

## Convention Committee Fall 2024 Assembly Report

*WELCOME HOME: Many Symptoms, One Solution*

Greetings all!

The first in-person since 2019 Region 5 Convention was a hit! So much fellowship, inspiration, reunion, wellness and hope. All of our committees worked tirelessly to welcome our Region Family home. We used the characters from L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" to help us portray *Many Symptoms, One Solution* and to follow that 12 Step road to recovery. Our Decorations Committee beautifully created decorated homes as centerpieces for our banquet tables and Oz themed signs for our breakout rooms. Our Greeters wore yellow sashes decorated with a little house and carried baskets filled with affirmations that they handed out to attendees as they entered each meeting room. In addition, some of our greeters volunteered to be Ambassadors and made themselves available to those who may have been overwhelmed, alone, discouraged, or just needed a friend. The Hospitality Room was decorated with a Yellow Brick Road backdrop and affirmations posters. Our Marketplace was titled "Emerald City Pot of Gold" and lived up to the name. And who can forget the catchy Oz and Wiz related titles of our breakout sessions by our Program Committee.

Registration seemed to flow smoothly with pre-registration, walk-in registration, speaker sign-in, and volunteer sign in. There was a great group of committed dancers at the dance party presented to you by our wonderful entertainment committee. The final committee reports, along with suggestions for improvements, will be included in the thumbnail to be passed on to future convention hosting intergroups.

As Chairperson I am relieved to say there were no major problems or "fires" to put out. I am forever grateful for the 2024 Convention Committee and the sub-committees and the commitment each person gave. I can't say enough about this OA family.

Thank you for the support of the Region 5 Board. Special thanks to Convention Vice Chair Pam P., you are a beautiful inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing you.

It was an honor to Chair this event.

Yours in loving service,

Marilyn D., 2024 Region 5 Convention Chair