dying and taking its last breaths, the realization came that no human power could forestall its untimely demise. We gave thanks for the meeting and prayed. Our higher power, however had other ideas for this meeting and in the final week of its life, 4 staunch AAers stepped forward and what was to be a wake on April 26th became a celebration of life and the rebirth of the St Mary's Wed Night meeting. They were giving back what was so freely given to them and the meeting now goes on. In other news, the district held its quarterly meeting on 4-30. Only 2 of 7 GSRs attended and the following was decided. That the e 5 year sobriety requirement for DCM would be waived, in lieu of a 2 year sobriety if a aGSR had the desire to be the DCM and the willingness to attend Area 60 meetings. That by a landslide unanimous vote of 2-0, Jerry L is now DCM and Sunil D is district secretary. That the quarterly district meeting will be held prior to the St. Mary Wed Night meeting as a way of showing our support for that meeting. Thanks for your support and more will be revealed, jerry L.

Old Business

- Review of Calendar: see below
- Area Inventory Result: 29 responded. Jan H., Alt. Delegate
Jan shared a brief summary of the responses given by the 29 participants in the Area Inventory at the workshop at the first Area Quarterly meeting. The inventory was intended to review the understanding of the Area Committee's purpose; gather suggestions for carrying the message and what we have done so far; review the extent of our reach to the suffering alcoholic; examine the effectiveness and enthusiasm of our communication; examine if we are offering the opportunity to serve; look at the effort to explain the value and purpose of a GSR to all groups; review distribution of funds to critique if we are doing our fair share at encouraging self-support; and to examine the service effectiveness of current elected Area Officers and DCMs. Copies were distributed, but due to a copying error deleting the third page, Jan will bring corrected copies to upcoming Area meetings.
- Bids for Days of Sharing: all that were approved are entered into the calendar.
 1. District #41,17,43 on September 23rd DOS "AA in a Changing World"
 2. District #19 for September 16th
 3. District #15 on October 22nd
 4. Flyer is still needed for a penciled in DOS for District #1
 5. Ad Hoc Committee for Archives had their first meeting. The purpose being a fact-finding mission to determine where the archives have been going and to establish the need for a formal Archival system in Area 60. 11 present. Discussions surrounded a historical perspective of AA archives, the preservation of materials and literature, current inventory that is needed, the need of time, people and donations, and finally the proposed duties of an archivist. Next meeting July 16th at 8AM.

New Business

- Purchase of new wireless microphone: Matt H. when the old microphone broke, a new one was purchased to replace it. Now the motion is to purchase a new wireless microphone (not to replace an existing one-hence there will now be 2 wireless microphones for Area 60). Motion with all in favor (33) and zero opposed, 2 abstained.
- Host for Post Conference: NO Volunteers

Open Mike

- Geoffrey: GIPS had 2 numbers for one group. This created slight confusion. This was due to the Penn Hills group being listed under District #28 rather than under District #6.
- District #52: thank you Bonnie, Richard, and Jan for attending the service workshop
- Mary Margaret celebrated 29years of continuous sobriety. KUDOS
Motion to close, seconded, all in favor and zero opposed.

**AREA 60 OF WESTERN PA GENERAL SERVICE INC.
TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2006**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
June 4	9:00am Registration, Fellowship 9:00 am Workshop 10:10am Assembly	Post Conference Assembly Butler Days Inn - Holiday Hall
June 10		DOS: District #23, 29, &42
June 24		DOS District #32
July 16	8AM Ad Hoc Archives 9AM Guideline/O&C	Off/Coordinators Meeting Butler Days Inn - Butler Room
August 4-6		State Convention Altoona, Pa Ramada Inn
August 20	8:30am Registration, Fellowship 9:00am Workshop 10:10am Meeting	3rd Quarterly Meeting Butler Days Inn - Holiday Hall
September 10	10am	Off/Coordinators Meeting Butler Days Inn - Butler Room
September 16		DOS District #19
September 23		DOS Districts #41,17,43
October 8	8:30am Registration 9:00am Workshop 10:10am Meeting	Fall / Election Assembly Butler Days Inn - Holiday Hall
October 15	10:00am	Off/Coordinators Meeting Butler Days Inn - Room 215
October 22		DOS District #22
November 12	8:30am Registration; Fellowship 9:00am Workshop 10:10am Meeting	4th Quarterly Meeting Days Inn, Butler - Holiday Hall
December 10	10am	Off/Coordinators Meeting

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Thank you-
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Peace, and God Bless,
Mary Ann K Area 60 Secretary