

## **Alternate Delegate- ACM Report**

**January 20, 2022**

Good evening Everyone,

I want to start by wishing that you, your families, friends, love ones and our AA Groups are staying safe from this rapidly spreading Covid virus. The month of December and January has hit my family with covid illness and seasonal flu sickness. It hasn't been easy having a numerous family and being able to interact with them in person do to isolation, text messaging and virtual calling each other has been our main means of communication during these times. We are so blessed in being able to stay connected one way or another. Please continue to stay safe!

I attended my first meeting of the year on the first of January at 5:00 pm (PST) with over fifty other panel 71 and panel 72 alternate delegates from the different regions in United States and Canada, what an amazing meeting, lots of encouragement from alcoholics with one primary purpose! During our introductions and brief sharing of the different areas and got to know each other. I realized how challenging it is for some area to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic, northern Canada and Alaska were in the negative degrees, very cold compared to us. Area 8 is such a beautiful area to be of service.

We are now in our third week of January 2022, this new year! We all managed to follow through our first assembly of the year with lots of participation and enthusiasm. Thank you all who attended the Orientation Assembly, I need to admit that I was nervous during my first GSR Orientation/school, I saw many new and familiar faces, I appreciate all the help and support. If there is anything I/We can do for your group representatives, please reach out to Us. General Service and twelve step work does continue, not giving us a break. Our General Service Conference is approaching us, which will require the most participation from our areas Groups, GSRs, DCMs and Committees so we can prepare our Delegate Monty for when he leaves to the Conference in April. During GSR school and Orientation Assembly we mentioned the GSRs responsibilities timeline with important dates so we can all prepare for the Conference related activities coming up. If there are any questions please reach out to Us, we need to hear the voice of your Groups.

This week, I attended the San Diego Coordinating Council Meeting virtually, gave a short report of our area, I stayed for their entire meeting. It's so impressive to hear our daily contribution in carrying the message of AA throughout the County.

This Sunday, I do have SoCal H&I Intergroup meeting where I will also give a short report about what goes on in our area and later on this Sunday afternoon, We will be having our first Unity and Service Conference Committee Meeting. The planning committee will meet with each other and talk about the planning of Unity Day. I will definitely keep you posted on my next report.

Finally, I want to bring up another important topic which has to do with participation from you. I need your help in putting together our General Service Panel for the San Diego Spring Round Up, I need three readers and two panelist speakers. Our panel will share on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 9:00 am, as of now, the San Diego Spring Round Up is planning on having an in person event, so we would have to plan on being in person. Please contact me by email or text/call as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

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