

Area Committee Meeting

September 2019 Delegate Report

The Conference Report Books are here tonight. Please take only one for yourself so I am sure many retired people say, "I am so busy I don't know how I found time to work," but it is so true for me. I contemplate this fact when I hike 5 miles, listen to a podcast, work in the garden, or finish another book. I believe our state of being actually shifts and many things which had no precedence before suddenly take top priority. Some of you have heard that my mom, on hospice now for 4 months, is now bedridden. Last Friday night, at 10 pm, my sister who has been the primary giver, called me and told me I had better come over. And she was right to call me because my mom looked to be on death's door. But she rallied the next day and though she is declining she is still alive. My daughter, son-in-law and new grandbaby are flying in tomorrow and hopefully my mom will get to see the new baby. I love being a Nana. So there's an update on your delegate. Thank you all for your support and love.

The Conference Report in print is available and I'm bringing them to ACM. Let that the GSRs who attend the Assembly will be able to get one as well. I am happy to come to your group or district to show you how the book works and why it's important, especially to people who don't understand how the General Service Conference serves A.A.

I am looking forward to the Election Assembly and hosting our Pacific Region Trustee, Kathy. Don't forget we are having a post Assembly fellowship event. It is tradition to meet for dinner and all are invited. If you can't make dinner then you can try to make the meeting. I'll try not to get too sappy as I feel my rotation nearing. We will meet at Macaroni Grill and have dinner at 5:15 and then head over to the meeting hall at about 7 pm. The meeting starts at 7:30 and we will be hearing Kathi F, the Regional Trustee.

The Area 08 Challenge of contributing a one time 7th tradition of \$8.06 to the GSO is still on. Remember that this amount signifies what it would take to be self-supporting.

Our 7th Tradition is a spiritual response to a need much greater than ourselves. When you tell yourself what your 7th Tradition contributions make possible in a world much greater than San Diego, it is easier to put a little more into the hat than you may be used to. Tonight I have copies of contributions from your district and if you would like this in digital form, I can send them to you directly.

3rd Legacy Elections are happening all over the U.S. and Canada. The Delegates are notified as each Delegate name is recorded and it is customary to send a note of congratulations. It is wonderful when you know the person who is rotating out and you can also send them a note to thank them for their service. Many of us have already made plans to see each other at the AA International Convention.

Speaking of the International, how many of you have registered and booked a hotel? I know there were some glitches in the system and I am sure Julio is busy dealing with inquiries from AA members around the world. That seems like a thankless job about this time. I have decided to wait before I put my 2 cents into the process. Let's just say I ended up at the more expensive hotel, the Detroit Motor Casino and I was distraught about this until I found out that Jerry and MacKensie are going to be at the SAME HOTEL. Family!

Let us work to get the motions through that the Policy Committee has ready for us to consider. Each of the pieces we will be considering tonight have a vital role in the Area. We will set precedence and create unity while making the jobs of the next Assembly Panels much easier. I am grateful to the Policy Committee for their work. If you have never submitted a proposal to the Area, you can't imagine the amount of work involved.

AA GRAPEVINE, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, has begun the sale of the "Bajo el mismo techo" the Spanish translation of "One Big Tent". *Bajo el mismo techo: Ateos y agnósticos comparten su experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza.* (SGV39) \$11.50 (\$10.99 for five or more copies). Originally published in the Grapevine magazine, and translated to Spanish for the first time, this collection of personal

experiences was written by atheist and agnostic alcoholics that have found a common solution through Alcoholics Anonymous, and is a testament to the AA program for everyone who wishes to put an end to their alcohol problem. Atheists, agnostics, non-believers and alcoholics all found a place in AA, working the program, doing service and helping others.

Thank you for being such great people with which to work, I am so happy that I have had this awesome experience with you, my panel of grateful alcoholics.

Respectfully,

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