

DISTRICT DISPATCH

DISTRICT 2 | AREA 15 | SOUTH FLORIDA | AUGUST 2026

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

REMOTE COMMUNITIES – JIMMY S

Committee Summary: Remote Communities helps carry the A.A. message to alcoholics who may have difficulty accessing the Fellowship because of geography, language, culture, technology, or other barriers. We work with Area 15 and other service committees to identify underserved populations and connect them with recovery.

Jimmy S - In 2023, I made the motion to establish the **District 2 Remote Communities Committee**, and it was approved by the District. After the chair position remained vacant for much of the next panel, I decided to stand for the position beginning January 1, 2025. Since then, my focus has been on building awareness, attending Area 15 committee meetings, providing monthly reports, and helping establish a foundation for the committee. One of the biggest revelations has been a reinforcement of the idea that "remote" doesn't always mean geographically distant. People can be separated from A.A. by language, culture, disability, transportation, age, or technology.

I've been helping update the **Area 15 Remote Communities Workbook** into a practical resource for districts and trusted servants. I've also researched language accessibility and emerging translation technologies, attended the **Remote Communities meeting at the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver**, and continued sharing Area 15 resources with our district.

The committee is still getting established, but it's encouraging to see growing awareness of Remote Communities throughout Area 15. It's also been a tremendous benefit that two past Area 15 Remote Communities Chairpersons are members of District 2

D2 OPEN POSITIONS

District Officer

Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Accessibilities

Finance

PI/CPC

District Panel/Liaison

New GSR Orientation

Room&Ride Coordinator

District Committee Members (DCM):

Sub-District C: Dover, Plant City

Sub-District D: Land-O-Lakes, Lutz, & Odessa

Sub-District F: South Central Tampa)Sub-

District G: Carrollwood, Citrus Park, & Northdale

Sub-District H: Apollo Beach, Ruskin, & Sun City

Sub-District K: Hyde Park & Downtown

Sub-District M: Seminole Heights

Sub-District T: New Tampa/USF

Sub-District U: Drew Park/NW Tampa

Alternate DCMs – Currently all the Sub-Districts positions are open for ADCMs.

and have been willing to share their experience and guidance.

While Remote Communities has existed within General Service for many years, the District 2 committee is relatively new. It was approved in 2023 and is still developing. Our goal is simple: help ensure that no alcoholic is left behind because of barriers that make A.A. difficult to access.

Area Delegates often collect information, experience, articles, etc. about how the Area serves remote communities, and bring this to the annual General Service Conference. Information may go into newsletter formats and also help to prepare for the Conference meeting.

Service Questions Answered - Jimmy S

How did you get started in service? My first home group commitment was maintaining the phone list, and the group called me the Communications Chairperson. After a group inventory, we identified the need for a group CPC/PI chairperson, and I was asked to stand for that position. When the same position was vacant at the district level, I accepted that role as well. That experience introduced me to General Service.

How long have you been in service? I began my General Service journey in Area 14 North Florida. It was probably between years one and two of sobriety. After moving to Area 15 South Florida, I've continued serving at the District and Area levels, as well as the Florida State Convention and SAASA.

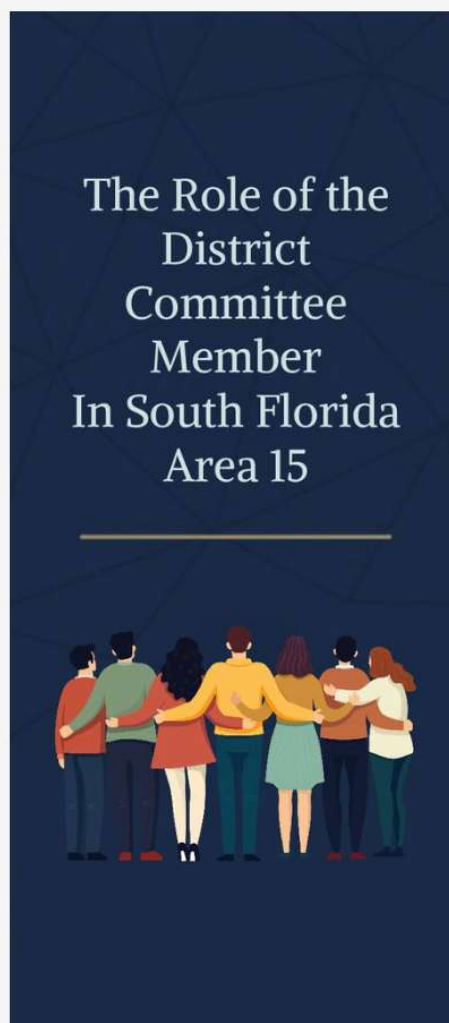
Favorite service position? Serving as a GSR was probably my favorite because everything was new. It gave me a much better understanding of how A.A. works beyond the home group and inspired me to stay involved in General Service.

Any highlights, events, or projects this year? Serving as the first active District 2 Remote Communities Chair has been a privilege. Helping establish the committee and building a foundation for future trusted servants have been the highlights of this panel.

NEW!

A pamphlet has been created for the Area 15 DCMs/ADCMS. Take a look if you are a current DCM or would like to get involved in District/Area Service.

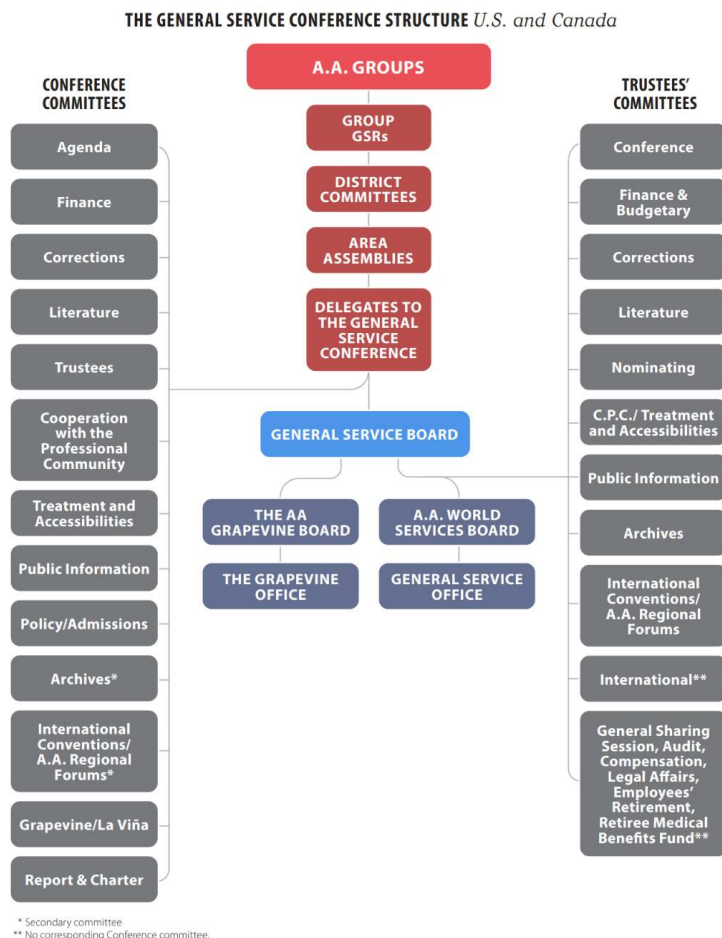
<https://area15aa.org/resources-for-trusted-servants>



**Area 15 DCM
Pamphlet**

CONCEPT 8

CONCEPT 8 - The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.



SOBER EVENTS AND SERVICE

Labor Day weekend in Tampa means one thing for many in the recovery community: the **Tampa Bay Fall Roundup. Sheraton Tampa- Brandon Hotel** from **September 04- 07, 2026**, TBFR is more than just a weekend—it's a celebration of recovery, fellowship, and fun. Go to <https://tampabayfallroundup.com/> for more information.

68th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FL ROSEN PLAZA
August 6th-9th, 2026
 9700 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819

A NEW FREEDOM

Scholarships Available!

Fun Activities

- ✓ Indoor Go-Karts
- ✓ Games & Trivia
- ✓ World Class Golf
- ✓ Dance Parties
- ✓ Scenic 5K Run

Experience Freedom

- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Great Speakers
- ✓ Meet New Friends
- ✓ Marathon Meetings
- ✓ Panels

Register Today While Rooms Are Available!!!
 Register Online at <https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>

Scan the QR Code with your camera. For assistance please visit <https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>

Overflow Hotel 1 - \$109
 Hyatt Place
 8741 International Dr.
 Orlando, FL 32819
 1-800-320-4120

Overflow Hotel 2 - \$159
 Rosen Centre
 9640 International Dr.
 Orlando, FL 32819
 1-800-996-9700

Host Hotel Sold Out

Call 1-407-996-9700 to be put on a waiting list if available. - \$159
 9700 International Drive
 Orlando, FL 32819

NEW MEETING!
SPONSORTRON
FRIDAYS 7:30 PM
INAUGURAL CELEBRATION/ POT LUCK
 (bring a covered dish/snacks, or a dessert.)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2026

A meeting that was started by several OSG members 9 years ago in a small studio in North Tampa, that moved online for 7 years and now it's coming home to the OSG. This meeting is where we raise "sponsors", not "sponsees". It's in-depth interactive step study in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous like you've never seen before! If you've struggled through the steps before, or want to know how to take others through the steps, how to get sponsees, etc. this is the meeting you want to check out!

WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ Your sponsor/sponsees, friends in the program
- ✓ Your own Big Book
- ✓ A blue highlighter (leave the yellow one at home!)
- ✓ An ink pen
- ✓ Notebook

LET'S TAKE THE STEPS TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL!

CHAIR BY VIRGIL M.

OLD SCHOOL GROUP
 18125 US-41,
 LUTZ, FL 33549

THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING MEETING. EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:30PM!

OLD SCHOOL GROUPS
SUMMER
BINGO Night!
AUGUST 15TH
7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
★ HELD AT OSG AFTER THE SATURDAY SPEAKER MEETING! ★

IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!
 Come inside to cool off with an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**
 OSG WILL PROVIDE THE ICE CREAM!

FREE TO ATTEND!
PLEASE BRING A TOPPING TO SHARE!
 (SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BACK WALL OF OSG)
BINGO WILL BE 50/50!
 THE WINNER GETS 50% OF THE POT RAISED FOR THAT GAME!

BINGO CARDS
\$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5
 ★ (CARDS CANNOT BE REUSED) ★
PLEASE CASH ONLY

THE MORE CARDS YOU BUY, THE BIGGER THE POT AND THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING!

Message Michelle with any questions
813-951-2757

HONEST DESIRE BIG BOOK GROUP

5 Year Anniversary!

Saturday, August 15th at 5 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

701 Valley Forge Blvd, Sun City Center

Join us for a fun night filled with a potluck, 50/50 raffle, cake raffle and fantastic speakers!

Feel free to bring a cake to donate for the cake walk!

Potluck starts at 5:15 - **IF BRINGING FOOD ARRIVE AT 5.**

Speakers start at 6 p.m.

Our speakers are Kerri C. (Al-Anon) and Tim C. (AA)

From Tulsa, OK

If you have any questions contact

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