

# 67<sup>th</sup> annual

## Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

November 8–10, 2024



Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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## GUEST OBSERVER

Each year, Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly invites a Guest Observer to our convention. The guest observer is defined as: “A person, not in the Fellowship, and with limited access to members of the Fellowship, who has intimate, on-going contact with alcoholics in the workplace, and whose job activities would be enriched by attending our convention/assembly.”

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly welcomes the Honorable Nancy L. Butts to our 67th Annual Convention and Assembly.

**The Honorable Nancy L. Butts** is the President Judge of the Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, she graduated from Lehigh University and California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA. Judge Butts has served the people of Lycoming County since 1986, when she started her career there as an Assistant Public Defender. In 1990, she became an Assistant District Attorney, then in 1995, she became the first woman elected to the bench in North Central Pennsylvania. Judge Butts founded and presides over Lycoming County’s Drug Court (since 1998), Juvenile Drug Court (since 2004), and Mental Health Court (created 2008). In her profession, she comes in contact with many who suffer from alcoholism, and looks forward to applying what she learns this weekend to her work.

## Let’s be friendly with our friends

### Friends on the Alcoholism Front

Excerpt from an article  
in a 1958 *A.A. Grapevine*

We are told there are 4,500,000 alcoholics in America. Up to now, A.A. has sobered up perhaps 250,000 of them. That’s about one in 20, or five percent of the total. This is a brave beginning, full of significance and hope for those who still suffer. Yet these figures show that we have made only a fair-sized dent on this vast world health problem. Millions are still sick and other millions soon will be.

These facts of alcoholism should give us good reason to think, and to be humble. Surely, we can be grateful for every agency or method that tries to solve the problem of alcoholism—whether of medicine, religion, education, or research. We can be open-minded toward all such efforts . . .

By Bill W.



## Friday – November 8, 2024

1:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Check-In &amp; Registration</b>	<b>Wheatland</b>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>A.A. Meeting</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Sheri W., GSR, Women of Change, D64	<b>Hopewell</b>
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<b>Red Ball Meeting</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Dave H., Past DCM, D21	<b>Hopewell</b>
5:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Dinner Buffet</b>	<b>Vistas</b>
7:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>General Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i></li> <li>• <i>ASL provided</i></li> </ul> <b>Chairperson:</b> Pat F., Convention Committee Chair, Past Delegate Panel 65 <b>Speakers:</b> Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee Michael R., G.S.O. Staff, C.P.C. Assignment	<b>Lincoln Theater</b>
9:00 – TBD	<b>Usher Orientation (ADCMs Only!)</b> <b>Chairpersons:</b> Tara C., Area 59 Treasurer	<b>Lincoln Theater</b>
9:15 – 10:00 pm	<b>GSR Sharing Session with Q&amp;A</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Paul M., Past Delegate Panel 67	<b>Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
10:00 – 10:45 pm	<b>The General Service Board and General Service Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible D68</i></li> </ul> <b>Presenter:</b> Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee	<b>Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
10:30 pm – 12:30 am	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
10:30 pm – 11:30 pm	<b>Activities</b> <b>Facilitators:</b> PENNSCYPAA XXXVI Host Committee	<b>Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
12:00 – 1:00 am	<b>Young at Heart Midnight Meeting</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Tim S., Chairperson, PENNSCYPAA XXXVI	<b>Hopewell</b>

# Saturday Morning – November 9, 2024

**ALL Voting Members MUST be seated in the Lincoln Theatre by 8:45 AM SHARP**

<b>6:00 – 7:00 am</b>	<b>Sunrise: Daily Reflections Meeting</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Christine B., GSR, D30	<b>Hopewell</b>
<b>6:00 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	<b>Vistas</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration Continues</b>	<b>Wheatland</b>

<b>8:45 – approx. 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Area 59 Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Traducción española disponible</i></li> <li>• <i>American Sign Language provided</i></li> </ul> <b>Opening:</b> Sue M., Area Chairperson <b>Roll Call:</b> Dan B., Area Secretary <b>Election Procedure:</b> Pete B., Area Delegate <b>Election Chair:</b> Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee <b>Closing:</b> Sue M., Area Chairperson	<b>Lincoln Theater</b>
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## ACTIVITIES FOR NON-VOTING MEMBERS DURING ASSEMBLY

<b>10:00 – 10:50 am</b>	<b>Intergroup Sharing Session</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Sue A., Lancaster Intergroup	<b>Marietta</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 am</b>	<b>Our Three Legacies</b> <b>Chairpersons:</b> Dale S., Past DCM, D38	<b>Hopewell</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 am</b>	<b>Prayer and Meditation</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Brad S., Hilltop Group, D66	<b>Paradise</b>

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:00 – 3:50 pm

Workshops

*Times approximate*

**Take the Money and Run –  
Finance and Structure Subcommittees**

**Hopewell**

Frank W., DCM 22	Lauren B., DCM 24
Jen P., DCM 33	Jeff L., DCM 34
Laura F., DCM 37	Nathan M., DCM 42
Alex V., DCM 42	Tim R., DCM 44
Alex N., DCM 51	Vicki M., DCM 57
John H., DCM 66	

**Anonymity Online – PI/CPC Subcommittee**

**Paradise**

Diane M., DCM 25	Deb S., DCM 30
Alex B., DCM 43	Adam S., DCM 45
Marie F., DCM 62	Faith B., DCM 63
Rosendo R., DCM 68	

**Making the A.A. Message Accessible –  
Treatment/Accessibilities Subcommittee**

**Marietta**

Devon C., DCM 21	Bobby J., DCM 29
Steve B., DCM 41	Dwayne L., D53
Tim S., D65	Jim K., D67

**Bridging the Gap**

**Limerock**

Jim L., Area 59 BTG Coordinator

**Sober Friends Episode 7 Skit:  
Plain Language Big Book .... Improv!**

**Vistas Windows**

Ted C., DCM 27	Mark B., ADCM 27
Colleen M., ADCM 30	Steve P., ADCM 33
Jessica S., ADCM 51	Mark M., ADCM 57
Tom W., ADCM 67	

Saturday – November 9, 2024

4:00 – 4:45 pm      **Alcoholics Anonymous World Services**      **Lincoln Theater**  
 Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S.

4:45 – 5:30 pm      **Your A.A. General Service Office:  
 Tools and Resources**      **Lincoln Theater**  
 Michael R., G.S.O. Staff, C.P.C. Assignment

**SATURDAY EVENING**

6:00 pm      **Banquet**      **Ballrooms A&B**

8:00 pm      **A.A. Speaker Meeting**      **Lincoln Theater**  
 • *Traducción española disponible*  
 • *English translation available*  
 • *ASL provided*  
**Chairperson:** Pete B., Area Delegate  
**Introduction of Panel 75 Officers**  
**Sobriety Countdown**  
**Introduction of Panel 73 Area Committee Members**  
**Seventh Tradition Collection for General Service**  
**Board Contributions**  
**A.A. Speaker:**  
 Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S.

10:00 pm – 12:00 am      **Ice Cream Social**      **Ballroom B**

10:30 pm – 12:30 am      **DJ Dance**      **Ballroom B**

12:00 – 1:00 am      **Young in A.A. Panel**      **Marietta**  
**Chairperson:** Laura S., PENNSCYPAA Advisory Council  
**Panelists:** Matthew C., Brandy M., Randy J.

**Hospitality will be on the 6th floor – Hours will be posted**

**Archives display will be in the New Holland Room**

**Literature and *Grapevine* Sales will be in the Ballroom Foyer**

**Subcommittee Displays will be in the Ballroom Foyer**

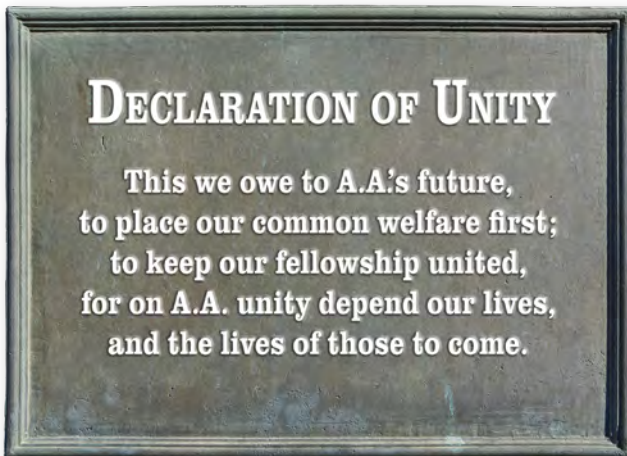


SUNDAY MORNING

6:00 – 7:00 am	<b>On Awakening</b> Chairperson: Kayla E., GSR, D30	Hopewell
7:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	Vistas
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Sharing Session</b> Topic: <b>This weekend, I was inspired by . . .</b> • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Moderator: Carolyn W., General Service Trustee, Chairperson A.A.W.S. Timer: Area Officer-at-Large Elect Open Mic: 2 minutes each	Lincoln Theater
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>A.A. Meeting: God As I Understand Him</b> • <i>Traducción española disponible</i> Chairperson: Area Alternate Delegate Elect Timer: Area Treasurer Elect	Lincoln Theater
Close	<b>Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer</b> Pat F., Convention Committee Chair, Past Delegate Panel 65 Pete B., Delegate	

Hotel Check Out – No later than 11:00 am

**Please fill out your critique sheet so we may better serve you!**



## **We extend our gratitude to our Special Area Servants**

Donald H..... Archivist  
Jack C..... Assistant Archivist  
Jim L..... Bridging the Gap Coordinator  
Evelyn D..... Spanish Interpreter  
Sandra P..... Spanish Interpreter  
Fred S..... Technology Servant  
Nick P..... Assistant Technology Servant  
Scott F..... Web Servant  
Lenny T..... Assistant Web Servant



## **Area 59 Convention Committee**

Pat F. .... Chairperson & Past Delegate, Panel 65  
Marcia G. .... Secretary & Past Delegate, Panel 41  
Hugh H. .... Treasurer & Past Delegate, Panel 61  
Marty S. .... Past Delegate, Panel 51  
Lowell L. .... Past Delegate, Panel 59  
Steve O..... Past Delegate, Panel 63  
Paul M. .... Past Delegate, Panel 67  
Caroline N.... Past Delegate, Panel 71  
Pete B..... Delegate, Panel 73



## **Guest Observer**

Honorable Nancy L. Butts, President Judge Lycoming County Court of Common Pleas

## **Thank you for attending and participating in the 67th Annual EPGSA Convention & Assembly**

We hope you will plan to join us for our 68th Annual Convention and Assembly, November 14-16, 2025!

**Have a safe trip home!**



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