

District 9 DR Report for Spring Assembly, May 20-22, 2016

I had a good chuckle in reading Cindy J email requesting our reports "be colorful"... I'm not sure it the same colorful as I was thinking of.. LOL

Anyway, as mentioned in Pat's report all district positions have been filled. Our Events Chair is a new position and we're excited that Toni J. has volunteered to chair this position and help "develop it from the ground up!!" She has our support!!

One of the wonderful things about service work is it requires me to face and overcome my character defects. I'm truly amazed at the number of challenges or "opportunities for growth" as some like to call it, that I have experienced during my first year as DR. Although really, I should not to surprising at all. I'm serving with many, many different members. We're coming from different backgrounds, entering service work at different levels of recovery and in our own unique and special way trying to spread our passion for Al-Anon to our members and groups. From my own experience and observation it would appear that most "opportunities for growth" stem from lack of clear and concise communication, a mere misunderstanding. For me that means sending more emails.. LOL.. WRONG as my service sponsor so graciously pointed out. She suggested I pick up the telephone and actually speak with the person. OMG!! You've got to be kidding!! Really!! You know the feeling... your stomach is a tight ball and wrenching in pain, your mind is "saying" NO WAY and your heart is "saying" yep that's the appropriate course of action, you know this what you've got to do! With support from my service sponsor and a lot of pray and mediation my HP gave me the strenghten to place that phone call and to my surprise we laughed and joked about our misunderstanding and ended up having a wonderful conversation about Al-Anon. The bottom line for me... it really was no big deal, but my defects of character took a relatively minor matter and made into this big ugly monster that was a afraid to face. But thanks to the Al-Anon program, my HP and service sponsor I have overcome this ugly monster, at least for today, and I've taken a huge step in my recovery.

My "piece" is not long but perhaps someone will read this message and it will be the catalyst that helps you take that first step on your journey. Remember it's about progress not perfection. I'm truly grateful for the Al-Anon program and it's members!!

God Bless

Richard G, DR, District 9

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Currently, all Chair positions are filled. Alateen Coordinator, Claudia K, discussed the Alateen Conference which will be located at Lake Placid, Florida, within our District 9. Additionally, there is an Amias in Highlands County that is looking for a group.

Our Webmaster, Amy G, has been holding down three positions: Webmaster, Group Records and Where and When. Two volunteers have stepped forward, Betty H and Nancy H, to be trained by Amy to fill two of the Chairs.

Answering Service Chairperson, Barbara W, has revised instructions for groups volunteering to answer messages left on the service. Volunteering groups have provided for answering messages for the twelve months of 2016.

Archives Chairperson, Arlene V. has been contacted by Area Coordinator, Michael D; and hopes to have additional conversations with him.

Events Chair, Toni J, assisted Alt Delegate, Jill O, with a very successful Writing Workshop, led by Pat A, Area Literature Coordinator.

Literature Chair, Bernie B, was contacted by the Area Coordinator, Pat A, regarding Literature information.

Newsletter Chair, Jean W, has returned to her northern home; but will continue her District work from that home.

Public Outreach Chair, Catherine M, has been busy with two public outreach committees: One in Polk County; and a new committee in Highlands County. Additionally, she has asked GR's to keep her informed on the distribution of AAFA.

Pat S., AISL, District 9