

## Delegates Corner July/August 2024

The very first page of our Service Manual states firmly on what it is we are doing as we put up our hand for a service position in AA.

*Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message - is the basic service that the AA fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action; We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.*

Hello Area 78, I hope you are all being able to enjoy the summer sun and warmth! Ever the weather for not quite getting it right all the time! But we who have almost missed it all, can laugh about what we cannot change. And as a bonus of recovery we can respond with acceptance, tolerance and love!

I have been able to participate in some of the Area 78 Activities and will continue to whenever I can! Taking part in sober activities is one of the lovely gifts of sobriety on these sunny, summer days. Yet I do remember those who are still living where the light does not yet shine, and so on these beautiful afternoons or evenings, I join you as we sit in meeting rooms bringing the solution for those who still suffer.

Your Area Table Officers and Committee Chairs have been busy preparing for the upcoming September Assembly being held in Edmonton, September 13, 14 and 15th, - all the information to register and book your rooms is on our [area78.org](http://area78.org) website under Area Events.

We will be voting on a number of issues and will be able to make some informed decisions based on the report backs of the Ad-hoc committee on possibly developing a Hybrid style for our Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. As well, we will be looking at a report -back on the Area being the liaison towards shared costs of Insurance Coverage and what that might look like.

If you have any new business you would like to be discussed at the Area Fall Assembly which will be geared towards voting on the business and the direction of our Area as it evolves, please download either the Motion form or the Proposed Agenda Item form off our Area Website under the Information drop down menu.

If you are considering a Proposed Agenda Item please do bring it to Assembly where we can begin its process of discussion and approval as an Area. Taking the time to discuss an idea you may have at our Assembly will help with the workload of our Agenda Items in the Spring. The deadline for proposed agenda items (PAI's) is September 15th of each conference year.

There is a deadline of August 30th for these motions to be included in the Agenda package to offer opportunity for group and district discussion prior to the Assembly.

There is also be some sharing questions for DCM's and GSR's to bring to districts and groups to promote awareness on how we conduct business in AA. Please look at your Service Manual - Appendix W pages 166-168. There is a plan that helps us communicate so that all voices can be heard.

Thank you again to all groups who have contributed to Area financially so that we can continue to provide a healthy structure to our message and service commitments. Your Area Officers and Committee Chairs practice as much prudence as possible, splitting costs for rooms and gas whenever we can.

Also on our Area Website under the heading "Need Help Now?" you will be able to view the two newly released PSA's (Public Service Ads) directed to young people. These were approved by the 74th Conference and made by Young People in AA! Such talent we have! Such a message of freedom we can carry when we give away what has been so freely given us!

The International Convention being held next July 3-6 2025 is coming up and I'm receiving lots questions! Registration will be opening up on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website in September. It will cost \$160 (US) to register and after you have registered you will be directed to the housing page where you will be able to request the type of accommodation that suits your budget and circumstance. You cannot pre-book hotels yourself, the Convention Committee has reserved huge tracts of hotel space at special pricing. Please remember to "Trust the Process" here as well! Managing 60,000 members at an international event is an awesome responsibility and our AA staff are busy preparing themselves.

As the event draws near there will be lots of things to sign up for to expand your experience (which is the only way to gain experience), for example there are a couple of Cruises being planned, you can find out more information on those by emailing - [happydestinycruisers@gmail.com](mailto:happydestinycruisers@gmail.com) and requesting the information.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any concern or issue you may be having with service in our Area! I am also available to come and read my report back from the Conference or to do an on-line session if you would like!

Warm Regards and Loving Service,  
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"Forget me, but go you and do likewise. Add your own link to our chain. With God's help, forge that chain, well and truly." Dr Bob "AA Comes Of Age"