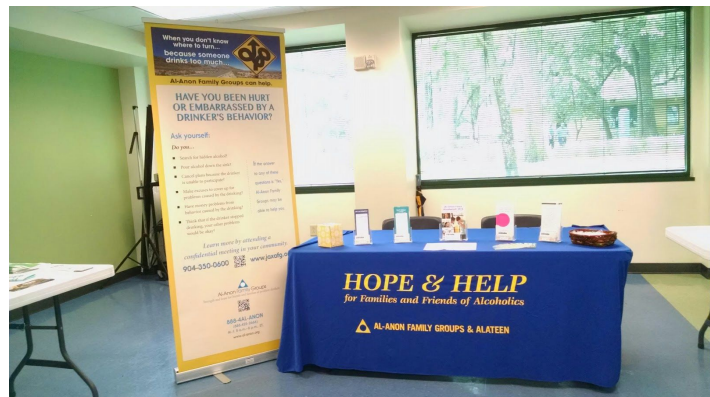


District 3 Report to Assembly, Oct. 2-4, 2015

Members and trusted servants for District 3 have been very busy since AWSC. There have been panel changes, new opportunities for service, and appearances at local events. District 3 is in transition, but we are pulling together to help one another to strengthen the program and provide support to all who seek it.

Sally O. resigned as the District Representative at the beginning of September. As the Alternate District Representative, Gage M. stepped up to fill her position. In addition to the Alternate District Representative position, we also have several open chair positions, such as Outreach to Institutions; Telephone Answering Service; and Where and When. Fortunately, District 3 has several long-term members who are active in service and have volunteered to provide extra support, however we need many new volunteers to help fill some critical positions. Gage is hopeful that all open positions will soon be filled.

Our district continues to support outreach events as well as new meetings. On September 16th, members Carolyn H. and Kirtley H shared Al-Anon's message of hope and help during Jacksonville University's first-ever Safety Fair. Unfortunately, rainy weather resulted in a smaller crowd than expected, yet, 10 to 12 participants stopped by and learned there is hope for families and friends of alcoholics. Each was provided a copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine. Our next outreach event is planned for October 24th at the Arlington United Methodist Church's Fall Festival.



Al-Anon booth at JU Safety Fair

September is National Recovery Month. To support this, all GRs were encouraged to ask their members to spread Al-Anon literature throughout the district. This is similar to what is done traditionally in honor of Lois W.'s birthday. We have been working to reconnect with members of the local media to include Al-Anon contact information in support group listings and hope to get some of the new public service announcements broadcast on local TV and radio stations.

The newcomers meeting started this summer at Breakthroughs Treatment Center is going well. The staff is very supportive of Al-Anon and hopes to have active Al-Anon members attend regularly to share their experience, strength and hope with the families and friends of the center's clients. We are asking groups to sponsor the meeting for one month, as they continue to do for the Stepping Stones Center for Recovery. We also shared the brand new edition of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to local meetings of the Willingway support group. This group helps family members of the addiction treatment center's patients find help in their communities.

Our district Alateen chair, Beth H., continues to look for more ways to get the word out about the program. She is planning a half-day AMIAS workshop in the near future. The Just In Time Alateen

Group in Orange Park has lowered the age to 7 to allow younger preteens to attend. This also allows parents, guardians and other older family members of these preteens the opportunity to attend the Al-Anon meeting that is in session at the same time.

The 2016 Convention Committee and many volunteers will be leading an encore performance of the event's theme song during Assembly. Committee members and volunteers will be supporting registration tables and offering opportunities to purchase some of the 2016 Convention merchandise. Planning continues to go well, and more information will be provided from the 2016 Convention Committee.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Assembly very soon!

Gage M., District Representative

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