

# Local Activities

Area 60 / District 41 / Fall / 2013



JOHNSTOWN, PA

## Third Quarterly Meeting of Area 60

I attended the 3rd quarterly area 60 meeting in Pittsburgh on Sunday, August 18th. Also in attendance from our district were Bill M. and Helen B. (thanks!).

Highlights:

### *13th Stepping and Predators at AA Meetings*

"Don't be afraid to shine a light on that fungus - don't let it grow in the dark" -- George K., Alternate Area 60 Delegate, quoting from a discussion at NERF (North American Regional Forum) about 13th Stepping. Discussion about not being afraid to protect AA by discussing openly predatory behavior without breaking anonymity.

### *Free AA Newsletters*

<http://dds.aaws.org> - Subscribe electronically to Box 4-5-9, About AA, or Markings and have each issue delivered to you via email. The service is free and is intended for the use of A.A. members and friends of Alcoholics Anonymous.

### *Commemorative 1st Edition of the Big Book*

AAWS will be publishing a 75th anniversary commemorative edition of the first edition of the big book for \$12, to be released in April, 2014.

### *Shipping Increase for Books*

There has been a fairly large increase in the shipping charges when ordering literature from AAWS. Orders over \$500 get free shipping (previously over \$250) -- to ease the cost on groups, order through the literature coordinator so larger orders may be placed.

### *Bill Wilson Commemorative Stamp*

A group of non-alcoholics have petitioned the USPS for the creation of a Bill Wilson commemorative stamp, with mention that it would be unveiled at AA World Convention in Atlanta. This is NOT endorsed by AAWS and a letter has been sent to the USPS explaining anonymity (which continues after death) and officially separating AA from the issue. The stamp, if issued, will not be unveiled at the convention.

### *Coordinator Positions*

A new Area Literature Coordinator was introduced (no voting performed) - Rick O. will be filling the vacancy. There was a \$1,500 discrepancy in the literature fund and the previous literature coordinator stepped down. The 12th concept, 5th warranty was discussed (no punitive actions taken -- the lost money is gone, we make changes to try to prevent this from happening in the future, end of story). We are still looking for the following positions: Alternate Literature Coordinator, Alternative Corrections Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Treatment Coordinator, Alternate Treatment Coordinator, Alternate Registrar.

### *Seeds of Service*

The new issue of Seeds of Service, the Area 60 Newsletter, is out and available online at [wpaarea60.org](http://wpaarea60.org). The last 2 years of issues are now available online. Printed copies will be distributed to each group over the next week. There is a new section called 'Classifieds' which has open service positions and descriptions, as well as the Corrections Corner containing letters from incarcerated AA's. Please contribute - you can send in articles, pictures, etc.

### *Treatment Facilities and Halfway Houses*

Discussion was had regarding the responsibility of the chairperson and homegroup members, but also regularly attending AA's, in explaining basic meeting rules such as no crosstalking (and what it is), parking, smoking, etc... and bringing those rules to the facilities themselves (administrators); Also discussed was other districts willingness to protect the meetings by asking facilities not to come if those rules are not being respected, usually for brief periods (not permanent).

## District Highlights, July/August 2013

### *District Sponsored Picnic*

The picnic held on July 27th at Windber Recreation Park was a great success, even though it was raining most of the day! We had about 70 people, including the women's halfway house, and the feedback points to a great time had by all who attended.