



WSDSC e-News



Note from the Editor:

Here is our story about the wonderful retreat we had at Ocean Park Retreat Center in Ocean Park, WA, during the March 2nd weekend. Forty-seven out of 60 key committee and chair individuals drove Friday to the coast of the majestic Pacific Ocean around suppertime to enjoy our potluck dinner with all the delectables that made up our Italian cuisine.

After dinner we formed a circle sitting side by side and introduced ourselves as several people were quite new to the team. We chatted the night away. Saying good night, we resigned to our small rooms with a comfortable bunk bed and a spare. It certainly felt like a co-ed dormitory!

Bright and early Saturday morning after a hearty breakfast, we began our meeting with earnest. The executive Conference Management Team (CMT) and the Chairs of the various committees that were formed discussed the jobs of setting up a huge 15th Biennial DSA conference to be held September 2nd - 7th, 2019. (On the 8th, registrants depart for home with some going on post-conference tours.) Of the executive CMT, these are Ellen Scheppach, Connie Gough, Karen Atwood, Van Scheppach, Kellie Shapard, Lilly Bender, Rusty Wales, Gerriane Healy, Craig & Nancy Opheikens, Sally Taylor, Angela Theriault, Dave Morrison, Jim House, E J Hunter and Larry Farovitch. Raevern Dumond, Susan Izak, Rebecca Farovitch, Julia Petersen, Hester Hussey, John Taft and a few others also have their jobs defined. DSA Board officer, Rennie Dayton, attended the retreat to observe our meeting and give us vital tips and information.



Van Scheppach, Business Manager, and Kellie Shapard, Registration Chair, reported, very impressively, on numbers and statistics from their powerpoint presentation.

As we broke up for lunch, the exhausted team players with their dogs took exercises and a walk down in mere distance to a calm beach of the Pacific Ocean.

The afternoon, then, was spent splitting up into committee groups with their chairs to discuss their responsibilities and line them into priorities. Just before dinner, each of the Chairs gave a summary report. Once again, the faithful outdoors gang had taken off for the beach in time to watch the sun sunset.



In the evening we held a team-building card game called ‘Whist’ with our Canadian friends, Gail Zimmer and Patti Jenkins, showing us how to play it. By the time of brunch the next and final morning, we were all hyped up and excited about our very successful workshop. We had promised ourselves that we would re-unite in September 2018 with a preview and a tour at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel Downtown. The next episode saw us packing up our cars and heading out.

