

Sharing Area Highlights: 2016

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Highlights:

In the spirit of Al-Anon's Concept 4, we encouraged all GRs to bring one or more Al-Anon friends with them to the Assembly. Groups were asked to send their GR with a \$5 per group registration fee – a change from our past practice of charging a per person registration fee. We adopted the theme "Service is Fun" for our Spring Assembly. In addition to my WSC report, I hosted a "Service Manual Quiz" and we did a skit emphasizing the importance of groups supporting the Area both financially and by participating in service. Our primary fundraiser each year is our Fall Workshop. In 2016, we were looking at having to cancel this event due to the lack of a Workshop Committee Chairperson. With only a month to go before the Workshop date, a member came to the Fall Assembly and volunteered to be the Workshop Committee Chair AND he already had a planning committee in place. Thanks to the enormous efforts of this team of dedicated members, we had a very successful workshop.

Concerns:

Our biggest concern continues to be unfilled Area positions. We began 2016 with 3 vacant positions plus one coordinator who volunteered to continue in his position until a replacement stepped up (which didn't happen). We filled 2 of those vacancies at the Fall Assembly, but during the several months between assemblies, 3 additional positions were vacated. Therefore, we went into the Fall Assembly with 4 vacant positions and 3 additional positions up for election based on our staggered terms schedule. At the Fall Assembly we filled 2 of those positions and subsequently have filled one more. Unfortunately, since the Fall Assembly we have had two resignations, currently leaving us with 6 vacant positions.