

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, Dave for sharing with us Friday night. Joyce, we have shared a wonderful journey together these past few years and I want to thank you for sharing with us Saturday night. You are an inspiration to many. And thank you to the members of District 4 for hosting a great quarterly. After all the traveling, I've done this past quarter – it's GREAT to be home!

I would like to thank those District's that invited me to attend your meetings and present the Delegates report on the 67th General Service Conference. I have had a lot of fun getting to know each of you better and it is a journey that I will always treasure. I will be submitting my General Service Conference handout to our website committee for posting. Look for it on the Delegate's page. I have already posted the post-conference newsletter and it is on the Delegate's page as well.

Regional: During the Regional Luncheon at the 67th General Service Conference, the Delegates voted to correct the rotation schedule for hosting the Southeast Regional Forums. The updated rotation begins with Louisiana hosting in 2022 and North Carolina hosting in 2024. As most of you have heard our newly elected SE Regional Trustee is Cathy B. from Area 73 WV. Cathy will be our guest at the October 2017 Quarterly. Many thanks go out to Chet P. for his dedication and participation in serving our immediate past SE Regional Trustee. I had the opportunity to share with two additional members on a General Service panel at SERCYPAA in early June. We had a lot of fun and learned a lot from each other.

The upcoming SSAASA host committee had to change the venue. The **revised flyer** is posted on the Area 15 website. The dates for the event have not changed. The 4th SSAASA will still be held November 10-12, 2017. Both our Alternate Delegate & our Ad-Hoc Committee chair will share more on this. We hope to see many of you there!

News from the General Service Board: Now that the Conference has concluded, it's time to act on those Advisory Actions. Our General Service Board met immediately following the closing brunch at the General Service Conference and adopted all the advisory actions. Many of the advisory actions and additional committee considerations have begun to be acted on by our Trustees Committees and our AAWS & Grapevine boards. The new & revised "Safety in AA" card aka "The Yellow Card" has been uploaded to the What's New tab of the AA website. It can be found at www.aa.org.

Some of the Conference Highlights are: The Final Conference Reports will be available in an anonymity protected digital version beginning this fall of this year. The printed Final Conference Reports will be shipped around August/September and will be distributed to the District Chairs at the October Quarterly. The theme for next years conference is "A.A. – A Solution for All Generations." Our hope is that you use this theme for discussions in your home groups, districts and committee meetings. The Conference Background translation project is getting underway. A request for information from Area's that have done translating of AA documents was requested. Some of our Area Linguistic Committee members volunteered to assist and our interpreter provided us with a glossary of terms to be forwarded to our General Service Office. The pamphlet "Too Young" which Area 15 felt very strong about not retiring due to its popularity with PI/CPC work will be revised and edited to conform to today's era. The newsletter and summary of 67th General Service Conference has been submitted to our website for posting and is located on the Delegate's Corner. Please visit www.area15aa.org.

Some of you may have heard various comments or reports regarding actions taken by our General Service Board and the AAWS Board of Directors regarding the 1939 Printers Copy of the manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous. *All conference members* received correspondence from our General Manager informing us of the action(s) taken. The memo states: *We recently learned that the manuscript was going to appear at public auction in June. Because the manuscript undeniably belongs to the G.S.O. Archives, we have requested and were granted a temporary restraining order by New York State Supreme Court to prevent the manuscript from being sold.*

Pursuing litigation is not something to be taken lightly. As you know, within our Traditions and Concepts, and expressed succinctly in the Preamble is the principle that we shall do nothing to incite public controversy. We focus strictly on carrying the message of recovery to still-suffering alcoholics and serving the A.A. groups. However, as part of the General Service Board's and AAWS's fiduciary responsibility and to protect and preserve the manuscript in our archives – for A.A. groups, individual members and for future generations – the Board took the action described above.

*We ask that **all** inquiries you have concerning the Printer's Copy of the manuscript of the Big Book be forwarded to the Public Information coordinator, Clay R. at 212-870-3119 or publicinfo@aa.org.*

We have requested each trusted servant (trustee, delegate, director) and employee in our office to use common sense and discretion, and not to attempt to answer questions concerning this ongoing matter, but to simply to refer questions to the P.I. desk at the General Service Office.

At this point, there has not been any additional information from our General Service Board. Any information you may be hearing regarding financial costs, loss of copyrights, etc. is just gossip and I would hope that we in Area 15 respect the request from our General Service Office General Manager and refrain from answering questions we don't have the answers to. Once additional information is available, it will be shared to the conference members by our General Service Board and I will share it with you.

Financials: For the first 4 months of 2017, contributions were \$2.6 million and 16.35% greater than budget. Net sales were \$4.9 million. Total revenue was approximately \$6 million and after deducting manufacturing and warehouse costs, gross profits were \$3.4 million. While the final numbers are not in yet, Net Sales are projected to come in \$250,000 greater than budget and contributions are expected to be approximately \$40,000 higher than budget. Speaking of finances, the \$7.27 on 7/27 challenge form has been added to the Delegate's Corner and the Treasurer's pages on our Area 15 website. You can download the form by visiting www.area15aa.org.

Grapevine: The deadline for application submission for a Non-Trustee Director on the Grapevine Board is August 1, 2017. If you are interested and would like the application, please contact me. The 4 Seasons of Service project is still ongoing. Please see our Area Grapevine Chair Robin L. for additional information. The new book Making Amends is available and can be ordered at www.aagrapevine.org. The annual Photo Contest deadline is December 1st. Winning photos will be featured in the Grapevine Wall Calendar. Send photos to www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest.

Next week I will be attending our 61st Florida State Convention in Jacksonville and hope to see many of you there. After that, I will continue to visit the remaining District's that have invited me to present the Delegate's report from this year's conference.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

This report will be posted in the Delegate's Corner section of our Area 15 website at www.area15aa.org.
Respectfully Submitted, In Love & Service, Annie C., Delegate