AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

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Area 11 Convention

Friday, Sept 29, 30 and Sunday, Oct 1st

Pre-Registration - $20 Until September 15th

With Al-Anon and Alateen Participation

Registration forms and more info at www.ct-aa.org
All Are Welcome

For Updated Meeting Schedule & Answering Service Information, visit our website at

Supporting Our Future

Summer in Connecticut affords the opportunity to enjoy a season of warmth and sunshine that passes too quickly sometimes. Because we are not a glum lot after we find sobriety, the members and groups of Area 11 have been busy with sober celebrations of group anniversaries and the AA fellowship itself in the form of barbecues, cruises, pot luck dinners and bonfires on the beach. I hope you were able to take advantage of at least one held in your district.

It was a pleasure for me to attend several, and see the autonomy of the Fourth Tradition in practice. Each celebration I attended had its own personality and brand of hospitality that was extended to familiar faces and the first-time visitor alike.

Several groups were celebrating their first year of opening their doors to the alcoholic who still suffers, and other groups were celebrating over 50 years of having the hand of AA ready when someone reaches out for help. It was an honor and privilege to participate as a guest, and see the principles of AA shone through in practice from the food line procedure to listening to the honored speakers.

It is hard to put into words how humbling it is to serve all of you as I travel around this little slice of geography with the big heart. As I watch you keep the doors open every day, ready to ex- tend that hand and focus on our Fifth Tradition, to carry the message to the alcoholic walking in the door for the first time, I see the love you have for Alcoholics Anonymous and the wisdom to know we can't keep it unless we give it away.

As I watched, I was reminded of when I moved here, and how I too experienced what that newcomer does. The meeting schedule being passed around with the ladies' names for me to call, invitations to coffee (tea for me) and being asked to read in a meeting, the stuff that makes a newcomer feel a part of, included. This I saw this summer over and over again. And I am ever so grateful to be able to say I am a part of this. This is Area 11.

Creativity Opportunity

The 2018 Conference Committee on Agenda will consider suggestions for a theme, presentation and workshop topics for **2019**. We hope that you will assist us by offering suggestions for the theme, workshop and presentation topics for the 68th annual meeting of the General Service Conference, April 22-28, 2018.
A list of past Conference themes is available from your DCM for reference, as well as a form for your convenience in submitting suggestions. ***Please send suggestions in by December 15,***

Appointed Committee Member Opening

Literature Committee has an opening for a member with experience with Young People to Serve. If you are interested, I can review all the qualifications with you. Please contact me at delegate @ct-aa.org. Thanks!

NERAASA 2018

Area 11 is grateful for the opportunity to host NERAASA 2018. Host committee T-Shirts have now been spotted to ignite even more enthusiasm. The new NERAASA 2018 website is up. Please visit NERAASA2018.org to check it out!
Planning meetings are held at 9:00 AM on the last Sunday of the month. The next NERAASA 2018 Host Planning Committee meeting is scheduled to meet at the Radisson Hotel Cromwell on Sunday, September 24th. Join the committee for FUN and FELLOWSHIP!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20th–7:00 PM

Budget Meeting- Area Office

112 E. Main Street, Meriden, CT

SEPT. 29,30, & OCT. 1 2017

59th Area 11 Convention

Radisson Hotel Cromwell

100 Berlin Rd. Cromwell, CT

This year's theme is:

A New Freedom & A New Happiness

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Thank you
Online Contributions Continue to Grow - Up 1% this year

AAWS HIGHLIGHTS

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The backend of the Online Bookstore application is being tested and will be implemented by early September. The security for Fellowship New Vision (FNV) is being redone and will also be implemented by early September.

Archives – Archives staff is beginning to prepare for construction, which will allow for an internal reconfiguration to expand workstations. During this period, Archives staff will temporarily relocate to one of the meeting rooms and the Archives office will be closed briefly to accommodate construction.

STAFF REPORT

G.S.O. staff are working on implementation of Advisory Actions. Additionally, a G.S.O. team has been meeting to prepare for the implementation of the 2017 Advisory Action that G.S.O. strive to translate all background into French and Spanish.

The June 2017 literature activity update report was distributed to all delegates and literature committee chairs in the U.S. and Canada with information from the 2017 Conference, an update on Big Book translations and information about availability of the new "Safety Card for A.A. Groups.

PUBLISHING

Gross sales: For 2017 through the month of June, gross sales are above estimate: $7,316,669 actual sales vs. estimate of $7,157,772, which is a $158,897 or 2.81% positive variance.

Digital books: Total ebook gross sales January through June 2017 stand at $110,189 with 28,342 units distributed.

Twelve Concepts audio project: The committee discussed the project which is currently on hold, as per the committee's request, and asked that the Publishing Department research cost estimates regarding production of The Twelve Concepts in audio format (in English, French and Spanish) by A.A.W.S.

FINANCE

Unaudited financial results: The G.S.O. six-month unaudited financial report revealed that gross sales were $7,313,388 or 2.17% ahead of budget, contributions were $3,771,670 or 13.31% ahead of budget and total operating expenses were $7,821,310 or 1.40% less than budget. Net profit for the six months was $966,876 compared with a budgeted profit of $14,988.

Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups and A.A. Service Committees.

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