

Delegates Corner February 2024

Hello Area 78! I'm hoping with all the cold we had recently that you found lots of warm hearts! I sure did when got to attend the Area 78 Committee Meeting (ACM) January 19th and 20th in Stettler, Alberta. Thank you District 19 for looking after us so very well! There were 24 District Committee members from around our Area in attendance as well as some GSR's and Visitors.

Area 78 is the biggest Geographical Area in the US/Canada Conference, stretching all the way across Alberta, the northeastern and southeastern corners of BC, all of the North West Territories and the western part of Nunavut as well as Maidstone Saskatchewan! Your District Committee Members, the Table officer and Committee Chairs worked on fostering leadership and creating unity, the room was buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement. It is a humbling and beautiful process the way we communicate our three legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service. Trusting and engaging with the membership who love AA so much they are willing to give freely of their time to keep our service structure healthy for those yet to come. Warms my heart so much my eyes water!

Why do we even have a Service Structure? Simply to protect our Big Book. We have a solution that really works. This is why we let our names stand for the rotation of service. It's not a vocation, it's a giving back time and we all take our turn. Love in action!

The Trustees Literature Committee at GSO is seeking our thoughts, opinions and solutions regarding if we should or should not and if so how to change our Founders Writings. Please mark your calendar for **February 17 from 1-2:30** for an on line opportunity to voice your opinion. There is a poster on the area78.org website with the zoom address.

I mentioned in my last chat that I was appointed to two committees, Public Information and the International Convention/Regional Forum committees. There is humility in being appointed, in discovery and asking for help, it builds the "we" instead of "me" and brings about the opportunity to practice trusting God, the process, open-mindedness and acceptance. Powerful stuff! The 24 DCM's that were present in Stettler picked from a hat a number that represented the 10 committees, random appointment. Their first assignment was to go meet their committee chairs. Magical!

If you are an acting DCM or GSR and would like to get your committee assignment before the Pre-Conference Assembly March 15-17, please email registrar@area78.org or you can just wait till you register and be assigned at that time.

We listened to the reports of the Table Officers, fostering leadership and inclusiveness. Then the Committee Chairs got the opportunity to talk about the service roles they were assigned in September. The DCM's had a couple of sessions to talk about joys, concerns and ideas that they can implement over the next two years. Bringing awareness and inclusion to their Districts and General Service Reps.

The agenda Items will be coming out at the End of February and will be posted on the Area website just prior to the March Pre-Conference Assembly likely March 11. You will be able to go take a look at the Agenda items to familiarize yourself on what will be discussed at our Assembly, informing me, to carry your voices to New York.

The Meeting Guide App, is mostly used for finding a meeting near you, but click on “news” and you will find a bunch of updates and information about what is happening at your General Service Office. Take a look and stay informed!

Young People in AA bring so much to our structure and meet up across the world. This summer is the 64th ICYPAA (International Convention for Young People in AA) will be happening in Austin Texas! Details on the aa.org website.

We want our Area 78 Young people to get a committee together to report at our Area 78 Assemblies! Your excitement for sobriety and zest for life can add to the fire of enthusiasm! Please contact me!

Starting at 7 PM MST, Mondays Feb 5- May 6 an on-line Concepts study hosted by Carolyn W starts, I've been taking part in her Service Manual Study since September, its very interesting and fun. Meeting address is 87083768965 password 414768.

The Grapevine is not only our meeting in print anymore, now with downloading the Grapevine App there is a whole bunch of interactive and audio opportunities, on my way home from the ACM I listened to a few Pod-casts, informative and fun!

In Love and grateful Service,
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February 17 - 1-2:30 Our Founders Writings Open Discussion
hosted by Vera F Trustees Literature Committee.
March 15-17 Area Pre-Conference Assembly - Calgary
May 24 - 25 Area 78 Committee Meeting - Yellowknife