Area Committee Meeting (ACM) Delegate Report

October 21st 2021

So much has happened and is under way!

What's new with literature:

- "Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions"
 - Check it out CLICK HERE
- "Hispanic Women in AA"
 - Check it out CLICK HERE
- The updated 12 & 12 with revisions from this past years Conference including updated language and additions
- Please stay in touch with Central Office stock to source these new pamphlets and publications for your homegroup. You can also access them through the online bookstore at aa.org.
- The Grapevine has a new podcast episode every Monday... check out the first three **CLICK HERE**
- The first communication from our GSO General Manager, Bill W. can be found by **CLICKING HERE**.
- The CPC (Cooperation with Professional Committee) Desk at GSO is asking for our experience with sharing the message into professional communities. Do you have experience connecting with...
 - Judges
 - Lawyers
 - o Psychologists
 - High School Principals
 - College Counselors
 - o Recovery Home Managers
 - Detox Center Supervisors
 - o Etc.

The CPC Desk wants to hear from you!

Please send your email communications to: cpc@aa.org

A quick what's up with Finances (Jan-June 2021):

- Gross Literature Sales: \$5.7M (65% of 2021 Budget)
- Contributions: \$5M (51% of 2021 Budget)
- Total Revenue: \$10.9M
- Total Operating Expenses: \$7.6M (53% of 2021 Budget)
- A rebudget shows projected revenues to be \$17M (10% increase from previous budget)
- Reserve Fund Balance: \$12.5M or 8.41 months of expenses based on original 2021 Budget

Want more? Check out the Quarterly Report from GSO – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

COVID has hurt our groups, our districts, committee's and our Area Assembly. These following months, if not years, will demand a significant sacrifice for all of our efforts to heal and support regrowth. Nearly 40% of our groups here in San Diego / Imperial went dark following shelter in place orders nearly 18 months ago. Participation was immediately impacted and our ability to fulfill our purpose and connectivity with our groups suffered. I've been taught by those that have gone before me, that any problem in service is really just a problem of recovery and that any problem of recovery can be overcome through the primary principles we hold dear, none so vital as an honest, fearless and thorough inventory. I know we will entertain a report on our upcoming Area Inventory, but I wanted to ensure I shared my two cents on this vital and caregiving exercise to the pathway of our Area moving forward. What have we learned, what have we lost? What assets and successes need massaging and what practices need excising? How are we coming up short in serving our groups; what is handicapping us? I pray that you have prioritized this three-hour event in just over a week from now. Its vital that all of us attend and bring an open heart and open mind. Its not up to me. Its not up to you. Its up to we. Its up to us to define what unity means today. Its up to our shared experience strength and hope to define what the hand reached out to the suffering hand of alcoholism looks like today and into the future tomorrow. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Are there any questions?

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