District 13 Combined Report August, 2017 AWSC FLN09

We are having a quiet summer here on the southwest coast of Area 9. There are three groups that have decided to take a hiatus until the fall, when our snowbirds arrive. We have had very nice sharings and enjoy our cozier smaller groups through the summer. It seems our depth of discussions grows when we are more intimate.

Since our last Assembly, we determined that we had money above our ample reserve that needed to be donated for Al-Anon service. With much gratitude we voted to send \$2100 to both Area and WSO. Our group donations have been very good this year and even though we have only had two District events, we are retaining a healthy reserve.

After our upcoming AWSC and Convention we are planning to hold District elections at our September meeting. We look forward to supporting a new round of trusted servants as they grow their recovery in service. We have not had all our positions filled in Panel 55 and are hopeful that more will step forward for the next Panel. Since we have so many snowbirds in our District, we are encouraging some "out of the box" thinking on these positions, eg., two people would share a position through the year so everyone gets a chance to serve their program.

The tool of Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) from WSO and Area has helped our business discussions in our groups and at the District level. There does continue to be a sense that what happens at WSO and Area is not relevant to personal recovery. We hope to help show that personal growth will accelerate through service in the next Panel.

We will have our final District event on October 14, 2017, for this panel. You are all invited to join us for a Speak-a-thon from 9-5 at Christ UMC, Memorial Hall, 1475 Center Rd in Venice. It will be a day of speakers, including an AA and Alateen. There is easy access off I-75--road trip!!

We are looking forward to seeing you all this weekend. The journey has been amazing, gratitude fills our souls.