

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. Congratulations to all the incoming Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs & members, and District Chairs. Welcome to all new General Service Representatives, Alternate General Service Representatives, District Committee Members and Alternate Committee Members. I would like to thank the Past Delegates and our Alternate Delegate for their support and guidance these past few weeks. Thank you, Ken F., for sharing with us Friday night. Please help me thank our guest, Greg T., for sharing his experience, strength, & hope with us this weekend and for his service to our Fellowship as General Manager of our General Service Office. And thank you to the members of District 7 for hosting a great quarterly in the backyard of District 4. You all have shown that you are willing to go to any length.

I am humbled to serve you, and A.A. as a whole, for the next two years as your Delegate. I will strive to be available to each of you, not only at our Area meetings, but throughout the year to hear your thoughts, comments and questions.

In early November, I received a welcome letter from our General Service Office outlining some helpful information regarding the role of the Delegate. Included was the theme of the 67th General Service Conference – “Supporting Our Future” – and three presentation/discussion topics: Growth, Participation and Contributions. You may wish to consider these as discussion topics in your local meetings, districts, and committees. I would love to hear what comes from your conversations.

In late December, I received notification that I will be serving on the Policy/Admissions Conference Committee when the Conference convenes in April. I will need help from each of you before I head to New York. In late February, all Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs and District Chairs will receive the Final Agenda and background material for the Conference. Others who are interested in receiving the background information can contact their District Chairperson. **PLEASE, PLEASE remember that the background information is not anonymity protected; it is meant only for members of A.A., and should not be posted on any public applications.** Please review and be prepared to share input, most importantly your group conscience, with me at our Area Assembly in April. On Saturday at that Assembly, between 4-6 p.m., we will review as a group as many non-Area Committee Agenda Items as time permits. Those include items pertaining to Agenda, Finance, Policy/Admissions, Report and Charter, Trustees, and International Convention/Regional Forums. We will review and discuss the remaining Final Conference Agenda Items – those pertaining to Corrections, Literature, Public Information, etc. – at the conclusion of our Sunday morning business meeting. All Area 15 Standing Committee Chairs should be prepared to present their committee's group conscience at that time.

News from the General Service Board:

- Albin Z. was hired as Director of Administration and Services at our General Service Office.
- In November, the trustees' Corrections Committee sent out a questionnaire to determine if there is a need for a National Corrections Conference. The answer was “yes,” so in November 2017, Area 38 Eastern Missouri will host the first conference, with the location rotating annually.
- The Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee has an opening for an Appointed Committee Member. If you are interested or would like more information, please email me, contact the CPC desk at the General Service Office at cpc@aa.org, or email the Treatment and Accessibilities desk at tf@aa.org or access@aa.org. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2017.
- The Literature coordinator is continuing to work closely with five subcommittees to update a number of pamphlets.
- The Public Information assignment is reviewing proposals to distribute and track the video public service announcement “I Have Hope” (“Tengo Esperanza”) in English and French.
- The Accessibilities coordinator participated in video reviews of American Sign Language interpreters for new American Sign Language-interpreted DVDs of the Big Book and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

A local Accessibilities Committee, which included deaf A.A. members, participated and their feedback was extremely insightful.

Financials:

A.A. World Services reports that total revenue – gross profit on A.A. literature, contributions and earned interest – was \$12.2 million, 6.75 percent greater than budgeted. Expenses were \$11.4 million, \$690,000 less than budget, with a net profit of \$800,145 compared with a budgeted loss of \$662,152.

- Group contributions were \$620,000 through September 2016, a 13 percent increase from last year. This increase was due to more A.A. members and groups using the Seventh Tradition Contributions online feature, which allows for recurring contributions.
- The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$15 million, or approximately 9.8 months of operating expenses.

Grapevine:

- Combined circulation for the nine months of 2016 totaled 77,900. A total gross profit of \$1.4 million, with expenses of \$1.3 million for the same period, left a profit of \$109,839, which is significantly improved compared to the 2016 budgeted loss.
- LaVina had a shortfall of \$108,828 for the first nine months of 2016. Average circulation was 10,340, an increase of 30 copies from 2015.

Last but not least, I have received the Group Contributions report from the General Service Office and have shared it with our Area Treasurer for review and distribution to District Treasurers. Contributions from Area 15 for the first nine months of 2016 totaled \$201,878, with 862 of 2,242 groups, or 38 percent, participating.

Regional:

- In December, I attended the Southeast Regional Forum in Orlando. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet many of the newly elected Area Delegates & Alternates; as well as members of the AAWS, Grapevine & General Service Board and GSO staff. The presentations and sharing sessions were focused on many different topics. The Full-Forum report will be out in a few months. If you would like additional information, please contact me.
- The South Florida Delegates Get-Together will be held February 3-5, 2017 in Atlanta. I will be attending with our Alternate Delegate.
- The 4th Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA) will take place November 10-12, 2017 in Atlanta. The flyer will be available on our Area 15 website.

This report will be posted in the Delegate's Corner section of our Area 15 website at www.aa15aa.org. Once the Final Agenda for the 67th General Service Conference is received, it will also be posted in that section.

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