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## Trustee Line for June 2010

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#### Louisville Conference

6/1/10 - 12:01 AM

Before I let anymore time slip past me I would like to thank the Louisville Conference Committee for a excellent conference. No doubt I'll leave some people out and I apologize right up front. My flight was in late Wednesday evening and Rob met me with a smile and he still had to return again after midnight to pick up another Trustee who was later than me.

The Hospitality Room was fantastic and provided the Trustees with many meals, Bill C's crew was one hard working group. Registration was also some hard workers, I had the opportunity to have dinner with Bruce and his lovely wife on Friday night. The entertainment both nights was quite a treat. The young kids were phenominal especially the little guy in the Lion Suit and the band was excellent.

The Grim Reaper was cast perfectly by Gary B. who did such a great job as the Chairman for Louisville.

The highlight for me besides avoiding a "Challenge the Chair" in the BOT meetings was listening to Gam Anon's Doris B. give the keynote speech. Listening to a heartfelt "giving up is not an option" message gives us all strength to keep moving in recovery no matter how bad it gets. Someone in the ISO workshop on Saturday suggested combining both Larry's message at the 50 th Anniversary and Doris' message at Louisville on a CD and selling them to make ISO some money. Great Idea.

The trustees dug in and managed to finish a long and tedious agenda of 114 items. I'm sure I will understand some day how everyone decides to quit their

discussion when I give up the Chair's microphone. Purely coincidence I'm sure. I would also like to thank the outgoing trustees who will not be back on the board this next term. Their service has allowed us all to move on in recovery and accomplish the business of this great fellowship .

Please register early for Tampa as it helps the conference committee accomplish its many tasks. See you all in Tampa in October.

Steve R. - Area 2B Trustee  
2nd Co-Chairman B.O.T.

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6/9/10 - 3:36 PM

I too was going to do this the minute I got home from Louisville and low and behold it's the 9th of June !

As far as conferences go I think that they are all an incredible testimony to the compassion that each area has for our fellowship.

I don't think that there is any such thing as a " bad conference"but there are small details that do set some apart from the others.

My 1st surprise was Rob sitting in the van right in front of me as I was calling him to tell him that I had arrived at the airport,what a super nice guy! My chariot awaits!! Next was meeting the other trustees for a fantastic buffet dinner and my first introduction to "Derby Pie"(definitely not my last!!) Once again chauffeured to and from.

It just continued from there....Thurs. before the lunchbreak Gary announces that there will be lunch served in the hospitality room.I'm like, you've got to be kidding me, that is so cool. It just doesn't get any better than this.....but it does ...they served lasagna for dinner in the hospitality room as well !!!!!

To be followed by the the cutest group of talented young people Friday night to Doris's touching story Sat. night and then to be served like a princess Sunday morning. Not to mention the awesome band and the time that I got to share with really great people....the list goes on.

I drank bourbon,tried a Mint Julep and loved the Hot Brown, had a late night snack 3 nights in a row! of that dam "Derby Pie", I had a wonderful time in Louisville and want to thank the folks there for all of their hard work. I appreciate your attention to the "small details"!!!!!!

Your Sister In Recovery,  
Debb W -Area 2-G

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6/11/10 - 3:44 PM

Greetings to fellow Trustees (current and past)-

First off, I too would like to extend my congratulations to ALL of the folks that put on an outstanding Conference....Gary B, Bless you for picking us up at the airport...Thanks to David T and all of the hard-working folks that could not do enough for attendees...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU.

I also love Steve R's idea to combine Larry and Doris B's speeches...two of my favorite people, as well as dynamic speakers...Not only to have a copy of their speeches, but would also help ISO to raise additional funds!!

As usual, always have such a natural high from these conferences and it was especially nice to see our GA friend, Kosta from Moscow. I also (as did the other gals from Vegas) appreciated the ride to and from a meeting on Sunday night following the conference.

Thanks again to all the folks from Louisville, Cincinnati, and Indiana that helped to put on one of the best conferences in years!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Karen L. - Past Trustee, Area 3, Las Vegas

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6/19/10 - 1:37 PM

I also would like to take a moment to thank Louisville for a great conference. I am not sure that there was anything they could possibly have been forgotten.

The hospitality rooms truly were very hospitable and everyone on the conference committee took the time to introduce themselves to the people they met.

As for the hotel, what a great venue and a super staff. I would really be remiss if I did not thank Gary B. for accepting the call to assist when no other area placed a bid for that conference. I stood there in the platform as Gary walked up and said, I think we can get this set up by tomorrow. Well true to his word the next day I had the letter from the hotel and the intergroup in hand. The unity and graciousness in the Kentucky, Indiana area is something I will never forget.

Thanks to the Trustees for their many hours of diligent work at their meeting. For me it was nice to be able to come in and out and be required to be there the whole time. While there were times when I missed it there was also times when I was glad I did not have to listen to some of what I feel was minutia.

So that being said, I have learned over the years of being in Gambler's Anonymous that compulsive gamblers have this need to speak and speak and speak and while some might think this is just my attempt at humor I would hope you all would actually think about my proposal.

If you have something that is really important to you in life I know you would do almost anything to accomplish that goal. We all surely did that when we gambled. So I think we should take the high road and charge for each item placed on the agenda. A fee of \$25.00 per item and a charge of \$1.00 per minute or portion there of to speak on any item would accomplish two things. First, it would make people think about how important is an item to them and secondly it would make them have a true desire to speak on the item if it is so important to them.

Okay enough for now thanks to all of you for being of service to this fellowship that saved my life.

My best to all,

Tom M. - Area 2, Northern California  
Past Trustee, Past Chairman Board of Trustees, Past Chairman Board of Regents

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6/22/10 - 2:12 PM

In response to Item 2 under Rules & Procedures in the Tampa rolling agenda and Tom's comment in the June Trustee Line:

I am a firm believer in the concept if you have an issue with something, don't just complain but come up with a solution. Tom has come up with a solution. His comment in the June Trustee Line was valid that "compulsive gamblers have this need to speak and speak and speak". (This is one of my defects that I will be working on the rest of my life.)

Tom's solution (and Item #2 under Rules & Procedures in the Tampa rolling agenda) is a "charge for each item placed on the agenda. A fee of \$25.00 per item and a charge of \$1.00 per minute or portion there of to speak on any item . . ." While I do agree with his logic that it would make people think about the importance of the item before they speak, I am not in favor of the proposal.

While most of us no longer have the financial struggles we had while gambling, Trustee are not all from the same walk of life. Many volunteer and pay their own way to the conferences. Having to pay to speak would burden them more. Perhaps I'm still too "green" as a Trustee, but I'd prefer to hear everyone's thoughts, than to have opinion's muffled due to funding.

What happened to the concept, that if someone has already said what you are going to say, you do not need to say it again? I challenge all the Trustees at the Tampa conference to sit down without speaking if someone else has made

your point.

Cathy K. - Area 8D, Greater St. Louis, MO

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<b>Literature Revisions</b>
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6/1/10 - 12:01 AM

Dear Fellow Trustees,

I hope all of you enjoyed the Louisville conference as much as I did. It was wonderful meeting our new Trustees and catching up with old ones. I think that, as a Board, we did a great job of getting through a very lengthy agenda.

As Literature Committee Chair, I want to remind you that you have 30 days to submit proposed changes and/or recommendations to new literature that passed the merit vote. This refers to the following agenda items:

#99 - Twenty Recovery Questions

#100 - Step Writing Exercises

Please submit your ideas to me by the deadline of June 20, 2010.

Thank you all for your participation and work in the program.

Chuck R. - Area 15, New York  
Literature Committee Chair

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