

REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

Since our Assembly in September I have participated in two workshops. The first was in Crystal Lake hosted by the Flying Geese. This was a 4 hour event and had a diverse format, including round-robin tables, presentations, and a skit. The round-robin tables allowed attendees to ask questions of the various trusted servants who were in attendance. I think this was a good way to ask questions rather than in a larger forum where people can get kind of shy. The second workshop was in Lake Zurich, and hosted by both Districts 21 & 28. This was a simple 2 hour workshop with two panels, one presentation and an ask-it-basket.

In both cases I think there was a fair amount of the choir present. As has often been said, we get new people in ones, and twos, and threes, not in great droves. Since there were a few new people at each event, I would call them successful. If someone can tell me why people don't show up if you use the word service in a workshop title..... I think we should start a subterfuge by using another word or phrase. Like maybe *carrying the message* ;-)

I also attended the meeting hosted by the Finance Committee to discuss the Primary Purpose Register for 2014. This was chaired by our current Alternate Treasurer Janet Nelson who managed to scramble and find a new location at the last minute. Well done Janet! Plus you ran a good meeting and we have lively discussion about the various Basic and Motion items.

I will be making a visit to District 41 on Sunday. I get to talk about one of my favorite topics... Service! I don't know how anyone can resist when they see how enthusiastic I am =D

I have started my preparations to rotate into Panel 64 Delegate. I have received e-mails from about 30 currently seated Delegates from around the US and Canada. What an experience already. And in keeping with it's a small world, Area 46 New Mexico's Delegate got sober in Lake County and lived just up the road from me at the time. It truly is a wonderful fellowship and sometimes people are friends I just haven't met yet... or in this case, old neighbors.

I've also begun to talk with Kelly on how we might best serve the Area together in her role as Alternate Delegate. Unfortunately for her, I won't have much literature to hand off, as the Districts have been happy to have a few extra pieces to hand out to their GSRs when I bring pamphlets.

I look forward to seeing you on

Saturday! Service? WooHoo!

Respectfully submitted,

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