

## District 8 Report Assembly Fall 2016

It is with great appreciation that we share this report with Assembly regarding the activities of District 8 Al-Anon Family Groups.

**Events:** Since we last met, we have had several successful events. Because our district is large geographically (1200 sq miles), we held two “neighborhood seminars”, one in the north part of the county and one in the south part of the county. The first was a presentation with discussion about “How To Have A Healthy Group. The second was a film event, showing the two movies available through WSO: Lois’s Story and Lois W. & the Pioneers. In addition, a very well attended Speaker Marathon was held providing our district with amazing recovery and great fellowship.

Our relationship with A.A. is supported through work with local events. The Tampa Bay Fall Round up was held over Labor Day Weekend with a full range of Al-Anon meetings, a literature table and a place at the planning table. Our district also supported the AA Convention in Innisbrook by providing volunteers and facilitating Al-Anon meetings. Additionally, more than twelve of our members participated as volunteers for the 2016 Al-Ateen Convention. We have representation for planning of the 2017 Soberstock event and the 2017 Annual Housecleaning Event.

During our first year, our Public Outreach Coordinator position was not held by someone. We now have a Coordinator who has hit the ground with passion and enthusiasm. She has done research, gathered materials and provided volunteers for two Back to School events.

We have had some attrition with our groups, adding a new meeting at the Salvation Army and having one close that had been a long standing group.

**Alateen:** Our district was able to send 7 kids to the Alateen Conference and we are grateful to everyone for their donations and support. The kids themselves held fundraisers to help pay the way. On a day when we had a district meeting followed by a budget meeting, they provided food for donations. They also hosted a hosting a picnic at Rowlett Park for funds.

Our Alateen Chair is actively recruiting for new AMAISs as we have 4 schools asking for support and have not been able to meet their needs.

AMAIS Education/Training/Certification:

- Discussion about Alateen in Hillsborough County scheduled on Sun, Aug 16th at 11:30 (following Today's Serenity meeting). 7 Group members interested in staying for a 45 minute discussion about Alateen. This is open to all Al-Anons.
- There has been one more Al-Anon member trained and certified as an AMAIS.

- Two members have been through the training and gotten their fingerprinting done.

**Answering Service :** We continue to see great financial benefit to using Ring Central and have had no reported difficulties with them.

**Group Records:** Our group records chair was able to move all of the data from index cards to an excel spreadsheet.

**Newsletter:** Our newsletter, The Serenity Messenger, has been a great source of information sharing. We have changed printers to get the most efficient and cost effective vendor. A version without names is available for download from our district webpage.

**Meeting Locator:** Our meeting locator, Where & When, has been very useful as an adjunct to the online version. We recently increased the budget to allow for more copies to be printed.

**Web Page:** Our web position was open for a time. In our last meeting, we were fortunate to have two volunteers to act as co-chairs for that work.

**Financials:** We are happy to report that we are operating with a balanced budget and have a good prudent reserve for 3-5 months. Although our treasurer position was open for many months, that position has been filled and we have scheduled a meeting for next month to prepare our 2017 budget.

Yours in Service,

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