

Delegates Report 4th Quarter Assembly October 9th, 2004
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Hello everyone, Milton C., Panel 54 Delegate serving Area 64, Tennessee.

We gather again this weekend for another of Area 64's Quarterly Assemblies. It has only been eleven weeks since we were in Oak Ridge, but there has been a lot going on in AA and around Area 64 during that time. If you are new to our fellowship and you can't quite see what we are so happy about, just keep coming back. Many of us remember how baffled we were at our first big AA get-togethers. Today, we have love and gratitude for our recovery program. We express it through service work, by attempting to make the program available for all who wish to recover. I am grateful that you have given me the opportunity to serve you, and AA as a whole.

This weekend we are charged with the duty of selecting candidates to serve AA in the capacity of Southeastern Regional Trustee, and Trustee at Large-U.S. Ten years of sobriety is desirable, and also having been active in both local and area AA affairs. Quite a large amount of free time, in order to serve effectively, is very necessary. Candidates' resumes are to be turned in by Area Delegates no later than January 1st, 2005. The positions are to be filled by elections at the 55th General Service Conference next April. Good luck to all who choose to stand.

The 2005 International Conference, recognizing 70 years of our recovery program, will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 30th through July 3rd. GSR's and other service entities have recently received registration forms.

You can also register online. After registering, housing forms will be returned with attendance badges. You can reply by mail or electronically. Housing will not be assigned until November 15th. Everyone who applies by this date has the same chance of being assigned a downtown hotel. I have a few extra registration forms. If you would like one let me know.

This past quarter, I have served you in these capacities. Seven groups in Tennessee were selected, at random, to participate in the tri-annual Membership Survey. Forms were given or sent to the groups, and returned by me, to GSO to be tabulated. The new survey will be available next year.

Thanks to the groups and members who made this possible. Becky and I attended the 60th Southeastern Regional Conference/Florida State Convention, with 2,998 others, including Betty B., Fay P., and Denise. I served as Chairman and a panelist at a workshop on the Traditions, along with the Delegates from Mississippi, North Carolina, and West Virginia. We attended a District 17 Picnic and again served on a Traditions Discussion. Attended our District 19 Quarterly Meeting, told my story four times this quarter, attended planning meetings for our State Convention, held in September, where I served as overall Chairperson, and my thanks go out to all who worked so hard to make this a successful event, and those who attended. Our speakers, with one exception, yours truly, did a superb job. My talk was a combination of my story, my trip to New York, and a brief Conference Report. We attended and participated in The Ninth National Archives Workshop, and I have a report on that in the Area 64 Archives newsletter, "Precious Memories". The hosts of this event are to be commended, as they did a usual Area 64 stellar job in fellowship and hospitality. Participants came from all over the United States and they left Tennessee with memories of a wonderful weekend. Betty B. and I shared duties, chairing a Service Workshop in Memphis's District 21, primarily focusing on the Home Group and chairing meetings. I gave the long version of my Conference Report before we ate, and before we started the workshop. That wasn't sneaky, was it? I applaud Betty and Denise for sitting through my report many times, and not going to sleep. I've attended many meetings and several birthdays, not the least of which was Denise's 19th, and I had the good fortune to be asked to take a nephew to a treatment center.

Life is full, and I hope my gratitude shows. If I can be of service to your group or district, please ask. I will try to honor all the requests I can.

For those of you who have been around a while, if you remember, after being elected Alternate Delegate in 2001, Denise and I had six grandchildren born in the next two years. I said that made ten in total and I was sure that was all. Well, another one is on the way. Stick around. It gets better forever. Thank you for being here and thank you for giving me the joy of serving you and all other members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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