

Good afternoon and welcome to Jackson. If this is your first assembly, I would like to give a special welcome to you. I know it might be a little confusing, but don't be afraid to ask any of us for help. We would be glad to assist you.

This last quarter has been very busy. The weekend after the assembly, I went to District 9 for a workshop and to give a Conference report. This was well attended and once again, they fed me quite nicely. I really appreciate being asked to participate.

Then we, a couple of sponsees and a friend, drove up to Louisville for the Southeast Conference and Kentucky State Convention. We met up with Betty B. It was a great conference: the speakers were outstanding and I was enthralled by their stories. Howard gave us a Trustees report at the Delegates breakfast, and I learned more about what is going on. I hope you have met and talked to Howard, he is a great guy. I participated in a workshop on Conference Approved Literature which was well received, or at least it got a few chuckles from the audience.

I also drove I40W several times this quarter. I went to Memphis to give a Conference report and to share my story. I must tell you that Memphis knows how to greet me. As I was driving in, there was a cavalcade of police with their lights flashing and I thought it was all for me. I found out later that it was for some sports team, but at the time, I thought "how nice". We had a great spaghetti dinner, some good fellowship and I got to meet a lot of nice people. The next weekend was the State Convention, which was wonderful, even though I was very ill. I did share my story on Saturday night, don't know what I said, but I got through it. The food and fellowship was great and I really appreciate all the hard work that went in to the preparation for the whole thing. I even won a basket, which is almost unheard of. Then, I went to Clarksville for a group inventory. I really love doing those because it makes me think about what I am doing. Sometimes I do enough, sometimes not enough.

I would like to thank all of those that responded to my query about the Class B Trustee's being able to serve as chairperson of the General Service Board. It was the consensus of Area 64 for it to remain status quo: Class A Trustee to be the chairperson. I also would like to thank those of you who send me your district minutes. I love to read what is going on in the districts across the state. Vince Keefe, GSB treasurer sent out a memo which stated that group contributions were up by 13% over this time last year, which I am sure you are glad to hear. I know money is an evil topic, but it takes money to make surer that AA stays around for those who need it.

On a personal note, Boomer is now free from doctors, has a job and is doing well. Fay is now a grandmother: a little girl, Claire Elizabeth. She is up with her daughter and grandbaby, so you know where her thoughts are. We did lose one of our dogs, the Monday after the last assembly. She was old and finally old age caught up with her. She did not suffer and for that I am extremely grateful.

Again, I would like to thank Area 64 for allowing me to serve as your Delegate. This has been an experience of a lifetime. I will always treasure this time and I am truly humbled

by being able to serve in this position. And don't forget the Southeast Regional Forum which is coming up the first weekend in December at the Westin Hotel in Atlanta. It is a way to meet GSO staff, some Trustees and Delegates from other areas and get lots of good information.

Cheer and Joy in Service,
Becky B, Delegate, Panel 56