

District 9 AWSC Report, February 2018

Perhaps one of the most exciting things about becoming the District Representative for Panel 58 in District 9, (aside from the obvious reason to be of service and to strengthen my recovery) is the addition of several younger (millennials) members to our District. We have already enhanced our website ([afgdistrict9.org](http://afgdistrict9.org)) to make it more user-friendly, and our Technology Chair is willing to provide bright, colorful fliers for our District events.

In addition, I am excited about the return of some of our seasoned leadership from Panel 55, making the transition into Panel 58 as seamless as possible. The dedication and loyalty to our District is so very encouraging as they provide the courage, strength and hope to me as DR and to our entire group of representatives.

During Panel 55, our group voted to divide our District into 2 geographic regions for our Outreach Committee to serve Polk and Highlands County. The South Public Outreach Chair hit the ground running and is recruiting volunteers to have a presence at an AlAnon booth during the Highlands County Fair, February 9-17, 2018.

One of my goals during the first year of my term is to visit all the Alanon meetings within our District as often as possible as a way to encourage participation in District events among all members. Since "participation is the key to harmony", I hope to continue the unification within our District that was created during Panel 55.

Because our District 9 is officially in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with all our technical improvements, I am hoping to trim the cost of copying and reproduction a bit in our 2018 budget. Sometimes copying is a necessary way to promote our events, distribute meeting minutes and agendas; however, I noticed more members using their hand held devices during District meetings allowing the KBDM to take immediate form.

Our District is still in need of an Alternate DR, however, that need has been turned over to our HP for His direction and His will. We are confident that the position will be filled in His time.

I will be attending my first AWSC event February 3-4, 2018, and will bring enthusiasm and a willingness to learn with me. There is still so much within our Concepts of Service that I have not worked through, and having a Service Sponsor should allow my personal growth to ultimately serve our District.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted  
Toni J., District Representative, District 9

I am truly looking forward to serving District 9 and Area 9 as an AISL. Starting all over, learning something new!

I was unable to attend our District elections meeting in October, but have been told all our Chair Positions are filled except Alateen Chair and Newsletter Chair. We will continue to reach out to our members to fill these positions. As Toni stated our Website is changing and our Outreach South is attempting to take on a big project immediately! Way to go Renee' and Ray. Panel 58 has begun!!

Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at our upcoming AWSC.

Jill O., AISL, District 9