

**DISTRICT 2**  
**January 2022 AWSC Report**

*“Spreading Hope”*

Reflections on 2021:

We faced challenging times in 2021. Not only were we all new in our service positions, the pandemic forced us to find new ways to stay connected and expand our ways of making sure that we were able to spread hope and support to the families and friends of alcoholics. And, we believe that we are all stronger for it. Our program continues to teach us that by practicing these principles in all our affairs, we will not only survive, but we can thrive and grow through it all.

We ended our year with a District Group Inventory – an opportunity to reflect on our successes and on those things that we want to strengthen in 2022. As we reflected on our individual growth in our new service positions, we were able to celebrate our successes as well as identify areas of growth opportunities going into 2022.

Groups:

At the beginning of the year, our WSO group records showed that we had 34 groups registered, with 2 showing No Mail status, and 5 in Inactive status – so a total of 29 potentially active groups. As we began to update our records with new GR information, we managed to make contact with someone from all the Active and No Mail Groups so that we could, in turn, update our Where and When and our website meeting lists so that folks could find us during the pandemic.

As of now, we have 27 current and active groups, including a beginner’s meeting. We have only 3 meetings that are still on a Covid hold of some sort, one of which is the Marion County Jail Meeting for which we have to wait for the Officials to let us back in. As we navigated through the year, our groups adapted with zoom or hybrid meetings or outside meetings, whatever it took to continue to be available to those in need. Groups moved back and forth from Zoom to face-to-face or hybrid as the pandemic moved around us – and we scurried around keeping our District records and website current. There was fallout from all this, of course, in that our records and WSO records are somewhat out of sync as of right now – but as the miracle of Al-Anon is – WSO put a disclaimer on their site suggesting folks to the District websites for current meeting information.

We also have a new Beginners Meeting Starting in January in the Gainesville Area.

This was a beautiful living example of so many of the parts – GRs and CMAs, Group Records Coordinator, Website Coordinator, DISL, and many others coming together working Step 12.

Treasury:

Also despite the pandemic, District 2 is in solid financial standing. Groups and individual members continue to send in contributions, and we have been able to make donations to Area and WSO. Our members, at the Group level and District level have been very creative in finding ways to keep us in our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

### Technology:

We put together a small work force to go through our website and make suggestions as to how to keep it user friendly and current and our webmaster ran circles around us keeping things not only current and up to date, but very attractive! Another beautiful example of the “we-ness” that we experience in our beloved program. I even got compliments from another District via AFG Connects about how informative and clean our website is!

### Literature:

Our LDC has been another one who has done a remarkable job of keeping up with pandemic challenges. As with all others in Al-Anon, literature sales are down a bit just because of the in-person limitations Covid has placed on us, but our LDC has been very creative in finding ways to get orders to our Groups and to our Outreach so there has not been a gap of any sort. We also have a Book of the Month that is highlighted on our website to bring attention to our wonderful library of resources and help folks stay aware of the gifts we have on our toolbox.

### Events and Public Outreach:

As is true for many, our Events and Public Outreach slowed down a bit also due to pandemic constraints. We did a few workshops via Zoom and had a small but intimate Gratitude Gathering at the end of the year. We responded to 4 community events at which we had our Al-Anon table with literature and members there to speak to folks about who we are and what we do. This is an area of focus for us in 2022.

### Newsletter:

Our Newsletter Editor got creative and asked members to submit their Step Stories each month for publication on our website. This was a nice add-on to our monthly District Meetings in which we shared our Step Stories each month for the first hour of our meetings. It has been a wonderful way to get to know one another more intimately as we grow together in our new panel.

### Alateen:

Although we did not have any active Alateen meetings in our District in 2021, we certified 3 new AMIAS’, and are very pleased to announce that we are starting an Alateen meeting in January in Gainesville. This is very exciting news!

### Looking Forward into 2022:

As we look forward into 2022, we have identified that we are stronger as teams, so many of our Coordinators are reaching out for helpers so that we can hopefully spread more hope.

Pandemic willing, we hope to add more face-to-face fellowship time to our District activities. In the meantime, we plan to expand our reach by using Zoom for more workshops.

Public Outreach is an area for growth and we are hoping to model after what others are doing, particularly in our Area, by creating 2 more service positions to strengthen our reach with an Institutions Chair and a Professionals Liaison Chair. In addition, we have started an awareness campaign with the Sheriff’s Offices in our District.

An ongoing challenge for us in District 2 is our large geographic area, so another area of focus is in reaching out to our more remote communities and finding ways to bring them closer into us, as well as finding ways to help them grow the Al-Anon/Alateen presence in their communities.

*In Summary:*

No matter what the pandemic was doing, nothing could stop us from spreading hope and staying united in our quest to help our Al-Anon/Alateen families and friends. While Covid may have left us afraid to gather like we have in the past, it has also opened many opportunities for us to find new ways to expand our message.

We never stopped trying to reach out and for this we at District 2 are grateful and giving thanks to the miracle of this program and for each other. Thank you for a great year!

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