

Region 9, Elayne Mackey

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As I have said before Region 9 is a pleasure to work with. We have some challenges at times but we can work through them with a positive outcome.

We are in the process of incorporating an AVVA Chapter in Utah. Over the years Utah was nonexistent but now thanks to a great VVA president AVVA is strong and doing well.

I have received word from Guam that they are also interested in incorporating their AVVA. I am fortunate to have built a good relationship with their Point of Contact. They are so excited to become a "real part of AVVA" as they stated. They are certainly a lovely group.

As Region 9 director I traveled to Nevada in January 2016 to attend the memorial for Ginnie Sawchuck. Ginnie was the NV state President and very loyal chapter of NV AVVA Chapter 17, Las Vegas. Ginnie was remembered with much love and respect. Her heart was always with those that were in need.

My goal for NV is to help build that state. At this time we have a POC there. I feel that with some work we can grow that state into a productive AVVA.

Colorado is growing. They have just become an Incorporated VVA and are Associate friendly with about 25 plus members. Now we work on getting a POC or Elected Representative there.

I truly have no complaints about Region 9. I enjoy working with them and wish them all the best of luck in their endeavors.