

Delegate Report
Area 08 Committee Meeting

3/18/2021

My name is Jerry, and I am alcoholic. I am currently honored to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area08 Delegate.

My report this month is brief and mostly geared in spirit towards our shared preparations for the upcoming Conference.

Monty and I were lucky to attend the annual Foro Hispano in Valley Center a few weeks back. It was an all day, in person, appropriately safe sharing of experience, strength and hope. Though masks and social distancing seemed to hold us apart from one another, the language of the heart brought many of us together in love.

PRAASA was a resounding success! We were told that over 2,100 registrants tuned in at some point throughout the weekend's events. I must say that for all my apprehensions around the complete virtual experience, the momentum of our movement certainly felt tuned with a desire to participate in love of AA. On many occasions I was moved to tears from those who shared or by the simple smile of a friend that I only get to see during this once-a-year occasion. Our Delegate Round Table experiences were thick with questions and saturated with a desire to share what many of us had learned throughout the past year.

Our Pre-Conference Workshops have come and gone. We had robust discussions with our Spanish speaking GSR's with dedicated events at District 18 as well as 15. This past Saturday and Sunday brought together our GSR's from the greater San Diego area. The workshops were full of great questions and enthusiasm around the agenda items. I look forward to the collective voice of our groups as they come together at Assembly next month.

I do want to pause and just say that I ran some rough numbers from those that participated in the workshops and I'm concerned that we might only seat 60-70 GSR's in total for the Assembly.

During our DCM / Committee Chair Training a few weeks back, many DCM's spoke on the topic of group reach out but hardly any shared actual experience in the effort. I'd like to challenge all of our DCM's to take this time while we are still in virtual space to reach out, introduce yourself and the services of your district. Take whatever time the group or meeting might have available to talk on the life changing experience of service and the ultimate and final responsibility of our groups to keep our services moving forward. For as renovative as this past year has been, the year ahead could be twice as transformative. Now is the time for persistence and enthusiasm. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Area officers for support. How can we help?

Are there any question?