

## DELEGATES REPORT OF NERAASA 2016

THIS 2016 NERAASA – NORTH EAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY WAS THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, AREA 31 HOSTING IT TITLED IT AS, “CELEBRATE OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY IN THE GOLDEN WEST”. THE THEME WAS “OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS”. THIS WEEKEND EVENT WAS HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, MA ON THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 26 -28, 2016. ROOM RESERVATIONS WERE TO BE MADE AT TWO HOTELS THE SPRINGFIELD MARRIOTT AND THE SHERATON MONARCH PLACE WHICH I STAYED. THE SHERATON HAD THE MAIN WORKSHOPS, NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRUSTEES REPORT, NERAASA BUSINESS MEETING, ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND MOST OF THE MEALS WERE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOORS. THE HOSPITALITY ROOM, ARCHIVES AND THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET DINNER WERE ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR IN THE MARRIOTT. WE HAD OUR OWN AREA 47 SERVANTS DOING WONDERFUL PRESENTATIONS AND OUR AREA WAS WELL REPRESENTED THERE. I NOTICED OUR ARCHIVES CHAIR WAS THERE YET THERE WAS NOT A ROUND TABLE FOR THE SERVICE POSITION. I HOPE NEXT YEAR THE HOSTING AREA WILL HAVE ONE SCHEDULED. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE FEEDBACK ON THE EVALUATION SHEETS AND I SAY, THE HOSTING COMMITTEE NEEDS TO BE CONTACTED TO EXPRESS IMPORTANCE OF HAVING ONE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY (NERAASA) IS FOR GSR'S, DCM'S, AREA OFFICERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTH EAST REGION TO DISCUSS GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE RELATED ISSUES AND CONCERNS AFFECTING A.A. AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS PERTINENT ASPECTS OF RECOVERY, UNITY, AND SERVICE COMMON TO THE AREAS OF THE NORTH EAST REGION.

THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE AND THE CURRENT DELEGATES SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION OF NERAASA. IF AN AREA WANTS TO PUT IN A BID TO HOST NERAASA THE SITE OF THE ASSEMBLY IS CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON 3 YEARS PRIOR AT THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE. THE DELEGATE THAT SUBMITS IN THE BID IS RESPONSIBLE TO PUT ON THE ASSEMBLY.

I WAS ABLE TO PASS ON EXPERIENCE TO OUR NEW PANEL 66 DELEGATES AT OUR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION TIME. THIS WAS A TIME FOR THE PANEL 65 DELEGATES TO PASS ON INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES TO ENCOURAGE AND PREPARE OUR NEWLY ELECTED DELEGATES. I LEARNED FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR PANEL 65 ELECTED COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AS THEY WENT TO THE BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WE ARE ELECTED INTO A POSITION AND WE NEED TO DO OUR JOB. THAT JOB IS TO COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS, CARRY THE MESSAGE, SERVE A.A., PASS ON THE GROUP CONSCIENCE AND PARTICIPATE IN A SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AND TRUST.

MOST IMPORTANTLY I WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR GSR'S, DCM'S AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SERVANTS THAT WHAT WE DO IS IMPORTANT. BILL W'S COMMENTARY ON CONCEPT XII FROM PAGE 75 OF THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL STATES, “THEREFORE WE EXPECT THAT OUR CONFERENCES WILL ALWAYS TRY TO ACT IN SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND LOVE – ONE MEMBER FOR ANOTHER. IN TURN, THIS SIGN SIGNIFIES THAT MUTUAL TRUST SHOULD PREVAIL; THAT NO ACTION OUGHT TO BE TAKEN IN ANGER, HASTE, OR RECKLESSNESS; THAT CARE WILL BE OBSERVED TO RESPECT AND PROTECT MINORITIES; THAT NO ACTION SHOULD EVER BE PERSONALLY PUNITIVE; THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IMPORTANT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN SUBSTANTIAL UNANIMITY; AND THAT OUR CONFERENCE WILL EVER BE PRUDENTLY ON GUARD AGAINST TYRANNIES, GREAT OR SMALL, WHETHER THESE BE FOUND IN THE MAJORITY OR IN THE MINORITY. THE SUM OF THESE SEVERAL ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES IS, IN OUR VIEW, THE VERY ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY – IN ACTION AND SPIRIT.”

YOURS IN LOVE AND SERVICE, YOUR P65 A47 CNY DELEGATE – VICKY S.