



### **Chair Report for Assembly – March 2018**

I am learning so much as the Chair of Region 5! I want so much to be a good trusted servant. One of the biggest blessings for me has been working with others as we seek to spread the message of recovery in OA. As people in recovery, we have learned that helping others and giving service helps us more than we could have imagined.

I spoke at a Body Image workshop on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event was sponsored by Suburban North Intergroup. There were three speakers and two really creative and interesting group activities.

The World Service Business Conference is swiftly approaching. This year it will be held April 23-28, a bit earlier than usual. I hope that your Intergroup has made plans to send a delegate this year. For me, serving as a delegate has been life-changing. I love the time spent with our fellows from around the world. The Region Chairs Committee (RCC) is preparing to present the Forum for the 2018 World Service Business Conference. The theme for 2018 is “Growing Recovery Worldwide” and the RCC is working on using this theme to create a meaningful Forum experience for the delegates. I am also on a sub-committee of the RCC and we are working on recording the speakers from the 2017 Forum and creating podcasts that will be posted on the OA.org website.

At the March Assembly we will once again join together as the Committee of the Whole to brainstorm ideas to serve our fellowship and make a plan to implement the ideas that are chosen. Please be thinking about what would make a difference in your area and come to the Assembly ready to share your ideas.

This year the Region 5 Convention – Living in the Solution - will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day weekend. Thank you so much to the Convention Committee for all your planning and work as you prepare for the Convention. I’m thankful to be able to attend the Convention planning committee meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you all share the information about this wonderful recovery event with your meetings. Flyers are already available, and online registration is up and running on the Region 5 website!

**RECOVERY IS ALIVE IN REGION 5!**

CJ M.  
Region 5 Chair  
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