

Area 61 TEAM Event Report

Spring Assembly

May 18, 2013

Area 61 TEAM Host Committee Chair, Rhonda P.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our first Area 61 TEAM Event a huge success! TEAM Wisconsin – Recovery was held December 1 – 2, 2012 at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It is hard to believe that 26 – 1/2 months passed from when I raised my hand to volunteer for the Task Force at the 2010 Fall Assembly to the actual event – but who is counting!

This successful TEAM event could not have happened without my wonderful committee members first on the TEAM Task Force, and then on the TEAM Host Committee. It truly was a Wisconsin effort as the Host Committee included Al-Anon members from Districts 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 20, 21 and 25. Committee members and other volunteers included those who were involved in Area service at the time, and those who were not.

I was honored to work with such a fabulous WSO TEAM Task Force, so much so that one is now my sponsor! The WSO Task Force included Claire R., Associate Director of Communications - Professionals for the WSO; Mary Ann R., Chairperson of the WSO Executive Committee; and Tina B., WSO Trustee at Large.

The TEAM Event included personal sharings of WSO members and presentations on the following topics: AFG the Fellowship and AFG the Organization, Giving – Your Spiritual Link to Gratitude: Al-Anon World Service in Action, Trustee Search, Attraction versus Promotion, Conflict Resolution, Responsibility to Service, and a very popular workshop on Diversity put together by our own Cheryl A. – now a Past Delegate!

More than 100 people attended TEAM Wisconsin – Recovery. Spanish speaking members attended and we had translation services available. Financially, the Area realized a net gain of \$367.50.

As your past TEAM Host Committee Chair, I am hopeful that we will now look at holding Area Conferences, perhaps alternating with a future TEAM Event. Claire told me that some Areas are already planning their second TEAM events. My recommendation is to take the \$367 net gain from TEAM Wisconsin – Recovery and put it aside as a line item in the budget for a future conference – seed money for the next event.

With love in service,

Rhonda P.