

## **June 2016 Alt Del Report to ACM**

“Pura Vida!” This is what Costa Ricans say to each other when they meet, greet or leave one another. Pure life. I can't think of a more appropriate way to approach the day. In some ways it is the “Aloha” of Central America. So, Pura Vida. I am thinking of you as I travel back to the States. It has been an invigorating trip of experiences and relationship building, something I happily equate to Alcoholics Anonymous, particularly General Service.

Last month I attended the SoCal Convention Committee Meeting. As you know the Convention will be held at the Town and Country Resort on Sept. 23-25, 2016. I am looking for support for this event in numbers and participation. I would like to do something nostalgic to commemorate the first election of a delegate to Southern California. I believe I can get an audio file of this. If you are already planning to attend this event, please see me about participating or helping out or both. Registration is easy on line and only \$20. Registration is required if you plan to attend any sessions or meetings. If you would like to volunteer with SoCal, please see me or email me at [roxane.area8aa@gmail.com](mailto:roxane.area8aa@gmail.com) or find me on the Area 8 website.

Paul, our ever-faithful Agenda Chair, has been helping to secure a venue for our Area 8 Unity Day, and our Native American Liaison, Duncan, is also making inquiries. Unity Day was so successful last year so please plan to attend on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, and Colin, make sure we block it for the Area Calendar. We will have a venue shortly. If you are a committee chair I am asking that you prepare a “booth” that could demonstrate what we do and how we do it...give-aways and games with prizes are very popular. I'm counting on Area Committee Members to promote this event throughout the area. Anyone can attend!

The GSR orientations at assemblies have been dynamic and informative. I am grateful to those members who have presented small pieces of their experiences to the new GSRs. Past Delegates always give us a piece of history and currently serving committee chairs and DCMs are quite adept at giving a snapshot of how things work in general service. The wide-eyed GSRs usually leave with a little better grasp of their responsibilities. I am loving this job as Alternate Delegate. It has enriched my experiences tenfold in General Service.

I am so humbled to serve the area in any capacity. Pura Vida!

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