

Area Chairperson's Orientation Report

As I start off the year, I get the honor and the privilege to serve you as your chairperson. To tell you the truth, I am very overwhelmed and pleased at the same time. Some might ask what does that mean. On January 1, for the first time in General Service, I felt alone. The Alternate had decided to step down and I started to wonder how we were going to be able to pull this off. Even though I wasn't alone, I had to turn to the thing that I know would work, Pray. I prayed that I not lose my mind. I prayed that I not lose my temper or my dignity. When a prayer is prayed, the answer will come. Several people have called or emailed reaching out asking what they can help with. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As a new GSR, you have gotten an opportunity to see AA at work today. Hopefully this will be something that you will treasure for the rest of your life. Everyone has a role to play. So, when we come into General Service we might not have an idea why some things are done the way you see or hear them being done. I challenge you to find that out first. I ask that you team up with someone in their second year as a GSR or someone who has been around for a while. Second, don't be afraid to ask question. The only dumb question is the one you don't ask.

Some of my duties include:

1. Chair all Area Assembly and Area Committee meetings.
2. Prepare the agenda for all Area Assembly and Area Committee meetings
3. Act as the Administrative Officer of the Area Assembly and the Area Committee
4. Prepare and present a full report of Area Committee activities at every Area Assembly

This is to name a few. The service manual list how these duties should be carried out and reference material to do the job effectively.

Activities:

1. I will be attending the Imperial Valley Round up on January 26 thru 28th. This should be a lot of fun. I hope to have a small opportunity to speak with District 9 and 17. I would like to see what else the area can provide or make possible for them to attend more Area Assemblies and Area Committee meeting.
2. On February 3rd, I will be attending the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session in Rosemead CA. This is an event where DCM's from 5, 9, 93 and 8 will exchange service information about the position. GSR are welcome.
3. On February 10th, there is a Grapevine/LaVina Workshop. I do believe we are waiting on more details.
4. On February 17th, Area 8 will have its own DCM/Committee Chair Workshop. We will have a day of topics that our DCM have chosen to talk about. We will discuss the duties of the job and how we can make them better.
5. The first weekend in March is PRAASA. PRAASA stands for Pacific Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly. This year PRAASA will be held in Reno NV at the Nugget Casino Resort. If you haven't registered yet and would like to go, Southwest is

having a sale. Book your flight now and get registered. We will be looking for a place to have dinner as an Area on Friday night.

6. March 10th, 17th and 24th are our own Pre-Conference Workshops. Please check out the Master Calendar for times and locations of each workshop.

If your feeling overwhelmed with all information and paperwork, it's okay. Things will smooth out. Just remember to breathe and everything will work out.

You got a chance to heard from each of the committee earlier. This was done so you could hear from them directly what help they need. Each and every committee could use some help in some type of capacity. So when you leave and go home, I would like for each of you to think about what you can bring to the Area.

We have more business to conduct today. We ask that you stick around and let your group's voice carry your conscience.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.