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Delegate's Report - Joe P.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Northeast Texas Area as your delegate. It has been a wonderful experience which I will never forget. It was all good and plenty of opportunities to work the AA program under all conditions. I enjoyed the laughter and many miles of travel in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for a great outgoing panel 53. And here we are at the start of another great panel, 55. Please join me in welcoming our AA servants. Remember, we rotate on, not out.

Our Officers are: Naomi Zeiller-Delegate, Bill Neal-Alternate Delegate, Joe Pineda-Chairperson, Don Cantrell-Alternate Chairperson, Joe Collins-Secretary, Arthur Sheehan-Alternate Secretary, Jim Caldwell-Treasurer, Jim Campbell-Alternate Treasurer.

Our Standing Committee Chairs are: Ted Knust-Archives, Lois Willis-Grapevine/La Vina, Jayne Campanini-Correctional Facilities, Todd Deller-Conventions, Boyce Raney-Cooperation with the Professional Community, Mike Winship-Intergroup Liaison, Bill Haarsagar-Newsletter, Bobbie Cantrell-Public Information, Luis Pineda-Special Needs, and John Clariday-Video.

I look forward seeing everyone at our Winter Assembly at the Best Western Hotel in Longview, Texas, 3119 Estes Parkway, Phone: 903-758-0770.

Please join us in helping to serve the Northeast Texas Area in the quest of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Chairperson's Report - Larry J.

This area has honored me on so many occasions as you have allowed me to serve. My time as convention chair was a very learning experience especially the time when the hotel canceled us three weeks from our fall event. But somehow our Higher Power came through and we ended up with a bigger and better hotel than what we started with.

As alternate delegate I was able to attend my first special forum in Window Rock, AZ. Luis and I had a great time riding out to Arizona together. That was, and may still be, the fastest trip I ever took sober. We left his house at 6 a.m. on Friday morning and we were in Arizona by 6:30 p.m. that day. We attended a dinner that night and the forum the next day, which was Saturday. We left Window Rock at 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon and I had Luis home before 7 a.m. Sunday. There is nothing to compare with AAing on the open road as we did that weekend. It was an old-timer named Sandy S. that taught this member the value of highway AA and I will never forget him and the travels we had together.

My experiences as delegate are so many that I don't know where to begin. When I think about all the places service has taken me I get a little overwhelmed. The delegate's experience was without question one filled with travel, study, preparation, presentations, questions, and many other things that don't come to mind at this time. The trips to New York certainly stand on their own. But probably for me it was the interaction with the members and groups where I learned the most. I believe I know more about who I am when I am doing things like that than any other time.

These last two years have been most interesting and I feel as though I have experienced growth that will carry me to my place in the back of the assembly hall and it is my prayer that I will become the elder statesman that you all would have me be. The Northeast Texas Area has been good to and good for this member of A.A. and I want to express my sincere gratitude for the confidences and trust you have placed in me over the years and most recently when you selected me as your candidate for trustee at large US.

I will be available to share my experience strength and hope with any one who cares to have me do so. I recently received a call from a good friend in A.A. and he said he hesitated to ask me to do something because I seemed so busy. I reminded him that the reason I seemed so busy was because people were asking me to do things in A.A. and if you all stopped asking guys like me then what good would our experience be? Don't ever hesitate to ask this servant to go anywhere to do anything. You can bet if my calendar is open I will be there.

So thanks again to my area for the opportunity to be of service and remember two things: recovery without service is incomplete and the true reward for service is the opportunity to serve again. In the Spirit of Love and Service!

Convention Chairperson's Report - Doug M.

Winter: January 15-16, 2005
Best Western (reserve room by December 15)
3119 Estes Avenue
Longview, TX 75602
903-758-700 Tasa del Espacio: \$52/night

Spring/Fall 2005-location TBD in DFW area
Summer 2005-Awaiting proposals from Sherman and Henderson

CPC Chairperson's Report - Don C.

So far this quarter it has been a little on the quiet side for the CPC Committee. In July, while I was on vacation, Gerry and some of the folks from Combined Six manned a table at the Tarrant County Community Resources Day. They were able to give out a lot of literature and to talk to some professional people from Tarrant County.

Also in July, Gerry and I took part in the NETA Corrections Facility Workshop in Dallas. We really had a good time there.

On September 25 we took part in the 2nd Annual Combined 6 CPC Workshop in Ft. Worth.

In November, I'm not sure of the exact date, we will be taking part in the Convention for the National Association of Black Educators in Dallas. As more information becomes available I will pass it along to the various CPC reps. I will be needing volunteers to man the booth for the days the convention is held. So please keep us in mind in November.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you the Northeast Texas Area for allowing me to serve you in the capacity of CPC Chairperson for the past two years. It has been not only a privilege to serve you, but very much a pleasure. I know Gerry feels the same. Thank you very much.

Intergroup Chairperson's Report – John C

- Tyler
 - o had elections of new board members July 10
 - o are solvent.
- Ft. Worth
 - o passed new bylaws
 - o are back to bi-monthly meetings
 - o have increased their cash flow.
- Dallas
 - o held the DIA Picnic on October 2 at Flagpole Hill
 - o will have a Concepts Workshop on November 6 from 1-5 p.m.

I appreciated the Correctional Workshop.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this position as I had no authority anywhere, NETA or Intergroups.

Audiovisual Chairperson's Report – Bill H.

Alcoholics Anonymous – An Inside View - Depicts alcoholics recovering in A.A. 28 minutes

It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell - Filmed inside correctional facilities in the U.S. and Canada. 17 minutes.

Young People in A.A. - Four young A. A. members describe what it was like drinking and what their lives are like sober today. 28 minutes

Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous - Explains the principles of A.A. – What A.A. is and isn't, primary purpose; sponsorship and basic recovery tools. 5 minutes

A.A. – Rap With Us – Rap music and lyrics bridge these four young people's stories of alcoholic despair and A.A. recovery. 16 minutes

Markings on the Journey – Depicts 45 years of A.A. history, using rare material from our archives. 35 minutes

Bill's Own Story – Co-founder Bill W. tells of his drinking and recovery in his own words. 60 minutes

Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions – How the principles safeguarding A.A. developed. 60 minutes

Carrying the Message Behind These Walls – Focuses on encouraging more A.A.'s to participate in carrying the message into correctional facilities. 28 minutes

You're A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure – Tour the Grapevine office and your G.S.O. Also contains information on A.A.'s service structure. 21 minutes

Keep your group happy; remember to clear these videos with your group's steering committee!!

Robert R. – DCM District 53

District 53 has been discussing rotating the district meetings to the different groups in the district. It would be 4 times a year. It goes up for vote at the October meeting. We have had groups that are interested in hosting the district meeting.

The District will also be hosting a service workshop in December with the location and time/date TBA later. The Incoming DCM and the Alt DCM supported by District 53 will put the workshop together.

District 53 was represented by the Cornerstone, Aquarius, Clean Air, Lambda and Chicago groups at the NETA Fall Assembly/Convention. I would like to thank District 53 for allowing me to have been of service the past 2 years. It has been a growing experience.

Jim C. – DCM District 54

As the term of Panel 53 nears completion and I prepare to assume new responsibilities in service, I look back on these past two years as a District Committee Member and am filled with gratitude at having the opportunity to serve my District and Alcoholics Anonymous. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life and certainly enhanced my growth in the program and fellowship of AA.

I was reminded at the Fall Assembly in Irving that the term doesn't end until 12/31/04, so I am staying busy in the transition to our new DCM and the other trusted servants of Panel 55. This includes the approval of our District's Guiding Principals, a brief document listing the procedures and traditions of District 54, and our bi-annual district inventory in November which will, hopefully, help the new panel better serve our groups.

I appreciate very much the opportunity to continue to serve the North East Texas Area as the Alternate Treasurer and look forward to seeing everyone in Longview in January.

Visit us at <http://home.earthlink.net/~district54>.

Once again – I thank God and AA that I can be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous and to District 54. Keep coming back!

Stuart R. – Incoming DCM District 54

Greetings 65! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Happy Destiny Group & the Whitehouse Group into service. District 55 has had 100% GSR attendance at the last 2 assemblies. Way to go guys and gals. Keep up the good work.

My hope is that as a District we will work together towards 100% group participation in carrying the message wherever we can. It is equally as important to practice the 7th Tradition with financial support for our area, no matter how much or how little. If 150 groups in our area **averaged** a \$20 contribution a month the area budget would be \$36,000. Perhaps this is a lofty goal. Imagine how little the average would be if 400 groups contributed the same amount. It has to start with each one of us in our area being self supporting through our own contributions, being an example through leadership, and informing our group's consciences of the area's duties and functions.

The elections were awesome. It was wonderful to watch God's hand at work. Best wishes to all our new trusted servants. I look forward to serving 2 more years with you. God bless you & yours.

Bobbi C. - DCM District 61

The groups and GSRs in District 61 continue to support the district, the Combined 6 Service Committees and NETA. We have had a great turnout at our meetings and good representation at the assemblies. In July we held our elections for our trusted servants and District 61 will be well represented in Panel 55.

A special "thank you" to each of you who shared a Concept at our bi-monthly meetings for Panel 55. You all gave super presentations. You each added a special light to our meetings and instilled a strong interest of the concepts to all of us in the district.

Where have the two years gone? And what a great 2 years this has been. I have had an experience I would not have wanted to miss. I want to thank everyone for making my job so enjoyable.

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