## DISTRICT 2 August 2020 AWSC Report

2020 has been a challenging year to say the least. Our District has stepped up during this Pandemic to keep Al-Anon available for our members in every way possible.

We have continued to hold our monthly District meetings via *ZOOM*. Our format has stayed the same, an AFG meeting from 10:00 to 10:45AM followed by the business meeting from 10:45 to 12 :00PM. During our AFG meeting in 2018 we studied the Twelve Steps, 2019 The Twelve Traditions, and 2020 the study of the Twelve Concepts. Groups or individuals volunteer to speak on the Concept or perform a skit.

Although most of our in-person meetings were temporarily canceled due to COVID-19, there are 11 weekly virtual meetings held via *ZOOM*, and one in-person meeting, in Gainesville on Sunday; limited to 10 attendees. Some of the virtual meetings have 15 to 20 people. Members are able to tune into meetings that are not in their own cities. Even through this difficult time, some positive things happened. We are exploring ways of conducting hybrid meetings going forward for this reason, as well as to help those members who may not be comfortable attending an in-person meeting when they do open up.

It is, of course, an election year. We are encouraging new members to step up and fill all positions. Our District Meeting and Gratitude Luncheon is planned for November 14<sup>th</sup> where speakers will talk about their previous positions. The District is still in discussions about whether or not we should hold it sooner as a *ZOOM* event. A decision should be made soon. We will hopefully fill all positions as well as the new Policy Committee Chair and Steering Committee Chair positions new this panel.

Our one ALateen meeting has closed, but not due to lack of interest, the teens became the age to attend Al-Anon. We are always looking for ways to start new Alateen meetings through our Public Outreach. The Women's Jail Meeting on certain Friday nights in Ocala has been suspended due to COVID-19. We hope it will resume when it is safe to do so.

We were able to hold a Workshop on Safety in Al-Anon Meetings, *Love vs Insanity*, on February 29<sup>th</sup> in Lake City, just before the lockdown began. It was fabulous with close to 30 members enjoying a delicious potluck lunch. Unfortunately, the Conflict Resolution Workshop, *Conflict Café*, on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville, had to be cancelled. The District 2 website has been revamped and continues to gain new features. Virtual Meetings and any meeting changes are updated regularly. Please visit alanonfla2.org for the latest information. Rick S District Representative Eleanor J DISL