

Delegate's Report - August 2010

Since our last meeting in Sarnia in May, our Districts have kept the Area Officers very busy. I know speaking for myself, there aren't enough hours in the day. By the time I mix my personal life with my day job and the day to day operations that go with being the Panel 60 Delegate for Area 86 Western Ontario – time passes rather quickly.

We were double and triple teamed at times keeping up with all the functions that were going on here in Western Ontario – We (the Area Officers) humbly thank you.

A week after the Area meeting in Sarnia (on May 22nd) I was invited to the Spring Fling in Hamilton – a combined effort by District's 10 & 21. Your Alternate Delegate Percy G. was there as was your Secretary/Registrar Jim W. who is from District 21 and our Panel 58 Delegate Martin A. from District 10 was there as well. A week later as I being the Maytag Man, I sent Percy to Midland (on May 29th).

On June 5th Percy and I was at the District 3 Roundup in Rockmosa just outside of Guelph. On the 12th of June as I was being the Maytag Man again I sent Percy to District 9 in Owen Sound and Jim to District 12 in St. Catherines.

The General Service Office On-line Contributions has been successful since its start up in early June.

On Father's Day weekend June 19th I took our Treatment Chair Karl C. to the Mid-Season Campout in Blenheim. A week later the Maytag Man was back at work as Percy and Mary went back to Sarnia for a Service Day.

From June 28th to July 6th I was in San Antonio, Texas for the 75th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous at the International Convention "A Vision for You". I travelled there with my Sponsor and his Wife and had Percy as a roommate. I can't find the words to describe the emotions and feeling I felt while there – I said the same thing about Toronto 5 years ago. The total number of registrations for the Convention was just over 53,000. This was also the largest single event ever hosted by the City of San Antonio. Congratulations Alcoholics Anonymous.

Since Percy and I managed to share a room for a week and were still talking to each other we paired up again at Essex County Convention in Winsor from July 23rd to the 25th. On the way there we travelled through a rainstorm so intense I thought we would have been better off in a boat. It was nice to see our Panel 26 Delegate John R. and his wife Shirley there as well as was our Panel 58 Delegate Martin A. A week later Percy and I travelled to Kingsville for the District 23 Roundup.

Once again the Maytag Man was at work while Percy attended the Sarnia Campout. On August 13th to 15th Percy and I were at Central West Ontario Convention in Guelph where our Panel 58 Delegate Martin A. was Banquet Speaker.

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I have also been consulted on group meeting formats and the process for amalgamation of 2 Districts. Thank you very much for these challenges.

Anil and I have been clearing the final hurdles for Contract negotiations for our Assemblies – I'll let Anil bring you up date with that information.

Another assignment or task I've been given is that of investigating a process for a Group to move from Area to Area. Our committee meets here for the first time today although I have been in contact with everyone personally by email, phone or in person or all of the above. I thank you also for this challenge.

Also, later today I'm conducting an election for our nominee for the Trustee-At-Large Canada. It will be my further honour to not only present our Nominee's Resume to our General Service Office but to present their Resume during the Trustee Election at the General Service Conference next May after the Regional screening process and I pray our Nominee makes it through this process and to the election.

On September 10th I'll be at the Dunnville Convention Friday night. A week later while Percy and I are in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Anil will be at the Autumn Leaf Convention in Hamilton. Just a gentle reminder: in 2012, Area 86 is the host of the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in St. Catherines. Percy will travel to the Freedom Roundup in District 17 on the 25th and I will be off to Strathroy for their first roundup.

On October 16th I'll be at the Brant Erie District 1 One Day Roundup where Mari G. is the Keynote speaker. Mari was one of the opening speakers on the Friday night of our International Convention in July.

I have invited G.S.O. Staff member Mary D. to our Fall Assembly as our Banquet Speaker. She will also be doing a couple presentations on her role at the General Service Office and the office itself. She will also be available to ask questions you were afraid to ask about service or Alcoholics Anonymous.

Also, another gentle reminder, the Ontario Delegate's Committee meeting is on March 4th – 6th, 2011 at the Hampton Inn in Brantford. I'm in the process of drafting a letter to inform the other 3 Areas. I would like to thank Brant Erie District 1 in advance for their efforts to get this project into reality mode. Our Panel 58 Delegate Martin A. will be the Chair and our Area Chairperson Anil G. will act as Secretary. Here again, this is only hosted by our Area every 4 years – please try to attend and see what general service at this level is all about.

I don't like talking about money but our contributions at the Area have been a little slow. I would also like to thank those who have contributed for their support. We are also invited to attend functions throughout the Area. There are two good recent examples of

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those events that are self-supporting: 1) the Essex County Convention (District 16), covered all my expenses to attend. This covered registration, accommodations and mileage. 2) The Kingsville Roundup (District 23) covered my Registration and mileage. We (the Area Committee) thank you for your support when you can afford to do so.

I wish to thank all the District's that send me their minutes – I do read them. Thank you also for your invitations to attend your functions as this gives us the opportunity to keep you informed how we are doing as an Area.

Most of all I would like to thank you helping me to stay sober today. Thanks also for the privilege of serving as your Panel 60 Delegate.

I wish you all continued A.A. blessings as I remain yours in humble service,

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