

10 Simple Rules for Area 60 Email Use

- 1) Do not use Area 60 email addresses for personal use if you can access your Area 60 email, then you can access any one of a number of free email sites. Please use one of those for personal use.
- 2) Do not use Area 60 email addresses to subscribe to, sign up for or register for any websites, special offers, egroups etc. These cause a high amount of traffic on our server and do nothing to support Area 60 business.
- 3) Use caution when sending emails to others. Please make sure the subject line of the email says NOTHING about AA. Some people open their email at work or other places where their involvement with AA is not known. We do NOT wish to break anyone's anonymity.
- 4) Do NOT give out the password to anyone who is not authorized to check your email. Not only can these people read your email, but they can also send out email using your address and no one would know it was not from you.
- 5) Do check your email frequently. Email does not do anyone any good if it just sits on the server unread.
- 6) Do delete emails when you have finished with them, or forward them to your personal email account if you feel you need to keep them. Every email left on the server takes up space.
- 7) Do feel free to conduct any AREA 60 business from your Area 60 email account. Area 60 committee work and I2 work are important.
- 8) Do report any problems to webmaster@wpaarea60.org or/and whomever the Web Coordinator is. That is sometimes the only way they know there is a problem. If you have trouble accessing your email or think someone may have gotten a hold of your password and you need to change it, please let us know!!
- 9) Do keep a close eye on your language. Foul or otherwise inappropriate language can and will offend people! That is NOT what we are about.
- 10) If you find any of these rules are being violated, please report them immediately. Repeat offenders can and will lose their email privileges

Where to Get More Information

➤ Alcoholics Anonymous Website
www.aa.org

➤ Grapevine Website
www.aagrapevine.org

Website Coordinator
E-mail: website@wpaarea60.org

Phone: (412) 913-1077

Address: 1803 Freeport Road
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

➤ Michaels Computing
www.johnstownpa.com

E-mail: webmaster@wpaarea60.org

Phone: (814) 535-6863

Address: 604 Oak Street
Johnstown, PA 15902-2113

Area 60 Of Western Pennsylvania



Website FAQ

“Practical Experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelve suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can.”

Alcoholics Anonymous
Chapter 7
“Working With Others”

Website Mission Statement

The mission of the Internet Web Site is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by providing a resource on the Internet where alcoholics can get information about the activities and business of the Western Pennsylvania Area of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Why have a Website

As a communication tool it can be demonstrated that the computer is an effective tool as well as safe. I'd like to point out that when AA began the telephone was only in 30+% of the households. Anyone who has access to a privately owned computer or a public library will be able to sign on to the web site and find out almost any info about the Area or any of the participating districts without the hassle of the telephone and long distance charges. Eventually flyers and forms and the newsletter could be downloaded and printed. The actual possible uses of a web site are mind boggling, but now we are convinced that as an area wide communication instrument it would be an enormous help for this Area.

Web Site Coordinator

The Area 60 Web Site Coordinator is responsible for communicating with the Web Site Host to insure accurate transfer of Area 60 information to the site so that the web site will be as up-to-date as possible. The Coordinator is responsible for insuring the site is being published following established Area guidelines and the Traditions of A. A., as well as implementing changes to content, policy, and procedures from the Area Committee group conscience. A report on the progress and status of the Web Site is to be given at the area committee meetings. Other activities the Web Site Coordinator is responsible for:

A/ Answering email, and directing inquiries to appropriate Officers/Coordinators.

B/ Directing area event flyers, district meeting lists, Area 60 Newsletter, and any other flyer approved by the Area Committee, to the site host for publishing.

C/ Updating Calendar of Events with the web site host
D/ Attend Area Officer /Coordinator Mtgs., Area Committee Mtgs., Area Assemblies, Area GAW and other Area sponsored events.

Area 60 Website:

Keeping with Our Traditions

Q. What about anonymity?

A. We observe all A.A.'s principles and Traditions on our web sites. As anonymity is the "spiritual foundation of all our Traditions," we practice anonymity on A.A. web sites at all times". An A.A. web site is a public medium which has the potential for reaching the broadest possible audience and, therefore, requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio and film.

Q. Will the General Service Office of A.A. act as a "clearinghouse" for local web sites?

A. There is no central authority in Alcoholics Anonymous; hence, the General Service Office of A.A. is not a "clearinghouse" for local web sites. Questions regarding the Traditions, contents, linking, etc. are determined by a local group conscience. G.S.O. is available to share collected experience on any subject, including web sites. At this point, though, G.S.O. has only limited sharing from local web site committees regarding their experience with matters which are unique to web site creation.

Q. What can be found on Area 60's Web site?

A. In keeping with our Twelve Traditions and viewing the Internet as a form of public and electronic media, Area 60's Web site was originally set up as a information tool to include materials that are more directed to members of our Fellowship. The site also provides accurate and consistent information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the general public, media and professionals

Q. Is this promotion rather than attraction?

A. As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote: "Public information takes many forms - the simple sign outside a meeting place that says 'A.A. meeting tonight'; listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to 'one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,' whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media."