

DISTRICT 2 June 2022 Assembly Report

“Spreading Hope”

Reflections:

We have continued to meet monthly as a District in 2022, changing it up a bit as we try to grow into a new post-Covid “normal”. We now meet twice on Zoom each quarter, and on the third month of each quarter we are meeting face to face. Our first face to face meeting was a big success, and we found ourselves so excited to be physically together that it was hard to stay on track and on time ... it seems we all just wanted to chat and hug. But what a fun time we had coming back together! Our next face to face meeting will be the week just before Assembly and we will be including a Public Outreach Workshop to our time together in hopes of “re-forming” how we do our Public Outreach so we can spread more hope. All are welcome!

At our December 2021 District meeting we conducted a group inventory and decided where we want to put our focus in 2022. Those areas of focus are:

- Public Outreach,
- growing Alateen, and
- better engaging our “outlier” meetings.

Interestingly, our involvement in Convention Boutique has given us the perfect opportunity to come together more as we asked each group to participate either by providing goods to sell, by providing volunteers to help out at Convention, or by contributing funds to the effort. It’s been great fun and we have lots going on! We are having monthly ‘crafting’ Saturdays where folks can come and go as their schedules permit to make stuff to sell as well as a chance to have fellowship with one another in a different environment than our regular meetings. Some groups are doing their own thing for goods to sell, and some individuals as well are doing their own thing. All in all – it’s been a great coming-together activity.

We currently have 30 groups registered with WSO but now are down to only 2 that are still on “covid hold”. One of these is still the Marion County jail meeting which has not reopened to us, and the other is likely going to close at this point. Most of our groups are meeting face to face once again, with a few still on Zoom only, and a few still doing hybrids. A few groups are reporting a decline in attendance and an ongoing need for members to step up for service.

We have a new Beginner’s meeting and a new Alateen meeting, both started this year. Exciting!

Also despite the pandemic, District 2 is still 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 7th Tradition.

We have a Task Force working on putting together a Policies and Practices Handbook which is intended to give our District some guidelines on how to navigate some things that are not quite clear in the Service Manual or the WSO Guidelines. The intent is not to reinvent or contradict what is already written, is it merely to augment or clarify such things that come up as “How do we do our District elections?”; or “What

do we do if someone steps up for service but then never shows up? District 9 in the North Carolina/Bermuda Area was kind enough to allow us to use their Handbook as a guide as we navigate creating ours. The plan is to have the Task Force present a draft to the GR's for discussion and go from there. Our hope is to have something in place by the end of this Panel.

In Summary:

No matter what the pandemic is doing, nothing has stopped 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.

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