

Region Chair report to assembly - Nov, 2011

In just the last 2 weeks, I've been very busy as your Chairperson....

Many of you were at the convention, which is the highlight of our year in Region 5. Fabulous planning by the committee from Indy, and wonderful fellowship throughout the weekend. At the close of the convention, I attended the wrap-up meeting where the Indy IG handed the reins to Cleveland. The hosting IG's put a lot of hard work into each convention, but for anyone who has not hosted a convention, please know that it IS do-able. Contacting your local hotels is a very streamlined process, and as with everything else in OA, you are NOT alone.

Right after the convention, I left for Colombia to meet with the RCC at the Region 8 assembly and convention. WOW!

- warm welcome, great hospitality
- Region 8 have funded their committee chairs to assembly. This may change after hearing from the other Region Chairs (possible savings of \$8000/year)
- tent cards from each region
- butterfly release at one luncheon meeting
- struggle with languages (we are blessed in Region 5 to have one language)
- Serenity Prayer, then a candle is lit, inviting HP to be with us during the assembly
- First priority is abstinence all weekend long
- virtual attendance via skype or ooVoo (used projector and large screen)
- projector used throughout assembly, making motions very clear at all times
- committee of Bylaws and e-docs
- front table (board) were on a platform - better eye contact and communication
- Statement "I have known wisdom, and I have known kindness. Kindness is better"
- R8 website has a "Donate" button via pay pal for contributions, as well as a list of monthly contributions by group
- Spoonful of recovery (boutique item)
- 162 in attendance
- total package of convention speakers were available on a flash drive for just \$12

During the RCC meeting, a show of hands indicated a 100% turnover - which is very rare. As a result, it was decided that I will remain the chair of the RCC until September of next year, rather than having our elections in May. This will allow the newer members to observe all of the duties of the chair prior to the change of officers on this committee.

Respectfully yours in OA service,
Bonnie