

# DISTRICT 48 NEWSLETTER

September 2013

## ANNIVERSARIES

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Annie B. 8/9/13 10 yrs; Katie G. 8/24/13 1 Year; Patty 8/10/13 60 days; Mark O 8/27/2013 1 Year; Susan D. 7/29/13 90 Days; Mark B. 8/2013 2 yrs; Jack B. 8/26/13 44 yrs; Richard M. 30 yrs 9/2/13; Abby D. 8/31/13 5 yrs.; Dan M. 9/18/13 18 yrs; Chris 8/16/13 4 years; Kathy S. 9/4/13 5 yrs; John 9 months 9/5/13; Craig W. 8/18/06 7 years; Jon K. 8/22/13 5 yrs

## —EPGSA—Eastern PA General Service Assembly— “Not just for GSRs”! November 8-10, 2013

So what exactly is the general assembly held each year in Lancaster? And, why is it for more than just G.S.R.s?

E.P.G.S.A. is a gathering of G.S.R.s and committee members to discuss area\* affairs, and every other year, to elect delegate and committee officers. This year is the 56th annual convention and assembly and is a non-voting year. For the past several years, Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center has procured this event.

These assemblies have evolved to include discussions on a variety of topics. Topics can range from General Service Conference business to area problems and solutions and financial affairs. The conference holds sharing sessions, public information programs, workshops and video programs—all of which help keep AA strong and participation in service growing.

While area committee members and officers and G.S.R.s are

the only voting members, the non-voting members of A.A. are invited to attend all the other events the conference has to offer.

For additional information, please visit:  
[www.area59.aa.org](http://www.area59.aa.org).



*\*District 48 belongs to a geographical location known as Area 59 which is roughly the right half of Pennsylvania if you split PA down the middle.*

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## Three Meeting Updates & a District Picnic

- ♦ Recovery related; however, non-A.A. announcement: Beginning the 2nd Sunday in September at 3pm Newberry Church of Christ, Diamond Street, “Sermon On The Mount” book study. For additional info please contact Tom or Mike.
- ♦ Also another meeting where all are welcome is the home of Liz and Jimmy 5:30pm Friday Nights, 327 Brandon Avenue,
- ♦ 6pm to 7pm. Is the correct time for the 12+ 12=24 Step/Tradition Meeting at the Alternative Motorcycle Club, 4th Street, Newberry on Tuesday Evenings
- ♦ The District 48 Picnic will be held at the S. Side Pool Complex on 9/14/13.

## The Declaration Of Unity

**This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(GOD of your understanding)

Rather cleverly done. This is in two parts, the prayer (in blue) and GOD (in red) in response.

Our Father Who Art In Heaven.

Yes?

Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

But — you called — ME!

Called you?

No, I didn't call you.

I'm praying.

Our Father who art in Heaven.

There — you did it again!

Did what?

Called ME.

You said,

"Our Father who art in Heaven"

Well, here I am....

What's on your mind?

But I didn't mean anything by it.

I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day.

I always say the Lord's Prayer.

It makes me feel good,  
kind of like fulfilling a duty.

Well, all right.

Go on.

Okay, Hallowed be thy name .

Hold it right there.

What do you mean by that?

By what?

By "Hallowed be thy name"?

It means, it means . . . good grief,  
I don't know what it means.

How in the world should I know?

It's just a part of the prayer.

By the way, what does it mean?

It means honored, holy, wonderful.

Hey, that makes sense..

I never thought about what 'hallowed'  
meant before.

Thanks.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Do you really mean that?

Sure, why not?

What are you doing about it?

Doing? Why, nothing, I guess.

I just think it would be kind of neat if you  
got control, of everything down here like  
you have up there. We're kinda in a mess  
down here you know.

Yes, I know;

but, have I got control of you?

Well, I go to church.

That isn't what I asked you.

What about your bad temper?

You've really got a problem there, you  
know.

And then there's the way you spend  
your money — all on yourself.

And what about the kind of books you  
read ?

Now hold on just a minute!

Stop picking on me!

I'm just as good as some of the rest

of those People.

Excuse ME..

I thought you were praying  
for my will to be done.

If that is to happen,

it will have to start with the ones  
who are praying for it.

Like you — for example ..

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some  
hang-ups.

Now that you mention it,  
I could probably name some others.

So could I.

I haven't thought about it very much until  
now,

but I really would like to cut out some of  
those things.

I would like to, you know, be really free.

Good.

Now we're getting somewhere.

We'll work together — You and ME.

I'm proud of You.

Look, Lord, if you don't mind,  
I need to finish up here.

This is taking a lot longer than it usually  
does.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

You need to cut out the bread..

Hey, wait a minute! What is this?  
Here I was doing my religious duty,  
and all of a sudden you break in  
and remind me of all my hang-ups..

Praying is a dangerous thing.  
You just might get what you ask  
for.

Remember, you called ME — and  
here I am.

It's too late to stop now.

Keep praying. ( pause ... )

Well, go on.

I'm scared to.

Scared? Of what?

I know what you'll say.

Try ME.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.

What about Ann?

See? I knew it!

I knew you would bring her up!

Why, Lord, she's told lies about  
me, spread stories.

She never paid back the money  
she owes me.

I've sworn to get even with her!

But — your prayer —

What about your prayer?

I didn't — mean it..

Well, at least you're honest.

But, it's quite a load carrying  
around all that

bitterness and resentment isn't it?

Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I  
get even with her.

Boy, have I got some plans for her.  
She'll wish she had never been  
born.

No, you won't feel any better.

You'll feel worse.

Revenge isn't sweet.

You know how unhappy you are —

Well, I can change that.

You can? How?

Forgive Ann.

Then, I'll forgive you;

And the hate and the sin,

will be Ann's problem — not yours.

You will have settled the problem  
as far as you are concerned.

Oh, you know, you're right.

You always are.

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And more than I want revenge,  
I want to be right with You .. (sigh).

All right, all right ..

I forgive her.

There now!

Wonderful!

How do you feel?

Hmmmm. Well, not bad.

Not bad at all!

In fact, I feel pretty great!

You know, I don't think I'll go to bed  
uptight tonight.

I haven't been getting much rest, you  
know.

Yeah, I know.

But, you're not through with your pray-  
er, are you?

Go on....

Oh, all right.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Good! Good! I'll do that.

Just don't put yourself in a place  
where you can be tempted.

What do you mean by that?

You know what I mean.

Yeah. I know.

Okay.

Go ahead... Finish your prayer.

For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

Do you know what would bring me glory -  
What would really make me happy?

No, but I'd like to know.

I want to please you now..

I've really made a mess of things..

I want to truly follow you...

I can see now how great that would be.

So, tell me ...

How do I make you happy?

YOU just did.