Delegate ACM Report: January 18, 2024

Good evening Area 8,

Welcome to all new and returning Area Committee Members, hopefully having the area assembly and area committee meetings back-to-back doesn't detour you from attending and participating with our area's business. At times it could be overwhelming, but we do need all of your participation with these area committee meetings and assemblies. I want to thank all the in person and online attendance for staying the entire day at orientation assembly, lots of area business was accomplished!

I have some new information on tonight's report and have included some reminders on information shared on my assembly report this past weekend.

Area 8 Pre-Conference Workshops – on tonight's agenda we will be asking for hosting districts to three workshops, two are planned to be in person and a third one hybrid or online only. Please let us know in what capacity your districts, GSRs and members can attend. The cost is lighter when a couple of districts join to host these workshops. Let us know how we can help and if you have any concerns with the venues, dates and time frames.

PAI's (Proposed Agenda Items)- attached is a preliminary list (is not finalized yet) of the proposed agenda items in English and Spanish. I would like to get some input from the area committee meeting on which agenda items you feel are or could be of more interest for your GSRs/Groups. Please email me with those suggested agenda items. As traditionally done, Adrian (alt delegate) and myself will sit down and select the agenda items for the pre-conference workshops and pre-conference assembly, please try hard to get these suggestions to us by February 10th. I understand it might be challenging because we still haven't received the back ground material, but part of the process is patiently wait and plan with what we have in our hands.

PRAASA-

- Mail in registrations for PRAASA closes on February 12, 2024, forms attached (<u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>), please mail in ahead of time.
- Hotel block pricing closes by February 15th.
- Online registrations (praasa.org) deadline is February 25th.
- If you are not able to register by the above dates for any reason, you can still register as you arrive to PRAASA, registrations are \$40.
- Keep in mind, this will be an All-in person service assembly, hybrid is not an option.
- I still need twelve (12) more volunteers to submit to the PRAASA organizing committee, volunteers are needed for panel presenters, panel moderators, panel readers and round table moderators. I do need to have your names and contact information no later than January 20th. Please make yourself available and represent our fine area up in San Franciso.

Pacific Regional Forum: This year our Pacific Region will be hosting a Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas, Nevada from July 12th to the 14th at the Westgate Resort. GSO will be coming to us and a short distance away. Hoping that many of you from Area 8 could attend. Earlier this week, Adrian did email a flyer with information and the dates (click here), mark your calendars and plan to attend, I have also included some links with additional information on Regional Forums. Forums are completely free, there are no registrations fees. Currently pre-registration hasn't opened, as soon as I get that date, I will let you know, but there is also the option to register there as you arrive to the Forum. If you plan to stay at the Westgate Resort, online booking is not available other than calling in at 888-852-2959 if you wish to book a room ahead of time, the event ode is: AA Pacific Regional. There are only a couple of options with that event code for a king room or double queen room staring at \$109 or \$129 per night plus taxes and resort fees. English: Regional and Local Forums | Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)

Spanish: Foros regionales y locales | Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)

Call for Stories: This week, I met for the first time with my Conference Committee on Trustees. During our committee work we were reminded that there is still a need for stories to update the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different" with updated diversity membership stories. Share this with your District's, Committee's and Group members since there has not been a lot of stories submitted, the deadline to receive these stories is April 30, 2024. I have included the guidelines in English and Spanish. If you have any question, don't hesitate to get a hold of me. Our area has a wide range of membership diversity where many could participate with their wonderful stories.

Digital A.A Press Kit: Back in October 2023, the attached (<u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>) digital press kit was released which includes information about Alcoholics Anonymous in the U.S/Canada Service Structure. The goal of the press kit is to answer questions and provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous for the media, professionals and the general public. I found it to be a very complete service piece, what do you think?

Publishing- Printing Delays and Backorders: We did receive an update on the continued disruption of printing delays and backorders of books and pamphlets (literature). Even though, some literature items have made progress others still face a supply chain disruption. Letter of updates attached in English, French and Spanish, publishing.cmail19.com/t/y-e-xtuudht-dkldjkhjii-t/

If you have any questions or problem opening any of the attached links, please contact me so I can send them to you directly via email.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be of Service.

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