

Last Thursday I had my last Conference call with our Pacific Regional Trustee and all our Panel 65s and Panel 66s and the newly elected Panel 67s Delegates, it was a great meeting. As I was listening to all the Delegates I had the opportunity to hear Joann's participation and for me it was the confirmation of my pass it on. It is a great feeling to know that our Area is in good hands, that includes our new elected Area Officers and all our Trusted Servants of CNCA, including the Nominee for Trustee at Large and our Nominee for AAWS General Service Trustee as well. I will always be grateful for those who came before us, some of them are no longer with us, but some are still around, but all had passed the Service Legacy Torch, and all of those who made themselves available to receive it and to pass it on to the future generations that will continue reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers with this legacy of love through service.

I consider myself very fortunate. by serving on the time of the International Convention since it's one of my favorites events of AA. I will never forget the speakers. And I had the opportunity to attend the Delegates reunion a few days before the convention. Serving on the 65th and 66th General Service Conferences I had the experience of my life there was a lot actions taken looking toward the future of alcoholics anonymous, The Conference has taught me how important is every single member of our fellowship, reminded me that it all boils down to one alcoholic talking to another. I'll like to quote the end of the keynote address from the 2015 Final Report pg 6. ***"We frequently say to you at the close of each General Service Conference, "You are Now a Part of AA History" I would submit that you are also a part of AAs future J. Gary L. Northeast Regional Trustee"***. I had a few people asked me what would be my next assignment, go back to my group or back to my family since I will have more time. My sponsor suggested me to go back to my family and home group and I will do that but I can also say that I have been getting invitations for Grapevine/La Viña workshops, like for instance, I'll be going to Cuba in February. Akron, Ohio in June and Costa Rica in October for the REDELA so as you can see my life is blessed. I live in the AA circle, but now on the bottom of the triangle. I will do my best to practice the role of "elder statement" my sponsees hate it when I act as "bleeding deacon" besides I've been there done that. So with mix emotions I say thank you for to the job of Delegate, Sometimes I am very perfectionist that I tried to do something different and I realize that I just did the best that I could. One time I heard somebody said that when you are elected a GSR you are no longer your name but the name of your group, when you are elected DCMC you are no longer your group but your District, when you are elected Delegate you are not longer your District but your Area and AA as a whole. You guys have giving me the opportunity of a life time I never thought I could served you as your Delegate but you have giving me this amazing opportunity in spite of my own doubts you have supported me in a way that made me believe more in myself and help me accomplish this dream. You assured me that it is true that ***"the age of miracles is still with us. Our own recovery proves that"*** (Big Book pg 153).

I am very grateful that I was Delegate for California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA 06)

No matter where I go, no matter what I do, you spirit will always go with me, ***You have marked my heart for life.***

With Spirit of Love in Service  
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