

Report of 2012 Conventions 2012

Region V

As this is my first attempt at complete a convention report to send to all Federations in the Region, I'm not quite certain of the best way to describe the conventions to everyone's satisfaction. I do hope you will share this with all of your officers and I thought it might be constructive to Host Chapters for next year's convention where they might get a few great ideas.

My only comment is to be certain you work with what you have in space management, don't overload the banquets with too much to make the evening get long where people are tired, don't schedule me to speak at lunches or banquets, and attempt to have some little dessert at each meal. It doesn't have to be much, but something is appreciated. Because of the age and physical disabilities or many members, buffets are very difficult. Sit down lunches and dinners are much better.

I think I'll just begin where my first convention of 2012 began –

MISSOURI – Thursday through Saturday, April 19 through April 21

When you send your “Registration to the Convention the conference registration fees are as follows:

Registration Fee (When You DO NOT Have Confirmed Hotel Reservations).....	\$50.00
Registration Fee (When You Do HAVE Confirmed Hotel Reservations)	\$45.00
Fun Night	\$50.00
Closing Banquet	\$50.00

This was the only convention that had the registration form available interactive on the Missouri website.

The pre-convention Executive Board Meeting was held from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the first day of the convention. All members of the EB are preregistered so they had copies of the programs and officers reports for review for any needed correction of schedule prior to the convention.

The program book is a half fold book containing the convention program; advertisements; and a booster list.

Tables were set up for Alzheimer's silent auction and PAC donations in the room with other vendors. The table for the Alzheimer's Quilt and 50/50 drawing were set up in the hallway with the Registration tables.

The Federations President Hospitality reception began at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with drinks and appetizers trays.

Friday, April 20 - At 9:00 a.m. the convention program began with Legislative matters this year being a person from Missouri Futures which dealt with the tax free status of the annuities. Linda Kurz discussed the proposed revision to the National Bylaws. Committee meetings were held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Lunch was on your own.

At 1:00 p.m., the convention was called to order by the Convention Host. Following the preliminaries; the Federation President accepted the gavel for the remainder of the convention.

The Federation Secretary called the roll of the Executive Board introducing each by chapter and location.

Keynote address from National Headquarters given at 2:00 p.m. with afternoon break scheduled at 2:40 to 2:55 p.m.

Exhibitors were introduced by the Convention Chair with each given 5 minutes to discuss why they were in attendance and give door prizes if any at this time.

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 the Alzheimer's Reports and Awards were given. The Alzheimer's chair held a silent auction and a raffle was held for a quilt during the convention. That auction and raffle brought in donations of \$894.

District Caucuses were held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. a cash bar was open with the fun night dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment was the "Muny Kids" which was a group of 20 children from ages of about 6 years old to 16 years old dancing and singing to Movie and Broadway hits. Great show!

Saturday, April 21 - The convention was reconvened by the Federation President at 8:30 a.m.

Region V Vice President's address given from 8:35 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Recognition of Past National President, Federation Presidents and Committee Reports. I did not see a lot of PAC donation activity however the PAC chairman did report \$705 in donations. The time and place committee reported that the 2013 convention will be held in Poplar Bluff on April 27th – 20th, 2013.

Memorial service was given at 1:00 p.m. with reading of chapters with number of deaths in each – Joe Loshe an 89 year old CS veteran sang a beautiful rendition of "In the Garden" and all participated in reading Psalm 23.

Following the final credential report, candidates addressed the convention and election was completed. Unfinished and New Business was completed by 3:00 p.m. Training workshops followed until 4:00 p.m.

A cash bar began serving at 6:00 a.m. with the accompaniment of a Classical Guitarist. The banquet began at 7:00 p.m. Installation of Officers, drawing for the Alzheimer's Quilt, the 50/50 drawing was held during the banquet.

Any awards were given during the committee reports during the convention.

Missouri holds quarterly Executive Board Meetings with their next EB meeting July 26, 2012.

KANSAS – Sunday through Tuesday, April 22-24, 2012

Registration Fee	\$20.00
Sunday Night Dinner (Determined By Host Chapter) 2012 Buffet	\$16.00
Monday Noon Lunch (Plated Lunch – Sandwich, Salad and Dessert)	\$18.00
Monday Night Banquet (Choice of Pork or Chicken)	\$26.00

A pre-convention executive board meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

The program book was a half fold book containing the program, advertisements with the three back pages containing a map with the layout of the hotel rooms where meetings were to be held; a table giving each area with eligible delegates at large, delegates and alternates delegates for voting purposes; and credential reports for members to list the credentials reports as given for the preliminary, second report, and final report.

The Legislative session began at 1:00 a.m. with reports and presentations made by the Federal, State and PAC Federation Chairs. At 2:00 p.m. a forum was held with Federal and State legislative aides.

Committee meetings are held from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. with a Sunday evening dinner held at 5:30 p.m.

The Convention was officially called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Federation President with all preliminary official duties carried out. The Federation President introduced each member of the EB with title and chapter affiliation. All other dignitaries are officially introduced.

The Region V Alzheimer's Chair made her Region report to the convention. The Kansas Alzheimer's Chair gave her report to the convention and explained rules and objectives of the Live and Silent Auction. The live auction began at 7:30 and was limited to approximately one hour. The silent auction ended approximately 5 minutes following End-of-Day business meeting on Monday.

Monday, April 23 - The Monday business session began at 8:30 a.m. including the Preliminary Credential Report, Reading of the Rules of the Convention, Address by the National Officer (whether in person or by SKYPE), address by the Region V Vice Chairperson, Federation Officer reports, the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Treasurer Reports. Following a break, reports are given by the Area Vice Presidents.

The Kansas Alzheimer's chair gave the final report on results of the Live Alzheimer's Auction. The PAC chairman reported on preliminary PAC donations and encouraged everyone to stop by the PAC table.

A sit down luncheon is served for all members who chose to stay for the noon luncheon.

The Memorial Service is held immediately following lunch. The Memorial Chair gave the initial prayer and reading of a poem. The Area Vice Presidents read the names of each deceased member from their area as a carnation is placed in a vase with lighted candles burning.

The Bylaws and General Resolutions reports were completed with voting on any proposed amendments.

Area caucuses were held with election of new Area Vice Presidents. The Federation 1st Vice President collected the results of this election and makes the report.

Vendors are introduced with any door prize drawings.

At 5:15 all Federation Officers for the next year gather for Official Photograph. Social hour began at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. The entertainment this year was performed by RoJean Loucks, Harpist. The Federation drawing for the Federation raffle was held. Prizes are divided between three winners with first prize being \$250; second prize \$100; and third prize \$50. Installation of new officers was done by the Region V Vice President. Federation President; Regional; and National awards are presented. The host chapter recognized the members hosting the convention.

Tuesday, April 24 - The Tuesday session began at 8:30 a.m. with the Final Credentials report, Final PAC report with a total of \$2,587, Membership with Awards report; and final Alzheimer's auction reports and awards for Alzheimer's projects for the year. Final report was given for the Live Auction \$3,400, Silent Auction \$2,822 for a total of \$6,222.

The time and place report is made with the introduction to the next years host chapter who presented their welcome to the convention.

The convention closes by 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The post convention EB meeting is held immediately following the close of the convention.

The next Executive Board Meeting to be held 2 days June 1 and June 2 in McPherson, Kansas for business and training; with a fall EB meeting to be held October 13, in Overland Park, Kansas.

NORTH DAKOTA – Wednesday through Friday - May 2 and 4th

Pre Registration Fee \$ 10
Banquet (Choice of Baked Walleye or Stuffed Chicken Breast) \$ 21

The pre-convention EB meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2nd.

The program book was a half-fold book containing the program and some advertising.

Thursday, May 3 - The convention general session convened at 10:00 a.m. with a Recruiting Membership presentation slide show by the Federation membership chair. The Federation President discussed the Revised Bylaws revision – eNAFE and other topics. Introduction was made of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and GEHA representatives.

A past Federation Presidents luncheon was held which included the visitor from Headquarters and the Region V Vice President. Lunch for delegates and members was on their own.

Each chapter brought baskets to be auctioned for the Alzheimer’s program; and, buckets, sacks, jars and about any other receptacle which would carry pennies for Alzheimer’s. 428 pounds of pennies had been collected which totaled \$848.78.

The convention was convened at 1:00 p.m. called to order by the Host Chapter. Following preliminary opening ceremonies, the gavel was turned over the Federation President who introduced the Officers of North Dakota by name and position.

The President introduced the Regional Director from Senator Conrad’s office who read a letter from the Senator; the Regional Director from Congressman Rick Berg’s office; and, the Regional Director from Congressman Hoeven’s office.

The President recognized the Parliamentarian and asked for the preliminary credentials report.

The keynote speaker was National President Joe Beaudoin.

Remarks were made by the Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative and the GEHA representative.

The Memorial Service was held.

The convention adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to begin preparations for the banquet. Social cash bar began at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Following the banquet music was provided by Maury Finney on the saxophone and Gary Emerson at the keyboard. These two were absolutely wonderful – both have written many tunes and been recorded together and individually. Dr. Robert Boyd, educator from the college spoke on “ND – the Peculiar Rectangle” which was absolutely riveting. Awards, recognitions and announcements were made. The final report on Alzheimer’s was given with \$1,616 dollars on the silent auction and 428 pounds of pennies for Alzheimer’s.

Friday, May 4 - On Friday, following opening ceremonies, the Region V Vice President gave her report of happenings from Legislative and Headquarters. New business was discussed and tabled until next year. Officers were elected and installed.

The Post convention board meeting was held immediately following the closing of convention.

The next Executive Board meeting was set for 2 days for business and training to be held October 9th and 10th in Carrington, North Dakota.

NEBRASKA – Sunday through Tuesday, May 6th through 8th, 2012

Registration Fee	\$25
Lunch (Salad, Sandwich, Fruit)	\$18
Banquet (Choice of Beef Bordelaise \$23 or Chicken Breast \$25)	\$25

The pre-convention Executive Board meeting was held on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m. All Executive Board members were pre-registered so they had the program material for the EB meeting.

Both a half fold program book which contained all of the program schedule and a full page book containing all of the officer reports was furnished each attendee.

Monday – May 7th – Committee meetings were held beginning at 8:00 a.m. with a break provided by GEHA at 9:00 a.m.

The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the host chapter President.

State Senator Scott Price was in attendance and addressed the convention for approximately 30 minutes. His discussion mirrored mainly on the proposal to submit a bill that would take annuities into a non taxable status. Even with the Budget deficits, it is his believe that this should be pursued at this time.

The gavel was passed to Federation President Kendall Oerter who introduced Executive Board members and special guests. The regular business session was held with the preliminary credential report, reading of the convention standing rules, minutes of the previous meeting, and the Federation PAC Report. Because the book of reports had been handed out to each delegate as they registered, the President ask for questions – having none the reports were approved as submitted.

AT 11:00 – Clayton Freeman, Omaha CEO of the Alzheimer’s Association Midlands Chapter addressed the meeting. Mr. Freeman was not aware of the work we do with Alzheimer’s and was very impressed with not only the dedication of our organization but also the good our work was doing in connection with his needs. This was a very interesting program and Mr. Freeman was going to write a column relating to his attendance at the convention and the work we are doing.

Following lunch; door prize drawings were held – the Second credentials report was given. Time was given for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and GEHA representative to give short talks with drawing for prizes.

The address from Headquarters was given by Region VP Carol R. Ek, Region V Vice President.

If the committee chairman had any additions to add to their printed reports, they were given time during this period. The audit committee, time and place committee, nomination committee and Bylaws and Resolutions committee did file additional reports.

Bonnie Tabler, President from Chapter 144, Omaha, gave a history of their chapter as host chapter. Their chapter was celebrating their 60 year anniversary. Carol Ek and Kendal Oerter presented Bonnie with a Certificate of Award signed by National President Joe Beaudoin.

This session recessed at 4:30 to attend the cash bar and banquet at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment for the banquet was “The Dancing Grannies” which should be on everyone’s list for entertainment. The youngest lady was 71 and the oldest 79. They danced to Broadway tunes in short white tuxes. It was great and they looked to be 40.

Tuesday, May 8th – The convention was called to order. The final credential report was filed. At 8:35 the District Caucuses were held. At 8:45 the Memorial Service was held.

At 9:15 the election of officers was held with installation following this election. The new President presented her acceptance speech. Following retirement of colors, the convention was adjourned.

Nebraska includes a booster list of contributors to the success of their convention

The post-convention Executive Board meeting was held immediately following the convention. The EB set their next EB meeting for October 5, 2012 in Grand Island, Nebraska

IOWA – Wednesday through Friday, May 9th through May 11th

Registration Fee	\$21.00
President’s Reception	\$10.00
Luncheon	\$12.00
Banquet	\$17.00

The Iowa convention begins with a Pre-Convention Seminar from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At 3:00 to 3:30 an Alzheimer’s Workshop is held.

The Federation Executive Board meeting began at 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The program book for the Iowa convention is a full page very colorful edition which includes the convention program, convention standing chair appointments, all delegates and alternates, chapter federation presidents and secretaries, past federation conventions, past federations presidents, past federation secretaries, and host convention committees.

The Presidents Reception began at 5:30 with a potato/salad bar. Region V President gave a short talk with Greetings from Headquarters. The program was given by Betty Nielsen, Freedom Quilts, who with her husband and family have made over 2,000 quilts to give and deliver to 9/11 victims and veterans. These quilts have spread out to spouses, fathers, mothers, and children of those

lost. The quilts are absolutely beautiful and she has a wonderful story to tell. The time her family spends in doing this is unbelievable.

Thursday, May 10th – The formal convention began at 8:30 a.m. with the call to order presided by Larry E. Moore, Federation President. Following the formal opening ceremonies, welcome to Storm Lake was given by the Resort Convention Coordinator and Mayor Jon Kruse.

Representatives from the offices of Senator Charles Grassley; Senator Tom Harkin; and Representative for Congressman Steve King were in attendance for the Legislative forum.

Carol Ek, Region V Vice President gave her greeting from Headquarters and National Report.

The Host Chapter President gave opening remarks followed by the Federation response. The memorial service was presented – all deceased members names were printed in the program book – only chapter number and number of deaths were read. Following roll call a quorum was determined to conduct business. The preliminary credential report was given. Rules of the convention were adopted as printed in the book and the program was adopted. The Treasurers Report, Budget & Finance Report, and Audit Report were approved. Officer's reports and Chair reports were approved.

State Representative, Gary Worthan, spoke regarding the Iowa budget followed by a luncheon.

Following lunch, the Alzheimer's joint Federation Chairs presented the Alzheimer's Certificates of Achievements. The ladies held a silent basket auction and a 50/50 drawing to gain donations for Alzheimer's research.

Following recognition of Past Federation Presidents the business meeting recessed for holding of District Caucuses.

The business meeting reconvened to announce election results.

The business meeting recessed for members to attend cash bar and banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program was presented by approximately 20 men and women from the area dubbed "Touch of Broadway". Dressed appropriately (tuxes and beautiful dresses) the group performed approximately 1 hour signing Broadway hits. Wonderful program!

Prizes for the Alzheimer's raffle and door prizes followed.

Friday, May 11 – The final credential report was given, resolutions given, and a report of invitation given to the 2013 convention which is being held at the Meskawaki Convention Center, Tama, Iowa.

Installation of new officers was completed by Region V Vice President Carol R. Ek.

The executive board meeting was held immediately following the closing of the convention with a 2 day training and business meeting to be held July 9th and 10th in Tama, Iowa with the regular EB meeting to be held October 2, 2012, in Tama, Iowa.

SOUTH DAKOTA – Monday through Wednesday, May 14 through May 16

Registration includes Banquet, Noon Lunch and Coffee Breaks \$55.00

The program book is a half-fold book which includes the convention program, South Dakota Federation Officers with titles, South Dakota chapters with President and Secretary, list of deceased members. Reports of officers are reproduced and handed out to each delegate.

Monday, May 14 – The Federation Pre-Convention meeting was held from 10:30 to 12:00 a.m. Committee meetings were held during the day ending basically at 2:30. From 2:30 p.m. to 5:15 the Alzheimer’s Region VP gave her presentation, Carol Ek, Region VP run an OAM workshop and showed the video made by the National Officers.

Dinner was on your own.

The convention convened at 7:00 p.m. with the Federation President presiding. The basic preliminary call to convention program was completed. The Federation President introduced the Chapter Presidents with their banners; and, special guests.

The convention recessed for the evening.

Tuesday, May 15 – The convention was called to order by the Federation President, Bernie Christner with the traditional opening. The Memorial Service was held by reading of the Chapters and total members deceased whose names have been printed in the program book. The President asked all first time attendees to stand and introduce themselves. The preliminary credential report was read and approved determining a quorum present. Standing rules of the convention were approved.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. the Legislative program began with reports from the Legislative Chair and PAC Chair.

A SKYPE presentation from Headquarters included visits with Richard Thissen, Elaine Hughes, Bridget Boel, Jennifer Klement, and Paul Carew.

Maeve King, past Regional Director for Senator Tom Daschle, began with a very good presentation on meeting your Congressman. In attendance were Regional Directors for Senator Thume, Senator Johnson, and Christie Noem. Questions and answers followed.

Following lunch business reconvened with reports from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and GEHA representatives. Past Federation Presidents were recognized. Report from headquarters was given by Carol Ek, Region V Vice President. Committee reports were approved as written with questions taken before approval. The nominating committee gave their report for election of Federation Officers. As no officers were contested and all answered with a yes to serve; a vote of affirmation was taken. Elected officers were announced. The convention was recessed for the banquet to begin with cash bar at 6:00 p.m.

During the banquet the recognition of the Host Chapter was made. Federation President’s Awards were given. Chapter 810, Hot Springs was presented with a 50 year anniversary award by

Region V Vice President Ek. Elected officers were installed by Vice President Ek. Drawing was held for the 50/50 Federation drawing and Silent Auction winners were announced.

Wednesday, May 16 – The final Credential Report was given.

District caucuses were held with election of District VP's. These elected officers were installed by Region V Vice President Ek.

Unfinished Business; New Business followed with the usual closing of retirement of colors and the meeting was adjourned.

The Post Convention Executive Board Meeting followed the convention. The Executive Board set the date for the District 2 meeting in Watertown, SD, for September 20 and the Executive Board meeting to be held in Pierre, SD on September 21 (Central Standard Time).

MINNESOTA, Tuesday through Thursday, May 22 through May 24

Minnesota is the only Federation who contracts with the hotel to handle their registrations so the original of the convention form is sent to the hotel with a \$75 deposit and the other two copies are sent to the Federation Secretary. If you stay 2 nights – it includes Dinner Tuesday, Lunch Wednesday and the Banquet Wednesday. (Continental breakfast was included to hotel guests) That cost was \$249.07 for single occupancy or \$166.29 per person for double occupancy. If you stayed 3 nights included was Dinner Tuesday, Lunch and Banquet Wednesday (Including Continental Breakfast for those staying in hotel.) Cost was \$207.68 each person for double occupancy; and, \$331.85 for single occupancy. Those costs were paid when checking out of the hotel. Other rates were applicable to Day Guests, etc.

The convention program book is a full page book which includes all Federation Officers, District and Chapter locations shown on a map of Minnesota. The entire convention program, the convention rules, proposed amendments to the Bylaws, proposed amendments to the Standing Rules, History of the Minnesota Federation (including Conventions, all Federation Officers, and all field officers throughout the 47 years), printed officer annual reports, and deceased members by chapter.

Monday, May 21 - The preconvention Executive Board meeting was held Monday afternoon.

Tuesday, May 22 – A first timers meeting was held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. where each first time attendee was given a special gift package and discussion was held by the Federation Officers telling them what to expect to see, how voting was held, how discussion would be conducted and other business is conducted during the convention.

The convention began at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome from the host convention co-chair. The gavel was turned over to the Federation President who called to convention to order. One addition to the usual opening was the singing of God Bless America. Greetings were given by introduction of all officers and distinguished guests by the Federation President. As the convention was held in Mankato, Minnesota – welcoming to the city was made by the Mayor of North Mankato and Mankato. Greetings were made by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the APWU, GEHA, Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Reading of the Convention Rules and roll call of officers was completed. Committee reports were completed for minutes, the treasurer, President's report, NARFE PAC, 50/50 report, and committee announcements. A video received from Headquarters was shown by Region V VP Carol Ek.

Committee meetings were held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the convention recess for the day.

Social cash bar began at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The speaker for the evening was Angie Bastian, Angie's Kettle Corn. This was an absolutely enthralling personal interest story telling how Angie and her husband quit everything they had known to build the business of Angie's Kettle Corn which has grown to distributing their product throughout the United States.

Computer training was held by Dick Neider or you could attend games (Bingo and card games) available for other members who did not wish to attend the computer training.

Wednesday, May 23 - The NARFE anniversary song was sung by all. Committee reports were given including the second credential report.

District Caucuses were held. Committee reports were continued. The Alzheimer's chair presented awards.

Following lunch, the legislative session was held. The Federation President served as panel moderator. The Field Director from Senator Al Franken's office; Congressman Tim Walz; State Senator Kathy Sheran; State Representative Terry Morrow; and State Representative Kathy Brynaert all participated in the discussion of questions and answers.

Following the legislative presentation the keynote address from Headquarters was given by Region V Vice President Carol Ek. Region V Alzheimer's Coordinator Janice Neuschafer gave the region Alzheimer's report.

The convention was recessed with social hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the banquet beginning at 6:00 p.m. The banquet speaker was Donn Vetter, Vetter Stone Company. Mr. Vetter is the CEO of a local commercial stone business where their main business is cutting stone for facing of large commercial buildings. They do some smaller stone business such as monuments and large art pieces. Another wonderful learning experience on how the stone is quarried, shaped, delivered and formed for these projects. Their projects expand to other world markets. The evening continued with the Star Awards by Mary Burkett; and, the Alzheimer's drawing.

Thursday, May 24 – The memorial service began at 8:30 a.m. Following a break the convention held an "Open Mike" meeting with a 3 minute limit for each speaker. This was very interesting asking members to speak their minds on what they believed needed to be added or changed; or just general questions or comments to the Federation leaders and others in attendance. There was outstanding interest in this portion of the program. Each officer was then given 3 minutes to give any final report they wished to give. The Region V Vice President was asked to give any final closing comment she wished to express to the convention.

The 50/50 drawing was held. Drawing for the television set that was donated by the Federal Credit Union was held.

The Region V PAC challenge ended here with Minnesota once again taking first place in donations taken at convention with a total of \$4,210. Carol Ek, Region V Vice President ended up eating the crow but it was enjoyed by all at the final Executive Board meeting. Great fun was had by all with this challenge. This originated as a challenge between Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota several years ago and has continued to grow over the years.

The Executive Board meeting was held immediately following the convention. The District 6 legislative meeting will be held in Fergus Falls on October 8, 2012. The next Executive Board meeting will be held in St. Cloud, at the Kelly Inn, on October 23, 2012.



The final figures for the collections for donations during convention by Region V is as follows:

<u><i>Alzheimer's Donations</i></u>	<u><i>PAC Donations</i></u>
Iowa	\$ 544
Kansas	\$ 2,587
Minnesota	\$ 4,210
Missouri	\$ 705
Nebraska	\$ 795
North Dakota	\$ 610
South Dakota	\$ <u>385</u> (1 sustaining member.)
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$ 9,836</i>

*Some of these amounts may differ as they were taken during the convention and could have changed after final counts were completed. If I didn't some of the information reported the same for each convention I apologize – this was just an attempt to let you know how the Region fared on the Convention points. **WE DID GOOD – WITH EVERYTHING! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO CARRIED OUT THIS OUTSTANDING CONVENTION YEAR!***

Sincerely,

*Carol R. Ek
Region V Vice President*