

Chair Report for the 5th Annual Assemble 2014

Good morning I have been in service now for 3 years the first year as a GSR, then by my surprise I was asked to be the Vice Chair [this is what happens when you miss an Assemble, then my last year as the Chair when I took over for Luanne who lead for a 2 year term moving the Region forward. I would like to thank each and everyone for coming today and for the countless hours of service you give freely to Nar-Anon Midwest Region. We would not be here today, without everyone's help. Our mission statement is The Nar-Anon Family groups are worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone addiction. As our 12 step program we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength and hope.

Thought for today 'If I mind my own business and work on improving my self-control, I will be an example for others around me, possibly even someone I care about. Today, I am neither a controller nor a controlee.

The past year we have struggled with Unity as a Region .We must learn to set our personal issues aside it is not I but we that we need to focus on to continue to grow as a Region. By putting our personal beliefs aside we can than grow for our self's and the Region. Where destruction is the motive, unity is dangerous. For example, if I have evil intent and I galvanize that evil intent with many others, the capacity to destroy is immense. Where goodness is the motive, unity is phenomenal and actually has some good issues to it.

Over the past year we have had 11 new groups join the Region this most ever in our 5th year we started with 9 groups, and set to have 3 more before the months end. We have sent 2 delegates to the WSC our donations are down and now more than ever we need the help of our groups to keep the Region alive. When a group comes aboard we send out literature to them to start their new group so they can reach out to New Comers' and help to spread the word of strength and hope and to let them know they are not alone.

We have tried to work on the things the GSR felt most important survey results, getting agenda to you in a timely manner passing on information you have requested. We have tried to keep you all informed as quickly as possible to make sure that when bring issues to you so the groups could stay informed. Sometimes we have failed to do this but not because we didn't try but because life happens. This past year we were down members on the RSC, I tried as the Chair to keep things going to the best of my ability some days harder than others. Know that the RSC listens and do to the best of our abilities we gave it all we had.