

Panel 61 - District 8
January AWSC Report

Happy beginning of our third and last year of this panel. As we start the new year, we are excited about more people returning to our District meeting in person. We continue to facilitate the zoom option for those that are not able to attend in person.

Our District meetings are on the third Saturday of every month. A week and a half before, the officers (DR, ADR, DISL, Treasurer and Secretary) meet to plan the upcoming District meeting agenda.

Our DISL continues to work with a committee on our Public Outreach project with HART, Tampa's regional bus system, to provide posters from WSO approved image library to be posted on the interiors of Streetcars in downtown Tampa and city busses. It has been a long process, but our committee continues to work hard toward approval by HART. Once this is completed, the buses and the Streetcars can reach 550,000 people!

District 8 Panel 61 hosted our holiday party on December 17, 2022, right after our District meeting. We had a turkey, ham and lots of delicious side dishes and desserts. We all shared about our special decorations for the holidays and what they meant to us. We also had a wonderful speaker who shared her life and journey in Al-Anon.

District 8 has two members who are part of the 2023 Convention, one as the Co-Chair and the other as Spanish Chair.

Our District and Alternate District Representative will chair the Al-Anon participation at: The 2023 66th Annual AA Florida State Convention in Saddlebrook in Wesley Chapel from Thursday, August 10th through Sunday, August 13th.; There will be Al-Anon and Alateen participation in the form of workshops, AA speakers and an Al-Anon speaker. You can register on the website at [66th Florida State Convention – Aug 10-13, 2023 — Saddlebrook Resort and Spa — Tampa, FL](#)

There has been a lot of talk about electronic meetings and understanding how it affects District 8 and groups who are choosing to go electronic. One of the groups asked Carmen to attend their meeting to explain what would happen to this meeting and how their involvement in District would be affected. Carmen called our Delegate for experience, who provided knowledge that Carmen brought back to the group so that the group could make a knowledge based decision. As a result, we have added this topic to the agenda for our January District meeting for Carmen to share her findings with everyone.

We both look forward to this year and seeing you at AWSC.

With love in service,

Carmen, District Representative

Leanne, District Information Service Liaison