

Spanish Coordinator Report Assembly May 1-3, 2015

With a heart of gratitude and love I once again address you with so much willingness to be in service. For those new Group Representatives here at Assembly for the first time, thank you for being here.

Being in service has helped me to believe in this process, and that reaching out to others with the same experience helps me live our Al-anon Declaration: "when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there" in any language. It can be difficult to speak to others in a different language, but if you can be open to those like me, that have difficulty with English, then together we can take this hope to more people in need.

Remember: Al-Anon Family Groups is a THREE LANGUAGE program! English, Spanish and French.

Some of the work I have been doing in the Area is:

- Translating at events like our Service Workshop in District 3.
- Passing out Spanish-language editions of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015. This is something everyone can do – order some of the Spanish-language copies and have them available in your groups, or drop them off in Doctor's offices.
- Keeping the list of Spanish-speaking phone meetings. I am attaching it here, and ask you to share this resource on your District website, especially those places where face-to-face Spanish speaking meetings are not possible. Please share in your groups, at your District meetings, and in your newsletters as well.
- In February 14 Spanish groups got together for a walk and fellowship in a park in Orlando as sharing recovery in action
- Putting the Al-Anon Bookmark in the Spanish newspaper in Tampa for 4 months has increased of newcomers phone calls. They have many questions and some walk in to the meeting looking for information.
- Our Spanish Intergroup is putting out a table with Spanish Language Conference Approved Literature at each of the Area meetings (AWSC and Assembly) as well as at Convention and Service Workshops. This outreach is for you to take some of these materials and have them on hand at your own meetings.
- Some groups are having literature meeting with topics voted on in advance and have found that this is helping people to become more open to sharing, because they can think about it ahead of time.

I would like to thank Roger for walking me through some of the new changes on the Website and helping me see some new opportunities for Spanish language outreach. I have the opportunity to ask for help to translate some of the documents from English to Spanish, and soon more Al-Anon members can know what is going on at Area. I hope this helps more Spanish Groups send a GR to Assembly.

I hope you each have a happy weekend full of growing opportunity... and thank you for giving me the chance to be of

service.

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Please if you have any questions or ideas about how we can reach more people who need Al-Anon, please call me or text at 813-312-2491