

February 2026 Delegates Report

Hello my fellow members of Area 78. Dave S here – sobriety date April 8, 2010 – this is one of many sobriety dates I have had and it is my hope and intention to keep it that way!

I have a huge debt of gratitude to all my fellow alcoholics who have helped me get and stay sober in this, my longest ever stretch of sobriety. It is truly an honour and privilege to be serving as your Area 78 Delegate. From GSR to Delegate, I have been serving with the Area for 10 years now.

The first thing I want to say to all the groups and individuals that send their contributions to Area 78 – a huge, huge thank you – especially for your contributions and digging deep in 2025 as our budget was increased by over \$6,000,00 via a motion passed by the Area for insurance coverage for all groups in Area 78. This is truly where money and spirituality meet. You have helped us to meet our financial obligations to cover the services that you have asked to provide to help the still suffering alcoholic.

At this point in time, I would like to mention that the General Service Office in New York did have a shortfall in their budgeted amount of contributions. If you can, send a few more dollars to GSO. You can make contributions online at AA.org or by regular mail, credit/debit or Pay Pal. Your contributions help still suffering alcoholics all over the world.

Check your News button at the bottom of your Meeting Guide app for updates on happenings with the board of trustees, our General Services Office, AA World Services and the Grapevine.

Back to Area 78 - A huge thank you to Julia (DCM) and her team of volunteers from District 13 that did such a wonderful job of hosting the January Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in Red Deer. It was a well attended and fun event – we got a lot of work done and more work coming up.

By the middle of February, you should have the Sharing Questions to take back to the groups for discussion – send all information to alternatedelegate@area78.org This information can also be brought to the Pre-Conference Assembly in Calgary from March 27-29th 2026 at the Calgary Plaza Hotel.

Between now and then, I will be especially busy once we receive the final agenda list from the General Service Board. Through your attendance at the Assembly (any member can attend), through discussions, the committees will come forward with recommendations on all these items submitted from Areas, Districts, individual members and groups. This vital information is aimed at moving AA forward in helping the still suffering alcoholic in the Canada/USA structure.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am at your service – feel free to call or email me at any time.

From Tradition Nine – long form:

“All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for truly leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.”

Yours in Love and Service,

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