

Alternate Delegate Report
November 12, 2022- Budget Assembly

Good morning Area 8,

It is so nice to be here this morning on the last assembly of the year, with lots of business related to the financial aspects of our area and how it contributes to carrying the message of alcoholics anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. A couple of months have gone by since our big day assembly back in September which dealt with lots of our area business/motions which will play an important role in today's assembly. I hope we are all planning on our upcoming seasonal holidays and how we will be spending time with our family, loved ones and friends. I so look forward to these last months of the year for a couple of reasons, first because I love food, I love to eat and our family gatherings sharing different traditional dishes, for some reason, I seem to gain some extra pounds towards the end of the year! And secondly, in a few days on the 17th of November I will reach my 14th birthday of being here in AA with you all, in area 8. I can never regret staying in the program and being introduced to recovery, unity and service. Thank you for being part of my life and showing me a new way of living, to be happy and accept life!

During these past months since our Big Day Assembly, I've kept busy visiting some districts and groups to share about my experience in service and general service. I've also attended several Area AA events and workshops along with some out of area workshops and Conventions. In the past month of October, we attended area 5 elections assembly, it was great learning who's elected and how their area's officers board is formed, they don't cover all alternate positions for chair, secretary & registrar, imagine that! Area 93 and Area 5 had local general service forums, was nice to participate in one of many roundtable discussions. Correction Committee from District 15 invited me to share in an event hosted by the district on how the six different committees do work in the Hispanic community in carrying the message of AA to the still suffering alcoholic, I stayed the entire day, from start to finish (8am-4pm), lots of wonderful information and encouragement to help with twelve step work. I've been participating in one of the ad hoc committees here in the area, if you are available with about an hour of extra time every other week, please join our mock conference ad hoc committee, we can use your help and input.

This past week, I had a wonderful weekend at the 70th SoCal Convention up at The City of Industry, great opening meeting, lots of great speakers/sharing throughout the weekend at the recovery, H&I, general service, young people's meetings, and long hour English and Spanish marathon meetings. It was great to see hundreds of alcoholics in one venue with all these above-mentioned options to listen or share about recovery, unity, and service.

San Diego Central Office held their pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 5th, in celebration of 82 years of AA in San Diego, due to overlapping of commitments our fellow area officers attended the breakfast, The program committee and area members have shared on how it was well attended, great speakers and Monty and I received

some text messages on how we missed out on the great breakfast food, unfortunately it was on the same weekend of the SoCal Convention.

I want to thank every single one of you for being here today. Thank you to all GSRs who attended GSR orientation/school and for all the ones that are here for today's assembly, in person or via zoom. We couldn't do this without you. Please reach out to me, us if have any questions about your service role, we are here to help and if there is any other way, we can better serve you, please let us know.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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