

DISTRICT 2

August 2019 AWSC

2019 has been a very good year for our district as we continue holding district meetings monthly. Our format is an AFG meeting from 10:00 to 10:45AM followed by the business meeting from 10:45 to 12 :00PM. We are studying the Twelve Traditions during the AFG meeting this year. Groups volunteer to speak on the Tradition or perform a skit. Each month a different member gives a personal account of what the traditions mean to them. We have followed *A Meeting on Wheels* Guidelines (G-22) for the opening to provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate what a *meeting on wheels* is like.

For 2018 District 2 held monthly meetings alternating between three different cities. This proved to be geographically challenging, so we decided to trial for one year meeting only in one central location. We selected First United Methodist Church in High Springs. It is the central most point of our District, and we have a wonderful relationship with the church staff. The meetings are well attended and members seem to be happy with the location. We will revisit the decision towards the end of the year to see if we continue for 2020.

A new service position, Steering Committee Chair, was created to lead a committee designed to research areas of concern that may arise during our District's GR forum. The committee meets separately of the district meeting. The research is presented to the D2 group each month so together a solution can be found. They've done in-depth studies on **Tradition 2, voting at the district level, and the lack of willingness to sponsor**. **Tradition 2** was the focus of many discussions and a skit was performed at our potluck Christmas luncheon. After the committee presented the research on **voting**, the members decided to trial a period where all members would vote on issues that only affect the district. When a vote for an issue affects the Area only the GR's would have a vote. After researching **sponsorship** using CAL and gathering input from Al-Anon members, handouts were designed to help simplify the process and reduce the fears on both sides.

District 2 now has 31 meetings per week, including 2 introductory meetings and 1 Alateen. There is also an Al-Anon meeting on Friday night at the Marion County Women's Jail in Ocala.

We had a Gratitude Luncheon in Gainesville on March 24th. It was a huge success. Approximately 120 people attended. There were three speakers and a delicious potluck dinner. We raised over \$600 from ticket sales and raffles.

The District 2 website has been revamped and continues to gain new features. Please visit alanonfla2.org for the latest information. On the website you will find our District Newsletter, also new this panel.

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