

Voting **does** take place on the minutes of the last Assembly, though, so you should be sure to read these ahead of time as they are not read aloud prior to voting.

SUNDAY

Sunday Assembly is where voting takes place on recommendations from the AWSC, old business and new business. Issues and concerns can be brought up at this time. We are usually done by 12:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * Although this is a business weekend it's fun to get out of the house and spend some time with Al-Anon friends. Don't feel guilty.
- * Don't stay up too late. Monday morning comes early after an Assembly weekend.
- * Business usually lasts until about 5:00 pm on Saturday.
- * Our contract with the facility states that we have to be out of our meeting rooms by noon on Sunday. You can estimate your arrival back home based on that.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

- 8:30 am** AWSC Meeting
- 9:00 am** Sharing Meeting
- 11:00 am** GR Meeting
- 1:00 pm** Workshop (Mar. & Nov.)
Delegate's Report (June)
- 3:00 pm** Assembly

Sunday

- 8:30 am** Assembly

Specific meeting rooms may change from time to time, so check when you arrive at the hotel.

ATTENDANCE

It should be noted that attending as many of the weekend's activities as possible would enhance your Assembly experience. You will meet new friends, learn new things and feel that you are doing something worthwhile. You may not feel these things right away, however. At first you may only feel total confusion; you may feel that people are speaking a foreign language made up of abbreviations and acronyms. You may feel anger and resentment at those who don't share your opinions on issues. **WE HAVE ALL FELT THIS WAY.**

If you must make a choice to attend only portions of the weekend, the **MOST** important meetings for GR's to attend are the Assemblies (Sat. and Sun.) and the Delegate's Report (in June). You should come prepared to take notes, ask questions and get as much information as possible. When you return to your group you should try to get your group to have a business meeting where you can report on the items of business and interest that you have brought back with you. We know that some groups are not keen on this idea, and you will find others at the Area who have faced those challenges and will have words of experience and hope for you. **Keep coming back!**

AREA 33 NEWCOMER INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The Area 33 Assembly weekend is a business weekend held three times a year. The purpose of the meeting is to relay information from the World Service Office to the Al-Anon groups and vice versa. The Area Delegate is our voice at the World Service Conference and the Group Representatives are our voices at the Assembly. It is their duty to voice the concerns of their group and keep the group informed of events, changes, etc. at the World Service Office.

What follows are some (hopefully) helpful hints to help you prepare for the weekend and let you know what it is that you're supposed to be doing.

PACKING

There are two different kinds of packing that you'll have to do to get ready for the weekend. One kind is "Clothes" packing, and the other is "Everything Else" packing. The business part of the weekend includes the Sharing Meeting, the GR Meeting, the Workshop, the AWSC Meeting and the Assembly itself. The non-business part of the weekend includes Saturday evening, and possibly, Friday evening.

As far as business meetings are concerned casual wear is appropriate. That includes jeans, shorts, leggings, wind pants, T-shirts, sweatshirts, jumpers and just about anything else you can think of. Be warned that we do not always have control of the climate in the facility, and we all have our own ideas of hot and cold, so it is best to dress in layers.