

Delegate Highlights of the 65th General Service Conference
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It has indeed been an honor and privilege to serve Area 56 as your Delegate to both the sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth General Service Conferences of this great fellowship. Our conference week began with the Delegates only meeting on Saturday evening. An opportunity for the panel 64 delegates to meet and greet the 65's. The only thing I had to offer them from last year was sit down and hang on. That they were probably about to get more work done in one week than they ever have. That next Saturday would be here before they even realized Tuesday had passed them by. The actual conference started Sunday morning with roll call and it was down to business from there with Grapevine and La Vina. The Treasurer. On Wednesday we took a trip to visit the General Service Office. Then it was back to the conference where we began, worked through and finished on Friday all the full conference discussion of the committee considerations. To see so many diverse opinions on so many issues come to a consensus is an experience I won't soon forget. The most memorable for me was the agenda item that was basically resubmission of an item that failed to come out of committee last year and then failed again as floor action. That item was for the trustees literature committee to develop literature for the alcoholic who suffers with mental illness. That item that didn't make it last year passed 99 to 11. There is no way I can fit the whole week long experience in this space. If anyone would like to schedule an individual, group or district report of the whole conference agenda or just a little more about a particular item don't hesitate to contact me.

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