

Chair Report / July 2022 ACM / Area 08

Dear Trusted Servants,

We are in the midst of Budget Season, of which it is my first full immersive experience in. The Finance Committee meeting on 7/11, of which I am an Area Officer liaison, was robust to say the least. We received 83.3% of the budgets by the date requested. Good job Committee Chairs and Officers! Much of the Area business over the next few months will center around this topic. DCMs, please reach out to our Finance Chair Cindy, 619-581-5490, finance@area8aa.org, so that you can schedule a District visit between now and October.

We have several events/workshops coming up. Starting this upcoming weekend with a Service Sponsorship Workshop hosted by District 6, on Sat. 7/23 from 1pm to 4pm. I will be attending in the hopes of gaining insight and tips from the panelists so that I may improve the delivery of this message to my Service Sponsee(s). Our Grapevine/La Vina Committee is working in conjunction with District 15 to host an event on Sun. 7/31 from 8am to 2pm to celebrate 26 years of La Vina. Members will be sharing their living experience with our Fellowship's Newsletter for our hispanic members. The Young People's Coordinating Committee is active and co-hosting a workshop with District 16, Anonymity in the Digital Age, to take place on Sat. 8/20 from 10am to noon. This will be followed by a Unity Picnic that will last until 2pm.

The submission to GSO of the proposed Asian American/Pacific Islander Alcoholic pamphlet is still being ironed out, but I should be able to report this completed by our August ACM.

The Lion's Recreation Center in Brawley has been reserved for our Big Day Assembly on September 24th. The Agenda is shaping up to be a day of business on a wide range of topics. These topics are including, but not limited to, Motion to Address a Lack of Quorum, Motion to Increase the Hourly Rate for Spanish Oral Interpretation, and the 2023 Area Budget (of which the entire November 12th Assembly will be devoted to). I am looking forward to the discussion with a spirit of love and tolerance :) We will most likely be hearing from one of our Trusted Servants out of the General Service Office in New York. Monty has assured me of this... I would again like to mention my hope that as many of us as possible make this Assembly in person. To do so would be a tremendous show of Unity and concern for our Fellows in Imperial County. I will be making another trip there in August in order to increase awareness of General Service activities and the need for participation in our local General Service Structure.

DCMs, please ensure that you schedule a District visit with Monty so that he can summarize his GSC Report and field any questions that your GSRs may have. This is an important part of the Post Conference schedule. It provides for a more intimate setting (sans 150+ attendees) and allows those GSRs who may have not been able to attend the Post Conference Assembly the chance to be more informed in the report back to their Groups.

Sitting back and reviewing my first 6 months as Area Chair, my first thought is gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Much has happened since the turn of the year. What I envisioned my life to look like on January 1, is nowhere near what the reality of my life is today. My predecessors promised me a life changing experience. I am unable to, at this moment, fully define what this means, but I know that it is happening. This service position has become a pillar in my life. It has expanded my experience and understanding of "I Am Responsible...". The older I get and the more "sober" I become, my acceptance and comfort level with the uncertainty of The Journey increases. My family and I have gone through notable adversity over the last year. Walking through it with as much grace and dignity I can muster has reaffirmed with me that no matter what happens, whether I perceive it as good, bad, or indifferent, I will be okay. We will be okay.

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