

**Delegates Report for March**  
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Well folks, this is your Delegates Report for the month of March. I am doing it now as things are changing fast and furious as to how we ALL are going to meetings currently.

Many of you are having to find new and innovative ways in which to hold your meetings in your Districts and hometowns. It is no different for me in Jackson. We are currently holding 40 meetings per week at different times during the day all set up from the Zoom app. Thank God we had a techy in our Home Group that helped with all the technical stuff while I have the gift of communication so I created a private Facebook page for members in Jackson and surrounding areas to share all the information as needed to log on, times of the meetings and to share other important information. We now have this meeting schedule posted on our District website so that anyone in District 2 can see that while face to face meetings may be suspended, AA is alive and well in our District.

As a result of all the “shelter in place or stay at home orders” throughout the United States, it put a halt to holding the General Service Conference physically in New York this year. The General Service Conference will still be held but it will be held virtually instead. During the planning of our virtual conference, New Yorkers were sent home to work so planning stopped temporarily. Today we received communication from Greg T. stating that continued virtual planning sessions will resume on Monday March 30, 2020 and it looks like a virtual General Service Conference may be held sometime in early June with perhaps a “two session” approach and an abbreviated schedule to accomplish all the necessary business of our Conference. While this is no clear direction as of yet from the GSO it is more than I knew last Friday when communication came from New York that looked like a General Service Conference may not even happen in 2020. Delegates across the United States and Canada were confused, disappointed and even angry that such a thing could happen in AA. By Monday, we received communication that the General Service Conference would indeed take place but planning had to wait to resume until everyone had a chance to “regroup”.

With all the confusion and planning for the General Service Conference and meetings with the trustee’s and General Service Board had to be halted temporarily, we still have received no additional communication concerning the International Convention being held in Detroit in July. Right now, today the International Convention is still being held however, this may change and when it does, I will again reach out to all of you.

So, with all that is going on and people trying to adapt to the “new normal” I have been super busy working on a way to continue to carry the message to the person who still

suffers both in and out of our rooms. I have spent way more time in actual meetings than I have since I was a newcomer to AA.

As we continue our trudging down the path to continue to hold meetings, I am sure many of you are busy as well. I know we had to hurry and scurry to get everything set up in my hometown and we continue to provide support and direction to our members as to how to get to Zoom and the meetings being held with this app. Thank God for our members who reach out in love and service to those that are struggling even to get online. It has been a learning curve for me to learn the Zoom app and utilize computer skills to keep the communication flowing but together we are making it work "One Day at a Time".

I want to offer to you a debt of gratitude as we work through the crises and all face to face meetings that had to be suspended as a result. But we alcoholics are resourceful people and we did not let a "Stay At Home" order keeps us away from the program we love and need. I know all of you are working hard and doing your part and I appreciate each and every one of you for everything you are doing and will do.

Communication is key as we are going through this and I have held extra DCM meetings as a result and we are holding an Area 32 Finance Committee meeting on Zoom on April 5, 2020. We need to continue our diligence to our Area.

I do want you to know that I continue to be available to help in any way possible (do not ask tech questions though, not my talent at all-lol). But I am here cheering you on, praying for you and thinking about you all. Please call if you need anything.

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