

Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly

There were eight people from district 11 that attended the area 21 assembly in Springfield, IL that was hosted by district 19.

Paula gave a report on her experience at the General Service Conference. It was very touching.

The sharing session was about service to alcoholics anonymous. Questions that were discussed:

- How has being of service helped reinforce your sobriety?
- Is it possible to hold a service position and still have a life?
- Setting goals for "what's next?" for you in the service structure.

Tom K. (Alt. Delegate), Paula E. (Delegate), Becky B. (Area chair) shared their experience in these roles. They gave very helpful insight on these roles and how they affect their personal and professional lives. These positions along with the other services positions require a big time commitment. Which in turn effects the personal and professional. The consensus from all three of these alcoholics, is that their lives along with their sobriety was enhanced. They stressed though the alcoholic consult their family members and pray to their higher power before taking on a service position.

In DCM college we again spoke about getting other alcoholics involved in service on the district level. It was agreed between all of us that it starts with sponsorship and that sponsors should encourage their sponsee's to get involved. The GSR workshop discussed the spirit of rotation.

I'm excited to tell you all that we put in a bid for the June 2017 area assembly and we got it. So we better get started on forming a committee so we can get plans on the venue that is going to host this assembly. Please encourage those who want be of service to get involved in this process.

Grateful to serve,
Jason K.