Letter from the Executive Director (continued)

Preparations are already underway for our annual banquet this year which is set for October 20, right here in Phoenix. Stay tuned on how you can get involved and of course we hope you can make plans to attend.

I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing generosity in supporting PAL and helping us to expand our vision and mission to make PAL meetings available wherever they are needed. Watch for our annual "Share the Blessing" campaign to come to your meeting soon. It's a way to connect with other meetings and pay it forward to help start a meeting where one is needed. I was reading an article the other day on how many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and it can be easy to do. I hope we can not only remember all those who have suffered and lost in their battle with addiction but also those who carry on in the midst of the struggle and still manage to find hope in the worst of circumstances.

We occasionally receive a note after the loss of a loved one, the parents and family ask people to donate to PAL in lieu of flowers. We just received several donations of this kind, reminding me of how difficult this battle is and that some lose their struggle, but their families want to share hope by supporting PAL. See a teaser for this month's blogs below as they cover both ends of the spectrum this month.

Feel free to send us any suggestions for our Newsletter, and we look forward to sharing more in August.