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## Seeds of Service

The WPA Area 60 newsletter is published quarterly by the Area Committee. It is for AA members only. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors and not necessarily that of the Area Committee or Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

We hope *Seeds of Service* will be a useful reference for GSR reports.

### **Distribution**

Paper copies are distributed to DCMs at each quarterly meeting for redistribution to AA groups through their GSRs. A PDF copy of the newsletter is available at [www.wpaarea60.org](http://www.wpaarea60.org). It can also be sent electronically to DCMs and GSRs, if the Area Registrar has a correct email address.

### **Write for SoS**

The 2017 theme for the General Service Conference is "Supporting Our Future."

*Spring 2017 (deadline 4/20)*  
"Attraction, Not Promotion"

*Summer 2017 (deadline 7/20)*  
"I Am Responsible..."

*Fall 2017 (deadline 11/18)*  
"Self-Support & the Future of AA"

### **Submission Guidelines**

Suggested length is **150 to 350 words**. Material should be generally relevant to the theme, and may be edited for clarity and length. All material submitted on time is reviewed, selected by topic, and may appear, based on available space. The newsletter does not publish song lyrics, tributes to individuals, prayers, plays, or anything unrelated to AA or that violates the principles of AA.

Please include your first name and last initial, district, and home group.

Submissions may be emailed to [newsletter@wpaarea60.org](mailto:newsletter@wpaarea60.org).

## FELLOWSHIP VS. MEMBERSHIP

### A Fellowship of Friends

*Kevin W, District 11, the Crafton Group*



**Tradition 3: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

That being said, I was a member the first day I walked into Butler Memorial Hospital detox. I had the desire to stop drinking. But it took me a long while to find out what the Fellowship of AA really was.

After getting out of rehab, God removed the desire to drink. I started to attend AA meetings, got a Home Group and a sponsor, but I was just *there*, not really participating. I was sick, still dying from cirrhosis, my head in a fog bank. No wonderful pink cloud for this alcoholic.

I was attending the Crafton Group, the 12th oldest group in Pittsburgh (I learned this from reading *Seeds of Service*, Summer 2013). There, I found a group of people I started to connect with. They all treated me with love and respect and I kept coming back. At one point, they thought I was a Home Group member; a couple of years later, when I felt like I was stagnant in my own sobriety and needed to grow, I made Crafton my Home Group.

I got involved with a group of guys meeting every Friday night at the home of one of the fellows to read the Big Book. When one of us does our lead at a speaker meeting, we road-trip to support him. We go to Cook Forest, recovery comedy shows, and much more. I found a new sponsor in this group, who God has graced with the comprehension of the word serenity and has come to know peace. I know if I practice these principles in all of my affairs the way he does, I will get what he has.

I felt alone most of my life, and only dreamed of having a fellowship of friends grow up around me.

***This fellowship is far greater than what I ever believed I would get when I became a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.***

## Afternoons & Coffeespoons

*Chad U, Area 60 Newsletter Editor*

In regards to AA, **fellowship** means two things to me: an *experience* and an *organization*. The two paragraphs quoted from the Big Book below seem to really hit the mark to distinguish them:

*To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends – this is an experience you must not miss.* (“Working with Others,” p.89)

...and...

*You should be described to him as one of a fellowship who, as part of their own recovery, try to help others and who will be glad to talk to him if he cares to see you.* (“Working with Others,” p.90)

I can have fellowship, a friendly association and feeling of goodwill, with any drunk (maybe even normal folks!) just by walking and talking out there in the wider world.

But being a member of this fellowship means bringing my recovery A-game inside our rooms, because that’s where we gather... and that’s where newcomers are directed to. I’ve got to pull my weight; do my bit for the team; share my experience, strength, and hope, so that there’s a place and at least one person to carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic (no matter what their sobriety date is).

AA was here for me, it saved my life and sanity, and I want it to be here for the next guy. So today, I’m a ~~proud humble whatever~~ member of AA.

***Fellowship is laughing over a cup of coffee;  
membership is showing up to make the coffee.***

## Meeting Topics

**SoS** welcomes ideas for topics that GSRs and DCMs can take back to their meetings for thought and discussion. Please submit your topic ideas to [newsletter@wpaarea60.org](mailto:newsletter@wpaarea60.org) in the form of a question (one-word topics are *bogus*).

- What’s my “current agnosticism” (the part of my life I’m not bringing my Higher Power into)?
- If think I’m “better,” am I actually worse? (Aaron C)
- Is gratitude without action just lip service? (Troy S)

We have very loose requirements for membership: you’re a member if you say you’re a member.

However, there’s a lot of requirements to be a **successful** member of AA. These are outlined in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. If you need help finding them, get with someone who studies the literature, and ask them to work with you.

– Jon C, Area 60 Alt Chair



## Opportunities for Service

Right here, right now, there are service needs that are going unfulfilled. All AAs are more than welcome to bring their experience, strength, and hope (and their honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness!) to be of maximum service to all in Western PA. Talk an Area Officer or Coordinator for more details!

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION (CPC/PI):** The CPC/PI Coordinator assists in informing the professional community (such as clergy, Employee Assistance Programs, educators, and legal and medical societies) about AA, and what it does and does not do. He/She assists AA district committees, groups, intergroups, and GSO; and also staffs AA exhibits at professional conferences, when asked.

**GRAPEVINE:** The Grapevine Coordinator is responsible for maintaining communications with the AA Grapevine office in New York. In addition, he/she displays and makes available the various Grapevine-related items and literature, as well as keeps area members informed about new materials issued by GSO. The display is present at all area quarterly and assembly meetings, as well as other events requested by districts and groups.

**WEBSITE:** The Website Coordinator is responsible for communicating and working closely with the Website Host (Webmaster) to insure the Area 60 website is as up-to-date as possible. The coordinator is also responsible for insuring the site is published following the *Area 60 Guidelines* and the Traditions of AA, as well as implementing changes to content, policy, and procedures from the Area Committee Group Conscience.

## Fellowship vs. Membership

*Scott A, District 14, SCI Fayette*

AA is a group of men and women who share a common bond with each other: we are alcoholics. We are a group of like-minded people who share a common goal to live alcohol-free, and we have a set of 12 Steps to help us live this spiritual program of recovery.

I personally see it as a sort of fraternal organization. We are equals who come together to share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. I may not always have the same issues, but most of the time I can see myself in someone sharing. I drank for 30+ years, so I can always relate to the experiences part. But I always like when people share their hope – because without hope, I'm a lost cause. Without hope, I struggle, so that's why recovery is my main focus: clear-headed living without booze.

We come together, talk, and share about our alcoholism, and we live for our recovery. We may not always agree with others or enjoy their company, but in the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition, it says we place principles before personalities. We help other alcoholics because we received help: we freely give away what was given to us. People who have time help the newcomer understand what goes on. Today, I see myself as a member of this group.

***I once was a member of Costco, and they got nothing on AA!***



## Registrar's Duties

*Walter G, Area 60 Registrar*

The **Area Registrar** is responsible for keeping all group records (meeting name; place and time; GSR, Alt GSR, and contacts) up-to-date in Area 60 by adding that information to the GSO database system, as well as recording addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for all Area 60 service positions at the area and district level. There are about 858 active groups in Area 60 (but only 509 GSRs), and about 2,175 people total working in service to support the groups at the district and area levels. Working along with the Area Secretary and the Recording Secretary, the Registrar creates and updates a mailing address list for the area.

At the beginning of each year, the Registrar has to produce **Group Information Pages (GIPs)** for every active group to update all group information. The information is used to create the year's *Northeast Directory* at GSO; it comes out around September. The hope is that the *Directory* will help anyone searching for an AA meeting find one.

For Area 60, using email address reduces the cost of mailing out minutes, agendas, fliers, and just about any other correspondence with Area 60 groups. Mail can cost about \$0.75 per envelope, not to mention the time it takes to address, stuff, and bring them to the post office. Without an updated mailing list, many dollars are wasted on returned mail or sent out to people that no longer are in service (or, in some cases, no longer in AA).

There are about seven times a year that the Area Secretary does a mass mailing. Cost-savings on these mailings means that money can be used in other areas to better to help the still sick and suffering alcoholic. We now use email for about 80% of all groups with GSRs (or Primary Contacts), which at one time was all mailed by the U.S. Postal system. That's a significant expense that's been greatly reduced!

The Registrar also attends all quarterly meetings and assemblies in Area 60, as well as service events (like **Days of Sharing** and the **Get Away Weekend**).

I can go a long time without using my **AAA membership**; that means things are going good!

If I go very long as an **AA member** (and don't avail myself of the fellowship it offers), things will go badly!

– Jody K, Area 60 Chair

## AA Membership & Fellowship

*Eugene D, SCI Greene*

As a new member, when I first started attending the AA meetings held in prison, I was in a frame of mind to just listen at first, not wanting to make a fool of myself. But the more meetings I attended, I soon became aware how much the men in the AA group had in common.

Each member said that they needed to come to AA meetings, because within those meetings was an unquestionable fellowship that helped them overcome their alcoholism. As I think of Step 1, I believe that the truth of the matter is by admitting to ourselves and others that we are powerless over alcohol, the group has developed some kind of unity, a bond of fellowship, with each other.

But we cannot forget the sponsors who take time out of their lives to come into the prison so we can have our AA meetings. I can only praise our sponsors, and say thank you for your support by holding these AA meetings here.

***Thank you for allowing us to have that bond as fellow members of AA.***

**HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS IN NEED**

**SPONSOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GRAPEVINE OR LA VIÑA FOR:**

- Correctional and Treatment facilities
- Nursing homes
- Homebound members
- Doctor's offices
- Libraries
- .... and more

**12 STEP WORK IN ACTION!**  
AA Districts, Groups and individual members can all help spread the message of hope and recovery.

**SUPPORT YOUR GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA**  
The international Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous.  
To see an example of a Grapevine Area Chair's plan of action to get these magazines into jails, homes and other facilities, please visit our website: [www.aagrapevine.org/specialdelivery](http://www.aagrapevine.org/specialdelivery). You will find useful tips and fliers for downloading.

For me, fellowship is when I'm with my AA buddies – when we go to the “meeting before the meeting” and the “meeting after the meeting.” That's when we share, go to picnics, or just spend time together.

Membership is when I work on my Steps with a sponsor, be an active home group member, be an involved sponsor, do 12<sup>th</sup> Step work, and be available for general service.

– Margie S, Area 60 Alt Delegate

Ask a long-timer about Dr. Bob and the camel.



## What's Good for the Group

*Dan W, Eatonville, Washington*

### ***Through lots of trial and error, a member learns the importance of AA unity***

At first glance, unity seemed pretty simple. But after many years and much observation, for me it's not so simple. Almost all of my actions can reflect on that. If I'm not open-minded enough to investigate the things I propose to my AA group and examine all the pros and cons, but instead just try to push an idea through—without regard for the outcome—then I'm not interested in unity. I'm only trying to get my way. This happens far too often in the business meetings I've seen.

A prime example of lack of unity is the old fable that all it takes is a coffeepot and a resentment to start a new meeting. All we wind up with is two groups with resentments. And resentments are a dubious luxury that alcoholics can't afford. Often what happens is one or both groups eventually fade away.

Part of the education I've received in AA has shown me how to work out my problems by means of reasonable discussion. If I have a disagreement with my home group, there should be a calm discussion and an atmosphere of give-and-take, instead of belligerent disagreement and discord. This has also helped me learn to deal with things outside of AA.

Here are other ways that a group can help with unity: If we're planning an event, we could check and make sure we're not interfering with another group's activity. We try not to pick a date for an event without investigating first. Consideration is a key to unity. Also, if we see a need to start a new meeting, we look at the time and locations near someone else's meeting and try not to interfere with that.

In early sobriety, I had a lot of really good ideas that would have made AA work better. Thank God for strong sponsorship: My ideas got shot down and AA survived. With a wounded ego, I would go off and lick my wounds. What I learned from these experiences is that most of my great ideas came from the same brain that got me into AA, and that I was often only interested in being the most brilliant shining star in the room.

If we as sponsors try to teach that unity is the key to the survival of AA, not only will the program survive and flourish, but so will we alcoholics. In AA we learn the pitfalls of contempt prior to investigation, as well as the benefits of investigation prior to contempt.

I found that when I started studying the Traditions and began to use them in my daily life, just as I worked the Steps, it made living with others simpler. When I'm willing to look at the results of compromise, it brings about a degree of humility and open-mindedness that teaches me to play well with others, in and out of AA.

The biggest reward I will ever have in AA is to work with another human being, and this can only be achieved by an exchange of ideas, not by pushing my ideas on someone else. In other words, for the common good it might be time to give up on those old ideas I would fight and die for, and instead examine the ideas of others. No one person has the intelligence of "an informed group" of people.



# Journey to Dr. Bob's Home



## Saturday ~ March 25, 2017

St Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church  
2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15210  
Parking & Entrance in the Rear - Handicapped Accessible

Doors open at 10:00 am ~  
Harmon V. @ 11:00 am – History on where it all started  
Lunch @ 1:00 pm  
Dolly A. @ 3:00pm – Her Story

A Benefit for Dr. Bob's Home!!!  
\$20 ticket includes: Lunch – desserts welcome

- 50/50 , Chinese Auction & Money Board
- Informational items about Dr. Bob's Home
- All proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's Home

**For more information & tickets contact:**

Nancy [REDACTED] @ 724-866-5432  
Jodie [REDACTED] @ 412-496-1874

Space is limited to 250

Make checks payable to Dr. Bob's Home

# Dear Alcohol:

*Joy P, District 14*

You came into my life at such a young age –  
It was love at first taste and all the rage.

You made me feel high and made me fit in,  
But truly it was the start of an evil sin.

You made me confident, no longer shy.  
I could be anything I wanted – talk to any guy.

You covered feelings and made me feel good.  
Whenever I was down and out, there you stood.

During my teens and early twenties,  
We had our binges of drunken plenties.

I got married, had babies; but my husband I watched you kill –  
Oh, you must have thought it the greatest thrill!

You destroyed him, tore my children's hearts.  
You were persistent, and your goal from the start

Was to slowly inch your way back to me,  
Seductively whispering that your love could set me free.

You forced me to put you above everything in my life  
You wanted my body, my soul, my dignity to be in strife!

You tried to take my children – and oh so close you came  
To ripping them away from me in your twisted game!

You have drug me through rehabs, hospitals, and jails,  
Always declaring your vampire love wouldn't fail.

Your path of destruction is unparalleled, like no other;  
My fire to fight, you continually smothered.

You've taken so much away as I was caught up in your addiction;  
My wounds seemed a never-ending affliction

I fought a great war against you (and me as well!)...  
But you will no longer curl inside where you once dwelled!

After years of torture, my soul nigh destroyed,  
My heart sees through you now, to seek out joy.

Unexpectedly, I love Something bigger than you:  
Someone you should fear, as He is my glue.

You see, dear Alcohol, I learned you're a wicked demon;  
You have fallen to my God; He has shown you're a heathen!

He holds me together, He made me from scratch;  
Against Him you are certainly no match.

With His help, I've climbed out of where I fell,  
Back to a world I once knew so well.

I am back with a force so strong it puts you to shame.  
With great dignity, I'll by my higher power proclaim:

You will no longer torture my children or me.  
You will never take what's so dear; for it's plain to see

That He is my God, a man of endless wonder.  
That He will let nothing ever tear me asunder!

He has saved me; your days are forever gone!  
His love is stronger than any other bond.

Today He is eternally my salvation...  
And you can burn in Hell, in your own damnation!



## The Joy of Greeting

*Jon C, District 14, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It*

When I arrived to AA, I wasn't used to talking to people – I was shy and introverted. I had spent the last few years drinking alone, counting ceiling tiles, and contemplating suicide.

So when I showed up at my first AA meeting, I wasn't thrilled when someone stuck their hand out at me. I might have glanced at their face, but probably only saw their shoes. I know they offered me a chair and a cup of coffee. After the meeting, they gave me their number and told me to call them if I needed anything.

While this was all really strange and kinda wonderful, I think the real magic happened when I came back the *second* week. They remembered my name, and they were excited to see me. That small act not only showed they cared, but made me feel wanted... and I've been coming ever since.

***The joy of greeting is that now,  
I get to do that for someone else.***

## News from the PA STATE CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Alicia S, PSC Secretary*

The PA State Convention is an annual event for AA and Al-Anon members in Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

We are in great need of committee members on several committees, and ask that you please consider joining our planning efforts for the 2017 convention. This is a unique service opportunity in which to learn and grow in sobriety. All are welcome!

Simply attend our next planning meeting on Saturday, February 4, to see what we have to offer. You can participate either in person at the Red Lion Hotel on Lindle Road in Harrisburg, or by phone on our conference bridge! Details can be found on our website [www.aapastateconvention.com](http://www.aapastateconvention.com).

***We look forward to working with you to make this year's convention the best one to date!***

### ***LOLLAPALOOZA of AA***

The Philly Speaker Group in Philadelphia (Area 59, Sepia Intergroup) is hosting the *Second Annual Lollapalooza of AA Conference*.

**Date:** Thursday, March 2, through Sunday, March 5, 2017

**Location:** Hotel ML, Marlton, NJ

**Website:** <http://lollapaloozaofaa.org/>

### **NERF: Not Just a Squishy Red Ball!**

Area 60 has the exciting honor and privilege of hosting the 2017 North East Regional Forum (NERF) on June 2-4 at the Doubletree Hilton – Cranberry in Mars... an exciting opportunity for AA members in Western Pennsylvania!

Regional Forums originated in 1975 as weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board; A.A. World Services, Inc.; the Grapevine Corporate Board; the Grapevine Staff; and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with AA members. These weekends enhance and widen communication, and help spark new ideas in better carrying the message through service work.

*There is no registration fee for Regional Forums, they are hosted by the General Service Board, who covers the expenses of meeting rooms.*

We encourage your attendance and participation and hope you are willing to help in some way. There is need for volunteers in hospitality, as greeters, and contributions of coffee/snacks/money for the hospitality suite. First-time attendees are especially welcome!

***If you'd like to get involved, please contact Yvette N at  
814.558.3919 or [vette1105@gmail.com](mailto:vette1105@gmail.com).***

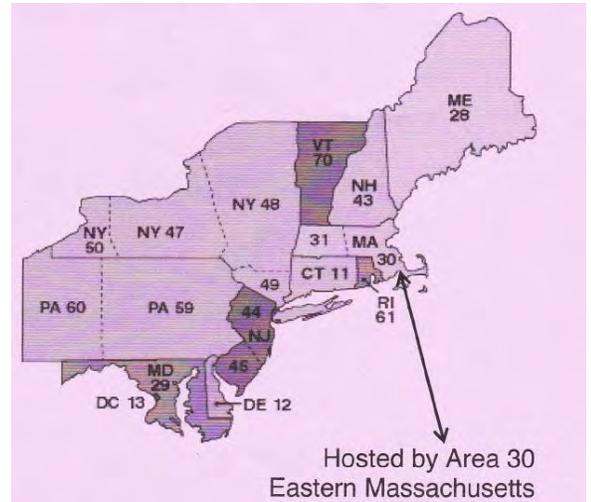
**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
NORTHEAST REGIONAL AA  
SERVICE ASSEMBLY (NERAASA)**

***FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017 - FRAMINGHAM, MA***

*All AA members are welcome!*

**Registration**

- Online registration opens September 15, 2016 at <http://www.neraasa2017.org>
- Kickoff "Red ball" Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 8:00 pm
- Onsite registration begins at 12:00 noon, Friday, February 24, 2017
- Panel 1 begins on Friday at 3:00 pm



**NERAASA 2017 Contacts**

- *Chair:* Ken T. (978-433-6772)
- *Registrar:* Kevin D. (508-952-2066)
- *Pre-registration deadline:* January 27, 2017

**NORTH EAST REGIONAL FORUM (NERF)**

***Save the Date: June 2-4, 2017***

***SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS, & DISPLAYS***

**Registration (online & by mail) available soon!**

*Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel:*

Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

724.776.6900

*\$109 per night (plus tax)*



***This is as close as it gets in the Northeast Region to where it all started... Dr. Bob's House in Akron, OH, is just 1.5 hours away!***

**Sponsored by:** Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

**Hosted by:** Area 60 of Western Pennsylvania General Service, Inc.



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## 25th Annual Area 60 Get Away Weekend Mini-Conference March 31-April 2, 2017

### “SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE”

#### Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Get Away Weekend is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Coordinators, and A.A. Members of Area 60 Western Pennsylvania to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole.

#### Highlights

- Committee Workshops & Presentations
- Panel Presentations
- Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker Meeting
- Red Ball Alkathon Meetings

#### On-Site Registration & Hospitality Room

Opens 3 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017  
Program begins @ 4 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017

#### Contact Information

Any questions please contact:  
Margie S. 724-244-7304 or Shelly S. 724-833-1496  
Email: [atdelegate@wpaarea60.org](mailto:atdelegate@wpaarea60.org)

#### Location

Comfort Inn & Conference Center  
699 Rodi Road  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15235 (412)244-1600

#### Room Rates

\$79.00 + 11.06 tax=\$90.06 per night  
*Includes:* Complimentary Breakfast Buffet, use of Indoor Pool, hot tub, exercise facility, and Wi-Fi.

Please make reservations directly with the hotel by March 6, 2017 (**Mention Area 60 Get Away Weekend**)

Please note that restaurants are available locally if you prefer not to purchase your meals through the conference.



**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (or use address label) and RETURN BY MARCH 6, 2017**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Registration \$20

\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \$28

\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \$13.00

\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet \$32

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your District \_\_\_\_\_

Your Service Position \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

#### PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Area 60 Treasurer, P.O. Box 1496, Washington, PA 15301  
(Write **GAW** on the memo line of the check)

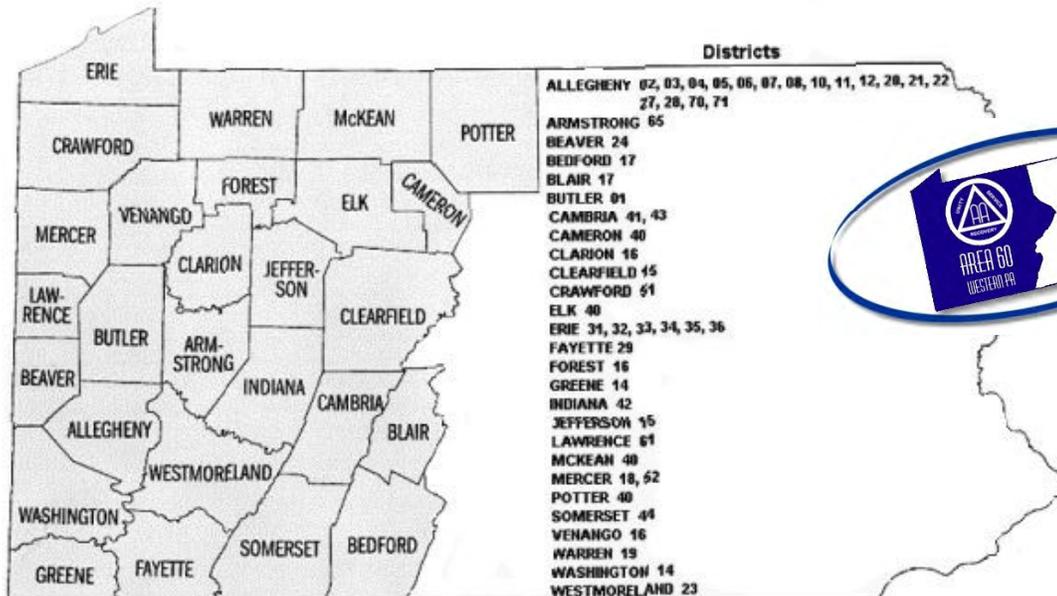
**REGISTRATION AND MEALS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



# Getaway Weekend

An annual service workshop held in the spring to discuss General Service Conference-related Issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of our **Three Legacies (Recovery, Unity, Service).**



- ### Two Types of Area Meetings
1. **Quarterly Meeting:** Decides area business. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, past Delegates vote.
  2. **Area Assembly:** Elects officers, provides pre-Conference group conscience, hears the Delegate's post-Conference report. GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, past Delegates vote.

## Rules of Order at Area 60 Meetings

- Items for consideration are put on the agenda.
- Items are posed to the meeting in the form of a motion.
- All motions require a second.
- Motions can be amended, tabled, or moved to a vote.
- A vote is taken and the results are announced. The minority vote is allowed to voice its opinion.
- If a member of the majority (those who "won") wishes to change his or her vote, a second vote is held on the motion.
- The result of the second vote stands and the meeting moves to the next item for consideration.

### What's the Point of Order?

- ◆ To ensure that all voices that wish to be heard are heard.
- ◆ To ensure that no one voice dominates all others.
- ◆ To ensure that everyone gets to speak once before another speaks twice.
- ◆ To ensure that everyone understands the content of the vote.
- ◆ To ensure that it is clear what actions were taken.
- ◆ To ensure a thorough record of the actions taken.

Motions requiring substantial unanimity of the meeting require a two-third majority for approval. In some cases, the minority opinion (the people who "lost" the vote) may be larger than 50% of the vote.

**ALL** members of the Fellowship are welcome at meetings and assemblies.  
GSRs are especially encouraged to attend even when they do not have a vote. **Every GSR is potentially a future DCM.**

# 2017 Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, Area 60 meetings are held at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, Jan 22	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Area 60 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>
Feb 24-26	All Weekend	NERAASA
Mar 10-12	All Weekend	NERD
<b>Mar 31-Apr 1</b>	<b>Fri-Sat</b>	<b>Get Away Weekend</b>
Sunday, Apr 2	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Pre-Conference Assembly</b>
Apr 23-29	All Week	General Service Conference
Sunday, May 14	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Area 60 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting (Warren, PA)</b>
Jun 2-4	All Weekend	NERF
Sunday, Jun 25	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Post-Conference Assembly</b>

## See All Those \_\_\_\_\_s to the Right?

*Several service opportunities are available throughout Western PA Area 60.*

*Though Tradition Nine at first sight seems to deal with a purely practical matter, in its actual operation it discloses a society without organization, animated only by the spirit of service – a true fellowship.*

– 12&12, "Tradition Nine," p.175

Area Committee members, DCMs, and GSRs are welcome to help **spread the word** to fill open, *needed* positions in our service structure, or to **volunteer** to serve themselves.

For more information on any open position, please feel free to contact [secretary@wpaarea60.org](mailto:secretary@wpaarea60.org) or [newsletter@wpaarea60.org](mailto:newsletter@wpaarea60.org).

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA 60

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

*Delegate:* John K [delegate@wpaarea60.org](mailto:delegate@wpaarea60.org)  
*Alt Delegate:* Margie S [altdelegate@wpaarea60.org](mailto:altdelegate@wpaarea60.org)  
*Chairperson:* Jody K [chairperson@wpaarea60.org](mailto:chairperson@wpaarea60.org)  
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