

Chair Report / June 2023 ACM Area 08

To my Esteemed Area Committee Colleagues,

We are almost at the mid-way point of the calendar year, but our main purpose for being here, the Conference process, is not over. There will be several Area motions on our ACM & Assembly Agendas through the November 11th Budget Assembly. I missed all of you at the Post Conference Assembly, but had a great experience during my vacation in New England. There were a few local Service events that I was able to attend and participate in since my return.

Do you or your Group have an idea or a proposed change that you would like to be address at next year's General Service Conference? The General Service Office is accepting Proposed Agenda Item submissions through it's annual deadline on September 15th. You can find the submission form here: <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/G.S.C.%20Proposed%20Agenda%20Item%20Submission%20Form%20%28English%29.pdf>. I also have this form in Spanish and will provide it upon request. If there are questions on how to complete this form, I am sure that our Delegate Monty would be happy to answer any questions or provide direction. Perhaps a District or two could host a future workshop on "How to Submit a Proposed Agenda Item to G.S.O."

Both our Policy and Finance Committees will be leading the charge in the coming months with a Structure & Guideline Revisions Motion and the 2024 Area Budget, respectively. Our GSRs will need to grab the attention of their Groups in order to obtain their Conscience on these items. As mentioned in my opening paragraph, these motions will be reviewed and discussed at our ACMs through the summer and into the early fall. It is my hope that the Structure & Guideline reports that we have been doing at the Area Committee Meeting will coincide with our current Area business.

It just so happened that my wife and I had a scheduled day of driving during the Post Conference Assembly. That, coupled with being three hours ahead, enabled us to tune in for most of the Assembly and to hear Monty's Conference Report. There were innumerable highlights from our vacation, but one specific experience ranked notably high on the list. During the road trip portion of our vacation, we spent the night close to East Dorset, VT, and visited the birthplace and childhood home of Bill Wilson. My wife and I also had an opportunity to attend a men and women's meeting at the house. Prior to the meeting, we traveled a couple of miles down the road to visit the final resting place of Bill & Lois Wilson. It is customary for visitors to leave tokens on Bill's headstone; I left my San Diego 90 Day that I have been carrying around the last 10 years. I inserted a picture below of the view from their final resting place.

On June 3rd, our Grapevine / La Vina Committee held the 2023 version of the Writer's Workshop. For all intents and purposes, it was a successful event. I, unfortunately, was only able to attend for a short bit because of another commitment, but had the opportunity to listen to Esther E.'s share (in Spanish for practice)... Gracias Esther. GSDYPAA invited me to participate in their 2nd Annual Step Scramble. The panelists were made aware of the the Step that they were to share on when their name was called to come to the podium. Mine was Step 11 and boy, was my share profound.... In all seriousness, I am going to play you all a 3 ½ minute clip of a speaker that I listened to while driving with my wife through New England that inspired my share at the Step Scramble. Lastly, I attended the Founder's Day / Unity Day Picnic on Sat. 6/10 and it was good times. I won't say much more about it because, by this time, I am certain that our Alt. Delegate has already done so. There is one thing that he probably didn't share with you though, and that is that the volleyball team that I was on, humbly, did not lose. I even have a scrape on my left knee to prove the sacrifices made to achieve victory.



Until July --

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