

**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, Rafael for sharing with us Friday night. Cathy, we have shared some great times over the past years. Thank you for your wonderful message last night and visiting with us this weekend. I look forward to serving with you as you begin your term as our Southeast Regional Trustee. And thank you to the members of District 9 for hosting a great quarterly.

During the past quarter, I had the opportunity to visit a few more districts to present the Delegate's Conference Report. Due to the recent Hurricanes, the report for District 8 was rescheduled to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Visiting your districts has been a fun and exciting experience and one that I will treasure. Thank you all for your hospitality. I also attended the Florida State Convention the last week in July. It was an informative week with workshops, presentations and speakers. The Final Conference reports were distributed to all District Chairs yesterday and they will pass out at their district meetings. I have a few printed one's available if you would like one today.

As we all know, every District in our Area has been affected in some way by the recent Hurricanes. As have our friends in Area 77 Puerto Rico and last night in Area 37 Mississippi. May we please have a moment of silence for all those affected.

I have been in contact with the District Chairs and DCM's from the Naples/Marco Island area, the Florida Keys, and those in the Bahamas as well as the US and British Virgin Islands. Right now, our friends in the lower Keys (District 11) and in the Virgin Islands (District 14) are suffering the most. Our AA friends throughout the county and the staff at our General Service Office have been in constant contact with me asking "How can we help?" Not having much experience in this area, I reached out to those that dealt with Hurricane Katrina. The shared experience I got was very helpful. Our General Service Office sent me the service piece "Responding to Disasters" **SM F-196** which I sent to all of you. This explains what AA does and does not do during periods of a Disaster. Many of us may feel powerless and want to help our friends that are suffering. While we know how important meetings and books are, for those that are the hardest hit, they may not be ready to receive literature. The postal service may not be operating or there is no longer a place to deliver mail to. Our groups may take up an extra collection and want to send it, but the local group may want to be self-supporting. Until the call for AA help comes either to the Area or through our General Service Office, we patiently wait and continue to pray for those affected. At this point, we have received a request from District 11 and 14 for literature. Due to the amount requested by our friends in District 14, I contacted the General Service Office to assist in getting the books delivered to them. *I will be placing a motion on the floor later today for the body to decide if it is time sensitive regarding post Hurricane Relief.*

**Regional:** Next month SSAASA 4 take place in Atlanta. This event will be co-hosted by Area 1, Alabama/NW Florida and Area 16, Georgia. This event is a great opportunity to share with others that may be serving in the same position you are or you can learn about a position you might be interested in. There is still time to register and attend. By the way, how many people are planning to attend? Great! We'll see you there!

**News from the General Service Board:** The Background translation team is making progress on implementing the 2017 Advisory Action to have Conference Background material in all 3 languages by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Thank you to our Area Linguistic Committee for assisting with the glossary of terms you have created. The Treatment and Accessibility desk is looking for shared experience regarding carrying the message to both veterans and active service members. Contact our Treatment or Accessibilities Chairs for more information. The Annual Anonymity media mailing was sent to more than 30,000 media outlets in June. Currently our Big Book is available in 70 languages with 21 non-English versions pending. I have distributed the latest correspondence regarding the Manuscript Litigation to the Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, District Chairs and Past Delegates. If you have any questions contact our General Service Office Public Information desk at [publicinformation@aa.org](mailto:publicinformation@aa.org). The digital version Final Report from the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference is available in English, French & Spanish. Email me at [delegate@area15aa.org](mailto:delegate@area15aa.org) if you would like additional information. The trustees Literature Committee is looking for an Appointed Committee Member, resumes are due October 27, 2017. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

**Financials:** Contributions for the first 6 months of 2017 were \$3,771,670. The \$7.27 on 7/27 campaign resulted in 459 online contributions or approximately \$9,300. Mailed in contributions are still being processed with numbers being reported in October. Literature sales for the same period was \$7,211,306 resulting in a gross profit of \$426,871. Overall total revenue of income compared to expenses resulted in a net profit of \$966,876. The committee recommended transferring \$2 million from the Reserve Fund - \$1,250,000 to the Pension Plan Trust and \$750,000 to the Postretirement Medical Fund. The transfer will decrease the Reserve Fund coverage of Operating Expenses to 9.4 months.

**Grapevine:** The 4 Seasons of Service challenge will continue through December 2017. The new book, "Voices of Women in AA" is available. Through June of 2017 total income for AA Grapevine was \$963,179. Total cost/expenses were \$915,187 resulting in an actual profit of \$47,992. Through June of 2017, La Vina has over 1,300 members receiving SMS text service and there was an email subscription campaign in September. Total circulation was 9,984, income of \$50,375 and costs/expenses of \$112,869. This resulted in a shortfall of \$62,493.

Sadly, Area 15 Past Delegate, Dick L. passed away on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dick served as our Area 15 Panel 41 Delegate and continued to share on our Concepts, Traditions or Service Manual panels for many years. He was a mentor to many in District 4 and beyond. He will be missed by many and our prayers are with his family. A military service will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the National Cemetery on Clark Road in Sarasota.

I will submit this report for posting on the Delegate's Corner section of our Area 15 website at [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org). Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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