

Good day to you all and thank you for your trust in me to represent our area, Area 12 Delaware, at the General Service Conference in New York this April. I will do my best.

I would like to thank all those who attended the recent Northeast Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) in Nashua New Hampshire. This is a precursor to the Conference with discussion topics of many of the agenda items to be addressed this year. Those in attendance had the opportunity to listen and participate in the discussions.

Sally T., Alternate Delegate and I, have been working on those items to be discussed at the annual "Pre-Conference Assembly", April 4th, 2020. It will be held at Simpson Center, Whatcoat United Methodist Church, 8 North Main St, Camden, DE. Please plan to attend and share your groups concerns and conscience of the items to be discussed. Please note that all Agenda items for the Conference will not be discussed due to time constraints. Sally will be distributing the discussion items shortly. Please discuss them with your groups and we'll see you April 4th.

Next year's NERAASA will be held in Pittsburg, PA. Area 60. Please plan on attending if you can. The dates are February 26-28. www.neraasa.org

On Sunday morning of NERAASA, Area 12 members got together for a short service talk by Bob W. past Trustee At Large U.S. I am attaching highlights from that discussion below.

Here's the discussion with Bob W., Area 31 – Panel 52 and former Trustee at Large (US):

- Sees Delaware is a pocket of enthusiasm
- Service brings many benefits, most stem from NERAASA (1992)
- Don't let fear of responsibility discourage you from service
- Importance of watching the group conscience at work in the forums and roundtables
- 93 Delegates -may the group conscience guide it's way into the heart of Terry (area 12 delegate) allowing him the right of decision.
- Right of decision must be accepted and may it find it's way back to tradition 2
- 135 votes at GSC
- NERAASA and area assemblies are important and areas in which we can get the big q&a s back to the individual AA members and back to those who have a vote.
- Continue to try to light up dark districts so we can have a good representation of all of the fellowship in our area
- There is no better example of leadership than sponsorship
- Our personal recovery (the 12 steps) that's where it begins and then the triangle keeps us in balance as we follow through with the traditions and concepts.
- Balance creates more love, tolerance and open-mindedness. We can listen to the principle expressed behind each individual and learn to respect the individuals right of decision.
- Trust the process, trust your delegate.
- Met Buck in 2002 and served with Buck for many years, met Terry in 2013 – friendships in AA are lasting.
- When I was elected to the GSB it was one of the greatest honors of my life.
- What service can do for your recovery is a miracle, sometimes the path is bumpy and there are personality conflicts, NERAASA affords us an opportunity to hear experience on how to handle these things in the future and grow service in the areas.
- Primary purpose to build connection and reach the still sick and suffering.

- Eventually maybe someone will find a way into the service structure because of the work we do.
- We are making a difference.
- Reach your hand out, express your fears and concerns to others because you are needed. It does make a difference.
- Biggest question “As a GSR at NERAASA, what do I do and how do I take it back to my group?”
- Enthusiasm is the number 1 ingredient in attraction.
- The spark is lit here at NERAASA, take that spark back, present the message back with enthusiasm to the groups. Create brief presentation for the groups with enthusiasm.
- Create an adaptable form as per what the group and district find beneficial to the area, but the spark and enthusiasm is the most important to keep.
- Keep it simple.

So, there you have it -- service gladly rendered!

Again, I would like to thank all of you in Area 12 for allowing me to serve as your Panel 70 Delegate,

Terry, Panel 70, Area 12, Delaware

“If you surrender to the wind, you can ride it”