

Hello members of Area 5,

Wow can you believe Panel 56 is fast approaching the halfway mark? It seems like yesterday we were beginning our journey and I was writing my first agenda. I find myself in awe of all that is underway and open to all that is yet to be revealed.

We as an area have so very many upcoming events and I am excited to see and hear from all of you hard at work to make these events successful. You rock area 5! Along with the events there are many of you working in various capacities, all with a commonality of volunteering, to simply give of your experience strength and hope through service. This program is such an amazing gift that simply keeps on giving. I would simply like to **thank all of you** for your hard work to keep Al-anon thriving in the state of Colorado and the unity you are showing through all of your enthusiasm and service.

This is always a special time when I speak to all of the Task and Thought Force chairs, many Coordinators, Officers and others as we discuss the status of various items and take time to consider the time needed during our assembly to present your findings. Keeping in mind that all of the Forces that are currently in progress all begin with ask it basket questions, the need to update out of date items that affect our membership, and sometimes the need to take a look at new challenges as they present themselves. There are no emergencies in Al-anon and we will simply allow the forces to present their findings back to the body they originated and carefully consider the recommendations.

Our upcoming Assemblies and their locations-

Summer- July 14-16, 2017 *Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose Colorado, 81401 contact District 3 Karis H.*

Winter-November 17-19, 2017 *The Barn, 420 S. 14th St., Burlington, CO 80807*

Spring- March 2-4, 2018 *Doubletree by Hilton, Colorado Springs, CO District 16 contact Brook H.*

We had a recent Area World Service Conference (AWSC) call and we worked through our agenda on various topics. So very many points of view were exchanged as each member was given time to share and I learned so much about your needs and wants. We had a large group of participation and I look forward to our next call on June 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm. If you were not able to attend the call please refer to the minutes that were recently sent out.

On a personal note:

Our three Legacies are forever on my mind: Recovery through the Steps, Unity through the Traditions, and Service through the Concepts, the basic foundation for our program. I know I am a work in progress and although I struggle at times I have a soft place to land when I find myself feeling vulnerable. I go to a meeting, call a sponsor, and get out my literature and things get back into the proper perspective. This is a unique opportunity and I am grateful to have an opportunity to serve as your chair.

I am looking forward to attending our summer assembly, as Montrose in the spring is just such a wonderful place. I find that when we hold assemblies in these beautiful settings it brings an inner peace to me.

In grateful loving service,
Area 5 Chair
Bev H.