

Happy New Year from Jacksonville!

District 3 is still very active. We recently got a new Newsletter editor and she published her first edition in January. Its fabulous to have a District newsletter again!!

At our January meeting, we went over the District Calendar and we have 3 Days of Workshops scheduled for 2020. At the January meeting all three events had volunteers to host! This is a first for me. We actually had groups scrambling to see who could host. I hope this is a trend that will continue into the future.

We are excited about the Conflict Resolution workshop happening in Gainesville in April. Unfortunately, it is scheduled at the same time as our regular District meeting. A few GRs are planning to come to Gainesville and will send an alternate to the District meeting. All are announcing the event at their meetings so we hope that lots of people from Jacksonville will be at the event.

We have had 10 – 15 people contact Gage about becoming AMIAS. We are working to get training here in Jacksonville as soon as possible. Were with one AMIAS and only one Alateen meeting for a very long time. Its exciting to have interest peaked. I hope that this means we will be adding an Alateen group, or two, to our Meeting List soon.

I am sorry to miss seeing all of you at AWSC this weekend. My daughter has an event on Feb 1st and after my uncle's tragic death in Tampa a couple weeks ago, HP told me that I should be with my daughter. Kathleen is coming to AWSC in my place. I know that you will help her and answer any questions that she has.

Love in service,
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Our Public Outreach Committee met following our District Meeting on January 11. We have an exciting year planned:

- CORE (Clinical Overview of the Recovery Process) at the Omni, Amelia Island will be our largest outreach to professionals again this year. We plan to be better organized this year with handout that direct our volunteers. We anticipate we will again be provided with a booth at no charge. We plan to order 200 AFAs to get us started. We will meet again to discuss what we are giving out and how.
- We have volunteers contacting the police in Duval, Nassau and St Johns counties. We hope to be able to provide AFAs to officers responding to domestic violence calls. We are also attempting to be included in their training so they know what AFG is.
- We have a volunteer trying to get into the State Hospital to do a presentation for them. We have our fingers crossed.
- We also have a member investigating local publications to see if we can announce AFG meetings with no charge.

- Our participation with AA at the masquerade ball in October was a success. Attendees enjoyed great food, speakers, and a skit. We are not sure the ball will continue going forward though. More to be revealed.
- We currently have two institutions meetings. Gateway offers a visit with clients if you come to their Wednesday class. Every other Wednesday the class is Al-Anon. We see between 20 and 35 family members. We have between 2 and 5 Al-Anons that show up for support and the last Wednesday of the month we are asking for speakers. Lakeview is continuing to meet weekly with 4-5 Al-Anons at every meeting.
- We have two members who have been asked to participate and be a part of Family Court. It is a tri-county program being tried where the offender can participate in a program which involves their family in the hopes that a better support system will help them all. Once a month the families come to the courthouse and talk to the judge. The judge has placed Al-Anon in the hallway and the families are encouraged to speak with our representatives while waiting for their turn with the judge. Most recently – the children of the offenders have been picking up literature and asking questions.
- We are participating with AA's Annual State Convention. Which is being held in Jacksonville in August. There will be lots of Al-Anon workshops. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out.

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