

Area 32 Central Michigan Delegate's Report

Bay City – 10/04/09

Welcome everyone to Area Assembly here in Bay City. Since our last meeting in Alpena I haven't been real busy traveling but have been able to get into a few districts to give my Delegate's Report on the General Service Conference held last April. To date I have been able to give my report in only five different Districts. If you would like for me to give a report in your district please let me know and I will get it on my schedule.

Besides giving Conference Reports, our Alternate Delegate Art M. and I attended the East Central Regional Conference held in Peoria Ill. the second weekend in August. We also attended a very good workshop held in Flint last weekend. The workshop had a very good turnout with not only our alternate and I, but there were also three Past Delegates in attendance who participated by giving presentations.

The printed version of the "Final Conference Report", are now available and will be distributed to day. Also available today is the Spanish version of the Final Report. If you would like some copies for Spanish Speaking Groups in your district, let me know, I have some copies with me this afternoon.

I was hoping to have a copy of the new Young People's Video on DVD for review today but there have been some production delays and it should be ready soon. The "Hope – Alcoholics Anonymous" Video is being delayed for production, due to a review by the General Service Board of a "Minority's Right of Appeal", regarding the use of full face views of, "actors portraying AA members", in this video.

There have been some changes in the staff at the General Service Office because of couple of vacancies which occurred this year. The two new members of the staff both have backgrounds in teaching and service. Mary S. will be assigned to serve on the CPC desk and she is also a past delegate (P56/A56-South West Ohio). The second assignment goes to Jim M. who will serve on the Corrections desk.

On another front, the General Service Board at its next meeting in November will be receiving a nomination for a trustee to fulfill the vacancy as a result of the untimely death of John S. from Canada, this past year just prior to the General Service Conference. The board has appointed a sub-committee to consider developing a clear procedure for the submission of a minority appeal.

The Board also appointed a sub-committee to develop a plan for the General Service Conference to conduct an inventory of itself, as requested by the last Conference.

The Grapevine is developing a new book, **"A Rabbit Walked Into A Bar"**. This will be a collection of humor from past Grapevine magazines with a special chapter devoted to "Victor E.". The Special Anniversary edition of **"AA Comes of Age"** (paper back) for the 2010 International Convention will be available for \$7.00

Don't forget about the Forum this year, to be held in Kalamazoo, Nov13th - 15th.

In Service,

Mike K.

Delegate P59/A32