

Here we are at the end of another rotation. It has been a very rewarding experience serving as our Area Chairperson for the last two years. Coming into this rotation I was wondering if I was up to the task of being chairperson, of course I have had these same thoughts will every service job I have had, but with the help of my fellow officers, area committee members and past delegates I feel this last two years have been successful.

I would like to thank my fellow officers and all the committee chairs for their hard work. We have accomplished a lot for service in our area. Our archives committee has been as busy as ever ensuring we do not lose sight of where we came from. The Corrections committee is still successfully providing contacts for those inmates that are about to be released and provide AA literature in the prisons. The Grapevine and Literature committees have ensured that our literature is always available to us and the still suffering alcoholic. The Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community committees have made sure our message was made available to the public and professionals. The Treatment Facilities committee continues to carry our message into treatment centers and provide contacts for people leaving those centers. The Website and Newsletter committees have helped ensure that we have communication through out our area. The Finance and Structure committees have helped ensure that we stay on course with our financial and procedural policies. And finally the Remote Communities and Special Needs have done an excellent job ensuring our message reaches all alcoholics regardless of their life conditions.

Most of all I want to thank the groups and their GSRs. Without the active participation of groups and members through out the area the many twelve step opportunities provided by our committees would never be fulfilled.

As many of you know I will not be leaving the Area Committee, I have been honored with the opportunity to be your delegate for the upcoming rotation. You will find a report from me as your incoming delegate in this edition of The Pigeon.

In Love and Service,

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