

District Representative/AISL Report A W S C August 18, 19, 2017

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

District 4 continues to hold its business meeting on the third Saturday of each month at Santa Maria Catholic Church in Flagler Beach, starting at 10 a.m. After a 10-minute break at 11 a.m., we resume with a member's spiritual share; light refreshments are served. Approximately 10 minutes are reserved for the "GR Shout Out", where any GR/member can bring to the floor an AI-Anon-related issue: a conflict in their group, a question about following/breaking a Tradition, CAL, and so on. Attendance numbers remain steady, 28 to 32 members per meeting. This number includes dual members who have expressed interest in service work. The District 4 Service Position Guidelines binder contains the duties/responsibilities, the resources available, and who is eligible to stand for each chairperson or panel member. We even have this information listed on a page for Group Representatives (GRs). A relatively new chairperson added to this list in 2014 is the Convention Liaison; what a blessing to have this link between the Convention and our district! (Just think of all the Convention-related emails and flyers picked up from AWSC/Assembly.) Most chairpersons have remained for the entire panel and I am so fortunate, as the District Representative, to be able to forward information received by me to the appropriate chair.

This last year of Panel 55 has been active: In March, we had a "brain-storming" gathering to increase Public Outreach in our district. On April 22, Cindy J. led us in a Conflict Resolutions Workshop. The District 4 annual picnic was held on June 25 with our new-ish ADR speaking. A Writing Workshop led by Jill O. and Pat A. was wildly successful on July 15. Another GR and her group are chairing a fall event, our annual gratitude dinner. All these chairs volunteered during our January district meeting; I was overwhelmed by the way HP was working the room.

During all on 2017, a meeting hasn't closed without mention of the elections of Panel 58. Each current chairperson/Group Representative has been encouraged to speak/share one to one with another AI-Anon member from the district meeting or from the AFGs about standing for your position for Panel 58. This appears to be working: This individual sharing has already secured 5 (?) individual members to stand as GR or to stand/run for a district position. I'll let you know how that turns out in January 2018; oh wait, I can't do that...as of December 2017, I will be stepping down as District Representative!!!

For the October 6, 7, 8 Assembly, District 4 has the responsibility of the Raffle/Raffle Baskets... We have one GIP ready, willing, and able, but still looking for a help-mate for her.

What's new: 1. On more than one occasion, we have had a member attend our District meeting via Skype; I didn't realize that this was not common-place. While participating on a Task Force regarding Area Meetings, I learned that not all districts do this. 2. Our ADR position was filled during 2017. She has been busy visiting groups in the district and has "opened our eyes" to some interesting situations. Funny, what another set of eyes will see. She is a welcomed addition to our District Panel.

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

Diana Z., Area Information Services Liaison of District 4