

District 7 Report for August 2018 AWSC

District 7 continues to hold monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month. We have a Gratitude Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, October, 27, 2018, with a committee that is excited about the event! We are still looking for a chair/co-chairs for next Springs Day of Workshops.

We have chairs for all four meetings that were given to our District for the upcoming 2018 Convention, and are promoting this event at all of our meetings. We have collected all hospitality supply items requested from the convention committee. We also selected and submitted a member from our District for the convention HUG drawing and are waiting to hear who was selected. What a fantastic way to promote the convention!

We have had two new Al-Anon meetings to open since the beginning of the year for a total of 47 meetings; seven of the meetings have Beginners meetings before the regular meeting. We had three Alateen meetings, but one just recently closed due to lack an AMIAS to sponsor.

Our District Outreach committee has also been looking into digital billboards and/or bus shelter posters to get the Al-Anon message out to the community. We are now having discussions on funding this project and the upcoming budget planning.

A question for Red light/Green light that was brought up was “how to handle non-service dogs at meetings?” This has become an issue at some meetings. Another challenge that was brought up was “how to handle members who use the meeting contact list to promote their own business?”

I look forward to meeting and seeing everyone at our August AWSC.

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AISPC – District 7, Panel 58

I continue to grow and gain confidence as AISL for District 7; and the AIS Chairs are doing the same.

Through the Pinellas, District 7 website, I continue receiving e-mail contact from the community. Recently, a Spanish speaking member of our community actually called me, requesting information about Al-Anon. Fortunately, I was able to refer her to our District Spanish Coordinator for response.

Positions:

In June, we opened a Spanish Coordinator position. After formulated guidelines were accepted, a willing member stood.

Unfortunately, our Group Records chair stepped down in July.

Current open chair positions are: Group Records, District Alateen Process Person (DAPP) and Alateen. These openings are announced, and we are hopeful members will soon stand for these important positions.

Communication:

Many chairs provide regular, written and/or oral reports at monthly Chair and District meetings.

Challenges and Successes:

In August, the AIS chairs will meet prior to the District Meeting to discuss time and format of future Chair Meetings --- for example, whether we wish to continue monthly, bi-monthly or via telephone conference.

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