



CHAIRPERSON REPORT FOR VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY, JULY 18, 2020

Dear Area 9 Family,

Who would have known that we would be hosting a Virtual Assembly during Panel 58!! Well I think no one would have but here we are! It is very daunting but at the same time very exciting that we are in a position to take on this task. It is only because of the dedicated service that many of our members that we are able to accomplish this. It is extraordinary!! It continues to bode so well the strength of Al-Anon and that of Area 9.

During our Area World Service Committee virtual meeting in May, we utilized the KBDM process to determine as to whether we should hold a virtual assembly and as that turned out here we are. I am hopeful you are looking forward to our Assembly as much and I am so I will see you there.

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of the various activities and events that are normally a part of Area 9:

The Alateen Roundup and Conference for 2020 have been cancelled. The Alateen Conference will be rescheduled sometime in 2021 with District 11 still hosting. There is no date for any Alateen Roundup going forward.

The 2020 Serenity Rocks Convention has been moved to August 2021 and as such will be the Area 2021 Convention at the same venue. In addition, we have negotiated with the Hilton Buena Vista Palace to host the 2023 Convention as well.

The Area Service Seminar is still on track to take place in November or December of 2020. There will be status on that at this Assembly by the Service Seminar Chairperson.

We have decided to hold a Virtual Area World Service Committee Meeting on August 22, 2020. This will replace the original Face to Face meeting planned for August 1-2, 2020. The October Assembly is under consideration right now and we will be surveying and determining what is the best way to go forward with the October Assembly. It is a very important one, obviously, since it this Assembly that elects Panel 61, our slate of incoming officers. It's important to begin thinking about that to help make the transition seamless for Area 9. Service is the greatest enhancement to recovery I have ever experienced.

The Area remains strong financially! Encourage group donations to their Districts, Area and WSO. We continue to need that going forward. Your Treasurer will review our status at this meeting and, as always, the Treasurer's Report is posted on the Special Virtual Assembly webpage.

As I started out this report by saying, "who would have known", and again here we are! With our Al-Anon Principles, HP's guidance, great commitment to service by our members, we will be great! Area 9 will continue to be great!

Thanks for your service!!!

Your Trusted Servant,

Diane C

Chairperson, Area 9, Florida North

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