

## Alternate Delegate Assembly Report – Oct 6-8, 2017

Can you believe it? This is our last Assembly for Panel 55! I think we have had a great 3 years and have accomplished so much!

Friday night at 8:30 we will again hold our GR Orientation. If you have new GR's just coming into this position at the end of the Panel, or you happen to be bringing incoming GR's for Panel 58, please encourage them to attend.

Sunday morning at 9:45 we will hold our last Red Light Green Light for this Panel. The questions have been posted on the website.

All during this weekend you are invited to bring your submissions to *The Forum*, concerning "service" and put them into the bucket at *The Forum* display table. Please be sure your writing is attached to a Writing Guideline paper and your personal information is filled out. I will send them all together to the World Service Office the following week.

As I look back over the three years of this Panel and reflect on three areas that have been part of my responsible to organize, (GR Orientation, Red Light Green Light and *The Forum* Coordinator), I am so grateful for all the help and *participation* I have received to pull these off.

- Each time we do GR Orientation, I have asked for a couple of DR's to volunteer to help me and share their experience, strength and hope with new GR's. In fact, this time I didn't even have to ask. I had 2 members come up to me and ask if they could help with new GR Orientation!! I also had some of the Officers helping with GR Orientation! So much *participation*!
- When it comes to RLGL, there is a huge amount of *participation*! It starts with DR's bringing questions to AWSC and that *participation* has increased during this panel. The DR with that assignment, helps pick the three questions we will use. Once the questions are picked, 3 DR's volunteer their District to research a question. They then go to their District and ask for volunteers to research and present that information at Assembly. Some Districts have had as many as 3 different members doing research. During the RLGL, the District with that assignment has 2 volunteers handling the timing and ringing of the bell and after research is presented on each question we have member *participation* as they share their experience, strength and hope on a particular subject. Then at the end, there is CLAPPING, with everyone's *participation*!
- As *The Forum* Coordination at the beginning of this Panel, it was my responsibility to make sure you were informed of the WSO's decision to no longer give complimentary issues to each group. It took much *participation* from DR's, AISL's and GR's to get that information to the groups and to get their *Forum* ordered. You've done a great job!  
When it comes to Writing Workshops, the *participation* has been incredible!! I've had so much help! Pat A, Literature Coordinator and Nick R's *participation* made Writing Workshops FUN and SUCCESSFUL!! It took a DR to ask us to come, then dates had to be agreed on, someone would volunteer to organize it for the District, there were venues to be secured, flyers made, food prepared...so much *participation*! And then, there is the *participation* of members who actually showed up to write!! As we worked together, we have been given the great privilege of *participation* in helping produce *The Forum*!! Without member *participation*, *The Forum* would not exist!!

Can you see what I mean? It takes a village! It takes a lot of *participation*! I have watched and have been amazed as Concept 4 has certainly been realized in these 3 areas, from the eyes of this Alternate Delegate! From the heart of this Alternate Delegate, I am truly grateful!! Thank you all for your *participation*!

Thank you for the huge privilege of serving as your Alternate Delegate. I am so grateful to have been a *participant* of Panel 55, to serve as an Officer of Area 9 and to have been a member of the Board of NFA AFG, Inc. It has truly been a learning experience. I am so grateful to the other officers on Panel 55, for their patience with me and their willingness to help me all along the way!

*Participation is the key to harmony.*

Jill O., Alternate Delegate

