



### Chair Report for Assembly – March 2015

I hope this report finds you healthy, warm, and blessed today. We've only had a few inches of snow in Indianapolis this season, which is a gift. Even more wonderful are the recent sunny days...spring is not far away (I hope!).

A bit of feedback for you...we had the Region Chairs as guests at our November Assembly. The words "laid back", "relaxed", "safe", "welcomed", "honest", and "caring" were used to describe their experience with us. We opened our hearts and homes to these ladies, sharing wonderful Region 5 hospitality with them. It was nice to hear this from our visitors...it just confirms what we already do for each other without a second thought. **THANK YOU REGION 5!**

We have a new Webmaster and most importantly, a new website! We were fortunate to contract with Rob L, who maintains the Region 7 site, as our new Webmaster. He's done a terrific job getting our new site up and running in less than a month. I hope you've found it easy to navigate and full of useful information. We will continue to add content, as well as providing for online convention & assembly registration in the near future. Stay tuned! *(If you haven't visited our website recently, why not? Your feedback is welcome...pass your comments on to any Board member.)*

We also welcome Judy Reynolds, PRP, in March as our Guest Parliamentarian. She comes highly-recommended and is very excited to work with us. She's already provided invaluable input on my assembly materials, and she's looking forward to working closely with the Bylaws Committee. We have a Guest Parliamentarian scheduled for the July Assembly. After that, with your input the Board will make a decision on a long-term offer.

I'm excited about our upcoming 2015 Convention in September in Schaumburg, IL. The Committee has put together a great approach/program around the "Transformation" theme; the Board has been honored to preview materials. Haven't we all been "transformed" in one way or another, whether we've been in OA 2 weeks or 20 years? How awesome to think about it! Stay tuned for more updates, flyers, registration information, etc. in the coming weeks.

Will you consider running for Region Board? We will be electing a Vice Chair and Secretary in November 2015. Qualifications are listed in your Bylaws – Article VI, Section A. Please take a moment to read these and see if you meet the requirements. Then talk with your sponsor, pray about it...without service, there is no Region 5 Fellowship. HP will qualify the called! *If not you, then who? If not now, then when?*

Since November, I spoke at an IDEA Day workshop for Madison Area Intergroup; I have another speaking opportunity planned for March.

The Region Chairs Committee is working on the Forum to be presented at World Service Business Conference (WSBC) April 27-May 2 in Albuquerque. We are also working on 2015 Strategic Plan tasks. A busy group with lots of activity right now!

Region 5 had an Intergroup close recently – Southwest Ontario (serving the Windsor area). The good news is that most/all of the groups affiliated with Greater Detroit Intergroup. Linda J, Region 5 Trustee and I continue working to establish connections with unaffiliated groups and Intergroups where we can. A few WI groups affiliated with a Region 4 Intergroup; a few Region 4 groups affiliated with Central IL Intergroup. It doesn't matter where the affiliation happens; we just want all groups to be "a part of".

Please continue to pray for those who face health/life/family/abstinence challenges in our Region...collectively our prayers strengthen each other and our Fellowship.

*Thank you family...for the opportunity to serve God (my HP) and our fellows in this trusted servant role...I am very blessed by you. ☺*

Denise O.  
Region 5 Chair