Delegate ACM Report: March 21, 2024

Good evening Area 8,

Wishing all is going well for all of you. A lot has been going on in our area and in A.A after our past ACM. We have been busy working through our Pre-Conference process which I am very thankful we are able to prepare this way for our Pre-Conference Assembly coming up on April 6th. Please encourage all or as many GSRs and interested members to join and participate in the "conference committee" discussions, obtaining the groups conscience is vital for our annual process in preparing the delegate to the Conference.

Plain Language Big Book Information Session: Thank you all who participated in this informational session, as an area we provided the ASL interpretation that night and the zoom channel for up to 500 attendees. Each one of the four areas (5, 8, 9 & 93) participated in one way or another to make this happen. We had 286 logged in attendees that Tuesday evening. There will continue to be more discussion on this topic at our pre-conference assembly, be prepared to share what you feel and what your group's conscience is in regards to this project.

PRAASA was awesome!! I had a marvelous time up in San Francsico that entire weekend, despite that fact of the airline delays we still made it there and back. It was great to have so many from our area who attended and represented Area 08, especially all that made themselves available to be of some service to PRAASA through the weekend, I saw many with a PRAASA Volunteer vest! We also showed such enthusiasm in the PRAASA Panels with the participation of Carrie E. our Area Chair as a panel presenter, Diana C. a Panel Moderator and I believe we had Steve M. on the program as a timer at one of panels, Thank you so much for your service, I did submit twelve names/volunteers who made themselves available, it was not my call as to who was drawn from the hat and where they would be of service. I can say we represented area 8 very well! PRAASA Recordings are posted on the area's website (password protected), I do have English and Spanish USBs if you would like to check them out from me, I will hold on to them for a few months before I pass them on to our area's archives committee. Carrie, thank you so much for organizing Friday nights (traditional) dinner as an area, it was really fun, it was wonderful to be united together in that restaurant, it felt like we took over!!.

Area 8 Pre-Conference Workshops – We have held two workshops, and have two more to attend by the end of this weekend. All hosting districts have done a wonderful job in putting these workshops together, thank you!!

Call for Stories (reminder): 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. PRAASA did have a writer's workshop for this particular pamphlet, I'm sure some of you were able to participate there. The extended deadline is still April 30, 2024 to receive these stories. Let me know if you need any help submitting your stories, I will be more than happy to assist.

Tonight, we are here with Districts 9 and 17 to be of service in our Imperial County area and look forward to more visits here in the upcoming months, thank you for having us here tonight.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

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