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## H and I chair report

Thanks for all who are attending the august edition of the H and I west business meeting. Last Sunday was the Area business meeting, but it was also my one year wedding Anniversary. This weekend Lauren and I will be on vacation. I am confident that this meeting will be handled by the many faithful who are in attendance.

At our last business meeting I challenged everyone, including myself, to bring a written report in an attempt to better inform everyone. Here is mine and I hope everyone has brought their own. The biggest topic that was discussed at the area business meeting in regards to H and I is special needs. It seems the discussion was on whose responsibility is Special Needs. The answer I already knew, because at G.S.O. Special needs and treatment are associated together, so therefore in our area H and I will be responsible for special needs. The question I have is how can we take anything else on right now?

My answer came after listening to 12 district reports. Every district reported on the H and I work they were doing, but not a single report on special needs. Nobody talked about the nursing homes in their area or discussed the needs of the home bound. We as an Area committee support the district who then support their home groups. I believe this is the answer. The work needs to start at the home group. This committee will gladly support any work that is being done at the local level, but we just do not have the man – power to take on anything new.

I challenge each and every one of you to bring this to your home group and ask, “Is there a facility near us that could use the help of A.A.”

I attempted to contact the volunteer who helped us last month with the minutes. I hope she is in attendance today, and I hope everyone can encourage her help for another month. Even though Lisa P. has had to step down she has agreed to come today and give us her final BBQ report. Thanks for your service Lisa.

Again I want to thank everyone for all they do for the still suffering alcoholic.

In service,

Mike T.