

Delegates Area Committee meeting report January 13, 2018 District 11 London

Hello Ladies and gentlemen, it is my Honor to serve you as the Area 86 western Ontario Panel 68 Delegate. I am a member of the Thursday night group in Milton Ontario, I am an Alcoholic and my Name is Dale S.

Happy New year to everyone. Welcome to District 11 and thank you to Gail and the committee for hosting us today. Also thank you for all the volunteers setting up our first ACM, I look forward to serving with and for you all on panel 68.

I have received my committee assignments for the 68th General service conference which will be in Manhattan. I have been asked to serve on the Reports and Charter and Archives Committees.

Report and Charter; (No corresponding trustees committee) Responsible for the AA Service Manual, The Final Conference report, and the AA directories. The Report and Charter Committee reads drafts of the Conference Report and checks them for accuracy. The Committee reviews any Suggestions to the Conference Charter and makes recommendations on them.

Archives; The 1998 General Service Conference approved the formation of this committee as a secondary committee assignment to consider matters of practice and policy related to AA archives. Members, chosen by lot, meet once during the conference at a dinner meeting with the Trustees' Archives Committee. Direct action may be taken by the Conference committee at this meeting.

I have been busy preparing for the conference reading, filling out forms, contacting Rick W. the conference coordinator with question and did I say reading. At the same time getting to know the Delegates dashboard. Which is the website the General Service Office uses to pass on information to conference committee members including Delegates.

I have been sending some of last years committee reports to the Area 86 sub-committee chairs, I thought they would provide some background to each committee on where we were focused last year then when we get the new reports we may understand them a bit more I do hope they will prove useful. I am expecting reports and Conference agenda items by mid-February.

I will be attending the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting in Thunder bay March 2-3-4 along with our Alternate Delegate Sandi W. Our flights are booked Sandi and I have our assignments we are just waiting for the agenda. Any AA member may attend this weekend so if you are interested please join us. Sandi or I would be happy to answer any questions. Hope to see some of you there.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be in Victoriaville Quebec this year which will be July 20-22. I hope you will consider joining us there it is always a great informative weekend

where you can learn a lot about a wide range of AA Service topic. You will not only have the opportunity to meet counterparts in service from all ten eastern Canada Area's but also staff from Alcoholics Anonymous World Service and Grapevine. Registration is not yet open it will be available very soon. We will be receiving a mailed package with registration forms. I will pass on the information when I get it. If you are a district committee member or Group Service Rep. and have informed our Area Secretary/ Registrar or GSO of your contact information, the Forums committee will also be sending out an email reminder to everyone.

If I can be of service to you, your Group or District please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to have me or Sandi attend your District functions, please let me know as soon as possible so we can schedule our time accordingly.

District Committee Members please add me to your distribution list to receive district minutes and announcements I always read them and enjoy keeping up to date with all the districts. Please remind the incoming committee that most of us have new email addresses.

AA's 35th Anniversary International Convention
July 3-5,1970, at Miami Beach

From an address on Unity at the Delegates'
Luncheon, Hotel Doral, Saturday, July 4:

“UNITY seems to me to express very well that quality which sets our Fellowship apart. For society at large has so many problems which either spring from or are aggravated by lack of unity. Yet I think that this Unity concept is frequently misunderstood, both in and out of AA. One thing I'm sure it doesn't mean is that you must agree with me! I believe that we all have a moral obligation to speak our minds and stand up for our convictions. Any so-called unity which attempts to stifle dissent is no unity at all, in my opinion. I think we must not only listen to other views, we must actively solicit

and encourage them. Only so, I believe, can an informed group conscience speak. Once it has spoken, then all of us must go along on truly basic issues. Consider, for example, our Traditions of anonymity and self-support. Few subjects in AA have been discussed so thoroughly over the years. Many members have questioned or disagreed with these concepts — and have voiced their views vigorously. Yet when the overwhelming majority of us supported these Traditions, almost all of the dissenters went along. This is the meaning of Unity, as I understand it. May it always be so!” Bob H

My hope is to continue with all of you to carry this message during our panel. We will be together for the next two years get to know your committee and past Delegates. We can do it together. Thank you.

Yours in Love & Service
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