

# AREA 14 NEWSLETTER

## January 2014

### Message From Your Area Chair:

Happy New Year!!! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Assembly next weekend! We have many changes coming into 2014.

Welcome to Scott B. our new Archivist.

Ken S., Literature Service Coordinator has resigned; see his letter elsewhere in this newsletter. Chad H. has accepted the position and will replace Ken.

Iain B., Treatment Service Coordinator has resigned and Mike J. has accepted the position.

Please welcome our new Panel Members and share the love.

Here are a few notes about workshops to look forward to:

### Lunch time Sharing Time with Ward Ewing:

Bring your lunch and have an indoor "picnic", meet Ward, Past Chairman of the General Service Conference. How does a non-alcoholic serve in Alcoholics Anonymous?

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of General Service:

What do those Trustees do? When do they meet? What does happen outside of the Spring General Service Conference? Lots of questions, come find out the answers.

### Public Information:

Will be doing a workshop on doing presentations in schools.

### Grapevine/La Vina:

Attendees will be a part of an Audio Project in a group setting. Everyone has a story to tell in them.

### Cooperation With the Professional Community:

Discussion on past and upcoming events. Q & A, and FUN, FUN, FUN.

### Finance Committee:

Voluntary Contribution to General Service Conference, Additional usage of Translator, Passing the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket at Sunday Business Meeting.

### Website Committee:

Introduction to the new webmaster via Skype, come meet him personally!

### Las Tradiciones:

Do you wonder what it is like when our Linquistic District hears the translation at the Assembly Business Meeting? If you do, come to this meeting where the Spanish will be translated to English!! Take a step, get out of your comfort zone and try it out!!!

In Fellowship & Service,  
Vivian F.  
Area 14 Chair, Panel 63

### Ken S. Resignation:

I'm not sure where to begin. It is with mixed emotions that I have notified our Area 14 Chair that I have to resign from my position as Panel 63 Literature Service Coordinator. This moment is bittersweet. I have an opportunity to move to the greater Atlanta area, after Christmas, and feel the need to take advantage of the moment. My Higher Power has opened a lot of doors for this to happen and I know that I am making a decision that will afford me a lot of new experiences in life and sobriety.

I would like to thank Area 14 (all of the current/past GSRs, DCMs, and Area Officers) for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous at this level. The last 12 years at Area 14 have certainly been an exciting experience. I came to my first Area Assembly in January 2002 as a GSR for the newly formed Jacksonville Beach Young People's Group.

It was the third time that I had been elected as a GSR but the first time that I was truly committed to learning exactly what a GSR was supposed to be doing and how to represent my home group. I have been serving at some level at the Area level as a GSR, DCM, or Panel member since that time.

I will most definitely miss being a part of Area 14 and will miss seeing a lot of you on a regular basis. I cannot even begin to begin to state what I have learned about myself, others, and how amazing our service structure is as a result of being a part of you wonderful group of people.

I have no idea what my Higher Power has in store for me service wise once I get settled into my new home in Atlanta. Service is such an integral part of my sobriety and I cannot imagine not getting involved again sometime in the future. I will be a newcomer to them even though I have a bunch of friends in the area. I imagine that I will do what I did when I moved to Florida and that would be to find a home group and get involved there and see where it takes me!

Once again, THANKS so much for the opportunity to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous and to you all. It has been a privilege and a pleasure.

ILAS,  
Ken Shults

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commentary Edition of the Big Book

Remember that you can now pre-order this book, which is a replica of the First Edition.

The pre-order form is online at [aa.org](http://aa.org) and will be available in the Holiday Edition of Box 4-5-9.

### AAWS Goes Online

Did you know that you can now order AAWS products online? Support of local Intergroups is encouraged, but this is an alternative if you don't have an intergroup close by.

### Archives Collection Policy Established

At the October 2013 assembly a policy regarding collection of archives material was approved. If you have something you wish to donate to the Area archives, you can review the policy at [aanorthflorida.org](http://aanorthflorida.org).

Also, be sure to plan on attending the Florida Archives Workshop on February 15 in Orlando. Email [archives.aanorthflorida.org](mailto:archives.aanorthflorida.org) to register.

Are you interested in submitting information, article to our Area Newsletter, send it to [chairperson@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:chairperson@aanorthflorida.org).

"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  
Check out the website, especially note the Activities of the Area where there are so many workshops to visit Support our Area Districts!

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