

Public Outreach Coordinator Assembly Report

June 7 - 9, 2019

Submitted by Michelle S.

As you all may recall, I became the Public Outreach Chair mid-panel at AFG Area 9's Oct. 2018 Assembly. The Area members who said "Yes!" when I asked them to be on our Panel 58 Public Outreach Committee with me are:

- Wendy R., District 12
- Sue M., District 11
- Pat E., District 10
- Freddie S., District 3
- Iris L., District 7
- Jody B., District 7

As we have worked together, our goals for 2019 have become threefold. As listed on our Area [Public Outreach webpage](#), they are:

- To remember that, as noted in Step 12 ("Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs"), we are called simply to try. Let us all remember it is our job simply to do the footwork, and then leave the outcomes to our Higher Power
- To provide support to all thirteen of our Area's districts in their Public Outreach endeavors. Please feel free to contact Michelle S., Area 9's Public Outreach Chair, with any questions, comments, suggestions, requests, etc. you may have at publicoutreach58@afgarea9.org
- To raise awareness of the Public Outreach tools that are already available, starting with profiling as many as possible on this page [<https://www.afgarea9.org/public-outreach-coordinator.html>], and continuing with intentionally seeking to connect our Area members so that they may share and learn from each other's Public Outreach experience, strength, and hope

Our accomplishments over the last eight months include:

- Analyzing the Public Outreach input the Area received from the districts during 2018
- Listening to input from: this panel's executive committee; past PO committee chairs; shares on the Public Outreach section of AFG Connects; WSO; and our Area's DRs, DISLs, and Public Outreach contacts at February's AWSC as well as via email and phone contact
- With the help of Technology Chair Pat A. and Chair Diane C.:
 - Re-designing [Area 9 website's Public Outreach Coordinator page](#)
 - Creating a seasonal/quarterly AFG Area 9 Public Outreach newsletter distributed to the Area panel as well as each district's Public Outreach chairs/contacts
- Ordering Public Outreach DVD's for each of the districts in English, and three in Spanish for those who can use them, which we will distribute at Assembly
- Preparing our lunch and learn workshop "Public Outreach Best Practices – Learning From Each Other's ESH" for the June 2019 Assembly
- Selecting and preparing to present our Area 9 AFG Public Outreach 2019 project at the June 2019 Assembly

We have accomplished more in eight months than I could have ever possibly imagined, I am grateful to be making this journey with this awesome committee, and I look forward to continuing the adventure and seeing where it leads all of us over the next 18 months!

Gratefully,

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Area 9 Panel 58 Public Outreach Coordinator