District 1 Spring Assembly Report

August 14-15, 2015

District 1 continues to have a small, but enthusiastically committed group of servants who together represent many years of sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Thus far there are five GRs representing the eight Al-anon Family Groups. In addition, we have a Newcomers AFG that meets each week. We have a District Representative, District Treasurer, District Secretary, Group Records Chair, Public Outreach Coordinator, and Website Chair. Several other positions are yet to be filled. We plan to continue to encourage service as a wonderful opportunity, not only to serve family and friends of alcoholics but as another step in our journeys to recovery. Our literature orders are currently handled by each individual AFG with the only exception being the newcomers AFG for which literature is being purchased by the district treasurer.

We have chosen to focus on public outreach for the remainder of this year. A one-page list of guidelines for answering the district Al-anon phone using the principals of Al-anon/ Alateen has been developed and is available on our website. Our Public Outreach Chair shares this with those who have volunteered to answer calls. A Public Outreach Task Force has been established and will have met twice by the time AWSC takes place. Thus far we have provided copies of <u>Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism</u> to counselors participating in the Florida School for Addiction Studies (FSAS) workshop in our area. More plans for outreach are in the works.

Other plans under discussion for the 2016 year include having a gratitude dinner and having a 12th step workshop. We look forward to working with all of you and making this a year of growth and service to those reaching out for help and hope.

Yours in service, Susan R. District 1 Representative