

Each One Reach One Committee Report – November 2019

The Each One Reach One committee has been very busy since the Spring Assembly. We met fairly regularly (when I didn't mess it up), with the goal of developing a program on Carrying the Message that we could present at the Region 5 Convention in Milwaukee. The convention committee graciously provides us time in the program to do a presentation and we were very excited for the opportunity.

During the ensuing months, we reviewed the materials on carrying the message that are available on the OA.org website and decided that we would like to demonstrate carrying the message to different types of people outside of OA that we as OAs might encounter during our regular lives. We know that a lot of members are shy about, or even scared of, sharing the message with non-OA members, yet we know that to keep the program healthy and enhance our own recoveries, it is essential that we take opportunities presented to us to share the joy of recovery.

We eventually chose three scenarios to act out during the session and members of the subcommittee prepared their scripts, or outlines of them. In some cases, they enlisted OAs who weren't part of the subcommittee to play a role in performing. The skits were imaginative, serious and often humorous. Scenarios presented were; a parent talking about OA with an adult child; talking to a stranger on a plane about OA; and a conversation between an OA member and their doctor. They did an amazing job! Several people spoke during the sharing time allotted and talked about the successes or concerns in carrying the message. I'd say the Each One Reach One subcommittee knocked it out of the park and if only one attendee is emboldened to carry the message, it was a smashing success.

At the November Assembly, we will have to determine what to do next to further the goal of each one reaching one and carrying the message. I am so looking forward to what we'll come up with next.

Yours in service,

Steve