

## **Subject: Service workshop.... Links of Service**

Dear DOLS, Back in the ice age I was asked to give a workshop on service. I thought - oh gee - why not have fun doing it? This is how it worked out for those of you interested.

### **Material:**

- 1). Small white paper plates with fluted edges - at least 4.
- 2). Blue narrow crepe paper.
- 3). Small pieces of paper-small enough to staple or paste to the back of the paper plates.
- 4). Blue crepe paper ribbons to attach to the bottom of each plate. Can put our logo sticker on the face of the plate and the title of the trusted servant.
- 5). Large safety pins, or some way for the plate to be attached and worn, if desired.
- 6). Our logo stickers
- 7). Large ball of blue yarn

Write small notes on each paper to be put on back of each plate: to explain the duties of the member, GR, DR and Delegate.

Now - with the ball of yarn in hand select someone to be the Member - give him/her the badge and ask that they read out loud the "duties" of the member, giving part of the yarn to him/her and be sure to say: "This is the communication line - do not drop it!"

Then explain that this member has turned into all the members of a group - it is time to elect a Group Rep.

The member picks another to be the GR, handing him/her part of the yarn - while still holding onto part of the yarn.

Give the GR badge to this member, and ask to read out loud the duties written on the back of the badge.

Next - explain that this GR has turned into all the groups in the district, and it is time to elect the district rep.

He/she selects someone to be the DR, hands part of the yarn, while still holding onto the yarn.

Then go back to the GR explain that the GR has turned into all the groups in the area - it is time to elect the delegate. The GR selects someone to be the delegate - gives part of the yarn, while still holding onto it.

Give the "delegate" the delegate badge and ask her/him to read the message on the back of the plate.

The trick is to have these participants hold onto the yarn because this is the communication line - it will be criss-crossed all over.

Time for the delegate to go to the World Service Conference taking the yarn with her. She/he meets all the other delegates in the conference, and the World Service Office Staff - picks up information/material to bring back to the area of DRs and GRs. She may roll the yarn up as she goes to the GR and DRs.

If there are enough people at the workshop - this can be expanded to include all the area officers and coordinators - which is really fun.

We did this at an assembly in 1982- and had so much fun! There was lots of laughter as the yarn went up and around the tables and chairs. Before we began our next meeting after lunch, an Alateen member came in to ask if we could please keep the noise down!!

This is just the basic idea for that workshop...it may be varied in any manner.

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