



Event 2017 Final Report

This event was a HUGE success!! We had an amazing turnout, a terrific response and such a lot of participation from all across the Area! Beginning with our “Moment of Silence” Spiritual Meeting we transitioned out of Assembly and into an exploration of the Serenity Prayer! ‘Serenity to accept the things we cannot change’ was illustrated beautifully in our WSO visitor stories and further discussed in our Obstacles to Success small group discussions. ‘Courage to change the things we can’ became more clear as we saw how the WSO works, and our ability to make changes through our participation and support. ‘Finding wisdom’ was helped a lot by the Gallery Walk of ways we work together to carry the Al-Anon message of hope. And our final Panel on Sponsorship gave us all a clue as to one important way we can strengthen our recovery – and carry it on! Thank you to everyone who participated, and here are the details:

For the N FL AFG Area 9 AWSC, August 18-19, 2017

When planning a TEAM Event, start EARLY!

1. The Area 9 Panel was informed of the decision that District 7 (D7) was willing to host the NFL AFG Area 9 TEAM Event 2017, at the Spring Assembly in May 2016.
2. The D7 Host committee (chair, DR, AISL chair) and key Area 9 Panel members (chair, delegate) held a conference call in June of 2016, to start reviewing the WSO’s planning process and to discuss when the event would occur. We decided on three (3) dates and prioritized them, the first being to hold the Event with the Area 9 Spring Assembly in May of 2017.
3. The chair of the D7 Host committee completed the application process found on the WSO website, requesting the May 2017, date, and utilized the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual to choose service topics that would be presented at the TEAM Event.
4. The WSO informed us in a week that our date had been accepted, and the Host committee and key Area 9 Panel members held another conference call to start the planning process of the event. Many of the logistics were taken care of because the event was in conjunction with the Spring Assembly in May 2017. Example; hotel, conference rooms, projector and audio systems, this helped with attendance and cost of the Event.
5. At the July 2016, D7 district meeting, volunteers came forward for the Event chair of registration (Kathy R.) and the Event treasurer (Lisa M.). The D7 host committee started holding monthly meetings after district meetings for follow-up, concerns, and next steps. These names were reported at the August 2016, AWSC.
6. The Host committee chair met with the Area 9 Panel chair after the August 2016, AWSC and discussed items that were needed moving forward, and further planning the details of the event.
7. There was a meeting held by the entire Area 9 panel, chair, treasurer, and delegate, and the D7 Host committee, chair, registrar, treasurer, and DR, at the Area Convention in September 2016. This was a face-to-face with everyone involved to clarify some questions regarding the process and how to proceed. The bank account for the Event was established at that time.
8. The D7 Host committee chair reported the progress to the NFL Area 9 members at the Fall Assembly in October 2016. The D7 Host committee developed an announcement/ registration flyer for WSO approval and to post on the Area 9 website. The Area 9 Webmaster developed an on-line registration site and had it open for use by the end of December 2016.
9. The WSO has a process in place for these events, and start planning/meeting with the Area host committee six (6) months prior to the event. Due to the holidays we had a conference call in early December 2016, with the D7 Host committee chair, Area 9 panel chair and delegate, and WSO point of contact (POC). Because of the pre-planning the committee members had already completed, the call/meeting was very productive, and gave the WSO POC an idea of how the Event was going to occur. After this call/meeting, the D7 Host committee chair and the WSO POC communicated one-to-one on details, questions and follow-up for the Event, and the D7 Host committee chair was the liaison for the Area

9 members that needed information.

10. The D7 Host committee chair, and Area 9 panel chair, had several discussions on the topics submitted, the theme, and how the various presentations for the Event would occur. This agenda was forwarded to the WSO POC for review and approval.
11. The D7 Host committee chair presented updates to the Area 9 members at the Spring AWSC in February 2016, and volunteers were requested for any remaining positions/jobs for the Event.
12. Starting a month before the TEAM Event, the WSO POC and D7 Host committee chair were in contact on a weekly basis ensuring that all the logistics and issues were dealt with before the Event.
13. Because of the pre-planning and frequent meetings and calls, when the Event occurred it was very enjoyable, and there were no major issues.
14. The details of the Event are below
 - Attendance: 185
 - Money turned in \$7,966.77 - \$2000 budgeted money for the event – \$4140.95 costs of the event = \$1825.82 profit
 - Evaluations for WSO were collected, tabulated, and the results were sent to WSO for their report out of the NFL AFG Area 9 TEAM Event 2017, in June.
15. Personally, it was a great service opportunity! I made new friends, worked with people on all different levels, saw the service structure in action from the WSO level to the District level, worked my program, and experienced the Serenity Prayer on a much deeper level. Thanks to everyone who helped make the NFL AFG Area 9 TEAM Event 2017, such a rewarding experience!

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Attachments: You can find the (1) Evaluations, (2) Comments and (3) Questions used, and not used but researched, for “Obstacles to Success” Small Group Breakouts on the website along with this report as a permanent Archive.