

**Area 32 Central Michigan
Delegate's Report – June, 2010
Flint Michigan**

Welcome everyone; it's good to be back from the General Service Conference. At this year's Conference I was privileged to be a little bit of A.A. history. Only for the second time has the General Service Conference ever been held in Rye Brook, New York, next year the Conference will be back in Manhattan at the Crown Plaza-Times Square. The Hilton in Rye Brook is a beautiful Resort, Stepping outside all I saw was trees. Although I could slightly hear traffic from the freeway, the setting was very serene. With grassy areas off from the patios, there were incorporated into the setting paved walking paths where you could really meditate when you needed to be alone for a while. The facilities were much larger than the Crown Plaza and I think served the Conference extremely well. The actual conference floor was very large giving the delegates plenty of room. The Committee Rooms and the Conference business office were just off from the conference room.

The area where dinner and lunch were served was right next to the conference floor. That being said, the food looked like a piece of art, similar to that of the Crown, but wasn't quite as good. For breakfast, the only place to eat was the restaurant at the hotel, a bit pricey. They said that it would be a good 15 minute or so walk to get to anything else, although the delegates from Quebec and a couple of us others did ordered out for pizza one evening before a break.

Since we did not visit the GSO this year on Wednesday after lunch and had most of the rest of the day off like last year, this gave us that extra 10 hours for work which allowed us to finish by 10:35 on Friday. Unlike last year, after the closing Friday night, the panel 59 delegate's were given time at the mic to bid their farewells and say a few words. When all panel 59's were finished, everyone gathered in a circle for the Lord's Prayer spoken in French, English and Spanish, a very spiritual moment for me.

If some of you are wondering where the early bird fliers from the conference are, they opted not to print them this year, instead the Summer Edition Box 459 which used to be the same as the Early Bird, will be sent out to the delegates due to the fact that it was at least an hour train ride back into the city for any of the staff people to be able to put it together.

From the Grapevine; other than conference actions which will be in my Conference Report, Robin B., Executive Editor of the Grapevine will be leaving. This means that resumés are being accepted for that position along with position of Non-Trustee Director for the Grapevine Board.

Phyllis H. GSO General Manager, announced that the date for the On-Line contributions program will be ready June 11th, there were some delays with the billing server. The On-Line Contributions can be accessed from the AA web-site www.aa.org. One must register with a user name and password to be able to contribute. The web site will help you setting this up for members or a group treasurer.

For those who will not be able to go to the 75th International Convention, the Opening Flag Ceremony there will be unlimited access to the broadcast, encrypted and anonymity protected from the AA website. The broadcast will be available beginning Saturday July 3rd till July 7th at midnight with no passwords or access codes.

In Humble Service
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