

AREA 14 NEWSLETTER

May 2013

A Combined Message from your Area Delegate and Area Chair:

Our May message is early! Why you ask? Because we have so much “coming up” news we want to share with everyone. Post Conference Events are already being booked. We all recognize the financial difficulty our groups, districts and area are exhibiting at this time. In order to try to make the Post Conference Report available to as many people as possible, we will be having a special report at the July Area Assembly. This may help our body to be able to have access at the minimal cost. Our Alt. Chair is working with the hotel to see if we may be able to make this a “more than special occasion” for all. Of course, if any district would be interested in scheduling a Post Conference Report, please email the Delegate at delegate@aanorthflorida.org! There is so much excitement to bring the Conference experience back to Area 14.

BUT NO, THAT IS NOT ALL!!!! In October, Don. F., Delegate for Area 15 will be coming north to facilitate our Annual Inventory and then sharing his story Saturday evening. He is looking forward to seeing our inventory questions, so please send them to chairperson@aanorthflorida.org, so we can get the inventory rolling.

WAIT, THERE IS MORE!!! In January, Ward Ewing, current Chairman of the General Service Board and an “A” Trustee will be our special guest. Ward has been a friend to Alcoholics Anonymous for 35 years. It will be so exciting to hear his story and what began his journey as our friend.

GET READY, GET SET, MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2014 Assembly Dates - April 11-14, 2014, July 11-13, 2014, and October 17-19, 2014, make your reservations, and plan for some exciting times.

“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 30th Anniversary International Convention, 1965, Toronto, Canada

From Our Treasurer

Dear Members,

I am so honored to have your trust as the Area Treasurer. Your generous contributions make me appreciative every time I visit the Area P. O. Box. Have you ever wondered what your group contribution is used for? The mission of the North Florida Area is to support you in your efforts to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We do that in two primary ways – by supporting our Delegate to carry our voice to the General Service Conference regarding issues important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous; and by providing an educational forum to help your committee chairpersons in carrying their message locally. In areas such as Corrections, Treatment, Intergroup, Literature and Public Information there are workshops at the Area Assembly where ideas, challenges and solutions are shared

Alcoholics Anonymous would be fully self-supporting if each member contributed \$7 per year, or \$156 per group per year. One idea to consider is, instead of buying gifts and cards for your sponsees' anniversaries, make a contribution in their honor. Both GSO and the Area will send a card acknowledging the gift. Alcoholics Anonymous asks little of us in return for the great gifts and miracles our sobriety has given us. Sometimes, when we drop our dollars into the basket we can remember the better job we have now; that what we give to the program is less than the cost of a McDonald's Meal or a Starbucks drink.

Please be sure your treasurer has our current address, which is NFAC, P.O. Box 360831, Melbourne FL 32936. Thank you for the privilege of serving.

In Service, Annette D.
Area Treasurer, Panel 63

SHARING A SPECIAL RESPONSE FROM GSO ARCHIVES: The questions was "What is the history of the word "TV" in the 11th Tradition of the book A.A. Comes of Age and later it being removed"

Hello and warm greetings from G.S.O. Archives!

I looked into your question this morning and have some information to share. Indeed the word "TV" was included in the text of the Twelve Traditions (page 78) in *A.A. Comes of Age*. It only appeared in the first (1957) through fourth printings (1971) of the book and removed in the fifth printing (1973). I searched various records circa that period but found no information concerning the deletion of "TV" in the book in 1973. We do know that Bill wrote *A.A. Comes of Age* and he sent copies for review and fact verification purposes to many early members and friends of A.A., so we can only assume that he was aware of the word in the eleventh Tradition.

I also found mention of it in the "Ask-It-Basket" section of the 1970 Final Conference Report, where the question was raised, "Why don't we arrange the Tradition to read '...at the level of press, radio, TV and films'?" The response to the question was, "Much of our literature, as well as 'A.A. Comes of Age' does read this way. This Conference could initiate such action if it wishes to do so. It was the consensus that the 'film' covered TV, and further, that first the Conference and Board must approve, and then all groups must be polled, and 75% agree in writing to change any wording in the Traditions."

Lastly, it is significant to note that the 1974 Conference recommended that "TV" as part of the Eleventh Tradition in the P.I. Manual be deleted in the next printing. (Conference Public Information Committee)

I hope this is helpful. Please let us know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mirza
Archivist

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Check out the website,
especially note the Activities of the Area.
There are so many workshops to visit
and Founders Day Opportunities.
Support our Area Districts!