

# Delegate's Report

August 20, 2011 Area Committee meeting

Welcome to Kingsville and thank you Joanne for a job well done here in District 23. I was here last weekend for the District 23 Roundup; I'll get to that a little later in my report.

Good day to you all. After the last Area Committee meeting I continued on up to Midland for their Roundup. I was only able to catch the last 3 speakers but well worth the effort of going.

A week later on 21<sup>st</sup> I travelled to Hamilton for the Spring Fling. This too was a great day of sharing.

This year has been sort of a feast or famine year with respect to attending functions here in Area 86. We'll go a couple weekends with nothing going on and then we'll have 2 or 3 things going on at the same time. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Percy went to District 9, Jim travelled to District 3 while I went to District 17.

On the day after Founders Day I travelled to Huntsville for the District 17 Service Day. Martin A (Panel 58 Delegate) and Mary K (Area Treasurer) were there also. This was a great event highlighted by the presence of a newcomer to service.

On Father's Day weekend I travelled to Blenheim for the Mid-Season Campout. Although the attendance was down a bit it was still a great weekend of sharing. My friend Ann G. (Alternate Delegate Area 84) and her husband Art came down from Sault Saint Marie to do the taping (CD'ing).

The Essex County Convention was on July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at the University of Windsor. I picked up Mary K (Area Treasurer) and Percy G (Alternate Delegate) in Cambridge and we headed off to Windsor. This is an excellent event. John R (Panel 26), Martin A (Panel 58) and Joan P (Alanon Panel 46) were there also.

Last weekend I was here in Kingsville for the District 23 Roundup. The Roundup was excellent and well attended. Lori C. did a great job for the second year in a row. As part of my report to the Roundup I mentioned the Conference Committee I belong to is the Treatment/Special Needs – Accessibilities Committee, the New name is official. I also mention that we approved a new pamphlet for Special Needs and that there were 11 stories selected out of 49. The new pamphlet will be out later this fall. After my report, it was brought to my attention that one of the story contributors was at the roundup. I met with this individual and we chatted briefly. Yet another milestone in service for me.

Upcoming events include the District 4 Roundup in Mitchell on the 28<sup>th</sup>; I'll be travelling there with Percy.

The Dunnville Convention is the weekend of Labour Day where I'll be on a Service Panel with Jim.

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Unity Day is on the September 17<sup>th</sup>. This year our Chairman of the Board, the Very Reverend Ward B Ewing (Class A Trustee) will be attending. This is also a joint effort of Area 83 and Area 86.

I will be attending the Strathroy Roundup on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Autumn Leaf Roundup is on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Percy will be at District 1 Brant/Erie on 1<sup>st</sup> also. District 25 is having their roundup on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. The London Convention is on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Final Conference Report is in. They are in piles for each District. Please grab your pile of reports – I will not mail them – see you in November if you forget. There are also 15 each in French and Spanish, please see me for those.

I'm just now receiving the last of the Membership Survey forms back from the randomly selected groups in our area. There were 7 groups selected from Area 86. One group each from District 5, 10, 12 and 13. There were 3 groups selected from District 25. I will be forwarding those off to our General Service Office so the results of the 2011 Membership Survey can be tabulated.

Please continue to keep our friend Anil in your thoughts and prayers. His decision to resign as our Area Chairperson was a tough decision for Anil but one that he had to make as the result of his health. I did notice an improvement in the sound of his voice the last time we talked. He is just now able to get to his home group meetings. His written resignation was received by me on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August; however, he did verbally resign a couple weeks prior to that.

This creates a vacancy that really doesn't need to be filled at this point in our term – in my opinion. The track record for those who filled in as chair as a result of a resignation at this point in the term is not good. Those who filled in to replace a Chairperson that resigned found that to be their last job at the area level.

An Area Chairperson has resigned 4 times in the last 12 years. On 3 occasions elections were held and the results were as I stated earlier. In 2001, the Area Chairperson resigned at the August Committee meeting (which was an election year after the General Service Conference). The Delegate asked that the Alternate Delegate chair that meeting and was approved. The Assembly approved the Alternate Delegate to assume the duties of Area Chairperson until the end of the term. That is what I would like see to happen here but that decision is not mine to make. That is a decision that only our groups can make. Our Structure and Operating Procedures don't have an allowance for this situation until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. At present our operating procedures suggest an election unless our groups deem otherwise.

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I'll forego the Remote Communities plug here as well as the discussion on the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (C.E.R.A.A.S.A.) as they are separate items on this Agenda.

This term is winding down very quickly and as I speak there are only {133 days, 14 hours, 21 minutes and 43 seconds} left.

Even though the term is winding down, the attention necessary for the day to day operations here in Area 86 is still paramount. I do really love the challenges that come with this job and the educational value that it brings also. There have been many times I have felt good after a problem solving discussion – you know, smiling face and patting yourself on the back, etc. Then equally so there are the times I've been left sitting in the corner with a pointed hat. Either way I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything.

I would like to thank all the Districts and Intergroups for sending me their minutes as this helped me carry our Area Conscience with true picture of what our conscience really is.

Also thank your event chairs for keeping us involved in service i.e. service days, inventories, elections, etc. The feast or famine I spoke of earlier is really in the feast stage right now and we thank you the Districts for that.

If I can assist you in any way, don't hesitate to ask. I have cards here with my contact information if necessary.

It truly is an honour to serve as your Panel 60 Delegate and I thank you for that privilege to share and serve.

I have many things to be thankful for and too numerous to mention. The most important thing I have to be thankful today is my sobriety and I thank you for your part in that.

As always, I remain yours in humble service,

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