

## CHAIRPERSON REPORT FOR SPECIAL VIRTUAL AWSC, MAY 23, 2020

Well are we living in an extraordinary time!! So, before I say anything else, I am hoping everyone is well! With the effects of COVID-19 surrounding us, we are still in a position to have a special virtual AWSC to enable us to make reasoned decisions using our Al-Anon Spiritual Principles especially our KBDM process with regard to holding a Virtual Assembly.

What you will be asked to do is to determine collectively if we should have a virtual Assembly in late June, 2020 or early July, 2020 to effectively replace the face-to-face Assembly we had planned for June 18 -20, 2020. That's the main purpose of this AWSC.

In addition to that, I'm taking this opportunity with this report to bring you up to date about all the Area Events that were scheduled for 2020 and have been affected by the Corona Virus.

The Alateen Roundup scheduled for June, 2020 has been cancelled and no replacement date has been considered at this time.

The Alateen Conference has also been cancelled. District 11 continues to plan to host the event and has been in contact and negotiating with the venue to reschedule the event for the summer of 2021.

The 2020 Serenity Rocks Convention has been cancelled for 2020. We have renegotiated with the hotel to hold the event in August, 2021. The host District will remain the same, District 10, and the Convention Committee will remain intact and will just take a "pause" now before kicking the Convention off again in late 2020 and early 2021. That can take place at the Fall Assembly and possibly the Area Service Seminar.

The Area Service Seminar, hosted by District 12, will take place in November or December, 2020 at this time. We are hoping that it will give us a one-day event that will enable us to fellowship free of worries but that is still unclear. The DR and the event Chairperson and I have met to discuss and they along with the District and Committee are in the process of making some decisions now.

With all that said, the Area remains financially sound as our Treasurer will apprise you through the Treasurer's Report which is posted on the Special Virtual AWSC Website. Encourage your groups to consider their continuing donations to their Districts, the Area and WSO during this unprecedented time.

As we plan out the rest of 2020, it is really a "day at a time" process since we don't know how the circumstances of COVID-19 will continue to affect us. We will enlist your input when necessary and I am confident we collectively make the right decisions.

Area 9 is a special family group! Your Board of Directors and your Area 9 Officers are certainly appreciative of all that you do to carry the message of hope and help to those affected by someone else's drinking. Your dedication to your service positions is a testament to how service fosters solid recovery.

I so look forward to seeing you all at our first ever Area 9 Virtual AWSC Special Meeting!!!

Your trusted servant,

Diane C., Chairperson