

**Alternate Delegate Report  
Area 9 Assembly May 4-6, 2018**

First of all I want to give a heartfelt welcome to our new GR's here for their first assembly. I would like to suggest District Representatives to encourage your new GR's to attend Friday's orientation. They will be provided with information and support that will help them, as they serve their groups in their new positions.

I will also introduce the GR's to their responsibility as Forum Coordinators for their groups. As the Alternate Delegate, I will support all by challenging each of you to help our members understand how THE FORUM CAN BE RELEVANT to RECOVERY! In order to do that, it is vital to make the forum more visible and put it to use in the fellowship by; encouraging members to make the Forum part of their personal recovery and to use sharing's from the magazine as topics for meetings in an effort to help generate lively discussions. I believe that new members can be impacted by being introduced to the Forum. I strongly recommend groups to subscribe to the Forum for fresh information each month.

Secondly, to make the GR's aware of their abilities to make motions and provide seconds to the motions on issues that will be voted on during the assembly. Motion forms can be found at the officers table in front of the Alternate Delegate's seating position. After filling out the motion form and having a second, the form must be returned to the same basket. I will check to see if each motion supplies the following criteria, as applicable: What, Who, Where, When and How Much. Then it will be passed along to the Area Chairperson.

**THE FORUM**

I encourage you to check out the poster board display that will be at our assembly. It will showcase articles written by Area 9 members. In 2018 we had articles written and published in the Forum from our Diane our Chairperson, Cindy our Delegate and several other member of our area.

On AFG Connects I receive Forum monthly report sales. Here is the summary for the state of Florida:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Groups Subscriptions and other copies sent out combined</u>
January	1177
February	1196
March	1196
April	1206

Terry and I will host a written workshop on June 9 in District 10. If you are interested in writing an article come to district 10. Together we can work to become motivated and get your short story submitted in the Forum magazine. If your district has Spanish meetings and they would like to host a workshop, please contact me and we will gladly go to your district.

I am also the time keeper for reports given and comments made. I would appreciate if you could limit your comments to two minutes per person. Each person is allowed to share only once on any particular subject. All sharing must be done at the microphone. To ask a question: approach the microphone holding up your service manual to alert the chairperson that you have a question and not a comment. There are no limits on time or trips to the microphone for questions. We are here to provide the most thorough answers available to us.

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I was honored to be able to attend the Southeastern Regional Delegate Get Together (SERDGT) gathering for 2018. It was held in March at the Hilton Altamonte Springs. It was hosted by Wendy R and Lisa P. It was attended by approximately 50 past and current Delegates and Alternate Delegates. I had the privilege of meeting Delegate from Puerto Rico. It was a wonderful, humble, learning experience. I am looking forward to SERDGT 2019, which will be held in Puerto Rico.

In conclusion, I want to Welcome all new GR's to their first assembly. I hope that it you will find it to be an extraordinary experience that allows you to grow to another level. Remember to keep it simple and have an open mind. We are about to embark on a wonderful experience. We are all lost in our new positions. However, we are willing to serve and grow together, in whatever way our Higher Powers see fit.

In my experience as a GR, a Coordinator, a DR and now as an officer, I can tell you that my willingness to be of service help me tremendously. At that moment, I was not aware that my Higher Power was giving me the opportunity for growth and maturity through service, not only in my recovery, but in my personal life. Character defects were brought to the surface and my Higher Power was able to mold them into assets. He provided me with Awareness, Acceptance and Action. The choice is ours!