

AFG Area 9 District 7 Report for Spring Assembly 2015

Hello Florida North Area 9

Four months as a DR and an AISL and our growth has quadrupled...IMAGINE !!

Our District meets the 2nd Saturday of every month with an average of 31 passionate Group Reps. We have 44 Regular meetings, 8 Beginner Meetings and 3 Alateen evening meetings . I have attended a few of the meetings that do not have a GR and hope this will inspire someone to step into service at the District level. Our District is also supported by active AIS Chairpersons, previous DRs and Past Delegates.

The Officers meet the Monday prior to District to share opportunities for growth, discuss agenda items and prepare ,as best we can, to present pertinent information.

We started our financial year in the red. A Prudent Reserve Thought Force met using AI-Anon Service Manual 2014-2017 pg 97, G-41 Reserve Fund Guidelines and KBDM. There was much discussion regarding our Seventh Tradition. It was stated that even if the group has only a few dollars to contribute, that it is self-supporting regardless of the amount. We now have available at our District meetings and on the web site, pre-addressed donation forms for group contributions to District, to Area and to the WSO. A substantial increase in group donations is cited as one of the major contributors to our return to financial health.

Volunteers created and mailed Love-Gifts to our Delegate Wendy.

Day of Workshops is blossoming, as we prepare to "Bloom Where You Are Planted". April 25, 2015 8am to 4pm. Day will include workshops and an AI-Anon Speaker. There is no doubt this will be a great success.

Gratitude Dinner 2015 ...Chairpersons and the Venue are all set for this November Event.

As a District, applying Tradition 6, we accepted the invitation for AI-Anon participation at the 60th AA FL State Convention 2016. Our AI-Anon Workshop Chairperson is busy securing the one AI-Anon Speaker and creating the workshop theme. More to come!!

I am looking forward to Spring Assembly 2015.

Kathy S.

District Representative

AI-Anon Information Service for District 7: The AISL, AIS Secretary, Alternate District Representative and the AIS Chairpersons meet together an hour prior to the monthly District Meeting. This meeting gives us a wonderful opportunity to work as a committee to voice thoughts, concerns, questions, ideas and information about our service positions. Together we

listen, reason things out, help one another find the way forward in our service positions. Some highlights from our AIS Chairpersons follow:

The AI-Anews Chairperson publishes a monthly newsletter made available in print at our District Meetings and electronically on our web site. The print cost was recently reduced by a substantial 43% by changing to legal size paper rather than ledger size paper. The Chairperson continues to seek input from the fellowship about the content of the *AI-Anews*. District event and anniversary meeting information is regularly published.

The Alateen Chairperson is interested in an understanding and meeting the need of Alateen school meetings. She was able to provide 65 copies of *Information for Educators: Alateen Meetings in Schools* (S-64) to the Pinellas County Schools Student Services Social Work Department to be distributed to all middle and high school social workers in the School System's District-wide training in March. She will follow-up by contacting individual social workers to determine the interest or need of starting an Alateen meeting at their assigned schools.

The Alcoholics Anonymous Liaison provides a supply of When & Wheres to the Pinellas County Intergroup Central Office for which they are grateful.

The Archives Chairperson has a standing invitation to join her on Saturday afternoons at the Archives storage facility for assistance in sorting the archival material. She is also working with the material to create a display board of our District's history. The board would be available for District events.

The Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Chairperson continues to provide *AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015* to those professionals/individuals that he may encounter.

The District Alateen Process Person (DAPP) has submitted AMIAS certification and new school Alateen group information to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP.) Our Day of Workshops in April has waived the registration fee for Alateens to attend. The DAPP has corresponded with the Area Coordinators to ensure that a proper safety plan is in place and the appropriate forms are submitted.

The Group Records Chairperson is the initial contact regarding any group information changes. The Chairperson then notifies the Area Group Records Coordinator and the AI-Anews, Information Line, Web Site, and When & Where Chairpersons. This procedure has helped assure that consistent data is presented to those seeking information from any of the sources.

The Literature Distribution Center (LDC) is open at our monthly District Meetings. The Chairperson receives orders from groups and individuals until the Saturday prior to District Meeting, so the orders may be filled and ready for pick-up. Financial contributions to District garnered from the difference between the LDC-discounted purchase price of CAL and the WSO-set price are made monthly. Buying Conference Approved Literature from the LDC is of great support to our District.

The Public Information Chairperson service position is open.

The Speakers List Chairperson has available a list of approximately 30 members who are willing to speak at a meeting. He shares the list with those groups that inquire. We hope to soon schedule during our District Meeting, a 'mini-workshop' utilizing the *AI-Anon Guidelines: Members Interested in Speaking (G-1)* and to have the Group Representatives share this terrific tool with the groups. The courage to share one's experience, strength and hope by speaking to a group adds so much to one's recovery.

The Web Site Chairperson continues to update, improve and simplify the ease of use of our web site. In an effort to seek new ideas, he recently reached out to 42 other webkeepers and received an amazing 39 responses! He shares web site statistics with us at our District meetings, even presenting a “search challenge” each month. The current challenge is, “What page has changed the most?”

The When & Where Chairperson receives group information changes from the Group Records Chairperson. Since Panel 49, the W&W has been published monthly. The effective procedure for group information changes and the concerted effort to reduce expenses led to a motion, which was carried, to publish quarterly instead. This change will result in saving several hundreds of dollars each year. In order to serve the fellowship and outreach to those still suffering, 20% more copies will be printed and the Chairperson will throughout the quarter have the When & Wheres available at our monthly District Meetings.

Peace,
Elizabeth W.
AISL, District 7