

OHIO AREA CONVENTION 2022 STEPPING INTO THE LEGACIES

I am so excited to report that we were finally able to hold an in-person convention this year. Since we didn't start to plan as early as we wanted to the date we had to choose coincided with Founders Day. I wish we could have avoided this conflict as I think we may have had more attendees. The OAC was held June 10, 11, and 12 at the Findlay Inn and Convention Center in Findlay Ohio. I had the privilege of co-chairing this event with Robin R and the most amazing people stepped forward to chair the many committees it takes to make an event like this happen.

Our hard-working registration committee, chaired by Vicky W, reported 98 people attended, traveling from all over the state of Ohio and Michigan. Many lodged at the very pleasant and accommodating Findlay Inn. This facility is a hidden gem. It's locally owned and managed. Our meeting rooms were so pleasant and met all our needs. Sleeping rooms were recently updated and were comfortable and inviting. I didn't hear one complaint about the food, which was amazing. Our banquet was held Saturday night and was well attended.

Terry N and her committee put together a perfect program even though a few of the planned events were actually not what she originally planned. I'm grateful to have learned about Plan B, C etc!! Our higher power was definitely the one in control. The theme was Stepping Into the Legacies. Friday night we opened with an AA/Al-Anon lead by Sally and Tom S. that truly inspired and made us eager to continue exploring our amazing legacies.

Saturday started bright and early with a workshop presented by Sandra and Stephen F. The topic was using the legacies in our relationship with our spouse/significant other. This workshop was followed by a panel and skit on sponsorship presented by our friends from Fremont Ohio.

The hospitality room was a very friendly and relaxing room to gather and enjoy a light lunch or some snacks during the day. Kristin B. and her committee did a great job.

Our afternoon was filled with a Round Robin organized by Diane N and her ladies from the Findlay area. Jane S hosted a lively, competitive crowd as she tested our knowledge on the steps, traditions and concepts of service. I heard lots of laughing coming from them.

Nancy S and Betty did a phenomenal job in the Ways and Means room. There were Al-Anon/Al-Ateen literature and small items for sale. Many groups from the area provided baskets filled with lots of goodies for us to raffle. What a lot of fun we had ending our day Saturday with the raffle. The hospitality room donations and ways and means profits helped defray the costs of the convention.

Dinner was enjoyed in the very comfortable atrium with a run on the dessert table for the chocolate mousse!! After dinner we gathered to hear our speakers, Mary Jo G and her son Conner. Our hearts were filled with gratitude for our wonderful fellowship and its legacies as they shared their journeys.

Even though our days were long, Friday and Saturday nights found a group of folks who had a great time playing dominoes.

Sunday morning we wrapped up our weekend with a very stirring spiritual closing by Jan M.

Irene B and Tamara H designed our printed and electronic documents. Their creativity and professionalism really shone. Robin R has kept track of all the financial transactions and expenses. Chris E is our secretary and has done a wonderful job of providing minutes and scheduling our meetings. This weekend would not have happened without all these great people who provide their service generously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Cassidy