

Chairpersons Report

I attended the North East Regional AA Service Assembly in Warwick, RI. February 21-23,2014. I rode up with Patty and Joe Schaller. We arrived in time for the 8pm panel "Progress of A. A. Inventory" it was shared by three panelists who spoke on (1) Does structure encourage all to be "alcoholics in action? Do we ensure diversity? (2) informing our Delegate: Delegate informing our Area and (3) Nurturing leadership qualities in trusted servants. I took notes as all panelists spoke and did the same the following day. Each evening from 9:30 pm -10:45 pm round tables we held. I was surprised to see how many people I remembered from last year. Sally the chairperson from Delaware and I have kept in contact this past year. Delaware only has one delegate - the whole state meets like we meet as an area. They are in the process of deciding how to do their inventory. I brought with me the questions we used when doing our inventory and passed them on to her. She was very grateful. Although many of the other areas in the northeast region do not meet 11 times a year for a full assembly they do meet as committees between full assemblies. They also use the process of sending their GSR to district meetings, and then their DCM's to Area Assembly. This seems to cut down the cost for them.

Saturday morning our Alt. Delegate Joe S. spoke on panel 4 "Grapevine Magazine: *Self* Supporting or Outreach to Community? My home group has never sold the Grapevine at our meetings nor has it donated a subscription to corrections or treatment. I was so moved by what these panelists had to say that I brought to our group conscience the idea of purchasing two subscriptions- either to sell or giveaway. Everybody was in agreement to purchase the two subscriptions to the Grapevine - we never did this before because nobody ever brought it up. Perhaps it is something your group can think about doing. On Saturday during panel 5 - Communicating Our legacies I was the timer. I got to press the button for the flashing amber light to signal to the panelist that their time was nearly up and sound the buzzer when the panelist time was over. Could you see us doing that at assembly? I have come away with so much more form NERAASA than I am expressing here. The connection I have to you and to service has deepened. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I am forever grateful to serve CNY as your Area Chairperson. IN Service, Debby R.