

District 3 Report to AWSC, August 14-16, 2015

District 3's members have been very active since the May Assembly. Our members have supported professional outreach at two large conferences, hosted a special workshop on Conflict Resolution at our quarterly district business meeting, put on a District Fun Day and continued to search for candidates for service positions.

District 3 activities during May 2015 included a public outreach event at The Intervention Project for Nurses/Florida Nurses Association (IPN/FNA) conference at the Sawgrass Marriott Conference Center in Ponte Vedra Beach. Eight district members had opportunities to meet with the 150 medical professionals (nurses, administrators, treatment providers, educators and students) attending the conference and share how Al-Anon can help the families and friends of their patients and clients.



Al-Anon booth at the IPN/FNA Annual Conference

June events included a Fun Day for our District 3 AFG members, which drew a small but energetic crowd who readily participated in multiple games and workshops and had a GREAT time! It raised over \$100.

July 2015 included a highly successful public outreach effort for the second straight year to the Clinical Overview of the Recovery Experience (C.O.R.E.) Conference at the Omni Amelia Island, FL. Six members – including several supporting a public outreach event for the first time – represented Al-Anon at the third-annual C.O.R.E. Conference, which drew addiction counselors nationwide. It was on Amelia Island July 19-22. Members met with more than 100 counselors and encouraged them to order materials directly from WSO for families in treatment.

In addition, we had a Business Meeting on July 18, with excellent attendance and featured a Conflict Resolution Workshop with the new “Using Al-Anon Principles to Resolve Conflicts Kit,” presented by Area 9 Chairperson Cindy J, with assistance from Lisa P., Past Delegate-Panel 46.

The 2016 Convention Committee has begun monthly meetings to organize, recruit volunteers, develop their theme, and identify potential venues for the event. More information will be forthcoming.

Since our last district meeting we have gained a new Outreach to Professionals chairperson, Dany A., and our Newsletter Editor, Risa G., graciously took on updating our When and Where meeting schedule temporarily while we search for a new chairperson. We still have several chair positions open.

Risa is also launching an effort to find new ways to make our district newsletter, Sharings, more useful for and read by more members. She would appreciate any input from other districts on what has worked well for them and can be contacted at newslettereditor@jaxafg.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista very soon!

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