

Area World Committee Meeting February 2017

It is my pleasure to share the following report of District 8's activities. First, I want to introduce Michelle S. who has offered to be our AISL for the remainder of this panel.

With a lot of hard work and dedication of everyone in the district, we ended 2016 with a positive balance and money in our program reserve. The 2017 budget has been developed, balanced, and approved.

Our groups have worked hard and developed and attended the following events: Recovery Weekend, Picnic, Day of Workshops, Speaker Marathon, two Neighborhood Seminars, Gratitude Dinner, and a Holiday Party. We have also been involved with Tri-County AA Group events including: Soberstock, Housekeeping Spiritual Retreat, AA Fall Roundup, and the Florida State Convention.

Alateen was one of our priorities. We sponsored the 2016 Alateen conference, which was a big success. Profit from the Change for Change program repaid the \$2,000 in seed money and netted a \$5,023 donation to Area. A new Alateen meeting was established. Additionally, we now have 17 AMIASs in District 8.

We continue to support an answering service, a monthly newsletter (Serenity Messenger), a district meeting list (Where and When), and our district website, www.tampabayalanon.org.

As part of our Cooperating with Professional Communities works, a meeting was established at the Salvation Army Rehab facility.

Public Outreach is another of our district's top priorities. Donna M., our new chair, has done an outstanding job. We participated in three back to school fairs and four volunteers staffed an outreach table at NOPE's Annual Candlelight Vigil.

To end our year, we used WSO's approved Al-Anon quotes to create and order 2017 calendars, which we offered for sale as a fundraiser.

District 8 is very proud of our accomplishments for 2016. By understanding and applying the Al-Anon program, we have developed a successful working team.

Respectably submitted,
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