

Region 9's Twelfth-Step-Within

"Ideas that Work"

Type of Project: Important OA Dates

Project Name: Region 9 Week (1st week in September)

Project Goal: To understand that we are not alone - that we have other countries close by to us with OA members similar to ourselves, speaking different languages.

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Resources Needed (budget, volunteers, materials, etc.): No cost involved, just need computers/laptops.

Implementation Process (including length of time for planning and implementation): We had a speakers meeting celebrating Region 9 Week, where we had 3 different speakers through Skype. OA members from 3 different countries in Region 9 were contacted through email and agreed to speak on a given day. It was suggested, to the 3 speakers, what to talk about. A specific hour was given to each speaker with the amount of time for each speaker. Everyone knew the skype addresses ahead of time. As the speaker spoke, it was translated for the OA members in Israel, from English to Hebrew. In Israel, we saw and heard each speaker, and the speakers saw us, too. In between each speaker, there were some fun, OA activities, and even questions to the speakers. We "tried" to read some prayers from each of the countries represented, and then tried to guess which prayer it was (serenity prayer; responsibility pledge...).

Additional Comments (including things of which to be mindful): Many people were not hooked up to Skype, therefore, many who were approached to be a speaker, were not able to give that service. Also, a good idea is to make sure you have more activities, or another speaker, on hand, in case the connection doesn't work out with a planned speaker.

Results: Fun and excitement. To see and hear OA members from other countries in Region 9 added more meaning to the phrase "We Are Not Alone!"