

Chair's Preview
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“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

I was in a lot of pain, and alcohol took the pain away. It slowly took away everything else. At my bottom, Alcoholics Anonymous gave me a reason to live. It gave my pain a purpose, a way to help others. General Service has kept that purpose alive for me daily, giving me the reason to wake up in the morning. Grateful is not a big enough word, and so I serve to show my love.

Panel 73 got a lot done. But more importantly, we worked well with others. We listened to each other. We took time for discussion. We looked for new ways to improve, as a group. We spent countless hours searching for ways to be more useful, more effective. We asked difficult questions as to where we could serve better, do more. We will continue to search as we move into Panel 75, but just for a moment, let’s take a breath and give thanks. For the trusted servants rotating on – thank you for all you have given and inspired in us. For the hard work we have done, the sacrifices we have made, the friendships we have created and kept, and all the growth – this has been an amazing two years. Thank you all for your efforts. Let’s remember to take time to rest, reflect, and be in gratitude for the community that holds all of us safe and teaches us joy and gives us love.

Thank you.

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