

President's Address

by Bob Brooks

I seem to spend most of my time, talent, and space in these monthly Newsletters “THANKING” people for all the things they do for and contribute to NAMI North Coastal.

A wonderful group of NAMI members worked very hard at the PLANT SALE during the Carlsbad Village Faire. Their efforts added over \$2100 to our funds; so among other things, this will help send some of our members to various special events and trainings. As a result, many will be able to teach/lead Peer to Peer, IOOV, F to F, and attend the NAMI California Conference in San Francisco.

I do not have the names of all who have worked so hard (I was out of town), but I “THANK ALL OF YOU.” However, a “SPECIAL HEART FELT THANK YOU” does go to Duane Baird who not only Chaired this major effort but also contacted all the Nurseries that contributed all the plants and flowers.

Also, I wish to “THANK” all of our members who give of their time and energy to teach our FAMILY TO FAMILY classes. They spend a lot of time preparing for the 12 week class in addition to the 4 plus hours on the actual night of each class.

I also want to say “THANK YOU” to those wonderful members who contribute their time, talent, energy and knowledge to our SUPPORT GROUP meetings after our General Meeting each month. They not only give up their time to be trained to do this important task, but they HELP people at every meeting who are either suffering from a mental illness themselves or are Care Givers to someone who is suffering.

Thank you to Liz and Kathy for a few great Educational Programs this year! They not only call, book, and make sure the presenters are here but also follow through with a thank you following the General Meetings! Also, to Eric who sets up for the Programs each month!

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL! I know I will surely miss some of you, but you know who you are!

We are a “working Affiliate” all volunteer with so many, many dedicated and committed members!