District 7 DR/AISL Report to Spring Assembly May 20-22, 2016

~STEPPIN' TO SERENITY~ District 7 Day of Workshops was held April 2, 2016. Twelve workshops were offered correlating to the Twelve Steps and the entertainment skit reflected the 12 steps!!

Some service positions remain open and we ask members to be willing to serve at the District Level.

Groups have been encouraged to send in a subscription for *The Forum* since a complimentary copy is no longer sent. It's so little cost for such a valuable meeting and recovery tool.

We viewed the DVD, "Lois's Story" at our April District Meeting. It was very moving and a thrill to witness Lois herself and to see and hear what Al-Anon was like so many years ago. It's heartening to think of all those many members offered hope and help over the 65 years of Al-Anon Family Groups! Schedule a viewing whenever you can, it's great!

Group Representatives were asked to take the question of how to improve the WSO deficit budget back to the groups with hopes of some great ideas for Wendy, our Delegate, to take to World Service Conference. At our monthly District meetings, we all have the opportunity to make a contribution directly to WSO as we have a collection box marked as such. It has been a blessing and just feels good to be able to send a special contribution to WSO each month or so. We trust that it is our part to do and know that 'we get as we give.'

A group of very creative and talented members in District 7 made wonderful Love Gifts for Wendy to share with the other Delegates at World Service Conference. Love and fun with friends is the gift!

We're beginning to seat members in Task Forces being charged with suggestions for updating the District Election Procedures and the District Service Position Guidelines. We also want to consider suggestions for how we receive phone calls from those seeking information about Al-Anon meetings. It's so great to know that we can reach out to other Districts that receive calls in a different manner than we do now.

The AIS Chairpersons are humming along in their service positions. We are so blessed to have trusted servants willing to do what it takes to provide inreach to Al-Anon members and outreach to those in our community still suffering. We remain mindful of meeting the needs economically, so our District treasury remains healthy. We're nearly halfway through the panel and looking forward to the challenges and joys of the next half. We have a good amount of experience in our service positions and will be able to offer our experience to the District Service Position Guidelines Task Force for updating the guidelines.

We're so looking forward to spending time with you all at Assembly in our new venue. Change is good!!

Peace and Love in Service, Kathy S, DR and Elizabeth W, AISL - District 7