

## Delegates Corner January 2024

Hello Area 78!

Happy New Years to you all! May you find Joy in the Journey!

I am so excited to begin my two year rotation as your Panel 74 Delegate! This is a big honour and privilege so I will do my very best to carry your voices and to bring information to you as I possibly can.

Please make sure you send your Group Service Rep and District Committee Chairs to the Area Assembly's and Area Committee Meetings so that we can be connected and I can hear your voice! You can also reach me through the Area 78 webpage! [area78.org](http://area78.org) or [cklin@icloud.com](mailto:cklin@icloud.com)

I just re-read AA Comes of Age to rediscover our remarkable collective history. Bill and Bob, a couple of drunks just like you or me, found sobriety by simply helping each other stay sober. So began our legacy; one drunk helping another. Our founders wrote the 12 Steps to help with carrying that message and to share with others how to get sober! My goodness - it grew! Soon there were 100 members and so a book was written, and in just 3 years afterwards our membership had expanded to 8000! A foundation was established in an office to answer the calls for help. Traditions were hammered out on the experiences of us hot heads and egomaniacs!

Then Bob got sick and our founders realized they would need a way to keep this thing growing for those yet to come. Discussions began and in 1950 a trial run started to give the responsibility of our program to us!

Insight and wisdom prevailed and the Foundation became the General Service Board. Regional delegates and Trustees both alcoholic and non-alcoholic were elected to serve the Fellowship in two or four year terms! So on July 3 1955, at 4 PM the three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service were turned over to you and me! That was 74 years ago!

By 1957 Great Britain, Ireland and Australia had their own General Service Boards growing AA's message of recovery consistently over the world! They too elect a GSR to attend Area Assemblies to give their Delegates their voice to carry!

All I can say is AMAZING! We are so blessed to be a part of this!

There was foresight and wisdom with Spirit of Rotation! All service positions are elected only as term positions with a limit of the amount of time a person can serve. Generally two years. This protects us from becoming entrenched in politics and popularity contests.

Best of all the groups lead. You lead this thing. Ensure that your group has a GSR so that your voice is heard. Your group pays the cost for their elected member to attend the Area Assemblies twice a year to carry the groups voice to the Delegate and then bring back the information of what's going on in AA. Ensure your GSR has time during your business meeting to share the enthusiasm of what was learned and so this is how we are connected to AA world wide!

The Agenda Items will be coming out the end of February for our March Pre-Conference Assembly (March 15, 16 and 17) and right now it's quite interesting as a fifth Edition is being finalized for distribution in 2025. Another Agenda Item is in answer to a request sent in by a member in 2017 to look at making a piece of literature that will help make our Big Book more accessible to those who struggle with a variety of reasons to comprehend our Beloved Big Book. What has grown from that request is a book like Came to Believe or Living Sober that I will get the chance to review and vote on. Please let me know your thoughts on this! I put on the area 78 website the presentation from an online forum December 2. It's called Plain Language, take a look so you can be informed.

I've been busy already being of service when requested. Tami and I did a Unity workshop. I attended a few on line sessions for example a Remote Communities workshop that was so informative! Gosh the struggles some members have! Far away, or incarcerated or that they do not speak English. Or their culture actually makes it not only illegal to drink but then oddly enough - illegal to get sober! Imagine that!

I look forward to my term as your Delegate, I have been appointed to sit on two committees, Public Information and International Convention and Regional Forum's. I will be Delegate for the 2025 International Convention!

In Love and Grateful Service to you all, Karen OC  
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