

## **AWSC Report – District 9 – Polk & Highlands County**

District 9 closed out 2018 with our Annual Holiday Party on December 1<sup>st</sup> with a pot luck lunch, fellowship and the gift exchange, which always proves to be a fun time! The District met first for its regular meeting, and annual contributions to the Area and WSO were discussed and voted on.

In lieu of the annual Gratitude Luncheon, which has been held in November, the District voted to send an Annual Appeal letter to the groups. This proved highly beneficial from a financial standpoint, and although our District is small in comparison, our members came through in a big way for the District.

We continue to meet as a District in Lakeland on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of alternating months. In 2018, the need for an Alternate District Representative was filled, and the District gained 3 new GRs from groups that had little District participation in the past.

Looking ahead to year #2 of Panel 58, we are losing a long-time service member in our District to retirement and relocation to another state. Believing and trusting fully in a HP who always provides, we continue to gain new interest by members for service positions. A new District Treasurer will be voted in at the February 16<sup>th</sup> District meeting. We are always reminded that we are never alone in our AlAnon journey, and our HP is putting people into our District and into our lives for a reason.

A new meeting, Fresh Start AFG, began in November in Highlands County. The group meets on Saturdays from 12:00 – 1:00 at St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring. Attendance has been good and growing each week. An email went out to District 9 members asking for support and literature donations for the new group.

We are led and guided by a loving Higher Power, who continues to shed goodness and love on our District. We are grateful, and we continually strive for balance, harmony and giving back to a program that has changed our lives.

In District 9 we continue to have a couple Information Service Chair Positions vacant and we are just learning of a couple more that will need to be filled. We trust that in the appropriate time, member's willingness to do service, will take care of these challenges.

We have recently had a change in our Technology Chair and the turnover seems to be going smoothly for the District Web Site.

Public Outreach has been busy in the first quarter with at least 3 Health Fairs at Schools and Colleges.

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