

District 3, Greater Jacksonville
(Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns Counties)

District 3 holds its business meeting and events at Arlington United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Five business meetings are scheduled for the upcoming year; two have already been held with excellent attendance at both. Two “Fun Days”, one in June and the second in December, are also on the schedule.

We have officers in each of our District 3 positions and have only 4 open positions in our numerous service chair opportunities. We have welcomed new members into service as a Speaker Keeper, who is busy updating and recruiting members to speak across the District. Our new Institutions/Outreach Chair hit the ground running with developing a new group and supporting an ongoing gathering at two different treatment centers as well as canvassing others in the Jacksonville area. A new Public Information/Media Chair has begun monitoring and forwarding the WSO Twitter feed to our far-flung membership and has many creative ideas in the mix. Our enthusiastic Alateen Chair is busy revitalizing our program for younger members and seeking to re-develop programs for our teen membership.

A highly successful service workshop was hosted by the District 3 as an Area function on March 14, 2015 at Arlington United Methodist Church; more will be reported by our Event Chair, Tina, during the meeting and in a written report (now available on the Area 9 website). We have also begun our planning for the 2016 Convention which District 3 has volunteered to host in the Jacksonville area. A monthly meeting will be held in Orange Park and a theme has been selected. Next tasks will include selecting the venue and date for the event.

Upcoming Public Outreach Committees anticipate a busy spring and summer season since they've been asked to attend a Nurses Conference in Ponte Vedra Beach in late May as well as a professionals' conference at the Omni Amelia Island in July. (Of course we love any opportunity to show off our gorgeous new public outreach banners, tablecloth and unique displays)!

We have a District that recognizes and revels in opportunities for service - having lots of busy cooks and good food contributes to a wonderful tradition of hospitality – and in turn encourages participation which we all know is the key to harmony!

Yours in Service,

Sally O., District Representative

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