**District 11 Committee Member (DCM) Report**

**April 1, 2021**

Friends,

March was a whirlwind of AA activity!

In March 2021, I participated in the following activities:

* The **Banff (Canada) AA Virtual Conference** on Saturday, March 6th: I went to 2 speaker meetings, one of which was a Native Canadian AA member that was very emotional.
* The Northern Illinois Area 20 **(“NIA20”) Spring Assembly** via Zoom on Saturday, March 13th at 9:00am, along with Ana M., Carol H., Carrie W., Dennis P., Georgene R., Holly G., Jane H., Keith, Kelly B., Kristen F., Michael M., Pat M., Rich H., and Sue C. Our District was well-represented: 15% of the total attendees were from D11! We are one of 24 Districts that comprise NIA20, and I am really proud of the service volunteers that suit up and show up!
* Met with NIA20’s Area Chair, Carmela R. and Michael L., DCM D10, to discuss **the Report and Charter Area Committee** goals on Wednesday, March 17th via Zoom; Carmela would like to ask 2-3 more volunteers for a more robust Committee before we move further.
* **Breakout committee meetings** Thursday, March 18th through Sunday, March 21st to discuss agenda items that will be presented during the General Service Conference in April with the Area delegates from the U.S. and Canada:
  + Finance – Thursday, March 18th, 7:00-9:00pm
  + Policy and Admissions – Friday, March 19th, 7:00-9:00pm
  + Treatment and Accessibilities – Saturday, March 20th, 9:00-10:00am
  + Corrections – Saturday, March 20th, 10:00-11:00am
  + Report and Charter – Saturday, March 20th, 11:00am-12:00pm
  + Trustees – Saturday, March 20th, 12:00-1:00pm
  + Grapevine and La Viña – Saturday, March 20th, 1:00-2:00pm
  + International Conventions and Regional Forums – Saturday, March 20th, 2:00-3:00pm
  + Public Information – Saturday, March 20th, 3:00-4:00pm
  + Cooperation with the Professional Community – Saturday, March 20th, 4:00-5:00pm (I left early at 4:20)
  + Agenda – Sunday, March 21st, 10:00am-12:00pm
  + Archives – Sunday, March 21st, 12:00-1:00pm
  + Literature – Sunday, March 21st, 1:00-5:00pm (I left early at 4:15pm)
* **Pre-General Service Conference Workshop** on Saturday, March 27th, 9:00am-3:00pm; reported back our breakout committee group decisions to the larger group of 76 participants; District 11’s representation included Carol H., Dennis P., Kelly B., Kimberly T., Pat M., and Rich H. Thank you kindly for participating! Our local voice is instrumental to decisions made at the General Service Conference.

Other events and communications to share with you:

* **District 12 Open April Meeting** on ► **Saturday, April 3rd at 7:00pm ◄**; our own Rich H. will be speaking on Zoom
* **Weekly AA History Meetings** on Zoom – Friday nights at 8:00pm in April
* **Creating the Fellowship You Crave** – this 13-week Workshop starts on Saturday, April 3rd through June 26th at 5:00pm CDT
* **Sponsorship Workshop** – Saturday, April 24th on Zoom
* **New Grapevine Books** – “Free on the Inside: Stories of AA Recovery in Prison” and “Mujeres en AA” (Women in AA), a story collection in Spanish language
* **AA Grapevine & Your Group –** designed to briefly update groups on all things Grapevine each quarter
* **Open Speaker Meeting** on Sunday, May 30th at 7:00pm, hosted by The Three Legacies Group; Mark E., current East Central Region Trustee from Ohio, will be the speaker
* **Unity and Service Conference** on Zoom – July 9-11, 2021
* **Michigan State AA Convention** – October 1-3, 2021 (live event in Bellaire MI)
* **SAVE THE DATE** – 2021 Area 20 **Big Book Conference** on Saturday, October 30th via Zoom
* **2021 NIA20 Calendar** – We’d love to see you at these events, so mark your calendar.

While I know it’s only April, I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware that my position as District 11’s District Committee Member, and Pat’s position as our Alternate DCM are coming to a close at the end of this year. In the spirit of rotation, we need you to consider which roles would be a good fit for you starting in January 2022. Pat has decided that she will not be up for consideration as the DCM so please think about your personal service plan for all of the District roles that will be opening up. We will hold elections at our November business meeting on November 4th.

As a reminder, you can access all **Area 20** Committee Meeting/Assembly minutes and reports at: <https://aa-nia.org/reports/>. All minutes and reports from January 2013 to the present are available to you.

And if you’re interested in **District 11** minutes and reports (from April 2015 to the present), click here: <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/district-meeting-minutes-reports/>

In grateful service,

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