

DISTRICT 2 - *"Spreading Hope"*



June 2021 Assembly Report

Our first months of Panel 61 have been filled with anticipation and excitement as we begin to live into our theme for this panel which is *"Spreading Hope"*, and as we begin to grow together in our new service positions. We filled all of our Panel Officer and Coordinator positions so we are running with an energetic full house. We have also spent a good amount of time reaching out to all the groups in our District to make sure our records and contact information are accurate so all can stay informed.

As of the end of May we have confirmed 27 active groups in our District – 10 are now meeting face to face again; 9 are still Zooming; 2 are Hybrid; and only 6 are still on Covid hold. We are re-awakening!! Our District is challenging geographically as we serve 12 counties from Marion up to the Georgia border, so one of our focuses for this panel is to see how we might better reach out and serve those folks in our many rural areas. Another area of focus is how to generate easier ways for Alateen groups to form.

Our District meets monthly. The first hour of our meetings is a District AFG meeting in which this year we are getting to know one another by sharing our Step stories – one Step a month. Our Newsletter Editor has built on this idea for those that are unable to attend District meetings by asking all members to send in their Step stories for publication and this is also posted on our website. It's been fun to share our experiences with one another in this way and I believe, has bonded us and brought us closer. The second hour is the business meeting time of our gathering in which we give all the attending GR's an opportunity to bring group news, concerns, and successes to the table for discussion. We also get updates from all our Coordinators as to the various activities of each service position. As I'm sure is true in many Districts, there has been a lot of conversation about how and when to re-open our meetings safely. For now, at the District level, we are continuing to meet via Zoom as we continue our conversation about how to best serve as many as possible in the District moving forward.

We have conducted two workshops via Zoom – a GR Orientation and a KBDM workshop which Cindy J. was gracious enough to conduct. We have also been able to have an Al-Anon presence at some community events, one at a NAMI event in Ocala, and another at the blueberry festival in Wellborn (near Live Oak). It is through the community involvement and service of our members that these outreach events have been able to have an Al-Anon presence and for that we are grateful.

I'm optimistic that, as our communities re-awaken around us, that we will be able to have more face to face events soon and most of all – to start sharing those delicious Al-Anon hugs that we have all missed so much. Please visit our website alanonfla2.org for the latest information.

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