

Hello Leaders of CNCA,

The 66th General Service Conference, will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Times Square, April 17-23, 2016, The theme of the 2016 General Service Conference is: "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts. Conference Coordinator sent out a request for theme, presentation and workshop topic suggestions for the 2017 General Service Conference. I will resend that to you in case you don't have it, for you to share it with your fellow members.

As I reported at the Summer Assembly the new General Service Manager Greg T. was selected at the last General Service Board Meeting and he will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Annual Conference Report will be send out on late summer.

Staff Rotation at GSO will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

NCCAA is taking its inventory on October 31<sup>st</sup> in Fresno members from CNIA 07 and CNCA 06 have been invited to facilitate the process everyone is welcome to participate, for more information go on line [norcalaa.org](http://norcalaa.org)

With *leadership* we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity. It is therefore a problem in its very nature cannot be permanently solved.

I would like to share some of my story when I first came to AA, I was sober for three months I was attending the afternoon meeting from 1 to 3 pm when I was invited to attend my very first business meeting, the meeting was from 8 to 10 pm, that night we were electing the new secretary/chair to open the 1 to 3 pm meeting everyday for six months, I was very surprise but more scare that no one was available, they asked for volunteers, they nominated people but no one raise their hand, I was so afraid thinking that the group might close the doors, and my sobriety meant the whole world to me, I was just hired as a bartender and I was struggling with a lot of problems, but I had found a new way of life and I really wanted my group to continue with the afternoon meeting because it was the only one I could attend, so I made myself available, but everybody disagree because they thought I was very new, some even joked saying that I still smell like alcohol, but after a long discussion and lacked of volunteers, They give me the key to open the place and I was granted with one of the most rewarding gifts in our program the Legacy of (*Service*), that has been keeping me in the rooms of AA until now, I would like to mention though that every time that my service commitments almost come to an end my head tells me that this will be the last one, but when I share it with my sponsor, he suggest me to make myself available and allow the higher power to decide through the group conscience.

I want to thank you all for my sobriety, my life and for allowing me to be of Service.

Raymundo L.