

## **Alternate Delegate Report** *February 2016*

We are knee deep into the 2016 Conference Agenda Items and all the reading and re-reading that goes into making the Pre-Conference Workshops as comprehensible as possible for all who attend. Jane has built a remarkable presentation narrowing our focus and pulling us into the center of these requests that have come from every corner of our program. She has an uncanny grasp of the needs of our area and you will not be disappointed at the workshop you choose to attend. I believe you will come away with some comprehensive knowledge that will enable you to participate in gathering our group conscience.

PRAASA is right around the corner and I urge you to attend if you can. Many of your districts budget for this service experience so check with your group and see if funding is available. If you pay your own way, as many of us do, it will likely be a tremendous experience that you will be able to share with your groups and perhaps PRAASA will be added to your district's budget. Don't forget that Area 8 travelers will be gathering for dinner on Friday night and a group picture happens sometime before we depart.

I held my first GSR Orientation at the first assembly of the year and I ran out of my handouts for the new service members. I will know better for next January. I will have plenty of handouts at our next assembly on April 2 but before I order the necessary pamphlets I'd like to discuss our array of handouts. *AAs Legacy of Service* and *El Legado de Servicio de AA* is actually a copy of the foreword to the A.A. Service Manual, where Bill W. describes the beginnings of groups and general services, the origin of the Traditions, and the birth of the Conference. That's right, it is already in the Service Manual and each new GSR who attends the orientation gets a free copy of this service manual. (\$2.91) Do you think it is necessary to purchase a pamphlet that already exists in the handouts distributed at orientation? And if each GSR registers as a new GSR with our registrar, and I encourage each of them to do so by distributing the registration form, they will receive a packet of information from GSO in New York that includes the pamphlets, *Circles of Love and Service* and the *GSR*. Should we then give them out at our orientation as well? This seems like an expense we could save for other needs. If I ordered pamphlets today, 250 English and 100 Spanish it would cost us around \$150.

I had a wonderful day of AA and H & I last month as I traveled to Long Beach to attend a monthly H & I Committee meeting. I was met warmly by all of the AA members, some of whom I knew from past service commitments and others who were new to me. I am always cheered by the level of service and gratitude we see across this great state. It does make me proud to be a part of A.A.

In sponsorship I have had the privilege of working with a variety of female drunks. Many of the alcoholics I work the steps with do not stay sober. I once whined to my then sponsor about this frustrating phenomenon. "Why do the relapsers always ask me to sponsor them? I have never had a relapse. Once I got sober I stayed sober." And she responded kindly, "Maybe you have what they want." I have thought about this often over the years. May you always have something that someone wants.

With Love and Service, *Roxane*

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