



# SEEDS OF SERVICE



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## TODAY'S ALCOHOLIC: INCLUSION, NOT EXCLUSION

### 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 2018 theme for the General Service Conference is "AA – A Solution for All Generations."

Spring 2018 (deadline 3/1)

"Participation in All of AA – Is My Triangle Balanced?"

Summer 2018 (deadline 6/6)

"AA Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions"

Fall 2018 (deadline 9/20)

"Group Conscience: The Guiding Force"

### Submission Guidelines

Suggested text length is 150 to 300 words. Artwork should be b&w, less than half a page (3"x5"), and 300 dpi. 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)

### History of the Development of NAIGSO-AA

edited from <http://naigso-aa.org/history.html>

(thanks to Art C; see page 2)

In 1989, an "ad hoc" committee was formed in Area 8 (San Diego, CA) to see how effectively the AA message was being carried to Native Americans.

The committee's suggestion was to establish meetings on the reservations, solicit support from urban groups to keep them going, and report back the results with recommendations. The committee had roving potluck meetings each month, meeting at different locations through out the area, with a different host reservation each month. When an Indian with an interest in starting an AA meeting on the reservation was found, his tribal council was approached and AA traditions were explained (such as being self supportive)... along with what A.A. does not do. A tribal location and date to start the meeting would be agreed upon. All participants dedicated themselves to supporting the new meeting, making sure someone was always there to open the door.

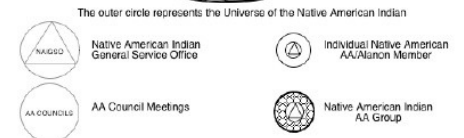
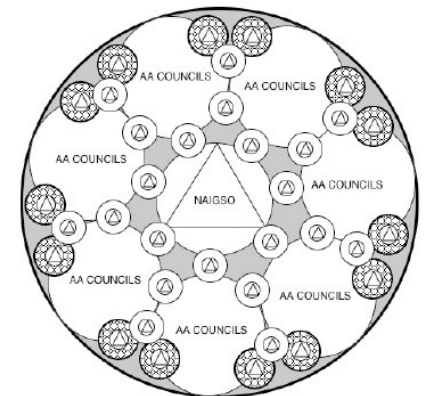
It has been shown that the committee's way of encouraging the message to come from within works. This approach is extremely effective, as long as they are carrying the message of AA. By March 1993, AA meetings had been established on twelve of eighteen reservations around San Diego County. Ten of the original twelve meetings still flourish today!

In 1990, a Paiute Indian AA named Earl L had a vision. Earl saw Indian Nations coming together in unity, celebrating sobriety, and embracing their culture. He saw the helping hand of AA as being attractive within Indian Country. Earl's vision saw our traditional ways as adding to the warmth and unconditional love of AA's principles. Earl worked with the *ad hoc* committee to foster and promote Native American AA meetings on the local reservations. In keeping with AA's tradition of autonomy, meetings were encouraged to incorporate Native American customs and culture into their formats. The committee concluded that Earl's vision meant that in order to effectively carry the message to the still-suffering Native American alcoholic, a service structure built around the traditional beliefs, practices, and customs was needed.

Today, NAIGSO-AA continues to carry the AA recovery message to the Indian Nations. Our Home Fires registry includes over 100 Native American AA groups and 450 loners/associates. There are conventions for Native American AA held in all four corners of Indian Country.

**Recovery from alcoholism is coming into reach of all Native peoples, wherever they live.**

Alcoholics Anonymous for the Native American Indian  
Structure of the Fellowship



The outer circle represents the universe of the Indian Nations of North America. This configuration is a dynamic representation of all the entities that are moving and interacting with each other.



## My Walk on the Red Road

*Art C, District 24, Walking the Red Road Group*

On a dull day in Winter 2014 in Pittsburgh, I searched for the words "AA" and "Native American Indian" online. Though I am not American Indian, I have a passion for Native American spirituality. I have been able to learn from many new friends along the way. I respect Native traditions and the opinions and teachings of the Elders.

While looking online, I found a Fireside Circle flyer. Without knowing anything about it, I called a man named Herb and asked if it were still going on. Herb said yes.

Excited, I packed my motorcycle that spring. Hopefully, I rode through the mountains on the Blue Ridge Parkway to North Carolina. I tell you, it is the happiest, most spiritual beautiful place that I have found in sobriety.

Roger LaF, Sharon B, and a few others founded Fireside Circle in 1995 on New Credit Reserve, Ontario, Canada, as a meeting around a fire where Native People could come and do recovery, incorporating traditional teachings. Meetings that combined AA and Powwow, with the Medicine Wheel, smudging, talking sticks, feathers, drums, sweats, singing, fellowship, trust, love, and – most of all – the spirit of "US" all being sober.

Following Roger's death, folks struggled to keep the Fireside Meeting going to no avail. However, Fireside Circle was carried on in 2011 by Herb W in Cherokee, NC, with Sharon B's humble blessing and support. It continues to meet in the spring and fall each year.

After experiencing this bi-annual weekend of celebration of sobriety, belonging, spiritual renewal, and fun myself for several years, I wanted to bring some of its energy to my home community in PA. We give away what we find in recovery. With Tom C, we started a talking circle "Eagles View" in April 2015 as an outreach into the local detox unit at Gateway Rehabilitation in Aliquippa. It incorporates Native American traditions in the order of the AA meeting and it continues today.

Additionally, the "Walking the Red Road" group of AA began in New Brighton, PA, at the end of October 2017. Attendance has been steady, around 20 people, with 7 home group members. All are welcome in our circle – it is an open AA meeting. People of all faiths are welcome.

***We honor both Native American Indian and AA Traditions, and neither are negotiable.***

For an example of Native American Traditions pertaining to the use of an eagle feather in a talking circle (as read by the Caretaker of the feather), see page 10 of: <http://naigso-aa.org/AA%20readings%20used.pdf>

## Prejudice

*Heidi M, Grove City Wednesday Night Step Study, District 18*

I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous physically, emotionally, and spiritually bankrupt. It took complete defeat and a push from the courts for me to decide to walk into the rooms. AA was the last stop, and I was leery.

As I walked up the stairs to my first meeting, I saw a group of men sitting around a table drinking coffee and laughing. One of them got up, offered me a chair, a cup of coffee, and a big book, instantly welcoming me into their meeting. One man gave me the numbers of two women, and he encouraged me to call them. One of those women is still my sponsor today.

I cried uncontrollably as I told them about the charges I was facing. I expected to be told to find somewhere else to go, but I was given a tissue and told to keep coming back. Instead of judging me for the way I had been living my life, I was invited to be a part of a fellowship where I could discover a new design for living.

Later, I shared with my new sponsor how I not only used alcohol, but I had used all its "cousins." Instead of excluding me for having other issues, she encouraged me to look for similarities of experiences in our fear-driven lives. When I respect AA when sharing by keeping it related to alcohol in AA meetings, I can find our common bonds of powerlessness and unmanageability.

While I could have been excluded for being a woman, my criminal charges, or for also using drugs, AA was the exact opposite. For me, the hand of AA was extended to include me to be part of a fellowship that helped me establish a relationship with God and clean house. AA gives me the opportunity to reach out my hand to offer strength and hope to those who have walked a similar path as I have.

***In AA, I find a group of people who set aside prejudices to come together for our common welfare.***

## “What Would the Master Do?”

*Bill W, Co-Founder*

A newcomer appeared at one of these groups, knocked on the door and asked to be let in. He talked frankly with that group’s oldest member. He soon proved that his was a desperate case, and that above all he wanted to get well. “But,” he asked, “will you let me join your group? Since I am the victim of another addiction even worse stigmatized than alcoholism, you may not want me among you. Or will you?”

There was the dilemma. What should the group do? The oldest member summoned two others, and in confidence laid the explosive facts in their laps. Said he, “Well, what about it? If we turn this man away, he’ll soon die. If we allow him in, only God knows what trouble he’ll brew. What shall the answer be – yes or no?”

At first the elders could look only at the objections. “We deal,” they said, “with alcoholics only. Shouldn’t we sacrifice this one for the sake of the many?” So went the discussion while the newcomer’s fate hung in the balance. Then one of the three spoke in a very different voice. “What we are really afraid of,” he said, “is our reputation. We are much more afraid of what people might say than the trouble this strange alcoholic might bring. As we’ve been talking, five short words have been running through my mind. Something keeps repeating to me, ‘What would the Master do?’” Not another word was said. What more indeed *could* be said?

Overjoyed, the newcomer plunged into Twelfth Step work. Tirelessly he laid AA’s message before scores of people. Since this was a very early group, those scores have since multiplied themselves into thousands. Never did he trouble anyone with his other difficulty. AA had taken its first step in the formation of Tradition Three.

*Excerpt reprinted from 12&12, Tradition Three, pages 141-142, with permission of AA World Services, Inc.*

## “How Dare He!?”

*Jon C, Area 60 Alt Chair*

*“Did that guy just mention drugs? Doesn’t he know we are at an AA meeting?! How dare he!?”*

I have heard from more than one opinionated alcoholic statements very similar to this. They will start talking about singleness of purpose. Maybe this will bring up the nostalgic fantasy about a time when AA was only full of “pure alcoholics”<sup>1</sup>. Maybe the person will go on to talk about how the message is getting watered down.<sup>2</sup> Or maybe how we are hearing about too many “outside issues.”<sup>3</sup>

If a dual-addicted person (or a questioning “pure” alcoholic) heard these comments, would they feel like they belong in AA? How can we be inclusive rather than exclusive?

- Sobriety – freedom from alcohol - through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an AA group. (P-35, *Problems Other than Alcohol*)
- Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. (Tradition Three, Long Form)

One should be welcome into a meeting of AA if they have a desire to stop drinking. And anyone who has a genuine alcoholic history can be an alcoholic regardless of whatever else they have done. If someone’s alcoholism led them to do drugs, it might get talked about during a lead or a share. (The same is true with other addictions as well: shopping, gambling, sex, eating, etc.) However, none of these should be the focus of a lead *any more than one’s drunkalog should be*. We should be focusing on sharing the *solution* of the 12 Steps, not the *incidents* of alcoholism (or whatever).

Also, these problems should be talked about with tact but full disclosure, because newcomers probably have no idea what an “outside issue” (or any other clever euphemism) is. Plus, we need to share honestly. While we cannot make a drug (or gambling, food, sex, etc.) addict or any other nonalcoholic into an AA member, those with genuine alcoholic histories might just might have some of these other problems as well.

***I’ve heard that we are complex people after all.***

### Footnotes:

1. I say *fantasy*, because neither Dr. Bob nor Bill W were “pure alcoholics”. I don’t think there was *ever* a time when AA was solely composed of such animals.
2. It is, but *different topic*.
3. Sure, there might be too much rehab/other 12 Step Fellowship’s lingo being brought into AA meetings, but again: that’s a *different topic*.

## Ask-It Basket Questions

From the Virtual Ask-It Basket, online at:  
<https://www.wpaarea60.org/newsletters/>



**Q1. As a member of AA, I understand the importance and purpose of a home group. I work shifts and never have the same days off every week. I found a group which I made my home group, and they knew that I worked shifts. When I am off, I attend that meeting and help wherever needed, but I am receiving a lot of grief from other members who feel that I am not active enough as a home group member. Do you have any suggestions?**

*Jody K (Area 60 Chair), Margie S (Alt Delegate), and Chad U (Newsletter Editor) collaborated on this answer:*

This seems like a serious issue that requires discussion with your sponsor.

If the group already knew you worked shifts and that your attendance would be irregular when you joined, and they are *still* giving you grief about it, then the answer is simple: **it's not your home group**. The long form of Tradition Five reads: "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." If your situation – and others' attitude(s) about it – are at odds, then you're not all part of the same "spiritual entity."

Additionally, the Forward to the First Edition states, "We would like it understood that our alcoholic work is an avocation." Jody recalls a married couple who were each two years sober. They lived, ate, and breathed service... but neither had gotten a job or made an effort to get their kids out of foster care because, "we need to put our sobriety first." We didn't get sober to hide inside of AA, or rest on our laurels – we have to handle life on life's terms. Sometimes, "life's terms" include having a work-schedule we're powerless over.

In your search for a group that might be more understanding of your shift-work situation, we suggest looking groups that host multiple meetings on different days (or at different times of the day) as good prospects. That way you can help with whichever individual meeting does not conflict with work.

### Q2. How can my home group attract more members?

*Margie S (Alt Delegate) answers:*

This is a frequently asked question, especially in areas where there are several meetings per day in a close geographic area.

Being open, welcoming, and helpful is one of the best ways to attract people to attend your meetings. Having greeters that are *available* and *genuine* is a great way to display those qualities, and recruit new home group members by example.

Having a job in the home group (such as setting up the chairs, cleaning coffee pots, or being responsible for snacks) is also a good and simple way to generate interest in membership. Whether they know it or not, group members like to be part-of, and the best way to be part-of is to be involved.

The real clincher, though, is being involved in Twelve Step work as a group. Does your home group take a meeting into an institution when possible? Could your home group volunteer to take care of Accessibilities in your District by taking meetings to the sick, elderly, or shut-ins? Has your home group ever sponsored an event, such as an anniversary party, Traditions workshop, or speaker jam? These kinds of activities generally spark interest in home group membership. People want to be involved with a group that's doing something.

Lastly, adherence to the Traditions can make a home group attractive. The integrity of a group of people who are focused on principles rather than personalities cannot be undersold.

For more information, see *The AA Group: Where it All Begins*. This can be purchased from your district's or the Area 60 Literature Coordinator. Also downloadable from < [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-16\\_theaagroup.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf) >.

### Q3. What's an active home group member, anyway?

*Margie S (Alt Delegate) answers:*

Active home group members attend the home group meeting weekly, or as often as their work schedule or issues with health allow them. Active home group members participate in the informed group conscience, understand the group history, contribute to the group both financially (once they are on their feet again) and physically by holding home group positions of responsibility such as secretary, treasurer, or GSR, by readying the meeting place for the meeting, by actively greeting attendees at meetings, and attending District and Area functions when possible or necessitated by position such as GSR or coordinator. There are many other qualities mentioned too. Sitting down with your home group members at a group conscience and discussing ways to be active home group members can always be helpful.

Please check out the *AA Group Handbook Kit* contents to see what publications of AAWS might benefit your group:

< [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-119w\\_grouphandbook\\_kit.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-119w_grouphandbook_kit.pdf) >



**Q4. Lately at some local meetings, members of AA are selling bracelets, promoting their book, and selling a line of cosmetics. This was before the meeting started. I feel this is very inappropriate and detracts from the unity of the program and the fellowship. I would appreciate your feedback.**

*Jon C (Area 60 Alt Chair), Margie S (Alt Delegate), and Chad U (Newsletter Editor) collaborated on this answer:*

This can be a complicated situation. If the group has put "requests for any non-AA announcements before opening the meeting" in their meeting format, they've asked for this situation. If no traditions are being broken, this issue seems to be something which may best be handled by the individual group conscience. Without specific details, it is hard to tell if a tradition is being broken. Consensus and AA custom seems to be that there is a difference between promoting a recovery event outside the AA service structure (like the Pittsburgh Recovery walk; a club spiritual retreat or picnic; YPAA events or conventions; or sobriety get-togethers like Cook Forest or Jackson's Mill) and someone personally selling or promoting something.

This is where the singleness of purpose of Tradition Five comes into play. We have meetings to recover from alcoholism, not sell LuLulemon. If someone wants to gather up a group of drunks and sell them Tupperware at their home, by all means, go ahead. A simple announcement about such an event may not be breaking a Tradition.

It's up to the home group conscience whether or not such announcements violate Tradition Six. If it finds that such announcements imply affiliation/endorsement (actual or implied), they can stop asking for non-AA announcements. If tables are being set up in the meeting place and members are "hawking their wares" prior to the beginning of the meeting, in the meeting room, this would clearly violate the spirit of the Sixth Tradition.

Perhaps it's a violation of Tradition Twelve: putting personalities before principles? If this is just a "personalities" issue, a quiet, private word could rectify it.

While the group conscience is the ultimate authority, we shouldn't use Tradition Four to break other traditions.

All that being said: it should be noted that members of AA have all manner of business and personal relations with each other. Since the beginning of our fellowship, members have gone out of their way to help each other seek gainful employment and get on their feet financially, so that all members can become contributing members of society. If members are asking as friends, letting others know they are self-employed or have goods/services/intellectual property for sale, and it is outside the meeting, there is probably no harm done there. However, if it is a hard sell or members are uncomfortable, the group conscience should discuss the issue. Ultimately, AAs can simply choose to attend a different meeting.

Members concerned about Traditions violations should talk to their GSRs, DCMs, or call their delegate (Currently, John K is our Area 60 Delegate). These are the guardians of the Traditions at the group, district, and area levels.

Send your questions to our **Virtual Ask-It Basket** at [newsletter@wpaarea60.org](mailto:newsletter@wpaarea60.org) or from the *Area 60 Newsletter* page at <https://www.wpaarea60.org/newsletters/>.

## Qualifying Newcomers

*Heidi M, Grove City Wednesday Night Step Study, District 18*

As a sponsor, one of the most important things I can do is help the newcomer is to help them qualify themselves and determine if they are alcoholic. I am careful to not automatically assume that since they showed up to AA, they must be alcoholics. Sponsorship, when done properly, clears out the those who are not alcoholic.

The way I have been taught to do this is to follow the outline in the chapter "Working With Others": we are to tell others of our own drinking habits, symptoms, and experiences. I relate to my sponsees the many ways I tried to control my drinking, and how each time I tried, I failed. I see if they resonate with the description of the alcoholic found in the chapter "More About Alcoholism" in our Big Book.

I pause often, giving them an opportunity to talk about themselves. As we talk, they will reveal the truth about their condition, from their own experiences. It is my responsibility as a sponsor to pay attention. It is their responsibility as a sponsee to fully concede their own alcoholism.

*But, and this is important, they cannot view drugs and alcohol as the **same thing**.*

I made this mistake with a sponsee who had been in and out of the rooms for several years. She could see her problem with drugs, but she was unable to associate with alcohol's problems. She could not relate to the mental obsession of the first drink, or the phenomenon of craving a drink. Her experience of drugs was different than my experience of alcohol.

Even though she liked what AA meetings produced in her, she could not make herself an alcoholic any more than I could make myself non-alcoholic. If a non-alcoholic were to remain in the rooms and take on a sponsee who is alcoholic, there could be grave results. We talked about the Traditions of AA. I told her she could attend open AA meetings, but suggested she attend meetings of a 12 Step Fellowship that connected to her actual problem.

In order to maintain our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, as sponsors we need to qualify those who come into the rooms. We have a responsibility to follow the directions in Chapter 7.

**We will be amazed at how this outline for sponsorship works.**



**26th Annual Area 60  
Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend**  
Formerly known as Getaway Weekend  
**March 23-25, 2018**

**“AA—A Solution for All Generations”**

**Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly 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. (The Pre-Conference Assembly will open Sunday at 10:15 am; there is no fee to attend the Assembly only.)

**Highlights**

- Committee Workshops & Presentations
- Panel Presentations
- Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker Meeting
- Early Bird & Night Owl Meetings

**On-Site Registration & Hospitality Room**

Opens 3 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018  
Program begins @ 4 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018

**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)  
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information at [treatment@wpaarea60.org](mailto:treatment@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 free Wi-Fi.

Please make reservations directly with the hotel by March 9, 2018 (**Mention Area 60 Get Away Weekend**)

Please note that restaurants are available locally if you prefer not to purchase your meals through the Conference, or have special dietary needs.



**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (or use address label) and RETURN BY MARCH 9, 2018**

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\_\_\_ Registration \$20

\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \$28

\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \$13.00

\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet \$32

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

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

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

*We are unable to accommodate dietary needs. There are, however, many restaurants in the area and a grocery store.*

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
Area 60 Treasurer, P.O. Box 1496, Washington, PA 15301  
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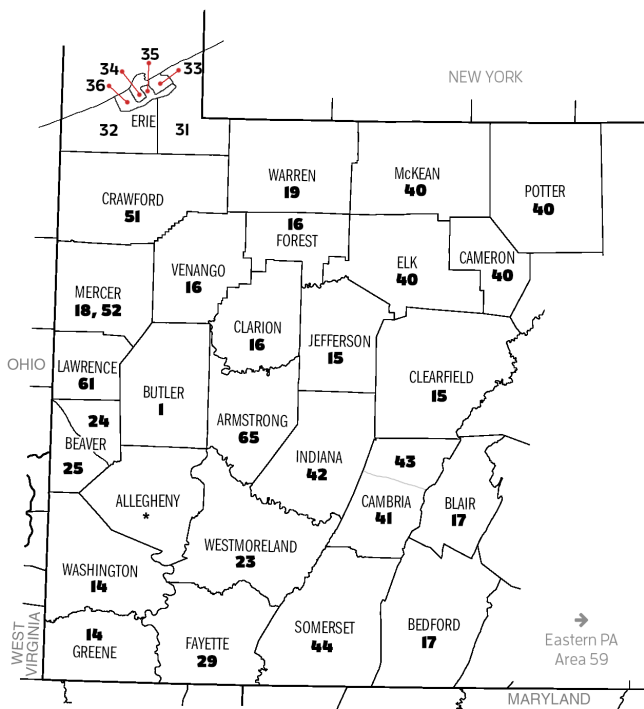
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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



# Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend

**Save the Date! (March 23-24, 2018)**

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)**.



\* Allegheny County: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 70, 71

### Area 60 Web Calendar

Our website has an updated online calendar, which lists service events (Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend, the General Service Conference, assemblies, etc.) in **green**; Area 60-sponsored events (quarterly meetings, Days of Sharing, etc.) in **blue**, and other events of interest to AAs (district-level events, recovery community events, etc.) in **red**.

Check it out at:  
<https://www.wpaarea60.org/calendar/>



### Two Types of Area Meetings

- Quarterly Meeting:** Decides area business. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, past Delegates vote.
- 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.**

# 2018 Calendar of Events

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Sunday, Jan 21</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>
Sunday, Feb 11	9 am	Officers/Coordinators Meeting PCAW Planning Meeting
<b>Feb 23-25</b>	<b>All Weekend</b>	<b>NERAASA</b> Cromwell, CT
Sunday, Mar 4	9 am	PCAW Planning Meeting
<b>Mar 9-11</b>	<b>All Weekend</b>	<b>NERD</b> Tarrytown, NY
<b>March 23-24</b>	<b>FRI/SAT</b>	<b>PCAW</b>
<b>Sunday, Mar 25</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Pre-Conference Assembly</b>
Sunday, Apr 8	9 am	Officers/Coordinators Meeting
<b>Apr 22-28</b>	<b>All Week</b>	<b>General Service Conference</b>
<b>Sunday, May 6</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	9 am	Officers/Coordinators Meeting PCAW Wrap-up
<b>Sunday, June 24</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Post-Conference Assembly</b>
Sunday, July 8	9 am	Officers/Coordinators Meeting
<b>August 4-6</b>	<b>All Weekend</b>	<b>PA State Convention</b> Harrisburg, PA
<b>Saturday, Aug 18</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b> <b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b> <b>2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA</b>
Sunday, Sept 16	9 am	Officers/Coordinators Meeting
<b>Sunday, Oct 14</b>	8:30 am Registration 9 am Workshop 10:15 am Meeting	<b>Fall Assembly</b>

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA 60

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

*Delegate:* John K                      delegate@wpaarea60.org  
*Alt Delegate:* Margie S                altdelegate@wpaarea60.org  
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*Alt Chair:* Jon C                        altchairperson@wpaarea60.org  
*Secretary:* Jane R                     secretary@wpaarea60.org  
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