

**Alternate Delegate Report
Area 9 Assembly October 5-7, 2018**

Welcome First of all to our new GR's here for their first assembly. I ask District Representatives to encourage your new GR's to attend Friday's GR Orientation. They will be provided with information and support that will help them, as they serve their groups in their new positions. If for any reason they cannot go to Friday's orientation, they can go to the Alternate Delegate Alcove and review the Power Point Presentation.

I will also be introducing the GR's to their responsibility as Forum Coordinators for their groups. As the Alternate Delegate, I will support all by challenging each of you to help our members understand how THE FORUM CAN BE RELEVANT to RECOVERY! To do that, it is vital to make the forum more visible and put it to use in the fellowship by: encouraging members to make the Forum part of their personal recovery and to use sharing's from the magazine as topics for meetings, to help generate lively discussions. I believe the Forum can impact new members. I strongly recommend groups to subscribe to the Forum for fresh information each month.

Also, GR's need to be aware of their abilities to make motions and provide seconds to the motions on issues that will be voted on during the assembly. Motion forms can be found at the officers table, in front of the Alternate Delegate's seating position. After filling out the motion form, complete with a second, the form must be returned to the same basket. Each motion will be checked to see if it meets the following criteria, as applicable: What, Who, Where, When and How Much. Then it will be passed along to the Area Chairperson.

THE FORUM

I encourage you to check out the poster board display that will be at our assembly. It will showcase articles written by Area 9 members. In July 2018 we had articles written and published in the Forum by members from our area: Gretchen S, Julie B, Karlyn P, and Caroline V. At Saturday lunch on Assembly weekend, Terry Ann and I will do a writing workshop from 12:45 to 1:45 PM in the Chamberlain room. We hope to see you there.

We will be presenting our research to the Red Light/Green Light questions on Sunday. Please email all research on the questions to me by the morning of Friday October 5th. I will need to get it prepared for posting.

Our 2018 Convention was a success. I went to several workshops and spread the news about The Forum writing workshop.

In conclusion, I want to welcome all new GR's to their first assembly. I hope you will enjoy an extraordinary experience that allows you to further your growth in the program. Remember to keep it simple and have an open mind. Thank you for being willing to embark into service at the Area level. It is an amazing opportunity. If you feel lost, you are not alone. Together we will find the wisdom to serve and grow together, in whatever way our Higher Powers see fit.