

Region 9 Assembly & Convention ... October 28 - November 1, 2015

This year we had R9's A&C in France. The French National Service Board was busy pre-planning, and they showed great concern for all of us R9 Representatives and visitors. It was terrific.

The assembly took place from Wednesday, October 28, till Friday, October 30. We had R9 Representatives coming from England; Netherlands; Denmark; Italy; Greece; Ireland; Hungary; Belgium; Israel; South Africa; Sweden; France; Iceland; Russia; Germany; and Scotland. We had visitors from France; Spain; Poland; Ireland; Switzerland; Italy; Egypt; and England.

Each Representative had a chance to share about their Service Body's triumphs and/or difficulties. We had a fun ice breaker - a way to get to know each other a bit more. We had readings on Working All 12 Steps, and Trivia - both with prizes. We also got to hear the Serenity Prayer in so many languages - always an amazing thing to hear.

We had some of the usual tasks at hand during the Assembly - service position elections; motions (a detailed explanation of the motions which were covered at the Assembly will be included in the minutes of the R9 A&C); 2 budget approvals (2015 - 2016 & 2016 - 2017); workshops (Abstinence, Translations, Tradition 7); and tradition 7 items to sell (luggage tags, card cases, and magnets). We had 2 raffles - more fund raising for R9. Also, some OA Literature in English were sold. We voted on who would be R9's delegates to WSBC 2016 with funding from R9 (representing R9 as a whole) - 3 delegates in total.

Service Positions for 2015-2016 :

- Francene, England - R9 Chair
- Mette, Denmark - R9 Secretary
- Úna, Ireland - R9 Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair
- Stella, England - R9 Trustee
- Sandra, Scotland - Banker
- Perline, France - Webmaster
- Holly, England - Twelfth Step Within Committee Chair
- Miranda, Greece- Literature & Translations Com Chair
- Meike, Netherlands - Bylaws Committee Chair
- David, Israel - Public Information Committee Chair
- Chryssa, Greece - Newsletter Coordinator

I'd like to thank, again, those who held service positions in R9 and who are not continuing - Aileen, Elena, Belle, Catherine, Esti, Irenne.

Our hosting country for R9 A&C 2016 will be the Netherlands. Interest in hosting the 2017 came from 3 Service Bodies - Iceland, South Africa, and DDOA.

This year was my 4th and final year as Region 9 Chair, and I must say, this was the most easy-going Assembly for me. I finally understood the job (ha ha)!

The convention was lovely - many topics and many speakers. Some topics included were - 12 Spiritual Principles in my Life; Slogan and Tools of Recovery; Recovery According to the Big Book; and 12th Step & 12th Tradition - Carrying the Message and Respect of Anonymity.

I want to thank all those who made Region 9 Assembly & Convention 2015 in France a terrific event. To thank those who have finished their service positions and those who have taken on a new service position within Region 9.

Especially, I want to thank all of you for the support I have received, as Region 9 Chair. For the encouragement, compliments, cheerleading which I received from you over the last 4 years. I am grateful that I was able to do this service, and I don't plan to waste my enthusiasm for our Fellowship and to carry the message - I have already begun spreading the word in my Service Body.

With Love
Susan