

District 1 October 2015 Assembly Report

District 1 has continued to grow as several committed trusted servants, who are new to District 1 positions learn what it means to share our experience, strength and hope through service.

A Public Outreach Task Force continues to be actively pursuing new ways to reach out to friends and family members of alcoholics. Thus far this year, a one-page list of guidelines for answering the district Al-anon phone using the principals of Al-anon/Alateen is available to those answering the phone line for our district on our website www.tallyalanon.org; we have provided copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to counselors participating in the Florida School for Addiction Studies (FSAS) workshop in our area; a WSO approved flyer for use on community bulletin boards has been created and distributed to GRs at our September District Business Meeting for distribution in the community by Al-Anon members. The flyer includes tear off strips with the phone number and website for our district; information about Al-Anon, our phone number and website address has been posted on our local Craigslist. At our next task force meeting we will disseminate a list among task force members of TV stations to contact encouraging the use of the Al-Anon PSAs available through WSO along with copies of the sample scripts and supporting information from the WSO publication, The Best of Public Outreach.

Ideas for enhancing our outreach to newcomers were discussed at our last District Business meeting. Some ideas to be explored are: providing a workshop on the topic of welcoming newcomers, providing a Newcomers Meeting on a second night for those who have difficulty attending on a Friday night, encouraging experienced Al-Anon members to step up and help with the chairing of newcomer meetings.

Our webmaster has done an awesome job of updating our website and making it user friendly. We have signed an annual agreement with WSO to allow copyrights that will also include a yearly review of the site by WSO.

Other plans under discussion for the 2016 year include having a gratitude dinner with gratitude as the speaker topic including discussion of service as "gratitude in action". There is much to be grateful for, particularly the experience, strength and hope all in Area 9 have shared with us. Thank you!

"Service and recovery, then, are not independent of each other. Both are part of the spiritual awakening that continues to guide us." When I Got Busy, I Got Better

Yours in service,
Susan R.
District 1 Representative