

District Representative/AISL Report Assembly October 6 – 8, 2017

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

This is my last report for Assembly as District Representative (DR) of District 4. Panel 55 ends in few short months. Standing as the DR of District 4 has been such a ride, an unexpected ride, beginning with serving as DR for the last year of Panel 52 and continuing until now. This is not the path that I had envisioned; my HP had a different plan for me, as I had no path planned to serve as DR at all. What a learning opportunity presented to me! Yes, I was scared; I was not prepared for this, yet I believe HP knew better than I. The road was bumpy and I was not always right. I have made mistakes (or not the best of choices); however, I have chosen to call these episodes “learning opportunities”. I didn’t think I knew what to do but every monthly meeting was held, every Area 9 service position assigned to District 4 was filled, every Assembly and AWSC attended, and so much more. The number of Assembly attendees from District 4 has increased: we now number from 15 – 22. District 4 hosted an Area Service Workshop, researched Red Light/Green Light questions, and several individuals were asked to speak on different topics. I have heard it said that “accomplishments” are not mentioned in our Legacies; Wow! Does that take away the pressure! I choose to consider this list of activities as statements of our commitment to service, not accomplishments.

In our District meetings, a “GR Shout Out” of 10 minutes has been incorporated; more AFGs are represented than in previous years; almost every chairperson that stood for a district service position three years ago is still in that position; each of the three sections of Public Outreach has had a chairperson; we have two Institution meetings; a Convention Liaison has been added to our list of service positions; the district HAS a working capital; and as a district, we have been able to make donations to Area 9 and WSO regularly.

Moving forward to Panel 58, district-wise, I have several visions: I would like to see more Alateen meetings (as of today, we have none); more Institution meetings; increase the awareness of Al-Anon/Alateen in the district through Public Outreach. I would like the issue of Liability Insurance (which the district covers for all AFGs in the district) revisited; as it turns out, less than 10 (26%) of our 38 meetings require a certificate to verify this coverage (Tradition 1); simplify hospitality at the district business meetings; review/amend (if realized) District 4 Service Position Guidelines; create election procedures if found needed; and reach out to the meetings not currently represented at the district business meetings. Keep the Traditions and Concepts alive: cite the specific Tradition/Concept when used in a statement/ action. They will become as familiar as the Steps when they are cited, mentioned, and applied.

In closing, I would like to say that it has been an honor to be of service to Al-Anon; if HP sees fit, I hope to continue my journey of service onto the Area level. I have heard it said that when one serves Al-Anon, one receives much more than is given. I believe that is so for me. I have met and worked with so many wonderful Al-Anons; to say I have grown in my personal program and in my adult life is an understatement; I have learned so much about program and program has taught me so much about life.

I think I’ll keep coming back.....

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

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