



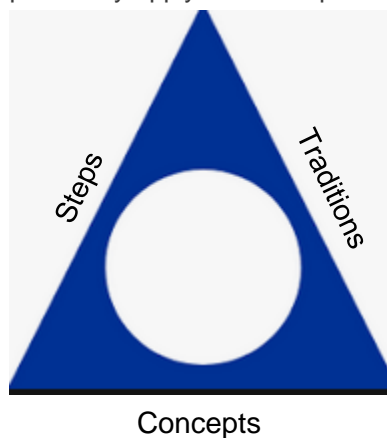
CHAIRPERSON REPORT- Panel 61-June 24-26-2022

Good afternoon, Awesome Al-Anon Family, Florida North Area 9!



I am so grateful and humble for your support and attendance at our wonderful first in-person Assembly since our Panel 61 started back on January 1, 2021. It was such a joy to see your smiling faces, showing all the joy and fun we had been missing. Our guest speaker was Vali Fayen, who is the Executive Director of Al-Anon Family Groups. She shared her Experience, Strength, and Hope by telling her story. She also spoke about the decision for WSO to form a new area and guidelines for Global electronic meetings. As she said, there is more to come, as electronic meetings have been in Al-Anon for the past 20 years. Many electronic meetings want to be a part of the areas where they are physically located. It is a new era and if we want to keep Al-Anon alive, it is vital that we engaged the younger generation and accepted technologies. On Sunday morning she answered questions assembly members had after the presentations about electronic meetings.

She also gave us a workshop: Concepts in our Personal Lives and Service. It was a wonderful presentation of how to practically apply the concepts. As our logo shows, this program is about 36 principles held within the steps, traditions, and concepts. All are interdependent upon each other.



At our last AWSC held January 28-30, we discuss our surplus funds in the Area and made a recommendation to donate an extra \$10k to WSO during their appeal for overcoming a deficit. Our HP's have blessed us with abundance and what a pleasure to be able to help WSO during their time of need. The \$10k check was handed to Vali before she departed. This help would not have been possible without everyone's generous donations to our area.

Another important announcement was the good news Eleanor shared that all requirements for AMIAS had been met a month before the deadline.

Our Convention Chair Ray and his team presented a fun skit promoting our Convention to be held August 27-29 at the Hilton Buena Vista Palace located in downtown Disney.

District 12 is hosting a day of Workshops in. They are thinking outside of the box, to see if they can make it happen hybrid, for those of us that live far away.

Our 2023 Convention is going to be hosted once again by all of the districts. Steve K from District 12 graciously volunteered to be the Convention Chair. Carmen S from District 8 volunteered to be Co-Chair. I am in awe of the unity of our Districts to make this possible.

It was brought to my attention that I need to form a task force to examine how we want to handle conventions: event hosted as an area or hosted by one district. A task force will be assigned at AWSC.

In love, and in service, your trusted servant,

Elsa M Ciatti

"Talk to each other, Reason things out, Keep it simple."