

**San Diego - Imperial Area 08
Alternate Delegate's Report
April 17, 2014**

Founders' Day/Unity Day - June 7, 2014

Celebrating A.A.'s 79th Birthday and the 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine

I have communicated in two different emails to DCMs and Committee Chairs.

Committee Chairs: Committee Chairs are asked to set up and man a display table at Unity Day because this year's Unity Day format has been changed to a Service Fair. Hopefully, the Chili Cookoff will encourage Unity Day attendance by the A.A. member at large so s/he can learn: 1. How the groups' 7th Tradition contributions support 12-Step work; and 2. Invite and encourage their direct participation in the 12-Step work. We must be mindful - "Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs." Alcoholics Anonymous, page 20.

District Committee Members (DCMs): Because we are currently without picnic funding, I requested for suggestions on if and how we can proceed with this year's BBQ. I provided several options and the most popular response was the BBQ can be funded by districts that can and want to contribute funds. I have created a list of items and the total estimated cost of a BBQ. Districts may contribute funds and/or volunteer committees to provide for the services needed to make Unity Day happen.

I have asked Bob E. to act as BBQ Coordinator. Districts that want to supply volunteers and funds for the BBQ, are welcome to contact him directly at **Bob E. bob@sixstephouse.org or (619) 333-8350.** Please know BBQ participation is NOT dependent upon your district's participation.

Contact me if you want to volunteer or contribute: Alt-Del@area8aa.org

Other volunteer assignments for which volunteers are needed are:

- Picnic Set-up
- Picnic Clean-up
- Cake
- Prizes*

*Contributions and suggestions for prizes are also needed. We are having a Chili Cookoff and Big Book Trivia Contest. Suggestions for prizes include asking for Gift Certificates for Grapevine subscriptions. These can be awarded to groups that are participating in the Chili Cookoff and help reinforce: 1. The need for each group to have a Grapevine/LaVina representative; and 2. The Grapevine's 70th Anniversary.

The Unity Day planning meetings are: Saturday, May 3, 2014 & Saturday , May 24, 2014

9 AM to 11 AM

San Diego Central Office

7075 Mission Gorge Rd Ste B, San Diego, CA

Southern California H&I Intergroup

Thank you to those who have contributed old issues of our meeting in print, Grapevine/LaVina. Please be sure to ask your GSRs to announce the continuing need for copies of any old issues of these publications. I will be happy to take all copies I receive and deliver them to the Southern California H&I Intergroup.

Many of you may not know there are long-standing A.A. groups in our prisons. With their specific needs in mind, I am checking with the members of the Southern California H&I Intergroup to see if transferring a box of over 100 cassette tapes of A.A. speakers to a digital format would be a worthwhile project. The idea is to make the digital recordings available to serve as a sort of "speaker" meeting for prison groups.

Whether or not these digital recordings can be used by H&I, I will be looking for volunteers to help transfer the recordings. This process can also serve as a good 12-Step project for all A.A. members at large.

Finance Committee

Our Finance Chair has reached out for participation in a discussion about an Area Treasurer audit. I will attend the discussion on this topic.

General Service Symposium by Districts 1 & 23

I spoke on the topic of "What is a GSR and What Does It Mean to Your Group, Your Recovery, and AA's Future?" at the March 22 workshop. Our Delegate, Dean, and Past Delegate, Tom also spoke on "The Service Structure" and "The Hand of A.A.", respectively. The workshop, which was well attended was enthusiastically received by the attending GSRs. These workshops go a long way in developing unity in A.A. as a whole. I have not yet walked away without new information and a renewed sense of the spirit.

Southern California Convention - September 26-28, 2014 - Town & County Hotel in San Diego

Since this long-standing convention will be held in San Diego this year, Area 08 will coordinate the General Service Meeting. I will soon learn the day and time of the meeting. I have discussed with Area 08's Grapevine Committee Chair, LaVeare, the topic of celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine. LaVeare has suggested we also reach out to the Grapevine Committee Chairs of our sister areas, 5, 9, and 93 to participate in the meeting. I will provide more details as they develop. You are welcome to contact me regarding any suggestions for the general service meeting at Alt-Del@area8aa.org.

GRAPEVINE QUOTE

"We are sure there must be a million alcoholics who would join Alcoholics Anonymous tomorrow if only they knew what we do. We keenly realize that any fundamental disunity among us could instantly disillusion tens of thousands who would again turn their faces to the wall. Hence those disruptions common to great wealth, power, or controversy ought never be for us. Too many of the 'million who don't yet know' would surely die"

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1949
"We Approach Maturity"
The Language of the Heart