

District 7- DR and AISL Report to AWSC August 19-20, 2016

Hello Area 9!

~District 7 continues to grow. We have added a few new groups, but also had a few groups close.

~Our financial situation has improved and stabilized.

~An Election Procedures Task Force has been started. We want to follow Area Guidelines and have outgoing GRs voting for the next District Panel.

~Steppin to Serenity was the theme of this year's Day of Workshops and what a great opportunity to hear about the 12 Steps. This is the one District event that financially supports the District. Our 7th Tradition speaks about being fully self supporting and members came forward to give of their time and experience. We had a fashion show focusing on the steps during the lunch break.

~ 2017 TEAM event will be hosted by District 7. The chairpersons will work closely with Area and WSO. Look for flyers and plan to attend.

~ District 7 invited to participate in 60th Florida State AA Convention as it's held this year in Pinellas County. Many Al-Anon workshops and Alateen meetings will be held over the 5 days of the Convention. Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature will be available for purchase.

~ Gratitude Dinner in November - no Chairperson(s)

~We have really enjoyed welcoming new GRs and first time visitors to the District Meetings in the same fashion as has been done at Assemblies. We offer stickers and hugs and welcoming applause. What a great tradition! We sure remember how it felt to be welcomed at Assembly!

The AISL, AIS Secretary and AIS Chairpersons now meet every other month for an 8:00 am meeting prior to our monthly District Meeting. The AIS portion of the District Meeting proceeds first on the agenda during those months that we meet at 8 o'clock... a bonus for such an early get-together?! With much gratitude for the service of all the AIS Chairpersons, we report the following:

Al-Anews: a print copy remains available in addition to access to the electronic version on our www.al-anon-pinellas.org website (with care to protect anonymity)

Alateen: a new meeting on Saturday mornings has been received very well. The sponsoring Al-Anon group distributed flyers announcing the Alateen meeting at nearby schools, churches and community centers. Another new group will begin when AMIAS are in place for the meeting.

Archives: still sorting, still organizing! The Chairperson took a photo of the literature board displayed at Spring Assembly to see if the missing pamphlets might be in our District 7 Archives.

Cooperating with the Professional Community: working on a list of Pinellas County psychologists for a mailing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016

District Alateen Process Person: has been very busy with AMIAS training sessions

Group Records: any group data changes are first submitted to the Group Records Chairperson, the changes are then shared with Web Site, When & Where, Information Line and Al-Anews Chairpersons

Information Line: information is being sought from other Districts about how phone calls are received

Institutions: AFG information is being taken to the public libraries and to college libraries

Literature Distribution Center: the fellowship is made aware each month that sharings are needed for new books/pamphlets that are in process. Writing guidelines can be found at www.al-anon.org/members

Public Information: a new Chairperson has recently stepped forward for which we're very grateful

Speakers List: additional willing members have stepped forward to be on the Speakers List

Web Site: exploring new site host provider as our contract has expired

When & Where: meetings list continues to be provided as a quarterly publication

Peace and love in service,

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