

REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

The September report is probably the hardest one to write. After all, by the time this report is given at the Assembly, so much will have happened. With elections in the morning, many of us have been contemplating what our next position might be. Perhaps we've talked to our sponsors, our higher power, and the person who is currently in the role. Hopefully we've done all of those things, and maybe talked to the people who are significant in our life. I hope all of you who are rotating have been giving consideration to where you can next server. That includes DCMs and District Service Chairs. The hope is that perhaps you will consider being involved at the "lower level" of service we call Northern Illinois Area as a committee chair or officer. If you were to talk to any of us currently serving at that level, we will tell you that we served at the District in some fashion first.

And for those of you who are thinking perhaps you don't know if you can do it.... None of us really know what we're doing when we go in to a role. We only know about half way through ;-)

I've been asked to help facilitate an AA Service Social for the Flying Geese Group in District 11 on September 21st. This Group is very active in putting on regular workshop within their District. We have several different types of "presentations" going on. Three of the committees (PI, CPC & Treatment) will be bringing an "activity based" presentation to the event. The hope is that people will have an idea of something they can start doing in their District after attending. Rich will be talking about the Grapevine from the perspective of group level through the New York office. We'll have two or three presentations regarding General Service and the GSR and DCM roles. There will also be time for attendees to visit tables with committee representation so they can ask questions in a smaller group setting. It is shaping up to be a very interesting 4 hours. I would like to encourage anyone newly elected to an area service committee position to. Not only can you get an idea of what a workshop can be, you will get the chance to meet people who are looking for ways to be of service.

Districts 21 and 28 are teaming up to do a workshop on October 5th at the Lake Zurich cop shop. This will be a two-hour event, so easily doable and still getting things done at home. Nicole talked to her District members and they came up with 14 very good questions/topics to consider for discussion. We'll need to be doing a bit narrowing down, but we may shoot to get most of them covered with an Ask-it Basket session.

Group Contribution reports are in the process of being sent out to DCMs. It's been slow going because I am breaking them down by District when I send them out. I look to have them completed before the Assembly. At least I hope to.... We'll see what happens.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Service? WooHoo!

Respectfully submitted,

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