

DELEGATE REPORT SUMMER COMMITTEE AUGUST 10th, 2013

Hello Area 20 Committee

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. As for myself, my life has been busy and full. And as I look forward to some of the work I will be doing as Area 20 Delegate, I can also see that time as being short, and am looking forward at what my AA future has to offer.

Since our Summer Assembly I have given four Post Conference Delegate Reports. June 23rd, District 72, an event in Elizabeth, July 7th District 22 at their District meeting, July 26 District 40 at their District Meeting, August 3rd, Districts 90 & 91, an event in Galesburg. With two reports still scheduled. Tonight, August 10th, in Clifton, at an event for the Woman to Woman Group of Bourbonnais, and August 16 District 73 at their District Meeting. These reports have ranged from 20 minutes to 2 hours in duration. And other than actually doing the work on the Conference Floor, this is the most exciting part of my commitment.

The weekend of July 19-21, I was at the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton Wisconsin. There was roughly about a dozen of us there from Area 20. And I must say that Michelle H. District 62 DCM, and Matt J. Area 20 Answering Service Chair did excellent jobs on their panels. I spoke on a panel with the topic, What more could be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the fellowship? My views on this have changed over the years, to now, where I think that responsibility falls into the hands of the Delegates. And open communication in BOTH directions between the Board and the Delegates. Also at this Conference, the 12 of 14 East Central Regional Delegates present met with our new Trustee, Bill F. And we all shared on how we thought we could better communicate with each other, with the goal of keeping our local fellowships more informed. We talked about conference calls, timely delivery of all AA correspondence, and the desire to get a break down of Board Weekends in our Trustees words. In this short time, we all feel that it is working and will continue to do so.

This past Saturday, on my way home from Galesburg, I played the part of replacement for Jeanne F., our Grapevine Chair, at Mi Ultimo Refugio in Elgin. Roughly translated- My Last Shelter. Been there before. LIKE IT. I wasn't as prepared as I would have liked to have been to talk about Grapevine, but picked it up by talking about local corrections and the need for Hispanic volunteers at the McHenry County Jail. I shared time with our Treatment Facilities Chair, Chris D., who did an excellent job speaking for and about Area 20 and local Treatment work.

Area Chairperson Kelly and I had agreed to share the responsibility of attending 2013 State Conference Planning Meetings. And because of my activities she has picked up my slack so I thank her for that.

You all should have received an e-mail from me about an opening for Non-Trustee Director on the Grapevine Board. I want to remind you of submittal deadline of September 9, 2013. And one of the key interests is familiarity and ties to the Spanish-speaking community.

And Finally, I hope all are considering a road trip to the 2013 East Central Regional Forum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the weekend of November 15-17, 2013.

THANK YOU

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