



Chair Report for Assembly – October 2018

Thank you so much to the Central Indiana Intergroup for hosting the 2018 Region 5 Convention – Living in the Solution on Labor Day weekend! The weekend was filled with wonderful speakers and events and so much RECOVERY! The convention committee put in a lot of time and effort and an extra dose of creativity into planning the convention and their excellent service to this fellowship really shone through! Personally, I was delighted to meet so many new people and I look forward to seeing some of them at the Fall Assembly and the dancing was great fun too! The proverbial torch has been passed to the Milwaukee Area Intergroup for the 2019 Convention – Ride the A Train – on September 27th through September 29, 2019 – SAVE THE DATE and share the information with others!

I remember with great fondness when all ten members of the Region Chairs Committee attended our Fall Assembly in 2014. At the July Assembly that year, the Chair asked for volunteers who would be willing to host the Region 9 Chair who was coming in from Israel and the Region 10 Chair who was coming in from New Zealand. Anyone who has ever heard my story, knows of my love and affection for all things New Zealand. I remember shooting my hand up into the air like a 5-year-old thinking (and possibly saying out loud) PICK ME! PICK ME! I was honored to host Letitia from New Zealand and Gerri hosted Susan from Israel. The four of us met for dinner after we picked Letitia and Susan up from the airport and we had a wonderful time together and enjoyed our weekend at the Assembly with them also. I bring this up for this report because I am looking forward to my second Region Chairs Committee (RCC) meeting with many of the members of the RCC in Pomona, California for the Region 2 Fall Assembly at the beginning of November. Last year we met in Denver, Colorado for the Region 3 Assembly which was immediately followed by the Region 3 Convention over the weekend. That was an amazing experience and I have no doubt that this year the Region 2 Assembly in California will also be another memorable and joyous recovery experience. We Region Chairs learn so much as we experience how the business of OA is handled in other Regions. We also have the joy of making new connections with members of the fellowship in the Regions we visit. The kindness and hospitality of members of this fellowship are unrivaled! I am excited to bring back experience, strength and hope from our Region 2 family and the RCC.

By the time we meet for Assembly, we will have completed our first workshop created by the Intergroup to Intergroup subcommittee. The workshop will be held in Lansing, Michigan on October 7th. The workshop information is on the Region 5 website and ALL are welcome to attend. We are hoping for a great turn out and a lot of positive and encouraging interaction among all of the attendees. Together we get better.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Assembly this October! Think about inviting a friend from one of your meetings to attend your Intergroup meeting with you. Visitors are always welcome at the Assembly also. We love to have visitors!

REMINDER – Please take some time to look at the website for your Intergroup or a nearby Intergroup and the Region 5 website – Region5OA.org. There is a lot of information there to share with the fellowship.

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