

Delegate's Report
Area 33, Southeast Michigan
February 16, 2025

Greetings to Area 33!

Since we last met, I've had the honor of attending the January Michigan Statewide Meeting; participating in our Alternate Delegate's first GSR School hosted by District 10; communicating with my Conference Committee Chairperson, Steve M of Area 76; reviewing his January Board Weekend Report to our committee; attending a General Service Conference Orientation hosted by Diana L, Conference Coordinator; and traveling to Champaign, Illinois to attend and participate in the 2025 Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP).

Our Alternate Delegate, Edgar L, and District 10 organized a wonderful GSR School. Thank you to those that participated and those that attended. It was informative and fun, with the sharing of experience, strength and hope and many great questions from the members in attendance. At the School, Edgar issued a friendly challenge; he invited each person in attendance to not only join us here at the Area Assembly, but to also bring a friend from the program. I would like to echo this invitation to you all here today and ask you to bring a friend to our March Assembly meeting. Walking through the doors of our Area Assembly for the first time alone can be intimidating, your invitation and reassurance to a guest just might be the hand of AA that they need. For me, as I'm sure for many of us here, Service has been my lifeline to our program and sweetened my sobriety in incredible ways.

Last weekend, Past Delegate Jan V and I piled in the car and made the 6 plus hour drive to Champaign, Illinois for the CDPP. We were joined by Edgar L, Alternate Delegate, Carlyle W, Past Delegate, Panel 67, Area 33, Sue F, Past Delegate, Panel 48, Area 23, and many others from the other 13 Areas in the East Central Region (ECR). The weekend had a packed agenda; it included reports from our ECR Trustee, Cathi C, and the GSO Staff Member in attendance, Kelley C, Treatment and Accessibilities Desk, as well as introductions to the many candidates for ECR Trustee and Trustee At Large. I encourage all of you to consider attending the next CDPP being hosted by Area 34 in Benton Harbor, Michigan February 13 – 15, 2026. You do not need to be a Delegate or Past Delegate to attend; it is a great opportunity to meet individuals from our region and experience service beyond the Area.

Updates and Announcements:

- The final General Service Conference (GSC) agenda and background information are still anticipated between February 17-25, 2025.
- The official AAWS podcast, "Our Primary Purpose", has launched. New episodes, ranging from 20 to 35 minutes, are released every Tuesday and are available on most streaming platforms – I highly recommend tuning in!
- The trustees' Literature Committee has openings for two (2) Appointed Committee Members (ACMs). Please let me know if you would like more information about the desired qualifications for candidates and how to receive the resume form. Resumes are due by April 15, 2025.
- The Accessibilities Resource Flyer is being updated to include experiences of neurodivergent members.

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- Edgar and I met a woman at CDPP who had great insights into making flyers more accessible to those impacted by reading impairment and color blindness. We've requested that she share her Area's resource page so we can provide this guidance to those creating flyers in our Area.
- At CDPP, our ECR Trustee was asked to provide an update on the 5th Edition Big Book. She shared that the thousands of stories that were submitted have been narrowed down to 100. She projects that the earliest the 5th Edition will be ready for Conference review would be the 76th GSC.

To anyone feeling overwhelmed or unsure of what part there is for you to play in our Third Legacy Service, please believe that AA needs you. Just as we show up in our step work and sponsorship as part of our personal recovery, I'm asking you to suit up and show up for our common welfare by joining us at the Area Assemblies, becoming informed, and sharing this information with your home group members so that our group conscience is an accurately informed conscience.

Mark your calendars to join us here at Madison High School on April 13, 2025, for the Area 33 Pre-Conference. Your participation is vital. Remember, we can pretend to care, but we can't pretend to show up!

To our Assembly "Regulars", accept our challenge and bring a guest to Assembly. I would love to be introduced to the new visitors you bring along!

May your Big Books and Service Manuals both be tattered and worn with use and love!

Cheryl B.
Delegate, Area 33, Panel 75
Trustees Committee