

To: CJI
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 RE: Fall 2015 Assembly Report

From Friday, September 25th to Sunday, September 27th, I had the privilege to represent Central Jersey Intergroup at the Fall Assembly. Below are the highlights of the sessions that I attended.

On Friday night, the Intergroup Renewal Committee hosted a 'Meet & Greet'. The topic was 'What challenges is your Intergroup dealing with and what are solutions'. We listed the challenges our intergroups were facing and solution to those challenges. Some of the challenges/solutions discussed, that I felt could be beneficial to CJI, were:

Challenges	Solutions
How do we get our members interested in serving at the intergroup level?	Hold a 'Benefits of Service' workshop
Not enough available sponsors	Sponsorship workshop, Abstinence workshop, and an available sponsor list.
Low group attendance	Commitment to the program/abstinence
Financial Issues	Increase 'Suggested donation', commitment to recovery (attraction not promotion)
Lack of minorities, men and young people	OA pamphlets

At the Saturday Morning session, I received an OA pamphlet 'Twelve stepping a problem'. I believe this pamphlet would make a great workshop. Step 1 reads 'I admit I'm powerless over (the issues). How does this make my life unmanageable?' Step 2 reads 'Do I believe a power greater than myself can restore me to sanity? Yes or No. If no, why not? What would recovery look like in relation to this problem?' There is one for each step.

I reviewed Region 7's finances. In short, Region 7 had \$14,350 more expenses than income from Oct 1, 2014 to Sept 24, 2015.

I am on the Convention Committee. Here is a brief update on what's going on in that committee:

- The 2015 convention will be in Gettysburg PA from November 13th-15th.
- We finalized many of the details including who is leading most of the workshops (I'm on the Sponsorship panel).
- Details regarding sound system and food service were ironed out.
- Registration to the convention is down. At the time of Assembly, we had 90 people registered. Last year at about the same point in time, we had 158 people registered.

- We discussed how to improve registration. Ideas discussed were to bring it to our intergroups, Flyers showing the workshops will be distributed, reminders will be posted on the region 7 email loop.
- We elected a new Committee Chair, Leslie F.
- The site for next year's convention was chosen, Rehobeth Beach Delaware. The theme will be "Navigating Through Recovery".

Ginny was reelected Vice-Chair. Motions for World are due 2/8/2016 for next Assembly, which will be in Gettysburg PA. I'm looking forward to it.