

Delegate's Report

September 2024

August Assembly: A sincere thank you for a well-planned assembly at district 12 last month, kudos to your organization and hospitality. It did not go unnoticed. Hats off to the Finance Committee for a well drafted budget. As your delegate I would also like to thank the entire assembly for the fellowship's financial support towards my attendance at the 2025 International Convention. It will be my first, and indeed very, very special! I have a shared room and we already have at least one service responsibility with Grapevine, not to mention helping in the Northeast Hospitality Room.

Our Twelve Traditions: If you have had an opportunity to participate in the Traditions study, then I am sure you agree that you have not been disappointed. If you have not, well then, there is still time but don't delay.



Thursday September 26th is Tradition 4 and this study will continue until November 21st. The zoom account was extended above 100 attendees, so no worries about getting on. It's a great opportunity to attend with your group, sponsee or sponsor.

Many thanks to Past Delegate Grace F. for organizing the presenters each week and for the spiritual hosts who keep us online and on

Our Service Office:

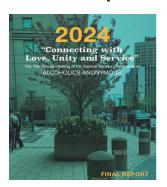
What a pleasure to watch the crew roll up their sleeves and make a difference in the current Area 43 Service Office. Congratulations to Nikki and SOC Karen P, for taking charge, new employee Terry and her husband and Justin for bringing a crew along with DCM Matt and it was amazing what we got into cars. The best part was Karen and the locksmith opening the old safe. An historical date. A new piece was found for our Archivist. What was in the safe? Come to the Delegate Coffee on November 2nd at the Service Office!

American Sign Language Videos for Alcoholics who are Deaf Now Available on the

Grapevine & La Viña YouTube Channel AA Grapevine is excited to announce that Deaf alcoholics can share their stories with other Deaf alcoholics on our YouTube channel using American Sign Language (ASL). Grapevine has created a new playlist featuring these videos on its YouTube channel called "American Sign Language."

Come see if Quinn and Sue might demo this at their Soup and Service Workshop on Inclusion?

Literature Update:



Final reports are in for the 74th General Service Conference and can be picked up at the Service Office, Soup and Service, and Area Assembly in November.

You can pre-order now:

Plain Language Big Book, A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

From the Service Office, available starting November 1st.



There are new/updated AA literature and service pieces available online at aa.org or check with our Service Office if available for purchase in the near future :

P51- Black in AA (currently available online only 9/22/24)

- M-251 Literature Committee Workbook, this should be available soon for \$6.
 I hope to hear more information after the AAWS weekend at the end of September.
- M40-I Treatment Committee Workbook Newly Revised as of 4/24
- M48-I Accessibilites Committee Workbook Newly Revised as of 9/24
- Accessibilities Resources List –
 https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/eng accessibility resources.p
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- P-49 Bridging the Gap Pamphlet revised version is now available on aa.org
- F-183,F-184 Bridging the Gap Service Flyers are also updated on aa.org
- **F-107:** We are currently updating the flyer "Serving All Alcoholics: Making the A.A. Message Accessible" (F-107) with suggestions for meetings and sponsorship to better support those in the Fellowship who are neurodivergent. The term "neurodivergence" can include those with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, to name a few.

The Latest Scoop About the 5th Edition Big Book:

With all the talk about everything else going on it may seem as though this project was forgotten **but trust me, it has not!**

Was your story selected? Story review is ongoing and final selections have yet to be recommended. Over 2,500 A.A. members submitted their personal stories for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. 150 stories are currently receiving additional evaluation. The process for expanding Appendix III: "The Medical View on A.A." and Appendix V: "The Religious View on A.A." has begun, through initial consultations with Class A trustees (current and past) from medical and religious fields. When is the release date for the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous- Big Book? There is no current release date scheduled. Prior to printing, a completed manuscript needs to be presented to the General Service Conference. As your delegate I look forward to reporting back after the 75th General Service Conference.

Here is the website for the virtual NERAASA 2025 registration:

https://area45snjaa.org/neraasa-2025/

There are volunteer opportunities for virtual host assistance with roundtables, information available through the website links.





For those who still wish to register for the **2025 International Convention**, **go to aa.org**, scroll to the bottom of the page and access the link to register, where you will be taken to the site for the Convention registration.

There was an overwhelming participation for the first day of the 2025 International Convention Online and Registration and Housing process.

Hotel availability, for attendees, in the official block at the 2025 International Convention is limited. However, hotel rooms may become available as other registrants cancel them. You may check for availability regularly and book if rooms become available by returning to

your registration record online. The link will be in your registration confirmation email.

Alternatively, feel free to explore the alternative housing options during the registration process or by re-accessing your registration record.

Please note: The last day to cancel hotel registrations is October 31st, so it is possible that hotel rooms could become available after that date.



I challenge all groups, districts, committee chairs and officers, to stay connected. It is through assemblies, events and business meetings well attended that we share our ideas and discuss our business at its best. I commend those who are using our area events calendar, as it is how I recently was able to connect with a DCM who we were emailing to the incorrect email address. Always reach out, you all know how to reach myself, our area officers, or call the office if an email bounces back and we are happy to return the call or email. Always remember together we can. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Soup and Service that can come on October 12th! I'm bringing home made cornbread again.............

All AA members are welcome to be part of the Delegate/Area Chair Mailchimp. To be added to the group just email: delegate@nhaa.net

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your delegate, Sue W. Area 43 Panel 74 Delegate