

Please read this at you next Group Conscience or share with your Home Group Members.

Greetings! This letter comes to you from your Erie Area General Service Committee.

Our (Erie and Millcreek) Districts are in need of District Committee Members (or DCM's) and Group Service Representatives (or GSR's). Therefore, this letter serves as an invitation to each Home Group- to provide a representative to attend our local (District) meetings.

What is a GSR or a DCM? A brief explanation:

The Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous created a plan to keep each Home Group connected to AA's Headquarters (or General Service Office) in New York. That plan included the mapping of our country into **Areas**; along with dividing each Area into **Districts**. All of Erie County is in **Area 60** (serving all of western Pennsylvania), and if you're reading (or hearing!) this letter- then you are in **Districts 33, 34, 35 or 36**.

Each **Home Group** owes it to themselves, to elect a Group Service Representative (or GSR), which would regularly attend the Erie Area. General Service (District) Meetings. **Those meetings are held every third Tuesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) at the Alcanon Club, 926 East 6th Street (at 7:30 PM).**

In the course of those meetings, a District Committee Member (or DCM) is elected to attend the Area 60 Meetings (scheduled several times each year near Pittsburgh). Likewise, the DCM's meeting in Area 60 vote to send a Delegate to the conference held each year in New York. It should be noted that GSR's are also most welcome to attend all Area 60 meetings.

It seems complicated! But in reality, it is a simple process that allows each Home Group (and AA Member); a connection to AA, and a voice toward how AA functions.

We recovering alcoholics in Erie are to be commended for a great deal of effort put forth to extend the hand of AA. Yet this binding-tie of our AA-service is lacking. Please help us improve upon this important part of our AA-foundation, and send us a representative for your Home Group to our next Erie Area General Service Meeting.

Thank you,

Carl

Erie Area General Service Chairman