

To: Board of Directors AVVA

From: John Birch Region VIII Director

Re: Region VIII Report

Since leaving Palm Springs Leadership Conference, I have been busy working with and visiting Chapters within the region. My first stop a few days after returning Palm Springs was to present an award to a deserving individual in Kalispell Montana. Willa Burgess AVVA 1087 was the recipient of the AVVA Member of the year award. It was nice to present this award to Willa for all the hard work she does. I was given a chance to look at the events planner and it was impressive for a little over 4 years of work.

With changes coming to chapters in Oregon I worked with Chapter 0805 in Roseburg and their new President of an Incorporated chapter. I have plans in the future to visit chapter 805 they are an active group.

I visited chapter Brookings Oregon Chapter 757 which is in one of the prettiest areas of Oregon. I met some good people and presented them with an AVVA flag for their chapter. The membership for AVVA is over 70 members and for a rural chapter those numbers are great.

My goal upon returning from Leadership Conference was to visit as many states and chapters as possible and to date I have only made one visit a month. Life sometimes gets you directed in other directions. Everywhere I go I try to present the future of AVVA to chapters and explain the plan VVA introduced during the leadership conference. One day VVA will stand down and AVVA will have to stand too and carry on there mission.