

Chair Report / May 2022 ACM / Area 08

Dear Trusted Servants,

I feel that much has happened since we last met. The 72nd General Service Conference has come and gone, leaving us to look forward to Monty's Conference Report at our June Assembly. I had an opportunity to spend the weekend in El Centro soon after the April ACM. I visited District 17, along with numerous other English speaking meetings, to discuss our Big Day Assembly in September and developing a plan to keep them connected to those of us "over here". I have reached out in numerous directions concerning the discussion on the proposed development of a pamphlet for the Asian American / Pacific Islander Alcoholic. Standing Committee Volunteers and Members are trickling in slowly but surely. Our Area participation is not what we hope for quite yet but is trending in a positive direction.

We cannot underscore enough, the need for our GSRs continued participation in the upcoming Post Conference Assembly. This is not only to be present for Monty's report back, but to inspire and jump start our continued Service work through the summer. DCMs, my recommendation is to hold a sharing session(s) soon at your monthly meeting on Workshop topics and other ways that you can support the Twelfth Step Work of the Groups in your District. Attend the DCM Sharing Session on the 2nd Thursday of the month could prove beneficial. Please connect with your Service peers in anyway that you are able. Cooperation with one another is one of our greatest assets.

Our September Assembly is in its early planning stages. It will be taking place at Lions Recreation Center in Brawley, CA and will mark a return to a tradition that has not taken place for a few years. We should all start thinking about how we can ensure the greatest in person participation as possible at this event. It will be a great opportunity to foster unity among those of us who would normally not mix, but instead find ourselves on this Great Errand together. I cannot tell you what to do with your District funds, but I do not think that you could go wrong with earmarking some of your treasury to ensure that members are able to make the trip if they so desire.

It is time to show our support (or disapproval) on the matter of the Asian American / Pacific Islander Alcoholic Pamphlet. The Post Conference Assembly Agenda will have time set aside for a brief presentation or two on the background and impact of the development of such a pamphlet. There will not be a vote in favor of or against, only a sense of the body and the gathering of material that would go into a submission for a proposed Agenda Item to the General Service Conference. All I ask is that your GSRs come prepared with any statements or ideas on the benefit of this to the AA/PI Alcoholic Community. An invitation has been extended to members from the other Areas in the Pacific Region to participate.

Committee Chairs, thank you so very much for sticking with it and continuing to show up, even when it has been, for some of you, just you at your monthly committee meeting. It is my hope that we continue to prop one another up and echo the importance of the work that our Area Standing Committees can and do perform. We will again be spotlighting each committee and seeking (*strong-arming...*) for participation through our blind pick forms at the Assembly. Please help increase awareness with our GSRs by connecting with our DCMs and scheduling District visits.

No lectures to endure, no axes to grind.... See all of you in Oceanside on June 4th!

Adrian O. - Chair of Area 08/SDIAA - Panel 72

*Just Kidding ;)