

## COMBINED DISTRICT 9 REPORT TO MAY, 2017, ASSEMBLY

DR Report -

In AI-Anon I have learned to trust in my High Power and believe I will receive the necessary guidance and direction when the "time is right". I've learn to make myself available because I never know when that spiritual awakening will manifest itself. I often wonder why it took so long to receive the direction and guidance. Of course, I'll never know that answer and in the grand scheme of things How Important Is It? I know my Higher Power will reveal the necessary direction and guidance at the proper time. Such is case at our February AWSC meeting.

The DR's had a break out session with Cindy J. I believe the topic of discussion was related to the interaction between and Area and District. I felt compelled just to listen, observe and mediate on everyone's ESH. The spiritual awakening received at this break session would bring a past promise to the surface and require me to reevaluate the facilitating of our district meeting.

As the newly appointed DR I promised the GRs that time would be allocated for them to discuss anything involving their respective groups. I believed the district meeting is an excellent forum for GRs to exchange information/ESH. It allows for open discussion and reinforces they are not alone! The break out session at AWSC helped me realize I gotten away from this promise and had become too focused on the agenda. In other words I had placed a higher priority on Area and District business, totally overlooking the needs of the GR.

Upon returning from AWSC Pat, our AISL, and I had lunch to discussed what we had a learned at AWSC and how we could apply this new knowledge to our last year of service at the District level. I worked my 4<sup>th</sup> step with Pat (and with the District panel at our next meeting) promising to restructure our district meetings to allow ample time for the GRs to speak about their groups. Pat suggested we call this segment of our meeting "Group Shout Out".

To be honest I was very worried how I was going to find the time to add another topic to our already filled agenda. Through prayer and meditation I restructured our format allowing one hour for Area matters, one hour for District matters and the final hour for our GRs. Somehow it was going to have work – Let Go Let God! Since implementing the revised format there has been a lot of positive feedback and each hourly segment seems to be receiving the proper "coverage".

Would it have nice to receive this spiritual awakening earlier, of course. But for whatever reason this direction and guidance was not received until that Friday night. Now that I possess this spiritual insight it is my responsibility, with the help of my Higher Power to implement this guidance and direction to best of my ability.

Thank you to everyone that shared that night. You reminded me I'm not alone and through your sharing I was unknowingly working my 12th Step. I truly grateful to have such wonderful people accompanying me on my journey of self-discovery and growth. God Bless

Richard Goldener - District 9 DR

AISL Report -

District 9 had a group of volunteers who prepared 70 Love Gifts which have been sent to our Delegate, Wendy R.

Lake Placid, Easy Does It Group, recently celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a pitch in dinner, and an Al-Anon and an AA Speaker.

All Chairs, District Officers, and AISL have been asked to update their job descriptions in preparation for District elections this Fall.

Answering Service Chairperson resigned in December, but was filled at the same meeting by Ruth H. She has continued to survey our answering service, to provide a discussion on changing this service to something more current with today's technology.

Group Records Chair recently resigned, but has been filled by Nita H. Group Records are up to date with a current District CMA provided.

Archives Chair, Arlene V, opened a discussion concerning the scanning of our tubs of materials. Looking for space for storing our Archives.

Events Chair, Toni J, has updated the job description, and has prepared a current District Events calendar.

Newsletter Chair, Jean W, requests any current items which groups wish to submit for publication.

Public Outreach, Bruce S, is working with the groups in Polk and Highlands County to provide a Committee for each who will then work with the Outreach Chair.

AISL has updated the District AISL job description.

Alateen Chair is currently vacant.

Our District is encouraged to recall their goals for this panel, and seek a way to complete that goal. We are also encouraged to look among our groups and members for someone to replace us in Panel 58.

Pat Steele, District 9 AISL