

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Thought Force Assignment: Serving Area 9’s Spanish-Speaking Members

Thought Force Charge

Discuss and consider how Area 9 can more effectively serve its Spanish-speaking Members, encourage participation at the Area level, and, by doing so, honor Al-Anon’s legacy of Spanish being one of its three core languages.

Thought Force Members

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Rationale

Area 9 continues to invest in ways to encourage more Spanish-speaking Members to participate in the program and attend Area meetings and events. However, some Spanish Groups have struggled with attendance, and few Spanish Groups send Group Representatives to attend the Area Assemblies. The Thought Force should discuss ideas on what Area 9 could do to support our Spanish Groups, Spanish-speaking Members, and Spanish-speaking newcomers.

Also, Area 9 purchased translation/interpretation equipment several years ago to help Spanish-speaking Members participate in Area events. It needs several repairs. Was the equipment helpful? Is it worth repairing, or are other, more effective options available?

Thought Force Instructions

- Please meet via conference calls, Zoom, or use whatever technology works for the group.
- Complete the assignment as best you can. Submit this form as your Report. You can do this by sending it to the Technology Coordinator, who will post it on the website.
- Create a proposal that can be discussed at a future AWSC Meeting. Submit that to the Technology Coordinator as your Thought Force Recommendations.
- If your Thought Force needs more time, note it on the form and submit it as your report. No proposal is required if your thought force is in process, but an update at the next AWSC is necessary.

KBDM Questions from the Thought Force

Thought Force Summary/Findings

Thought Force Recommendation
