

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 31 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

DISTRICT: 5

CO-DCM: Mary M

CO-DCM: Pauline D

Fall Assembly 2013 ~ District 5 report: REGISTERED GROUPS: 69

District Highlights:

District 5 - GSR participants over the last 6 months continues to average between 12→16. Our GSR's are active participants, volunteering to take on District responsibilities and some have attended the Concepts Meeting. Our District continues to hold a monthly discussion of the Tradition of the month, and a topic from the Service Manual (based on a 2 year rotation schedule). One of our GSR's volunteer's each month to lead that discussion ~ we are all contributing and learning from our sharing of our understanding and our service experience. All of our positions are currently filled. We are utilizing the new Web Site ~ the Webmaster is posting all of our monthly activity so our information is easily accessible. In September, our District made 2 motions "to take up a vote for the term of office for LCM and Secretary to be 2 yrs." After discussions, the motions on both Secretary and LCM did **not** carry. Both positions will remain 1 year positions. Also in September, a motion was made "to adopt a new policy stating, "If a person doesn't show up for 3 months in a calendar year – (No call, No show) that position (DCM/LCM/Secretary) is considered vacated." This Motion carried unanimously. In the event a position is vacated – The District will refer to election procedures. We held elections on October 7, 2013. All positions that are opening in January were filled. Pauline will roll into DCM-Chair, Bob was voted into and accepted the CO-DCM position, Jim was voted into and accepted the LCM position, and Angie was voted into and accepted the Secretary position.

District Group Changes:

- ⌚ Keep it Simple Group – Thorndike is still struggling, could use support
- ⌚ Friday South Hadley Group – Now offer hot dogs after the second meeting
- ⌚ Morning Light Group – Chicopee – is putting together a new format
- ⌚ Women's New Beginnings Group – had some recent controversy – the group recently voted for the group to become an "open group." Group members that were not present at that particular business meeting were unhappy with the outcome, however all were informed prior to the voting

Contacting Dark Groups:

Many of our GSR's have assisted in visiting our District's "Dark Groups" ~ updating contact information. Over the next few months, we hope to visit some of their business meetings to stimulate enthusiasm as there are many groups not yet represented at our monthly District Meetings ~ Thank you!!!