

2016 Region 7 Fall Assembly

It was again a pleasure to serve as a CJI region rep. for the 2016 R7 Fall Assembly. The assembly was held at a new location, Turf Valley Resort & Spa in Ellicott City, Maryland and was a beautiful setting for this assembly. Region 7, in addition to New Jersey includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC. Currently Region 7 represents 497 groups, including 40 which are unaffiliated, sadly down from the last assembly; 43 total voting members attended and 16 of the 21 Intergroups in Region 7 were represented as it appears we have lost 3 intergroups and they are in the process of being decertified. Total voting members increased from the 36 that attended the 2016 Spring Assembly which is a very positive sign. I would like to add that Region 7 also hosted at this time the Region Chairs meeting and the majority of our Region Chairs attended and we were given the opportunity to have these chairs speak during the weekend and share their experience, strength and hope.

As usual for the last few assemblies there was one business session on Saturday, lasting 3 hours. The Saturday session consisted of board reports, announcements and unfinished and new business. We resumed the tradition of utilizing the consent agenda and motions E,F,I,J, and K were included and adopted. Six additional policy motions were adopted including one setting a procedure for the intergroups to apply and receive funds for outreach and one which simplified voting procedures at region. Board elections were also held and it my pleasure to announce that CJI's Ginny S was elected as Region 7 Chair; Claudia B. as Corresponding Secretary; George C for a second term as Treasurer; Terri B. was appointed by the Board as interim Vice Chair and Grace V. appointed as interim Recording Secretary. Karen B was affirmed by vote to be a candidate for Region 7 Trustee and will be presented at the 2017 WSBC for vote. The second business session was held on Sunday and unfinished business was concluded. Additionally committee reports as well as a workshop where additional Region Chairs shared. were

held The session concluded with a farewell to those rotating out and a green dot (newcomers) graduation. Sadly we also bid good bye two term Region 7 Chair, Amy L. who was rotating out.

As last assembly, I attended the Intergroup Renewal Committee and took part in the very successful “Meet N’ Greet” on Friday. This was well attended and served as a sharing of ideas and getting to know each another event. We broke up into several tables and a member of the committee would remain constant as the table attendees changed per topic. Topics included “What’s Going on at Intergroup”; “How Do You Handle Birthdays and Holidays” and “What Does Your Intergroup Do to Maintain or Generate Interest”. Each member took the notes, compiled them and sent them to the committee secretary for future distribution. Officers remained the same as last Assembly and are as follows: Stacey D. as Chair; Adira R. as Vice Chair and Ruth H. as Secretary. At this time we do not know who are board liaison will be. We intended to give copies of the Services, Traditions and Concept Manuals to all voting members but were only able to get the 15 that were in stock. Manuals were given to committee members and region chairs. We applied for a budget of \$1000. and will use it to purchase these manuals for all the intergroups and will be distributed at the next assembly or mailed to those intergroups not attending. We will request another “Meet N’ Greet” session for next assembly as well as a flyer to be included in the future Pre-Assembly Packet. Our next conference call meeting will be on Jan. 17, 2017

Sadly after 9 assemblies, one assembly as an alternate and the remaining as a two term region rep., I will be rotating out and happily give the opportunity to others to serve and represent Central Jersey Intergroup at assembly. Again, I thank the Intergroup for giving me this opportunity to perform service at this level and look forward to continue serving this Intergroup in other ways.

Respectfully submitted, Ross M.