District 9

(Polk, Harding and Highlands County)

My first District Meetings as new AISL have been truly a learning and wonderful experience. I have visited three group meetings, and will be telling My Story at a speaker meeting the end of August.

Although our District Public Outreach Chairperson recently resigned, two groups in Highlands County have begun to explore and plan for public outreach this Fall and Winter. We are hopeful that we will have a new Public Outreach Chairperson at our next District Meeting.

Additionally, our District Representative resigned. As always, Al-Anon members pulled together at a Special District Meeting, and nominated two people, with Richard G being elected as DR.

Pat S AISL, District 9

Hi Everyone,

Our district faced a minor setback when our recently elected DR Lois W. had to unexpectedly step down as our DR. Our panel is very appreciative of her service at both the group and district level. Her enthusiasm, experience and commitment to Al-Anon will truly be missed.

In Al-Anon we learn to embrace change and overcome our fears by seeking guidance and direction from the God of our understanding. This unexpected situation required our group to seek guidance and direction from our HP and those that have gone before us.

Thanks to Cindy J, Jill O, and Pat S and guidance from our HP a game plan was developed. On July 25th a special district meeting was called to order for the sole purpose of electing a new DR for District 9.

I am truly humbled to have been nominated and voted in as our new DR. To say I'm fearful and filled with anxiety is an understatement but I am willing! With guidance from my HP I look forward to this new chapter in my journey of recovery.

In closing, I would like express my heart felt gratitude to all members of District 9. By working together as a family we overcame this unexpected hurdle. It reminds me, we are not alone and working together we can make it!

Richard G.

District 9 DR