

DISTRICT 2 February 2021 AWSC Report

We are starting our Panel 61 in a very exciting way! Late last year we had our final Panel 58 District meeting in which we filled all but 3 of our District positions. Yesterday we held our first Panel 61 District meeting and we filled the remaining open positions – so we have a full house full of energy! Our theme for this panel is “*Spreading Hope*”. All positions have completed their transitions and are off and running.

Our first order of business was to reach out to all the groups in our District, to confirm if the group records are current and updated with new GR and /or contact information. That exercise has allowed us to reach out early and we now have a “clean up the group records” activity going on which will allow us to make sure that all is in order all the way up and down the line so that newcomers might have accurate information when looking for meetings in these trying covid times. To date, we have confirmed 20 groups and have 10 pending additional research. A great start!

Yesterday we held our first Panel 61 meeting. We are keeping a similar schedule and format for meetings for the new panel for now. It worked very well during the last panel so we’re keeping it simple. We meet once a month on a Saturday morning for 2 ¼ hours. The first hour is a District AFG meeting and the second hour and a quarter is our business meeting. We ask all our panel members to try to send in their reports ahead of time so we can maximize our time together and not spend it simply reading reports. For the AFG portion of the meeting, we are continuing the practice of studying the Steps in panel year one, the Traditions in year two, and the Concepts in year three. This panel we are asking members to share a bit of their story for the meeting’s topic, and in doing so, we are getting to know each other more and continuing to grow together as a group. Additionally, we send a monthly newsletter following these same study guidelines. Groups members are encouraged to send in their shares to be included and some may be chosen to be sent to The Forum. The newsletter is posted on our website making it available to all.

Despite the constraints that covid has presented, we have managed to still have meetings available every day in a variety of formats. Some are strictly on Zoom, some are hybrids, and some are face to face – depending on what that group’s conscience wants while also working with the respective facility’s guidelines. As is true for many of us, we have found gifts in these difficult times in that the online platforms have allowed us to serve some in geographically distant places who may have been left out otherwise. Since District 2 is geographically challenged ☺ - we are big and spread out with many rural areas – I suspect this trend will continue in some form and will only strengthen our ability to *Spread Hope* in the coming years.

We are continuing to update our website to keep things fresh and current, and our committee members are all very quickly falling into their new roles and thinking of ways to reach out. We are very excited about what is coming !!

Please visit our website alanonfla2.org for the latest information.

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