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A Glimpse to our Area Chairperson

If you have never met Lisa D., our Area 15 Chairperson, I hope to give folks a smidgen of insight of her from this quick article. Lisa celebrated her 40th anniversary on 9-11. She tells the story about watching Good Morning America when 9-11 happened. I believe everyone can attest to the fact that they knew where they were when 9-11 occurred. What an amazing milestone !

Lisa is a Native from New Jersey Shore she is a kindred and humble spirit. I can say that she is all about service in and outside of her program. Lisa came into the program at the ripe age of 16 where she became the Intergroup (Central Office) representative whom she credits her first sponsor who got her into service. She later became the GSR representative for her home group in 1987 and the rest is history. Upon conversation, she kiddingly was telling me when you stand for an Area Chair position, they give a person a two minute timeframe to provide an overview of ones service resume. She scoffed ! like do you have two hours maybe -- that's how much service Lisa has had the opportunity to do by the grace of God one day at a time. One of the biggest challenges or opportunities during her service has been of course the great disruptor CoVid19 which crossed her path over two of her commitments. How to please everyone is another great "opportunity" along with the majority vote on meeting in person vs hybrid or zoom etc.

Some of her previously held positions have been Quarterly coordinator chair, Area Secretary, Area Treasurer, and most recently now Area Chairperson. She recommends for any newcomer that is interested in doing Service to "**Just Do It**" folks will help you along the way - if your sponsor doesn't want to wear a service sponsor hat, find a service sponsor -- it's never too late. She and her partner Adie celebrated 30 years together where they met at a meeting. Adie celebrates 35 years of sobriety on 8/29 (Congratulations on that Milestone !!). I can say both have a servitude heart for people and the program. Another factoid is that they volunteer at the zoo so service doesn't end with just people it extends to the animals at the zoo as well -- so very awesome !! Lisa was recently elected to be our **2023-2024 Panel 73 Alternate Delegate**. **Congratulations Lisa !!**

"If you ever would have told me at 16 years of age that I'd be sitting around a campfire with a bunch of AA women nearing my 40th anniversary I wouldn't believe it, but here I am " She says jokingly. Sobriety has been an unbelievable ride and the best is here and now. In our chapter 7 Working with others it talks about Practical experience as well ashaving a host of friends -- this is an experience you must not miss. If you get into service, it is definitely an experience one that is rewarding, fulfilling and one filled with a host of friends that we have met and many that we have yet to meet -- don't miss out !



Concept 11

Short Form:

“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”

Long Form:

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-8_the_twelve_concepts.pdf

The text above is an excerpt from the A.A. conference approved pamphlet (P8) The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated. Download your own copy of the full pamphlet.

Concepts checklist

Concept XI: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional “Right of Participation”?
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

This checklist offered as part of Service Material from the General Service Office (SMF-91). Download your copy of the complete checklist.

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/smf-91_en.pdf

Nugget :

Trustees cannot do it alone





Committee Spotlight

Welcome to our Monthly Committee Spotlight where we are going to bring you in home and personal with the Chairpersons for our featured Committee to give you insight on what's new and happening with the districts committee's.

Amy W. Is the chair of the **36th Gratitude dinner** that just passed earlier this month on **November 5, 2022**. She and her co-chair/treasurer Wendy B. Decided to take the plunge ! Amy recently celebrated 5 years on November 11th of this year. Her co-chair Wendy has 4 years when they decided to take the plunge to do the District 2 Gratitude Dinner. In February of this year, while attending their monthly district meeting, there was an opening for a Gratitude Dinner Chair. Amy wanted to do it and got to talking with Wendy...Wendy said I can help you with that. Not sure they knew what they were getting themselves into, but the district is happy they were up for the challenge. Their hard work certainly paid off ! After 8 months of meetings, the dynamic duo and over 30 volunteers managed to produce a very successful and sold out event ! The final total that District 2 will send over to GSO was **over \$3,600.00**, approximately \$1000 more than the last Gratitude Dinner which was two years ago due to CO-VID.

So you think you want to be a Committee Chair ? Reach out to your DCM or GSR and they will get you involved !

A big **Congratulations** to the committee and all the volunteers that worked hard to make this event a huge success !





FLORIDA STATE CONVENTIONS

Since 1957 our Sunshine State has had AA Conventions. This marks our 65th Florida State Convention which recently took place in Fort Lauderdale August 3-7, 2022. If you've never been to a convention it's definitely an event worth attending. Committee chairs and volunteers plan these events upwards of a year in advance with bidding of the venue occurring 2 years in advance. The 2022 theme was "Oceans of Devotion" with definitely a beachy, sea theme as appropo. if your wondering what it took to put this last one that passed on and how it went, here are some factoids just to give you a glimmer of what to expect:

- **3,194** Participants ; of these the committee gave away 407 scholarships !
 - There was **32,119 years of sobriety** represented with an average of 12.98 years !
 - **533** person participated in the Saturday Ice Cream Social
 - **840** persons participated in the Saturday Banquet
- The Merchandise was a sellout !!
- **184** gallons of coffee were consumed (this doesn't include the Starbucks consumption) 😊

If you haven't registered already, click on the hyperlink or Register or sign up to be a volunteer !
[66th Florida State Convention – Aug 10-13, 2023 — Saddlebrook Resort and Spa — Tampa, FL](#)

We hope to see many of you as you join us on the Broad Highway !

If you missed the event this year, I'd like to put in a shameless plug for next years' State Convention here in our backyards at the World Famous Saddlebrook Resort and Spa. They will have Speakers, Marathon Meetings, Service Manual Play and much much more !



Curious on how you would Host a Florida State Convention for 2025 ? Click here for more information" [Florida State Convention \(area15aa.org\)](#)





SOBER EVENTS

11/06/2022 - Area 15 Assembly Sebring, FL

11/13/2022 - Monthly District 2 Meeting Virtual

11/13/2022 - Red Chip Day ; Brandon, FL

11/24/2022 - Old School Group Thanksgiving after the Noon Meeting

[Local events for area 15 - add link](#)

