

Spanish Coordinator AWSC Report

I am very grateful to be back at AWSC and I want to let you know what I have done in service as your Spanish Coordinator for AFG Area 9 Panel 55.

I am working with Spanish speaking groups in the Florida North Area. One of my goals was to be able to reach out to and visit our Spanish-speaking meetings. I visited Spanish meetings in districts 8 (Orlando and Kissimmee) and 10 (Tampa). Some are open, while others had closed. While visiting those meetings, I was able to reach members that are fully bilingual and willing to help expand the horizons for our Spanish speaking meetings. As a result, I was able to begin formulating a list of bilingual members that are willing to help in Spanish, if needed.

Prior to AWSC, I contacted our DR's with an emailed letter to see if they have bilingual members in their districts that are willing to help. Perhaps they would like to consider opening additional Spanish meetings in their districts, to see where it goes. With the help of bilingual members, we will be opportunities to open more meetings. The goal is to help the native Spanish speakers become more involved in recovery and service.

I have been working with Zelene, as she is part of the Spanish Intergroup, in an effort to add intergroup as participating members at AWSC and Assembly. I am hoping that this weekend's Intergroup meeting at 7 PM during AWSC will further integrate them with Al-Anon.

Evelyn, the Spanish Co-Chair for the convention has worked diligently to provide Spanish workshops at the convention. Any bilingual member interested in performing a Spanish workshop at the convention can contact Evelyn for more information. I will be presenting two Spanish workshops at the convention.

I want to finish by asking your groups these questions:

1. Do you have any groups that need Spanish support?
2. Are you finding the resources to meet your Spanish needs?
3. Are you in constant communication with one another?

Reach out for help! Together we can get better.

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