

DISTRICT 48 NEWSLETTER

November 2013

EPGSA Held this past Weekend

The 56th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly (EPGSA) was held this past weekend, November 8-10, 2013, in Lancaster at the Lancaster Host Resort.

As a member of District 48 you can take pride in your District and of your representatives. The official count for the area assembly was 17 GSRs and one DCM, which was the most of any District in attendance. Unofficially we actually had 18 GSRs in attendance plus one DCM and our District 48 secretary, Jacky H.

While this convention is billed as "not just for GSRs" the importance GSRs attendance at this event should not be underestimated. At

the General Service Assembly held on Saturday all important decisions in the area are reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. This convention is our link to General Service Office (GSO) in New York and their link to us.

Be sure to ask your GSR about the weekend events and, if you wish, for the Area 59 reports for Panel 63 that was handed out Saturday morning during the assembly.

Next year is a voting year and District 48 is expected out in full force. We have



Area 59

something close to 38 groups with general service representatives and a year to plan. We want to have the most in attendance next year too. Let's knock their socks off with all 38 GSRs!

1. reprinted with permission from the EPGSA 2013 Area Structure Manual, pg. 15
* 38 at last count, Sept. 2013

ANONYMITY STATEMENT

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of our personal anonymity at the public level.

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Thus, we respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. Members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on audiotapes and in published or broadcast reports of our meeting, including those reports on new media technologies such as the internet.

The assurance of anonymity is

essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that A. A. principles come before personalities.

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For strength and hope for
friends and families of
problem drinkers:

Al-Anon Online:

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Articles, questions, comments and group events for
the newsletter can be
emailed to
aadistrict48@gmail.com

New Meeting:

Sunday Night 7pm,
Big Book Study
American Rescue
Workers

Williamsport

Anniversaries

Anniversaries can be emailed to aadistrict48@gmail.com

Celebrate—You are a miracle!

Jacky H. District 48 Secretary, 10/27/13 17 yrs; Sue M. District 48 Treasurer 10/22/13 26 yrs; Susan D. 10/29/13 6 months; Bill 10/13/13 90 days; Nicole 11/11/2013 4 yrs; Diana 11/4/13 17 yrs; Heidi 11/13/13 2 yrs; Lindsey E. 11/13/13 1 yr; Kia 11/10/13 1 yr; Cindy B. 11/22/13 16 yrs; Bill K. 11/10/13 33 yrs; *Correction from October 2013 Newsletter:* Janine B-S, 10/11/13 5 yrs

The Traditions...in a nutshell

*The following is reprinted, in part, from **The Language of the Heart**, pg. 211. Also January 1955 Grapevine.*

We have denied ourselves personal government, professionalism and the right to say who our members shall be. We have abandoned dogoodism, reform, and paternalism. We refuse charitable money and prefer to pay our own way. We will cooperate with practically everybody, yet we decline to marry our Society to anyone. We abstain from public controversy and will not quarrel among ourselves about those things that so

rip society asunder—religion, politics, reform. We have but one primary purpose: to carry the message to the sick alcoholic who wants it.

We take these attitudes not at all because we claim special virtue or wisdom; we do these things because hard experience has told us that we must—if AA is to survive in the distraught world of today. We also give up rights and make sacrifices because we ought to—better yet, because we want to. AA is a power greater than any of us; it must go on living or else uncounted thousands

“In our Twelve Traditions we have set our faces against nearly every trend in the outside world.”

of our kind will surely die. This we know.

How Much Anonymity?

The follow is a reprint of “As Bill Sees It” and of the “Twelve and Twelve”, pg 185-186.

As a rule, the average newcomer wanted his family to know immediately what he was trying to do. He also wanted to tell others who had tried to help him—his doctor, his minister, and close friends. As he gained confidence, he felt it right to explain his new way of life to his employer and business associates. When

opportunities to be helpful came along, he found he could talk easily about A.A. to almost anyone.

These quiet disclosures helped him to lose his fear of the alcoholic stigma, and spread the news of A.A.’s existence in his community. Many a new man and woman came to A. A. because of such conversations. Since it is only at the top public level that anonymity is expected,

such communications were well within its spirit.

