

It is with gratitude and joy that we (Diane M, DR and Jody S, AISL) share the following report concerning our district activities.

- Finance - Our District has made great strides in resolving our financial issues. We have rebuilt our prudent reserve. We were able to meet all financial obligations in 2015. We are actively benefiting from the results of the rent committee. Our December meeting was held in one of the finalist locations and our January meeting will be in the other. We expect to see a savings of \$20-\$25 a month in 2016. We also changed our answering service provider from Verizon (at \$70 per month) to Ring Central (at \$25 per month).

We face a new challenge in 2016, that of filling our open position for District Treasurer. This position was vacated in November and the panel officers are performing the duties at this time.

Happily, we have reviewed, voted on and passed our 2016 Budget and Calendar.

We continue to rely on the consensus building done regarding our District priorities. These guide us in our work and decision making:

1. Public outreach
2. Print Where & When Meeting Guide
3. Alateen
4. Seed Money and Supplies for Events
5. Print monthly newsletter, Serenity Messenger
6. Support small groups

- Public Outreach – Our district supported the Florida School of Addiction Studies with a table and volunteers in 2015. The Bus Benches were visible throughout Hillsborough County. We had 10 in different locations
- Alateen – We have a very active Alateen effort in District 8. In addition to stepping forward to facilitate the 2016 Alateen Conference, we have an AMAIS training planned for the month of January and 8 trained and approved AMAISs.
- AA – Two events are on the horizon in which we coordinate with AA. One is a camping adventure, Soberstock, held in March. The other is a retreat format held in the Lake Placid area.
- Events - The 2016 Recovery Weekend is scheduled for April, 2016. This annual event is deeply meaningful for attendees and planners alike. Flyers and information will be distributed to support all districts in being able to attend.

Our Gratitude Dinner was very successful, with comradery, amazing food and fellowship. When all was said and done, a \$600 donation was made to our district from the event.

- Group Records - Our Group Records chair is working diligently to ensure that all of our district's groups have completed the GR1 form. Our Meeting on the Move was inactive during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter due to the holidays and family obligations.
- Newsletter - The Serenity Messenger, our district newsletter, continues to be produced in two different formats. One version is distributed via email to all group representatives with

contact information included. A second version is obtainable from our web page for download and that version provides contact information that is generic. (Such as [DR@tampabayalanon.org](mailto:DR@tampabayalanon.org) rather than the district representatives name and phone number.) Thanks to our stabilized financial position, we have been able to resume the printing of hard copies of this important item.

- Meeting list - Our district meeting list, the Where & When, is also back in hard copy production. For many months, they have not been available in print format, only web version.

We are grateful for the challenges and successes of 2015 and look forward to the good work that will be done for Al-Anon in 2016.