

South Florida Area 15

Delegate's Report July 12, 2009

Good Morning!

I'm a member of the Vero Beach Step & Traditions Group in District 6. I have the privilege of serving as your Delegate, Panel 59, Area 15, South Florida, the Bahamas, the US & British Virgin Islands, Antigua & St. Maarten. My name is Ken C. and I'm a grateful recovering alcoholic.

Thank you District 6 for a wonderful Quarterly. Howard, Rene: you and your committee have done a wonderful job. Thank you.

I would like to thank Paul for a great talk Friday night.

Frances, thank you for a great talk last night.

First, I want to welcome all the new GSR's. How many of you are here for your very first assembly? I hope that each of you will get a Service Sponsor and ask a lot of questions; you are the life blood and future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

On a sad note, G.S.O. Staff member Lois F. passed away in May. Lois was a vibrant Staff member (1977-2000) whose example continues to benefit the work of the General Service Office (G.S.O.).

Also, I was sad to hear we had lost a past trusted servant of Area 15, Pat H.

Well, as you know, I made it through my 1st Conference, the 59th General Service Conference. As I reported, the experience was the highlight of my service to Alcoholics Anonymous and possibly one of the most influential experiences of my lifetime. I thank you again for the privilege of serving the South Florida Area and Alcoholics Anonymous.

By the way, I had my "Delanon" with me. Anyone know what a "Delanon" is? A "Delanon" is a Delegates Conference guest. There is probably only a handful in this room, and as I mentioned in my Delegates Report, they are invaluable.

I have completed all of my Delegate Reports (14) with the exception of District 14. I will give a report to District 14, the U.S. & British Virgin Islands, in October. I have travelled the southern portion of South Florida from coast to coast and tip to tip. There is a groove in the road on State Road 60 & 70 from my tires. Although the schedule was busy, I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the Conference with each of you. Your interest and enthusiasm was overwhelming, not to mention the great breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Thank you for your genuine support, I can't wait to do it again next year.

The *Delegates 59th General Service Conference Report, Conference Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and Recommendations not resulting in Conference Advisory Actions* are, or will be, posted to the area website at www.area15aa.org. Most of the reports will be posted in English, French & Spanish. The *59th General Service Conference Report* is expected to be delivered in August. I will get those reports to your District as soon as possible.

I have distributed extra Early Bird Box 459's to your District Chairs. I brought addressed envelopes to Conference but, due to the length of the Friday schedule, 2:20 AM Saturday morning, the staff was given a few hours to sleep before the farewell breakfast. Therefore, I sent the Early Bird edition from FL.

G.S.O. Staff rotation took place last Friday, July 13, 2009. I have forwarded a list of *G.S.O. Staff Assignments* to your Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs and District Chairs.

A budgetary decision has been made to suspend printing of the three regional directories for this year which will result in a savings of \$35,000. DCM's, please remember that updated group information is still very necessary in order that all areas of service have accurate information regarding a group and the appropriate contact information, mailing address, etc.

Markings, the Archives Newsletter, will soon begin its first electronic-only version, joining *Box 459*, and *Sharing Behind the Walls* in digital format.

Did you know that your group will be able to make contributions online? Roll-out is planned for early August 2009.

As you know, the S.E. Region Delegates have had discussion and are proposing a regional service conference to be called something similar to SERAASA or South East Regional A.A. Service Assembly. Joni will have more on this exciting event which will be discussed further at the Southeastern Conference in Alabama. You're all invited to the Southeastern Conference which will be held August 13 – 16, 2009 in Mobile, AL. Your District Chair has the flyer with all the information. I will be in attendance; I hope many of you will be as well.

Speaking of conventions, the Florida State Convention is being held July 29 – August 2, 2009 in Jacksonville. Chet P., Delegate North Florida and I will be chairing a workshop on Friday, July 31, 2009 @ 9:00 AM in the River Terrace 2 Room. The topic will be "Who Runs AA ?" I am convinced I know the answer - do you? I hope we will see you there.

I have posted on the Area 15 website, information for the *2010 International Convention - Frequently Asked Questions - Registration, Hotels, Transportation, and Volunteering*. Just click on the Alamo icon. More information will be available in August and I will update the website immediately on receipt. For your information – hotel rooms will be

offered on a first come, first serve basis vs. the old lottery system.

I have asked the Area Registrar to converse with the District Registrars concerning whether the 30 day time frame to visit a new group is sufficient, too short, or too long. If you are a DCM, your feedback would be welcome.

I have asked the C.P.C. Committee for feedback and yours would be welcome also. It appears that there will be a Conference Agenda item for a policy on the use of professional actors full faces to be used in video projects produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., with disclaimers both visual and audible.

The *2009/2010 Literature Catalogue* is out. We have a pretty impressive line up of Conference-Approved Literature and Service Material.

Also, have you seen the new pamphlet, "*A Message to Teenagers*", #F-9? It is awesome. It has 12 illustrated questions to help a teenager decide if drinking is a problem. I wish I had access to this pamphlet as a teenager.

If I can assist you in any manner, please feel free to call me or send an email.

I would like to thank each of you for the privilege of serving as your Delegate; I am truly blessed. God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted with Love in Service,

Ken C.
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