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Dear Region 9 OA Fellows,

INVITATION TO OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

Region 9 is pleased to provide you with information regarding the upcoming
Region 9 Assembly and Convention:

The Netherlands - Wednesday, October 26th – Friday, October 28th, 2016

The **R9 Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention** hosted by the Dutch Intergroup.
You will find information for each following.

R9 Business Assembly FIRST:

The **Assembly** takes place over 2 days (Wed 17 :00 – Friday 17 :00). The Assembly, involves the 'business' portion of 'carrying the message' within Region 9. R9 Service Bodies (IG's, NSB's, LSBs) are asked to send their elected Representative(s) to participate in the business of R9 for this assembly. Assembly representatives are also asked to make a commitment to R9 service the following year. We realise not all service bodies are able to attend, but we hope your service body will consider this valuable service.

The business conducted includes:

- Reports as to the year's R9 service work (Board, Officers, Committees, Trustee)
- Committee meetings where goals and tasks are set for carrying the message in R9 (Literature & Translations, 12th Step Within, Public Information, Electronic Communications, Bylaws & Finance)
- Elections of Officers for the coming year
- Deliberation with group conscience on Business motions regarding R9 Bylaws and Policy Manual
- R9 Budget proposal discussion and adoption of budgets
- Information from WSBC, and other OA Service Bodies
- Workshops, presentations, discussions

R9 service bodies benefit from participating as their representatives:

- Gain experience, strength, and hope from the fellowship
- Bring important OA information back to the service body
- Exchange ideas and learn about ways service bodies can carry the message locally
- Develop a network of support
- Learn about service responsibilities

With the R9 committed service work carried on through out the following year by the representatives through R9 committees, we find that together we can carry the message of recovery in Region 9.

The organizing committee will do their best to ensure that your representative feels at home. We expect that you as a representative will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and service which enriches your recovery program while you help with much needed service for OA.

You will find the information about registering and attending the Assembly in October contained here. If anything is unclear or you need more information, please let us know.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

Please note that you will need to register for the Assembly by **August 11th, 2016**.

***IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Our R9 Secretary will confirm your registration information by email. You will then be sent instructions for making payment of the registration fee to R9. Specific details are on the registration form attached.

R9 Recovery Convention FOLLOWS the assembly:

The Convention follows the assembly starting Friday October 28th – Sunday October 30th. Over these two days, this recovery portion provides **wonderful OA meetings, workshops, speakers, and various sessions to enhance your OA program**. The Theme of the Convention this year is "Together We Can." Many Representative choose to also attend the convention, where they are joined by local OA's and other from throughout Region 9 (and sometime from other areas of the world.) Details for registering for the convention follow.

NOTE: All OA's are welcome to attend the convention. OA Visitors are welcome at the assembly but only designated R9 Representatives participate in the business meetings. Visitors are also welcome to serve on R9 Committees.

PROPOSING BYLAWS OR POLICY MANUAL CHANGES:

If your service body would like to propose any bylaw or policy amendments, or other business motion regarding OA Region 9, these proposals must reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike, Email - bylaws@oaregion9.org **before July 26, 2016** (at least 90 days prior to the Assembly). See the attached motion form to be submitted.

SERVICE TO OA REGION 9

Giving service to OA Region 9 is vital to our continuing existence. We will be holding elections for the position of Treasurer (2 year term), Secretary (1 year term), Bylaws Committee Chair (2 year term). Other than the positions mentioned - all other service positions for Region 9 are filled and are 'mid stream' of their service term.

You will find information with the qualifications for these officer positions and the method of application attached. Please consider these positions and discuss it with your service body/sponsor prior to attending the Assembly.

HOSTING OF FUTURE REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION

The Region 9 Assembly this year will hear and vote on bids for both the 2017 & the 2018 Assembly & Convention. Each year we hope to hear and vote on the Assembly two years in advance. All bids should include the probable date(s) of the Assembly, information about the venue (costs of lodging & meals), travel (closest airport/s and any additional travel to the venue), plus any other pertinent information. Please encourage your service body to consider hosting these upcoming Region 9 Assemblies so that we can make the best decisions for our Region and make these plans in advance. Details for consideration and planning procedures for hosting IG's are found in our R9 policy manual. Please contact Isabella R9 Secretary secretary@oaregion9.org if you need a copy.

On behalf of the Region 9 Board, I am please to invite you to the 2016 R9 Assembly and Convention. We look forward to your participation.

Francene Allen
Region 9 Chair

OA's Responsibility Pledge: Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this, I am responsible.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND CORRESPONDING ATTACHMENTS

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING FOR ASSEMBLY

To attend the **Region 9 Assembly** representatives will need to:

Register with the Region 9 Secretary for the Assembly: [FORM 1 Assembly Registration](#) (submit by August 11th 2016). This form also includes information for you to determine how many representatives can be sent to represent your service body.

Book Hotel Accommodation with meals included: [FORM 2 Hotel & Convention Reg](#)

Organise & Book Travel Arrangements: [Form 3 Dutch IG Invitation](#)

This form provides additional travel beyond flights.

Note: Travel is usually cheaper if booked well in advance.

2. SERVICE BODIES:

If your service body is unable to attend – please complete and return:

[Form 4 SB unable to attend](#)

R9 Representatives please read and be aware of the R9 Rep Job Description from the R9 policy manual: [Form 5 Rep. Job Description](#).

3. INSTRUCTION FOR REGISTERING FOR CONVENTION

Register with the Dutch Intergroup for the Convention: [Form 3 Dutch IG Invitation](#)

Book Hotel and meal Accommodation: [Form 2 Hotel & Convention Reg](#)

Organise & Book Travel Arrangements

4. HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND R9 ASSEMBLY

You will find attached an application form for financial assistance, Form 6 Rep Assistance Application, which is to be submitted to our Treasurer, Una via Email: treasurer@oaregion9.org by **June 26th, 2016**.

It is important that those service bodies requiring assistance return the application form in time so that we are able to provide financial help.

The Region 9 Board will give you an answer by July 26th, 2016. The Treasurer will liaise with you regarding disbursement of funds if your service body is funded. You will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the money. **If for any reason your funded SB's representative is unable to attend – all funds must be reimbursed to R9 immediately.**

5. PROPOSING BUSINESS MOTIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

Please note the following extract from our OA Region 9 Bylaws concerning any proposals to amend those bylaws:

Proposed amendments should be submitted to the Region 9 Bylaws Committee at least ninety days (July 26 17, 2016) before the Region 9 Assembly.

Those service bodies or committees wishing to propose any business motions shall use the attached motion form, Form 7 Draft Motion. If you have any questions, please contact Meike bylaws@oaregion9.org

6. R9 BOARD APPLICATION

Please refer to Form 8 Board Application, which also includes a job description of the board positions. We will be electing officers for R9 Treasurer (2 year term) and R9 Secretary (2 year term).

7. R9 WSBC DELEGATE APPLICATION

Would you be interested in representing Region 9 at The World Service Business Conference? If you would like to apply for the chance to have this amazing service opportunity please fill in the application form attached, Form 9 WSBC Application.

Delegates will be selected at the Region 9 Assembly.
Send your application to Treasurer@oaregion9.org