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Post General Service Conference Assembly – Held May 30, 2015

The Post Conference Assembly was held May 30, 2015 at Torrey Pines Christian Church in La Jolla. I deeply appreciate all of those who took the time to attend as members, and on behalf of your groups. If you have follow up questions or your groups would like a delegate visit, I am glad to make the time.

My assembly report was split into two portions. Before lunch I shared what I “Saw, heard, and felt” as suggested by our AA Service Manual in the section titled “Delegate”. Also included in the first portion of the report was background and basics about why we have General Service and the Conference, and what happened in general at Pre-Conference Workshops. Whenever I report or present as Delegate, repeating basics and background about General Service and the “Why” seems to be helpful to the newcomers, which we have at every event. In my report, this section was pages 1-17.

The Second Portion of my report I shared about the outcomes of the Agenda items that San Diego reviewed during pre-conference workshops and assembly. There were 8 items. Time was also provided for open sharing from the microphone after each agenda item outcome was reported on. I also attached most conference agenda actions published within this section of my report, but didn’t directly cover them in my oral report due to time. **Full Copies of the Conference Items (unedited) are available upon request. All DCMs will be receiving these in email as well.**

At the request from some Area group members, I tried to give general written summaries after each agenda item outcome San Diego reviewed describing in my best estimate, why the item was accepted by the conference, or why it wasn’t recommended for a vote by Conference Committee. Upon reading the items it was clear there were typos in this section. Since the assembly that section has been corrected, and revised copies of my report are available upon request. This section was pages 19-26.

The purpose of this long report is not for handing directly to group members. That more than likely will be confusing, Instead, I hope it serves as a way for service representatives to read and get a glimpse of the spiritual experiences available at that conference, and what it was like for the most part to physically be there. The lists of conference actions are available on their own in many forms, but it may be that one spiritual experience or two, that helps GSRs and group members feel more connected to what the conference is like, and exactly what their delegate experienced while there. I hope this is some experience, strength, and hope within what I “Saw, heard, and felt”.

Different Conference Report Formats Available

Besides the Report I offered at the Post Conference Assembly, there are two other documents that are, or will be available:

1. **Bulletin/Newsletter style** – This report is a single page, printed both sides that is in color primarily for sharing thru email and on the web. If you receive or download this report, I recommend printing in black and white for cost considerations. The colors print to Black and White very well. **This may be the most effective report format to share at the group level.** It's simple, summarized, includes all 8 items reviewed by San Diego in preconference, and offers other information related to the conference and AA as a whole that my stimulate interest.
2. **Final Conference Distributed from GSO** – This is a soft cover bound document that includes all presentations, reports, and outcomes of conference actions that occurred at the 2015 65th General Service Conference. To me this is a necessary read for all of us in service positions, and then to pass on items of potential interest to our groups. This report is distributed around late August.

Delegate Visits Ongoing

Starting immediately after that Post Conference Assembly I began visiting districts for post conference visits. Why, you might ask, when I just gave a report at the assembly. First, because it's a delegate duty within the service manual to hear feedback from districts regarding conference items. Another reason for the visits is it gives those that couldn't attend the Assembly (or those new since the assembly), an idea of the conference directly from their Delegate, and have a small comfortable forum to ask questions. The Conference is not just a meeting that happens once a year. It is a year long, ongoing process that never ends. What Bill & Bob seemed to give us when they "stepped down" was a guarantee there will be no final answers. I hope if your district doesn't have a specific date confirmed yet, you'll get with me soon to set a date for a visit.

Updates from the General Service Office

- **The Summer Edition Box 4-5-9 Conference issue has been posted on the A.A. Web site in Spanish, French, and English.** View at AA.org . A Copy has also be provided to our Area Web Master for posting in the Delegates Corner section of the Area8aa.org. Included in the summer editions is more information about the 65th General Service Conference, openings announcement for Class A Trustees, and a Non Trustee Director, in addition to some information about the Spiritual Inventory conducted by the 65th Conference.
- **AA International Convention July 3-5** –The Opening Meeting Flag Ceremony will be held on Friday evening and is available to be viewed the encrypted broadcast, which will be available through G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org), will begin on Saturday, July 4 and end on Monday, July 6, 2015, at midnight Eastern Daylight Time.
- **This past weekend the General Service Board met in New York.** Among other activities they are currently conducting interviews for a new General Service Office Manager to be hired in late 2015, upon resignation/rotation of our Current Manager Phyllis H.
- **More details of GSO highlights and updates will be provided in my July Report since that will give time for me to talk with our Regional Trustee Joel C about the items covered at this past board weekend.**

Urgent Need for Male A.A. Members to Participate in Corrections Correspondence:

This program arranges A.A. member on the outside to correspond with inmates to share A.A. experience, strength, and hope.

How it works: Inmates request correspondence by completing the bottom portion of the attached letter and mailing it back to GSO.

AA members who wish to correspond with inmates complete the form (AA Brochure F 26) and mails to GSO. These brochures may be available from Central Office and always GSO. They can also be downloaded from the aa.org website.

Please let your districts know I am glad to schedule group or District visits either in a group setting or business meeting setting. Just call me and we can work out the time and date.

Gratefully with Love & Service,

If I can be of help in any way, just call or email. I'm available to visit groups or districts if invited.

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