

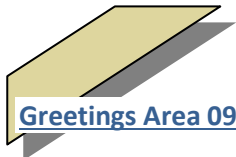


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### **DELEGATE's Corner**

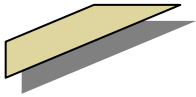
#### **Greetings Area 09**

It is all about Conference reports this month. I was able to deliver my Conference report to the Area last month in Garden Grove. What a joy it was! We had an energetic and enthusiastic group. I was so anxious to share with everyone what the trip was like and what had happened there. It had taken me some time to process what had happened in New York. Putting my PowerPoint presentation together helped me to process, but once done, I was really ready to share it with someone. I am so grateful to everyone who was there and who had listened. It seems that every corner I turn, I am having some new experience. This was no exception.

Once I had given my report to the Area Assembly, it became time to start scheduling visits to our Districts for the individual report-backs. Now, my calendar is full and my feet are moving. This is a very busy time, but I enjoy it so much. I have gotten into a bit of a ritual. After work, I go to the gym, shower, suit up, and then get in the car. Once I arrive at my destined District or Group, I grab my screen, projector, and computer and prepare to meet everyone. Usually, by this time, I am already filled with joy, as I am always so happy to see familiar faces and new ones too. Once settled, I get to find an outlet, plug in my extension cord, and power up. I always breathe a sigh of relief once I am confident that everything is working and that I am on time. Then I can sit back and relax until it is my time to talk.

### **AREA 09 UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 10** – Sunday  
**ASSEMBLY**  
Area Chair Elections  
District 6
- February 14**—Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 22
- March 13**— -Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 21
- April 10** — Sunday  
**Pre-Conference**  
District 12
- May 15** —Sunday  
**ASSEMBLY**  
District 5
- June 12**—Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 8
- July 10**—Sunday  
**FORO**  
District 10 & 24
- August 14**—-Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 15
- September 11**—-Sunday  
**ASSEMBLY**  
District 20
- October 9**— Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 9
- November 13**—Saturday  
**SERVATHON**  
District 11
- December 11**—-Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 18



## Concept VI

While I enjoy very much talking about my trip to New York, I also have a responsibility to share, in a meaningful way, the business of A.A. For me, sharing about the business of A.A. is extremely rewarding. After all, this is the substance of my commitment. For example, I can liken it to a coffee commitment. For a coffee commitment, I would get to a meeting early, find an outlet, plug in and start brewing. I would breathe a sigh of relief once I knew the coffee was good and on time. I would see some familiar faces and some new ones too. I would always feel a tremendous sense of satisfaction knowing that I had done my part to make a meeting happen. There is a certain gratitude we alcoholics feel when we are of service to one another. It is difficult to explain, but I think you understand what I mean. So, while giving my report, while I explain the business of A.A., I receive a tremendous sense of satisfaction -knowing that I had done my part. I fret to think of what I will do when my commitment is over. But, that is not today.

For those of you that have listened to my report, you'll note that I have emphasized the year over year decline in the percentage of Groups contributing to our General Service Office in NY. I have also highlighted our continued reliance upon literature sales to help pay for our services. While we are in no state of emergency, the digital age has issued the need for us to take a sober look at how we pay for our services. As we move into an uncertain future, our continued reliance upon literature sales may need to change, or at least be rethought. Trusted servants from all over the US and Canada are brainstorming some wonderful solutions. Of these solutions, there is one common theme that seems to come up again and again. That theme is the word communication. So, I'm going to give it a try. Communication is tricky though. We alcoholics are sensitive people.

*On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

Let's talk about trust. If I trust in the future, I have a hopeful confidence that things will come out all right. If I find someone trustworthy, I rely on him or her to be truthful, faithful, ethical, honest and fair. Trusting is more than expectation...it seems to me to include an ethical, moral, and spiritual element. Trust is seldom used in a negative way...although I may expect someone to act badly, I seldom *trust* that he will.

So, when I trust someone or something, I am a trustor...I am the one doing the trusting.

And what should I call a person put in an official position of trust? Well, I might call him or her a *parent, an airline pilot, a surgeon, a bridge engineer, a sponsor, or a banker*, but in general I could use the word "trustee"... a person who is trusted and, hopefully, trustworthy.

Just so with our A.A. Trustees.

Our sixth Concept, and Bill W's essay and writings about it, focus on various aspects of the relationship between the entire Conference membership and the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of A.A.



A little less than 40% of the Groups in Area 9 regularly contribute to our General Service Office in NY. I personally attend one that does not provide a treasurer's report, so I do not know if they do. This Group is a tightly run yet successful Group. How I approach them on this matters. How I would approach any Group matters. I must do so respectfully. I must also realize that they do not need to contribute if they do not wish to. But, I am committed to communicating our current circumstance. Next month, I will let you know how it turns out.

Yours in love and service,

Joe C.

Panel 66 Delegate

Area 09 Mid-Southern CA

*If you have any story to share in General Service or if you want to share on any Concept or Tradition, please write, send it to my email; cfmsca09@yahoo.com suggestions are welcome (submit your article in English or Spanish) Sincerely, Cesar F. Area 09 Newsletter Editor*

**AAFAIR**

# SAAY WHAT?

Costa Mesa ~ District 18  
is hosting this year's Fair Booth

**Do you like to share your experiences with others?**

**Share your group's message with those who still suffer!**  
**EVENT: Friday, July 15th thru Sunday, August 14th.**

**SHIFTS AVAILABLE:**

**Wednesdays-Fridays**  
~ Afternoons: 12:00PM - 3:00PM and 3:00PM - 6:00PM  
~ Evenings: 6:00PM - 9:00PM and 9:00 - 11:00PM

**Saturdays-Sundays**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM, 1:00PM - 4:00PM, 4:00PM - 7:00PM, 7:00PM - 9:00PM and 9:00PM - 11:00PM

please register at [tinyurl.com/aafairbooth](http://tinyurl.com/aafairbooth)

**Service Volunteers Being Sought!!**

Grab a sponsor, sponsee, or sober friend and participate in a new and very unique service experience  
**!!One year sobriety required or accompanied by a sponsor.**

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We trust our Trustees to be:

- A.A.s bankers and, as such, they are entirely responsible for the investment and use of our substantial reserve funds.
- responsible for our world-wide public relations.
- the active guardians of our Twelve Traditions.
- responsible for preventing (as far as it is within their power to do so) any modification, alteration, or extension of the Twelve Steps without the approval of the fellowship
- in service to the fellowship of AA by maintaining services for those who are (or who should be) seeking this means of arresting the disease of alcoholism through the application to their own lives of the Twelve Steps
- responsible for the oversight of all our administrative, publishing, and financial affairs.

Our trustees serve, without pay, for terms varying from four years to six years! Each one serves all year, every year of his or her term. They meet in person with each other several times a year and discuss matters of importance to the current maintenance, activities and world services of our fellowship.

It is through the Trustees' committees that matters of importance are chiefly initiated, determined, defined, recommended and presented to the Conference Committees for deliberation by the Delegates and other Conference members at the Annual General Service Conference. After the Conference is over, our Trustees review the Conference's action advisories and officially authorize the implementation of those actions. They are then responsible for overseeing the implementation for the following year.

We trust our Trustees with our reputation, our money, the oversight of the daily operation of our General Service Office and Grapevine Office, plus the protection of our Traditions and our Steps.

Bill pointed out that the structure of A.A. resembles a large corporation: *"The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the Delegates are their representatives or proxies at the 'annual meeting'; our General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a 'holding company.' And this holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the 'subsidiaries' which carry on our active world services."*

Bill goes on to say: *"This very real analogy makes it even more clear that, just like any other board of directors, our Trustees must be given large powers if they are to effectively manage the principal world affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous."*

Do you trust them? Do you have confidence in them to be fair, truthful and honorable? ...as well as able?

I do!

Linda C.

Costa Mesa, CA Area 09