

Delegate's Report
Area 45 Assembly – February 18, 2007

AREA 45

Good morning everyone and thank you for your tireless service to our fellowship beyond the level of home group. Thank you also Section 4 for hosting today's assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our annual **Area 45 Mini-Conference** which will take place at Lambs Road Tudor Cathedral on Saturday, March 24, in Sewell. Please note that this is a different location than past mini-conferences due to a scheduling conflict with the church where we traditionally hold the event. Registration for Mini-Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the activities starting promptly at 9:00. The purpose of the Mini-Conference is to provide the delegate with the informed area conscience on matters that will come before the 57th General Service Conference in New York this April. Everyone who attends will be a participant and will have a vote. You need not even hold a service position to take part.

Over the past quarter your Alternate Delegate, Julie, and I have continued our visits to District meetings in the area. We have been all over South Jersey and would like to thank all of the districts for welcoming us so warmly.

Your Area 45 Panel is working feverishly on our upcoming workshop at the **Area Convention** in the spring. The Not-Even-Close-to-Being-Ready-For Prime-Time Players will once again be presenting a skit. Our modest production is called **The Wizard of Booze**, and is slated for Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Come and find out whether the "wizard" can indeed change a pickle back into a cucumber. Loosely based on *The Wizard of Oz*, the production will feature singing and dancing; a first for an Area 45 Panel workshop.

NORTHEAST REGION

The next few months will be very busy ones for the Northeast Region, of which Area 45 is a part. The last weekend of February is the **Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly** (NERAASA) in Hunt Valley, MD. Hundreds of folks from Maine to Washington, D.C. will convene to discuss in caucuses how we might improve our services to the alcoholic who still suffers.

On March 9, 10 and 11 the **Northeast Regional Delegates Conference** (NERD) will be held in Mystic, CT. This event is attended by current delegates, alternate delegates and past delegates and among other things, is a vehicle to help current delegates prepare for the upcoming General Service Conference in New York.

Then, on the weekend of June 1-3, the **Northeast Regional Forum** will be held in Lancaster, PA. The Forum is conducted by the General Service Office and is intended to be a sharing session, thus no formal actions result. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas.