

District Representative/AISL Report AWSC August 19, 20, 2016

District 4 (East Volusia, East Putnam, Flagler, St. John's Counties)

Nothing much new in District 4. Due to the scheduling of AWSC, Convention 2016, and Fall Assembly within a time-frame of six weeks, a District business meeting was not held during September. However, the DR and AISL reports of AWSC were prepared and emailed to all in District by September 5 to assure that all had time to process the information needed to participate fully during Assembly. Our next business meeting will take place on October 15, 2016. Not having a September meeting does not mean that we have been “asleep on the job”:

Two GRs (with the participation of their home group members) have volunteered to host our annual Gratitude Dinner on November 5; monthly planning meetings have been held at the location of the event. Living the Concepts, these two GRs have been given the responsibility and authority to organize this event; my help (or that of the district) has not been requested; I am confident that if and/or when questions arise, that fact will be made known. Monthly reports have been provided during the recent District business meetings (Mutual Trust/Accountability).

Public Outreach continues to attend Health Fair/Events, proudly displaying our new table cover and banners; the committee is delivering AFAs to local facilities. To me, District 4 resembles a “string bean”; four members Chair/Co-chair our three Public Outreach committees in order to cover the District more completely.

Our AISL is in the early stages of organizing a writing workshop with the hopes of having the Area Alternate Delegate, Jill, join us. Listening to the ideas and thoughts of others, this anticipated writing workshop may be held in lieu of a monthly District meeting.

During each District business meeting, 10 minutes are reserved for the “GR Shout Out”, where any GR/member present can bring to the floor an Al-Anon-related issue: a conflict in their group, a question about following/breaking a Tradition, why service, and so on. This relatively new GR Shout Out has brought about some interesting discussions! A returning GR (who had been out-of-service for 3 years) added that she didn’t fall asleep during the business meetings as she had done in the past! She wanted to pay attention to all that was going on!

It is also not too early to begin talking about the next panel, Panel 58, and the District service opportunities that will be available to the next Al-Anon members who want to expand/augment their journey of recovery.

Yours in Service, Lucy M, District Representative of District 4

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