

Delegate's Corner

Nothing is Wasted

I hope you are enjoying your anonymity-protected copy of the Final Conference Report of this year's Virtual 70th General Service Conference.

As in "normal" years, the greater portion of the report is written before the actual Conference: the keynote, presentations, reports of the General Service Board and corporate boards, the committee and staff reports, the area highlights, listing of Conference members etc., is all known prior to the commencement of the Conference and so it is the 'what happened' that gets added after the Conference closes.

A few things you might note from the report this year is that it contains a provisional finance report, pending completion of the audit. That has now taken place. More will be revealed after August 15, when the members of the Conference convene again via Zoom to receive the audited financial figures. At that time, we should have the figure of what group services cost, per member, per year. Watch this space.

Something that this year's Conference did a really good job of, was moving things along rather than making final decisions. That's one of the reasons why there are only 16 Advisory Actions and 58 Committee Considerations this year. This year more than, perhaps, any other, I urge you to pay close attention to those Committee Considerations—pages 54-59. Things are moving along. Again, watch this space.

But more than checking out progress with the Agenda Topics, I urge you to read the keynote address on pages 6-7 and the presentations on pages 78-84. When I read them, I find them immensely inspirational and uplifting.

On page 83 as part of her report on the zonal meeting of the Americas, our Trustee-at-Large for Canada, Trish, states, "**there are no mistakes — there is consulting and group conscience and trial and error and experience.**" I highlighted this quote during my Conference report because I believe it applies no matter where we find ourselves in service. Right now, we have some area business that has stimulated vibrant discussion and strong opinions. At times like this, it's good for me to remember Trish's words and accept that there are no winners or losers, no right or wrong answers, only the group conscience, which is a work in progress, an organic indicator of where the group is on an issue at any given time.

Nothing is wasted in our A.A. way of doing business.