

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 1st.

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

Staff Rotation at GSO will take place on September 14th 2015

NCCAA is taking its inventory on October 31st 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

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.