

Website Administrator's Report for the Summer Assembly

This is my last report as the website administrator, and I submit it with profoundly mixed emotions. I agreed to become Tom S.'s alternate one day in October 2013, and within about six months had assumed all of the website duties as they were at that time. It has been a wonderful learning experience, both technically and in the workings of the area committee.

Our spiritual program is supposed to be about principles, not personalities but I have to say that you people in this body have been a major factor in my spiritual growth since that day in 2013. You see, I had stayed away from service for a number of years because of struggles with my ego and character defects, causing unreasonable anger and combativeness. The geek aspect drew me back, however, and I had to work on my shortcomings.

Countless examples of your grace and loving tolerance have helped me make progress in that struggle. I've learned to deeply appreciate and admire some people that I used to dislike. I've seen many of you visibly working your programs during seriously difficult episodes – what moving experiences those were. Since day one you have all been superbly supportive and cooperative, making the job an absolute delight.

So, if I've helped area 20 in any way, I have received in return rewards beyond imagination, for which I am immeasurably grateful. Another reason for gratitude is that Earl N. stepped in to be the alternate website administrator, bringing with him professional experience in the web development field as well as a very strong AA program. Give him what you gave me, and you won't believe the results.

Thanks for the grins!

John C.