

Winter 2016

Greetings Colorado! Wow it seems so hard to believe that we as a fellowship have just completed our first year together as Panel 56. In this first year of service I find that I began this journey with the help of so many before me and never have to feel I am alone in my thoughts and actions. The loving God of my understanding, my service sponsors, my sponsor, and the loving members of our area are always there so I never walk alone. I find the tattered pages of my service manual and all of our literature to be of such comfort as I work my way through the questions and concerns that come my way as I serve as your chair.

I am so very humbled by all the activity our first year has generated and just simply want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to service in our area. We have moved many of our Work Groups, Thought Forces, and Task Forces forward and I again encourage you to serve by reaching out to the various chairs by referring back to the Fall Butterfly for those addresses. My plan is to tap the brake, take the time needed to digest each of the forces, and slow things down a bit as many items reach their conclusions through your votes. I realize that the list was daunting but we are well on our way in completing many of the conversations and moving the business forward because of all the hard work and cooperation.

Here is a quick update and snapshot of the items I am working on today.

Weekend In Al-Anon- WIA- October 6-8, 2017. I am close to getting a contract and will review it and keep you informed as things progress. It will be held at Glacier View Ranch, 8748 Overland Road, Ward, CO 80481.

Our upcoming Assemblies and their locations-

Spring- March 17-19, Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, Co.

Summer- July 14-16, Montrose Pavilion, Montrose, Co.

Winter-November 10-12, Burlington Colorado.

The full information will be supplied by the various host districts.

I am completing my agenda and will be submitting it to our Butterfly coordinator for submission. Please note it is a tentative agenda and is subject to change.

Preparing to attend, The **Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting** SWRDM, March **10-12, Ramada Plaza Hotel-10 E. 120th Ave, Northglenn, CO 80223.** And the **Meet the Board 2017 or 2017 Road Trip**, October 17, 2017, Raddison Hotel, 3155 Vaughn Way, Aurora, Co. Both of these activities welcome any and all members of Colorado to attend and will be a great opportunity for each of you to learn and grow by participating.

I have been having so very many great conversations as of late with members serving as officers, coordinators, DR's, GR's and members at large and find myself reflecting on my own personal growth in service. The feelings I have as I have conversations and work with members is simply indescribable. I honestly never saw myself serving in this position but find that with each and every day the love of this program grows in me one day at a time, *in ways I never imagined.* It is truly a gift that keeps on giving through service.

In Love and Gratitude for this opportunity to serve,
AFG, Area 5 Chair,
Bev H.