

Delegate Report: Good morning, Area 15. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Annie C., Delegate Panel 67, Area 15 S. Florida, Bahamas, US & British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten and the Cayman Islands. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate. Thank you, Ryan for sharing with us Friday night & Clem, thank you for joining us this weekend and sharing your journey with us. Thank you to the members of District 2 for hosting us this weekend.

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of Area 15's past trusted servants. Many of us will remember Maria and her smiling face at the various gatherings in Area 15. Please join me in keeping Jim and their family in our thoughts & prayers.

Welcome to all the new GSR's & Alternate GSR's. We are all here to assist you in your journey. We have been where you are. The past few month's have been very busy for me and for our fellowship. In April, I attended the 68th General Service Conference where we reviewed, discussed and voted on many of the items our fellowship submitted as proposed agenda items. Upon returning home after the incredible experience of the General Service Conference, it was time to prepare the "Report-back". For most of May & June, I had the opportunity to visit with many of you during the District Delegate Reports. I cannot thank each of you enough for your wonderful hospitality, laughs, questions and comments. Visiting with the districts is always a highlight in the Conference process. I hope you had a chance to look at the Conference storyboards and please visit the Delegates Corner for the many items I have submitted to our Area Website committee to post.

Regional: The 2018 Southeast Regional Forum will take place November 16-18, 2018 in Sterling, Virginia. Information can be found at www.aa.org. The flyers are available in English & Spanish. The group rate and code are good until October 26, 2018. I look forward to seeing some of you there. An event much closer to home is the 62nd Florida State Convention which will take place August 16-19, 2018. I hope to see many of you in Ft. Lauderdale!

News from the General Service Board: Some of the highlights from the General Service Conference are: The first copy of the Navajo Big Book (which is a 14-cd audiobook) was presented to the president of the Navajo Nation in early May, the publication pertaining to *Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks* was approved, the theme for the 2019 General Service Conference will be: "Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages. The CPC Committee will be revising various pamphlets to reflect language related to the military, and that AAWS develop a company page on Linked In, the PSA, "Changes" was approved with minor edits, the Young People's video submission was approved and the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" be approved with expanded content on Traditions Eleven & Twelve. Our Service Manual will undergo a comprehensive evaluation, update & redesign following the printing of the 2018-2020 edition. Also, all Committee Considerations and Area Highlights will be printed in their entirety in the Final Conference Reports. The items to censure the GSB & to reorganize the Board did not come out of committee. The development to produce our Big Book in American Sign Language (ASL) is underway and the scope of the Trustees Committee on CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities will be expanded to include those who live in underserved or remote communities. And that the Trustees Committee on CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities consider producing a Remote Communities Kit & Workbook. As usual, the Conference Literature committee had a large agenda. They recommended 14 items to the conference floor to be voted on – 11 passed. Some of them are: The text originally included in the 1998 edition of Living Sober be reinserted, the pamphlet currently published in Great Britain, "The God Word" be approved with minor edits, there are also new titles to some pamphlets including – "Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A., Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors, Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A. The pamphlet GSR General Service Representative: May be the Most Important Job in A.A. be changed to GSR General Service Representative: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole. Two items that passed are going to need input from our fellowship. Those items are the developments of a pamphlet for Spanish speaking women alcoholics and a pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies. If you would like additional information on any of these advisory actions, please email me at Delegate@area15aa.org

The resumes for Two Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees is July 27, 2018. On September 21-23, 2018 the 33rd Annual Central Office/Intergroup Seminar will take place in Montreal, Quebec. The A.A.W.S/G.S.O. YouTube Channel has been launched and can be found at www.youtube.com/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc. The planning is underway for the 2020 International Convention which will be in Detroit. Look for further information in Box 459 or a www.aa.org. Currently there are two large projects underway at GSO, one that is modernizing our business systems which will integrate our existing applications into one platform providing more efficiency. Eventually the new system will replace our Fellowship New Vision (FNV) system. The other project underway is a "Large Print" project to bring our literature up to industry standards. Pamphlets will be addressed first, then books will be revised so that everything including footnotes will be readable. One of the advisory actions approved was the polling process of Conference members between the annual General Service Conference. Little did we know we would be initiating one so soon. As a member of the Conference on Policy/Admissions, we had a joint call with the Trustees Conference Committee these past few days. A poll will be sent on Monday, July 9th regarding selecting new dates for the 2019 General Service Conference. Those dates will be May 19-25, 2019. The venue is still the same. Once the polling process is complete, I will inform our Area members.

Financial: Contributions for the first four months are \$2.6 million, total revenue is at \$6,026,856 million and expenses are at \$6,091,51 million for a loss this period of \$64,895.

Grapevine: Fellowship wide support remains key to the future of Grapevine and LaVina. Local efforts are essential in reaching the AA members. The new publication AA in the Military is available on www.AAGrapevine.org.

Next quarter we will be holding elections for our new Panel of Area Officers and Area Committee Chairs. If you found the rooms of A.A. through a 12-step call, a doctor, a treatment facility, jail or judge a member of A.A. was there at some point too. "We" carry the message in many ways and I hope that you will consider offering your service to continue to Carry the Message while participating in our Three Legacies.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted, In Love & Service, Annie C., Delegate