

# AREA 14 NEWSLETTER

## April 2013

The clock is ticking and soon I will be leaving for the 63rd General Service Conference in NYC, NY. The past few weeks have been busy making the final preparations for my departure.

After our Area Assembly I came home and compiled all of your thoughts and votes on the final agenda items. I also have been busy re-organizing all my paperwork and reviewing all of the events that will be taking place through-out the week. Besides my participation on the Grapevine Committee, I will be involved in the conference inventory process and doing a total of three presentations.

All 1st year Delegates are asked to give a 2 minute talk on their Area. If you have a final Conference Report handy you can look and see what the Delegates "Area Highlights" entail. The other two presentations will be on our Area 14 candidates for Trustee at Large/US and South East Regional Trustee. It will be my privilege to present Tom G., for Trustee at Large/US, at the S.E. Regional Luncheon and later that afternoon I will present Chet P., candidate for S.E. Regional Trustee, to the Delegates of the southeast, six members of the Trustees' Committee on Nominating and seven members of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

Later in the week all the voting members of the Conference come together and do the work of the Fellowship. This is the time Conference Committees bring agenda items to the floor. There is also the possibility of floor motions from individual voting members. As you can see all participants have a busy week.

When I received my "welcome" packet from the conference secretary They asked that all Delegates re-read "AA comes of Age". I was once again reminded of our early years and the struggle Bill W. had in convincing other members of the AA Fellowship of the need for an annual conference where the voice of our members would be heard. I am humbled to now have the opportunity to become a little part of our history. Thank you for allowing me to carry your "voice" to this historical event.

Marilyn B  
Delegate, Panel 63

As our Delegate prepares for the 63rd General Service Conference, she goes more prepared because of everything you all did to help her with the Agenda Items. Think about what it is going to be like for her as she carries our voice to New York. If you are curious about what could possibly be going on during this time, read page's S11 and S12 in your Service Manual.

Thank you to everyone that completed a survey for the January Assembly Weekend. It was fulfilling to involve some of your suggestions into the March Assembly. Please make sure to complete a new survey for March Assembly. You can find these on the website at [www.aanorthflorida.org](http://www.aanorthflorida.org) on the Home page or under Documents. You can either email them to me at [chairperson@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:chairperson@aanorthflorida.org) or mail them to me at: PO Box 536245, Orlando, FL 32853.

Currently the theme for the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference is "***The General Service Conference Takes its Inventory - Our Solution in Action***". This October, the North Florida Area Conference will be taking our Inventory. If you have any questions you would like to see on the Inventory, please submit them prior to the July Assembly, to [chairperson@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:chairperson@aanorthflorida.org). Hopefully, we will be able to have the Inventory ready to be given out at the July Assembly and returned prior to the October Assembly. Districts may want to consider taking their own inventory for a better idea of your needs or recognizing what you do well.

As the July Assembly gets closer, there will be updates in this Area 14 Newsletter of the workshops and service that will be available. Take the time to check out the North Florida Area Conference website at [www.aanorthflorida.org](http://www.aanorthflorida.org) and become familiar with the information on it.

Vivian F.  
Area Chair, Panel 63

"I am responsible, When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Declaration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Convention, 1965, Toronto, Canada

## From Our Secretary

Greetings from your Area Secretary, Joyce!

What an exciting time to be in service as we all do our best to be sure our membership is fully informed!

With that being a goal in mind, it is my responsibility to receive reports from all Area Officers and Service Coordinators and combine them into the Assembly Business Meeting minutes. We have such a wonderful panel and they are so helpful by getting the reports to me in record time.

My first action as your new Secretary was to get quotes from printers so that I could be as prudent as possible with your funds. Added to that, I keep a close eye on the number of mailings so that we are not having extra printed which would just go to waste. I get that number from Jeff, our Registrar.

Once I pick up the minutes, I stuff them into pre-printed envelopes and get them to Jeff for mailing. As you saw last Assembly, we were able to accomplish this in record time. They were in the mail 15 days after Assembly so that you could disseminate information to your Districts, Groups and members. We expect to continue this quick turnaround.

On another note, one question that has come up from time to time is about bringing motions to the Assembly. A proposed motion form is available on our website under documents. Please use this form for all motions. Please have FOUR copies (1 for Delegate, 1 for Area Chair, 1 for Area Secretary and 1 for your own records). If you do not have a printer and cannot print this form please save to a flash drive and have the hotel make those copies for you; however, you will incur an expense. Otherwise, have the Area Secretary give you (4) copies per motion as she will have blank copies with her at Assembly. Forms will also be available at the "flyers" table by the registration desk.

Thank you so much for allowing me the honor to be of service.

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### MEMORANDUM

April 5, 2012

**To:** 2013 Conference Delegates  
**From:** Phyllis H, General Manager  
**Re:** Publication of Regional Directories

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Dear Friends,

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference in just a few short weeks.

I'm writing today to inform you that for the year 2013, we will not be publishing print versions of the A.A. Regional Directories.

This is part of the ongoing effort to lessen significant expenses in printing and postage as part of our cost-savings measures at G.S.O. While new print directories will not be available this year, we know that the ones currently in circulation will continue to be of limited use.

In addition, in this rapidly-evolving digital environment, Areas, Districts, and Intergroups/Central Offices, are far more easily accessible than ever before. The up-to-date contact information that they can provide for local A.A. is more accurate than the A.A. Directories, which are out of date the moment they come off press.

We appreciate continuing to receive updated group and contact information from your registrars. Keeping our G.S.O. records as current as possible is vital in our ongoing communication with groups and all trusted servants.

Thank you for your assistance and for your service to A.A.

**cc:** General Service Board  
A.A.W.S. Board  
A.A. Grapevine Board  
G.S.O. Staff