

**AWSC Report – District 9 – Polk & Highlands County  
August 2019**

District 9 continues to meet on the third Saturday of alternating months in Lakeland. The last meeting on June 15 had a total of 17 in attendance – 10 were voting and 7 were non-voting members.

At the request of Diane C., Area 9 Chair, the District discussed the Area Public Outreach Project that was proposed by the Area Public Outreach Coordinator at the Area Assembly on June 8, 2019. As a result, and according to Diane's request, District 9 unanimously voted to allow the AWSC to approve the Area Public Outreach project during a vote during Area World Service in August.

District 9 members shared their experience, strength and hope as attendees of the Area Assembly. All shared their appreciation of the good work and planning that goes into the weekend. Several members attended for the first time and expressed how much they learned about the structure of Alanon business, and how worthwhile it was for them to attend.

District 9 was able to give a check in the amount of \$954.35 to the Alateen Conference Chair from collections of "Change for Change." In addition, the Easy Does It Gratitude AFG sent a donation of \$130 to sponsor an Alateen for the Conference.

Attendance at District 9 Alanon meetings during the summer months has decreased, which is not unusual for this time of year. Several groups in Highlands County have asked for support during the off-season when many snowbirds return to the north.

District 9 will be participating in a District Inventory during the next District meeting on August 17, as a result of discussion and a vote to proceed for the health and well being of the District. Members were given the Alanon CAL forms for instruction and suggested questions to answer. Due to the length of the suggested questions, each member was asked to select 5-6 topics to discuss.

The District will be participating in a Gratitude Lunch on October 6, 2019, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lakeland. The Planning Committee is meeting to discuss details. A flyer will be created and distributed for inclusion from other Districts.

The date for the annual District 9 Holiday Party was secured for December 7, 2019, also at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lakeland.

Things are moving right along with our Information Service Chairs. We recently had a member step up to be our Newsletter Editor. We continue to need a Chair for our Phone Service; however, all the Groups are stepping forward to take a month and it is flowing smoothly. Alateen Chair remains empty. All other Chairs are doing their service and doing it well to keep the District moving forward.

Gratefully submitted

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