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For updated meeting schedule and answering service information, visit our website at www.ct-aa.org.

And away we go!

February was a busy month. NERAASA in Nashua, NH was a great success with over 900 attendees. I, along with the Alternate Delegate began visiting districts, starting with District 7 the night before I left for NERAASA. The Final Agenda with all the supporting background material for the 70th General Service Conference has been disseminated through your DCMs. I am going paperless this year for the Pre-Conference assembly on March 28th as the background is over 1068 pages. That would be over 2 full reams of paper to print just 1 copy. Please download the background material to your laptop, ipad or phone so we can together reduce our carbon footprint.

As soon as the Final Agenda and supporting background material was available, we got to work selecting items for the Delegate's Survey. A great big Thank You to your Alternate Delegate, Matt K., for all his help with the survey! The survey is a great way for your group to discuss items on the agenda for the Conference. Survey's can be completed online with the comments sent confidentially direct to the delegate. Written surveys can be given to your DCM, emailed to the delegate or brought to the Pre-Conference Assembly. The seven items on the Delegate's Survey were selected as such, for ease of supporting it in the written format.

At the Pre-Conference Assembly, the format will be close to the same as last year. We will have time to discuss additional items, about 12-15 of them. We will hear reports from our standing committees on their agenda items as they are our 'experts in the field'. There will also be time for you to bring up any additional items that were not covered by the survey or assembly. This is all orchestrated so I can hear what your group has to say about the wide variety of items concerning AA today and our future.

As I reviewed the agenda and background, I noticed themes emerging. The main topics I would love to hear from your group on is:

1. Technology-When, Where, How Much, and how it relates to our traditions
2. Relatability-Are we exclusive to some without realizing while thinking we are inclusive to others and falling short.
3. Accessibility-Is there a point to draw the line, when the cost becomes to great?
4. Finances-Are we being thoughtful with the contribution's groups send or do we carelessly/recklessly make mistakes, thinking it is helping the greater good by not being able to see the big picture.

Come to the Pre-Conference Assembly to share on these thoughts. I would love to hear what you have to say.

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ARCHIVES:

The Archives has been invited to present a brief film on the history of A.A. for a screening on Saturday night in Detroit in July 2020 and closed down for one day in January to accommodate the filming.

At Board Weekend in February, I attended the Trustees Committee on Archives meeting as an invited guest and was able to participate in the discussion of the proposal to create a new AA history book from 1955-Present. This item was forwarded to the Conference Committee on Archives.

TRUSTEES:

Resumes of the candidates for Class B regional trustees (West Central and Western Canada) have been received, catalogued, and will be presented as background to the trustees' Nominating Committee in preparation for the elections at the General Service Conference in April 2020.

AAWS Highlights

Regional/International Events

2020 International Convention:

Registration for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit opened on September 9. Go to aa.org to register online and to book your hotel reservations. Registration is \$115 before 4/15; after 4/15 it is \$140. To learn more about visiting Detroit while you are there visit:

<https://internationalconvention.visitdetroit.com>

NERAASA 2020:

February 21-23, 2020

Radisson Hotel Nashua
11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH

Registration is now closed. You can register on site in person.

UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS:

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, March 28, 2020; 9-3
Pitkin Community Center
30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield

AREA 11 ROUND-UP

Sunday, April 26, 2020
Pitkin Community Center
30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield
Registration is FREE!

SPRING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 9, 2020
Pitkin Community Center
30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield

Accessibilities/LIM:

The assignment is currently collecting stories submitted by the Fellowship to update the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" and developing audio interviews with the military in A.A.

C.P.C./Treatment:

The assignment updated welcome letters for district, area, and intergroup/central office chairs for C.P.C., Treatment, H&I and Bridging the Gap committees to include suggestions for getting started, online resources on the aa.org website and information about the A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page and YouTube channel

Corrections:

The holiday edition of Sharing from Behind the Walls and the December Grapevine were sent out, along with requested books and pamphlets, to prisoners across the U.S. and Canada. Over 80 inmates were linked to outside A.A. members, bringing the total for 2019 to 1,790 men and women linked to A.A. members through the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.).

Public Information:

In keeping with A.A.'s Public Information policy, the P.I. Desk will be sending out a Press Release to Media on the new "Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery" video, noting that no matter your age it can never be too early or too late to seek help with a drinking problem. This video can now be viewed using this link: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/young-and-sober-in-aa-from-drinking-to-recovery. In addition, information will be included about Meeting Guide app, which can be helpful to the general public and the young people's demographic this video is aimed at.

LegitScript/Google Ads progress report: The committee discussed a progress report, draft implementation plan and draft ad language. It was reported that Google is putting a hold on the project pending resolution of requested changes to the aa.org website. These changes are being addressed and it is anticipated that the application will be resubmitted to Google in the near future. The committee also discussed background provided to inform a broader Seventh Tradition discussion as it relates to Google Ads grants, PSAs and any other "discount/subsidy." The committee agreed that discussions regarding how to report in-kind contributions need to continue as the question not only impacts the Google ad project, but PSAs and other in-kind contributions as well.

International Convention:

As of early January, close to 27,000 people have registered for the Convention. Over 90% have registered online. The selection of hotel rooms has been expanded to outlying areas of Detroit to meet the housing needs of our registered attendees. Currently there are hotel and dorm rooms available in nearby areas with a less than 45-minute bus ride to the Convention Center, with shuttle buses being provided. The Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The Volunteer Welcome Committee is on the way to gathering the needed 4,000 volunteers. The Volunteer website has launched. Sign up to volunteer at the 2020 International Convention at

<https://2020ic.volunteerhub.com/>

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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