

## RD Report for December 2002

Greetings Family,

As I reported at the meeting Sunday morning, I apologize for not having a written report available at the time of the meeting. Since the September meeting I had a workshop to research and put together for the Unity Campout, Group Guidelines to update and print out, A Southern Zonal Forum meeting in Evansville to attend, Compilation of the Workshops/Brainstorming sessions we did at the RSC in September, life stuff, and going to meetings. Therefore, I managed to prove that I am human and cannot always accomplish everything. I managed to just finish the compilation of the material on Saturday morning; it still needed to be typed up after the Regional Service Committee meeting. The compilation (in report form to be sent to NAWS) and the report from the November Southern Zonal Forum will follow in separate documents after this smaller, initial report.

I would also like to revisit some discussions that took place at, and after, the last Regional Service Committee meetings in September concerning our RD Alternate. The first thing I would like to bring up is that my report that I gave was in detail, as you know. Our alternate felt that a written report from him was not needed. If you read your regional Guidelines (if you don't have a set borrow someone's) on page 6, you will notice that it is not required for the RD Alternate to give a report. Our format simply calls for a report from the RD and/or Alternate. Some people were under the misconception that he had to have a report. Our RD Alternate did report that he did sleep during part of the meetings. To add some light to this, let me help in explaining. Our RD Alternate was working nights. By the time he arrived in Indiana, he did not have a chance for much sleep. He did attend most of the sessions. He did, however, have to take a nap to be able to be more effective. I would like to remind everyone this is the first meeting, like this, he has had to attend.

The commitment for the position of Regional Delegate Alternate is not an easy undertaking. It requires training and the willingness to learn. The position of RD Alternate is a major learning experience. This is not a position that can be learned in one day. Baptism by Fire is not a fun way to learn any service position, especially one that can be quite demanding and time consuming. Some of us have been there and wouldn't want to wish it on anyone else. We need to give our RD Alternate the chance to learn the job, before we expect him to be proficient at it.

I would like to thank all of you who showed up at the Regional Unity Campout who attended the workshop on Frameworks for Regional Assemblies. I will be attaching a copy of that presentation to this report for those of you who did not attend. Thanks again for allowing me to be of service.

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