

Delegate's Corner December 2020

As I come to the end of my term as your delegate my overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude for all the help, understanding, and love that I have received.

I'm grateful to all the GSRs and the groups they represent for helping me become a very well-informed delegate. Thank you! As you communicated your group consciences to me, I felt as if I was in the circle at your home group, listening to each member. Thanks to you, their voices were carried directly to the Conference floor.

I'm grateful to our interpreters and translators and their unrelenting service. I stand in awe of their love and service to me and to our Area. Thanks to them we were all able to communicate much better and ensure that the language of the heart permeated our discussions.

I'm grateful to the districts who welcomed me with warmth and cheer on my visits. What was the responsibility of an area officer that gave me the most anxiety became the highlight. If you see me again, just because, at one of your district meetings in the future, don't be surprised.

I'm grateful to the generous souls who helped me get to and from the districts and other area events. Without your service I would have spent more time kicking my heels at Greyhound stops and Amtrak stations.

I'm grateful to all of you who serve on our area sub-committees and standing committees. As a visitor, I sometimes catch myself basking in the glow of your selfless service, hearts smarts, as you carry the message.

I'm grateful to our past delegates, a largely invisible council on whose wisdom I have often relied. Thank you for sticking around!

I'm grateful to have met and become friends with the other service entities it's my privilege to visit; our friends in H&I, NCCAA, YPAAs, and our Central Office Managers, whose candor with me has helped our Unity.

I'm grateful to our newsletter teams and our coffee makers who provide us sustenance for our souls and our bellies.

I'm grateful to my fellow Area Officers. Over the past three panels I have gotten to serve with sixteen of the most amazing servants, who have shown me, by example, how to be a better trusted servant.

And, I'm grateful to my spouse Rob and my employer for allowing me to serve you all.

My heart is full.

