

I submit for your consideration the following updates that have been identified as they relate to the Area Public Outreach efforts since Assembly:

- I am happy to report the addition of a team member to the Public Outreach Review Board (PORB). During our June Assembly, Roger B reached out to me with great enthusiasm for the work we had reported on. He expressed a willingness to be of service. At our next monthly meeting, it was unanimously agreed that we would invite him to join our efforts. He will begin at our August meeting. Thank you Roger! With his inclusion, we now have a full group.
- It was also unanimously decided at our meeting after assembly that we have a clear sense of direction about which Public Outreach Project we would be presenting at Area World Service Committee on August 7. I look forward to sharing the details with you at our meeting.
- I attended the district meeting for District 11 in July and have scheduled to attend District 4 in September. These presentations are to highlight the materials that are easily obtainable from the World Service Office and North Florida Area websites. Through the technology of screen sharing, it is possible to demonstrate step by step how to obtain these materials for local public outreach purposes. I stress that any group or member can do service in this way. This brings the total number of districts visited to seven, with requests out to the remaining six.
- Six districts have Public Outreach Coordinators, 1 has not responded to the question and six districts do not have those positions filled.
- The South Florida Area Public Outreach Coordinator has confirmed that they sent 10 copies of How Al-Anon Works to the Everglades Correctional Institution. They also sent a letter offering volunteers and did a follow up as well.
- The Panhandle Area Delegate has confirmed that they were able to provide books to the Walton County Correctional Facility and that, as of this month, they now have a Public Outreach Coordinator for their area who is willing to coordinate with me in the future.
- I had a conversation with the World Service Office Public Outreach Coordinator about whether or not they did anything with Prison Outreach and he confirmed that this was left up to Areas and Districts to handle. I also asked for his cooperation in checking to see if it was feasible to offer prisoners in Florida a copy How Al-Anon Works on their tablets and he is researching this complex question.
- Our District 1 Representative has confirmed that they were able to provide literature to the Jefferson Correctional Institution and is working to see if an Al-Anon meeting would be possible there.
- Our District 5 volunteer has been in communication with the Chaplain at the Hernando County Correctional Facility and has formed a good relationship there. Books have been provided and they are working together to see if a meeting can be created for the inmates.

Yours in Service,

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