

## District 11 Report 5/20/23

As the end of panel 61 reaches its terminus, we have been discussing election procedures at district and area levels. A review of district 11 procedures, authored and approved in May 1996, revealed perfectly detailed and current guidelines we will use for elections here in Brevard County. Our goal is to hold elections in Sept so the newly elected Group Reps can attend assembly to participate in the vote for new area 9 officers and committee positions.

We have discussed the importance and necessity to attract newer members to service positions at all levels, including group, district and area. Several current members of our district shared experience, strength and hope regarding the “glazed look” which appears on the faces of meeting attendees when the topic of service is mentioned. This was a rather common experience, as evidenced at our last district meeting and I, for one, am grateful the topic was brought up. IT seems very clear to me, at least, that the most effective tool used to elicit participation is to personally reach out to potentially qualified candidates and pledge support in whatever endeavor they choose.

District 11 will once again participate in a local event, “Recovery Fest,” on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> here in Brevard County, under the direction of Jack, our DISL. His tireless efforts over the course of this panel have been noticed and appreciated. While we do not exactly or precisely “measure” the effectiveness of any service position, it is clearly understood by many, that if ONE PERSON finds relief from the potentially devastating effects of alcoholism, our efforts have been successful.

Some changes have taken place in our district since the beginning of Panel 61. One of the most gratifying, for me, has been the reorganization, including a physical move, of our archive holdings/storage space. Thanks, in large measure to the efforts and cooperation of a core group of dedicated people, access to the contents of our storage unit is improved for a larger number of people. Along this

same train of thought, Joe, our archivist has made huge strides in digitizing the contents of our colorful and sometimes head scratching, written history. Working closely with our web pro, Debbie, this information will be available on our website for any and all who wish to partake. In keeping with the spirit of Concept 3, we are comfortable with the reduction of “paperwork” previously stored in the unit.

Some among our district members have been busy with publicity for the 2023 Convention. We are looking forward to this weekend of fun, fellowship and growth. Thanks to all who have sold raffle tickets for the free convention weekends available, x2. This raffle will provide financial strength to the area, which we trust will be used prudently.

A workshop, focused on our literature, was held this spring. It was well attended by members of our district. We are looking forward to more of these in the not too distant future.

Finally, I offer my most profound gratitude for the efforts of everyone in District 11 who kept the “business of Al-Anon” moving in a forward direction when I was not able to be present. Ann, Jack, Llew, Joe, Wendi, Debbie, Mary, Audrey, Paige, Terri, all of the Group Representatives and Higher Power working together to carry the message of hope to our community.

Hugs

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