

**August, 2015 AWSC**

**District 13 Report**

**NFL Area 9 Panel 55**

***Doris M, District Representative***

We have had a busy start to our new Panel. I know I am challenged to find some balance and direction in my own position. The presence of a very wise service sponsor has been invaluable. At this time we have two panel positions open: District Secretary and District Treasurer. Our District Treasurer will be moving out of state and we will miss her very much. She has been the creative source of our wonderful Al-Anon cards and many Al-Anon related craft items.

As of this date we have 26 groups registered with WSO. We also have an Alateen GR who attended our March meeting. I hope we can make it possible for her to come to Assembly. Not all groups have GRs but we still have a good turn-out at our District meetings. Terry Anne and I are still working on the agenda format and pacing to make sure we have time to discuss important group and District issues.

Our Delegate, Wendy and the rest of her Task force visited our March District meeting and we shared about the upcoming motion to make our District a permanent member of Area 9. At our last District meeting in May, there was unanimous consent to move forward with this motion so we can be full-fledged members of Florida North. Wendy also was gracious enough to attend our Monday Morning Miracles anniversary speaker meeting and share her story. It was a wonderful celebration and we all were inspired to hear about Wendy's journey in Al-Anon.

One topic that has created much conversation in the format of our meeting schedules that are printed every two months. We decided to form a Task Force to gather information from the groups and present their results at our July meeting (if completed by then). Some felt strongly that we continue to print the 12 x 12 in the meeting schedule. Due to the addition of two groups, the format took the schedule to 11x 14 and doubled the price. Terry Anne and I are going to formulate the specific charge for this group and we hope the process is a positive one.

We have a Tea & Card Party scheduled on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This is always fun and Linda L left us with 750 greeting cards, including holiday, that will be for sale. There will be food, raffle and Nan W, one of our past DRs will be the speaker. Also in the works is our Day of Workshops on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Stepping Stones is hosting this and our own Cindy J will be our main speaker. Two of the four workshops are already adopted and I will be doing the skit on the WSO website on Conflict Resolution.

I am still making road trips to visit the groups regularly and enjoy meeting all of our District members. On a sad note, our precious GR from Monday Morning Miracles, Tina M, has had to resign her duties as she is now on Hospice. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She gave and still gives Al-Anon everything she can because of how profoundly it has helped her these past five years.

I look forward to taking care of business with all of you in August after I return from a much needed vacation.

## **Terry Anne A, AISL D13**

I've only got a few things to add:

Our Alateen chair has agreed to set up a District Event to help improve the understanding of Alateen as a whole in our AI-Anon program. We will make it fun and interesting and involve as many AI-Anons as we can. We believe with increased understanding we will have increased participation and be able to reach more teens.

Our Archivist has enlisted assistance with our huge AI-Anon speaker CD collection. A member is taking them from group to group as a lending library. The AA liaison has kept us well stocked and informed. Our Literature liaison is making our use of District 12's Literature a breeze. The meeting schedules are coming along well with the help of a thought force chaired by our DR emeritus. Group Records are up to date and well managed.

We have a very active fall in Public Outreach with 4 events lined up in October and November. Our website is doing very well, we're trying new ideas and keeping it interesting.