

Delegate's Corner May 2018

Why is Teddy writing this? Good question. The answer is that at the time this piece was due, Joann had only just gotten back from New York and her attention is, as it should be, on how she will tell us what she saw, felt and heard there at our Post-Conference Assembly.

So, by the time you read this, you will have attended the Assembly in Vallejo: the results will be known to you and you might be wondering, "what on earth do I do with all that?"

To quote the GSR preamble, "We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A." So, the short answer is, "have at it and communicate!"

Easy, right?

Well, maybe, if we know our audience(s) and package the information accordingly.

The delegate gets 90 minutes to give her report at the Post-Conference Assembly, plus another 45 for questions. It's doubtful your group will be as generous, no matter how much pizza you tempt them with. So, consider that our conference process is never-ending and you have all the time your group will give you to parcel out the information until the time of next year's conference!

Your group may only give you 90 seconds for an announcement. Headlines grab attention and we have a variety of channels these days to pass along the information. You could use your 90 seconds to excite interest and then, later on, inform those that are interested--at your group's business meeting or, in one-on-one in conversations after the meeting or, even by sending information via email.

A word of caution though, the smorgasbord of conference information is best encountered by grazing, not gorging, and so I wish you bon appetit!

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