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## REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

I have *finally* been a busy gal! I was starting to think maybe some of you didn't like me, but I know that I'm too much fun now that I'm sober for that to be the case.... Drinking... I was not so much fun.

I had the opportunity to visit District 61 on June 28<sup>th</sup> and District 72 on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Both Districts wanted to have an opportunity to have their GSRs hear about the Role of the GSR. It can give you an idea of how big our Area is when you drive to Elizabeth on a Wednesday night and have to be back at work the next morning at 6:30am. And while there was only 7 people at the District 72 meeting, that's a far cry from when it was dark not too long ago.

I've also been asked to help facilitate an AA Service Social for the Flying Geese Group in District 11 on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This Group is very active in putting on regular workshop within their District. I've had opportunity to attend other workshops put on by groups, and it seems a great way to build fellowship, support a District, and provide help to the AA community in general. If your group is looking for an idea of how they can do 12<sup>th</sup> Step Work, consider doing something like a workshop. Here in AA we don't lack for topics.

Additionally Districts 21 and 28 are teaming up to do a workshop in October. Details to come. Another way to consider doing something for the AA community is to host jointly with another District. Maybe you have a small turnout in your District, but two small Districts, with the right enthusiasm, can have one heck of a good time and "create the fellowship you crave."

I had the chance to attend the East Central Regional (ECR) Conference in Appleton. I know many of you have not considered attending ECR events since they are sometimes in other states. Please think about trying a Forum or Regional Conference in the future. Yes, they are service oriented, but, you are in service now ;-). What I have found though is that after going to them for a few years is that I have AA friends in 5 states now instead of just 2. (I live within spitting distance of Wisconsin, so some of us cross the border there.) Not to mention that I have developed a deeper understanding of General Service and how big AA really is. It definitely goes beyond the confines of my District, the Area, much less the walls of my Home Group....

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Service? WooHoo!

Respectfully submitted,

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