



Spanish Coordinator Report

AFG Area 9 - Florida North

Panel 58, Area Virtual Assembly

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What a year 2020 has been for all of us! During the Covid-19 pandemic, Al-Anon has been able to provide groups the freedom to adjust their meetings to serve the community and reach out to family and friends of alcoholics.

The Spanish groups of the North Florida Area 9 are offering 6 different telephone meetings during the week. One of the groups in Spanish invited a speaker from another country to attend their telephone meeting and that meeting was attended by 28 people. This has been an opportunity for members to interact with different groups, since attending meetings is just a call away from their own homes. The desire of all members to make possible these changes at each district and groups has been an experience that will stay with me the rest of my life.

During this time we have been able to experience a program without boundaries, when members from different groups, districts and areas, from different states and even different countries are able to come together and interact as a world service fellowship. Now, we will be getting together for a virtual assembly and this is very exciting. We look forward to a good participation of all the members at the Area 9 groups that speak Spanish.

Translation service during Assembly:

After working with our Technology Coordinator helping her prepare the Zoom training for the Virtual Assembly, it has been my desire to look at the different possibilities in order to provide translation to Spanish during this virtual day of interactions. At this moment we count with 4 different Al-Anon members that will be providing this translation service. These Al-Anon members are from different states, including Puerto Rico. They have been getting basic Zoom training and the week before the Assembly they will be receiving training on the Zoom translation feature.

Zoom Workshop soon!

Since the NFArea 9 got the Zoom license, the Spanish Coordinator could have access to this account in order to offer service to the Spanish speaking community. At this moment we are in the process of organizing a Workshop. We already have confirmation of participation from 2 speakers, one from Canada and another from Mexico. At this moment we are waiting for a confirmation of another speaker, who will be the keynote speaker of the workshop. The date has not been established yet, but we are planning this workshop to take place during the Fall.

I would like to be able to get members to offer translation to English in order to have attendance from the English speaking community. Will keep you posted!

Convention 2020 cancelation:

As we all know by now, the NFA 2020 Convention, Serenity Rocks, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The new dates are scheduled for August 27-28, 2021 and it will take place at the Hilton Buena Vista Palace. See you in 2021!!!!



2020 is an Election year at our Area 9:

I could not believe that it is going to be 3 years since we started on Panel 58. What a learning experience it has been for me as your Spanish Coordinator. I will be starting to send information to all the Spanish speaking members to encourage them to step up for this position on Panel 61, starting in January 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!



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