

NERASSA 2015, hosted by Area 44 – Northern New Jersey was held in Somerset NJ. We were 919 strong and a most enthusiastic band of AAer's we were. The pace of the Assembly was fast and steady. All Panel topics touched on are items to be covered at the General Service Conference in April. I was completely swallowed up in the information presented – can't wait to find out what the results are after the Conference.

There was a great emphasis on Gay, Lesbian, Transgender – diversity in general that is not something I hear much about in the North Country. Discussion following each Panel was as varied as we all are though I was happy to note that there were those that reported finding the answers in the Big Book just as we have learned. Personal safety is also an item I have heard little about in the past. Timers kept everyone in check so many people could participate.

Round Table sessions started at 10pm. This was time for our Delegates and Alternate Delegates to meet with Gary L. the NE Regional Trustee (NERT). Panel 64 & 65 introduced themselves then discussed items of mutual interest regarding the Conference. Panel 65's asked questions of 64's; talked about report backs, what and where activities would be, what to expect and what to wear.

The N.E. Regional Trustee gave his report – that is where we learned about the Grapevine moving to the 11th floor with GSB at a cost of \$1.3 million and the debacle re the 75th edition of the BB. Please encourage everyone to buy this special edition! Overall the report was upbeat and things look good though we need to encourage our Groups to contribute to GSO.

Our Area 47 was well represented at NERASSA providing service at several Roundtables.

Just when I think AA can't get any better it proves me wrong. I look forward to NERASSA 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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