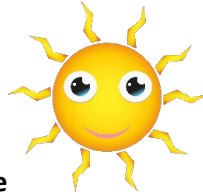




## Delegate's Report June 2024

### Area 43 AA

It's summer in Area 43 and a perfect time to fire up our service. What can each one of us do better? We have our current responsibilities, but at the same time we each have our individual strengths and experiences to share with our groups, our districts and yes, our area.



#### Summer Solstice

#### Service Suggestions

- If you are a **group member**, encourage your GSR, or offer to step up to be the **alternate GSR**. Attend the monthly district meetings, and quarterly area assemblies.
- If you are the **GSR** attend the district meeting monthly and report back to your group. Don't forget to go to the four quarterly area assemblies: the next one is in August. You are the voice, and vote for your group. **If no one goes your group's voice isn't heard.**
- **District officers** must attend every monthly district meeting and stay on top of their position. You will vote on district items. Support your **District Chairperson**, who also attend monthly Area Business meetings and Quarterly Area Assemblies, where **they have a vote** for their districts on area concerns.
- **Area Committee Chairpersons:** a great opportunity to network with district committee chairs; gather/disseminate ideas on how to do things better. Holding monthly meetings, attending monthly Area meetings as well as Quarterly area assemblies is vital. Your vote can't count if you're not present. Keep districts updated as new information becomes available from G.S.O. **Send a monthly report to the area secretary for the minutes every month!**
- **Area Officers:** Attend monthly business meetings for Area 43 as well as Quarterly Assemblies. These are hybrid, so rare excuses. You must always send a report each month to the area secretary, especially if unable to be there in person. Remember, it is essential to always stay connected.

If none of the above is your current service position, there is always room for opportunity. Look around: is your function committee holding a barbeque? Does someone need a ride? A speaker? A cooler? **No extension of your hand to help is too small, never forget this!**

**Current Service Openings in Area 43:** If interested please email Alex L.: [chairperson@nhaa.net](mailto:chairperson@nhaa.net)

- **Young People's Chair:** Our current chair Kate is moving, so the position is vacant as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Help be the connection between the Young People and the Area Committee.
- **Pipeline Chair:** The Area 43 newsletter, which is published online once monthly, using MailChimp. Computer skills helpful.

### Delegate Mini Report Back District Visits

It has been a pleasure to visit districts 8,9,13,20,12 on Sunday and a return to 20 in July. It has been a great way to hear what districts are doing and meet up at a more personal level. The Mini report offers a “shorter” version with an opportunity to address questions from attendees. Thank you!



**I look forward to seeing all of you at the August Area Assembly, all are welcome.** This is a place for GSRs to participate in an orientation, DCMs to meet and share, and all members to simply find out what’s happening in Area 43.

### AA Beyond Area 43



Not to steal our fabulous literature Chair Josee's thunder, but can you believe Grapevine is 80 years old? There is a special offer to get a free copy of *Spiritual Awakenings* with a paid subscription to Grapevine before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Go to: [aagrapevine.org/2024-june-promo](http://aagrapevine.org/2024-june-promo)

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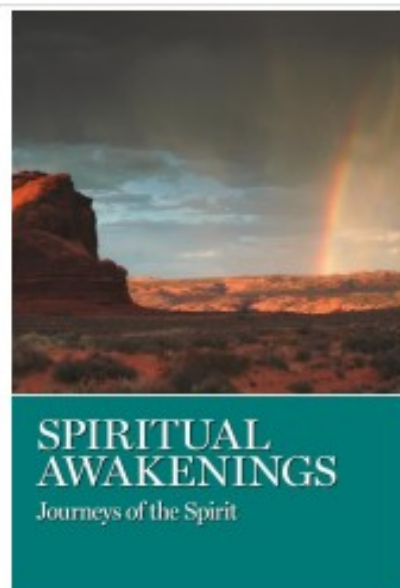
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## 2024 CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT

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## Carrying the Message:

Please continue to support your group, district, Area and Alcoholics Anonymous with your 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions. As shown below, they go a long way to help carry the message.

### Your Seventh Tradition Contributions Help Carry the Message

Contributions made by you and your home group to the General Service Board support the work of your General Service Office (GSO) to help the alcoholic around the corner — and around the world.

*Your contributions make possible essential member services and support for those seeking help.*

- 1** Our public service announcements (PSAs) offer powerful messages of hope to the suffering alcoholic. The Public

Information desk coordinates production and availability of TV and radio PSAs for GSO and local campaigns in English, French, and Spanish. Our TV PSAs have reached close to 600 million viewers, airing on more than 71,000 stations across the U.S. and Canada and on our YouTube channel.



- 2** In response to many correctional facilities going paperless, Grapevine and AAWS Publishing collaborated on a multi-year project to make A.A. literature available on more than 200,000 tablets in jails and prisons. Many prison libraries also can access our growing number of audio books to help those with literacy issues.

- 3** The new Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) database helps us to more quickly match persons in custody with members who are able to write to them. In addition to coordinating thousands of CCS participants, the Corrections Coordinator continues to answer 500 letters each month from members on the inside.



- 4** Your contributions help make the A.A. message accessible to all. The Accessibilities desk continually updates service material such as the accessibilities check list for groups. This desk also has produced ASL versions of the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve, now available on our YouTube page and on aa.org. For members with vision loss, audio versions of the entire Big Book and Twelve & Twelve are available on aa.org.

- 5** The Technology Department is always looking for ways to streamline workflows. One recent success is the "Submit Your Story" portal, developed to make it easier for members to submit their stories for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition Big Book and A.A. pamphlets. The portal is also being used for the new young people's video project submissions.



- 6** Regional Forums are fun, informative, and free weekend events that improve communication and unity. At the 2022 North/South Connections Forum, members from the service structures of Argentina, Canada, Chile, and the U.S. shared about extending the hand of A.A. to remote communities.







**7** One resourceful way the Publishing department is responding to worldwide paper shortages and supply-chain disruptions is by printing directly to the book cover. The new "jacketless" Big Book and Twelve & Twelve will result in cost savings and help ensure our books are widely available to those who need them.

**8** With a half-million monthly users throughout the U.S., Canada, and the world, the A.A. Meeting Guide app has transformed how people find meetings. The app is managed by the Communication Services department, which continues to enhance the app's functionality to optimize the user experience.



**9** Each month Staff Members respond to thousands of emails, letters, and phone calls from A.A. members, professionals, the media, and alcoholics needing help. The new Member Services department was formed so calls get answered by staff knowledgeable about everything from ordering literature to listing groups.

**10** Member contributions made possible the complete redesign of our website, aa.org. Since the new site launched in December 2021, visits to the site have doubled, reaching more than 5 million per quarter. The new mobile-friendly website makes it easier for our members and those seeking help for a drinking problem to find the information they need.



**11** Professionals in the medical, legal, and human resources fields often come into contact with problem drinkers but may not know much about A.A. The Cooperation with the Professional Community desk provides accurate, up-to-date information about A.A. to professionals in a variety of ways, including a newsletter, regular posts on the A.A. LinkedIn page, and exhibits at professional conferences staffed by members of local committees.

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**12** Thanks to a new scanner made possible by member contributions, GSO archivists recently scanned 10,000 pages of Bill W.'s correspondence and other documents important to our history. Our archivists also provide timely replies to a variety of questions from A.A. members around the world.



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**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](mailto:delegate@nhaa.net)**

Yours in service,  
Sue W. Area 43 Panel 74 Delegate