



March 23, 2020

Dear Members of Area 83,

This email is to provide an update of information I have received from the General Service Office (GSO) regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

The attached document (General Service Office Closure.pdf) outlines measures being taken to continue to serve the Fellowship since the closure of the office on March 20th.

I was informed by email that planning for a "virtual" General Service Conference (GSC) has been put on hold. Further information regarding the 70th GSC will be forthcoming.

Also attached is shared experience from GSO about online meetings (Options for meeting online.pdf)

I received notice that "A decision regarding the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, based on the new realities all are now facing, is imminent". This does not mean the Convention is cancelled - yet. I will share any information regarding the Convention as soon as I receive it.

The GSO website is updated as information becomes available.
https://aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus

Area 83 continues to serve the Fellowship in these uncertain times. Please do not hesitate to contact us. I would be happy to chat and can be reached at (905) 431-8633.

During these challenging times I have felt a sense of love, service, and unity throughout A.A. It has been very inspiring. We're blessed to be part of such an extraordinary Fellowship.

Be well, safe, and sober one day at a time.

Yours In Love and Service

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Attachments:

20200321 General Service Office Closure.pdf

20200321 GSO-Options for meeting online.pdf