

## Chair Report Spring 2018

As I began service as your Area 5 chair in January of 2016 I was hopeful and grateful for where this job might lead me. As I sat out in the audience for many years as a DR and GR I simply tried to “keep up” with all that was going on around me through the various panels I attended. All I had to do was simply show up, have an open heart and mind, and let things happen. Opportunities to learn and grow were all around me if I was willing to take the first step of action and make myself available.

I knew that through service I would have more and more opportunities, if I would simply trust the God of my understanding, and be willing to let him show me the way. Forever remembering, progress not perfection! I also learned that I was not alone, I had so very many people ready, willing, and able to help if only I would ask. They would share Experience, Strength, and Hope freely through their words and actions. This program is simply the most amazing fellowship and no matter where this last year leads me I just want to say thank you for all that each and every one of you do to keep us thriving in Colorado! I am so very grateful for this opportunity to serve with you.

I have just completed the tentative agenda for our Spring Assembly. With this being an election year for our next panel we will be spending much of our time together sharing with our various Officers and Coordinators their experiences while performing their duties. My hope is that we will give all members the opportunities to serve in areas that you may be interested in. By giving you a detailed description of the various jobs, from those that currently serve in the various positions, this will give you a clear idea of what each job entails. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions you may have as we work our way through this year. You never know when or where your journey may take you! *The updated descriptions will be sent out shortly for your review.*

I am working my way through two Task Force charges that will go to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) for their consideration. Likely we will be bringing several items to our upcoming Spring Assembly floor for your discussions and votes. We began with many questions that spurred our Thought and Task forces and with your hard work we have but a few left that we will continue to discuss. *“Members need access to all the information about the issue, they need clarity in what their discussions hope to accomplish, and they trust each other’s motives and capabilities. Committee decisions take time, but it is in that time necessary to hear from all members who want to participate that a group conscience evolves”*[Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017 page 69].

I am preparing to attend the **43rd Annual Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting: March 9-11**, Whitney Peak Hotel, Reno, Nevada. I can’t wait to spend time observing our Delegates at work and spending time with the other Chairs in our Southwest Region sharing their ESH.

**2018 Assemblies:** I have begun all of the agendas and look forward to seeing you all at:

**Spring Assembly: March 2-4, 2018**, in Colorado Springs Doubletree Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. [1-719-576-8900](tel:1-719-576-8900) use "Spring Assembly 2018" when you make your reservation. Hosted by District 16, contact: DR Brook H.

**Summer Assembly: July 13-15, 2018**, Ute Event Center, 132 E. 4th Street, Rifle, CO 81650. More hotel and general information will follow, hosted by District 02, DR John K. **\*\*please note this assembly will be done apart from AA**, it was necessary, as Colorado Mountain College simply could not hold all of us in one place.

**Winter (Election) Assembly: November 2-4**, Doubletree in the Denver Tech Center, 7801 E. Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. More hotel and general information will follow, hosted by District 15, Contact DR Christy B.

*Looking forward to all that will be revealed in our last year as Panel 56 and hope this year brings love and light your way!*

In Grateful Service,  
Bev H., Area 5 Chair, Panel 56