

Chairperson's Report
Spring Assembly/TEAM Event
May 5-7, 2017



Welcome to our collaborative Assembly/TEAM Event! I really appreciate your willingness to embrace a change in format and to experience something new that may enhance and empower your recovery in Al-Anon. I know that the planning of this meeting has challenged and energized me. I have every confidence that we can learn a lot while sharing the benefits of service and recovery together!

Area 9 General Information

* Please check the website for the “In Preparation (April)” Document which is the latest in detailed information about the Assembly/TEAM event.

* Remember that the Assembly Registration and TEAM Registration are separate. We will try to be clearly marked, and members will be available to assist you.

* Please visit the Area website for all of our Area Guidelines: (www.AFGArea9.org) If you click on the Members tab, then click on the Area Guidelines tab you will find a wealth of information that can help you in your service work at the Group, District and Area level.

* The Website also has meeting information for our October 2017 Assembly. You can make your reservations now. You can do this online or by phone. This will be an election Assembly – you won't want to miss it! Elections guidelines are posted.

* We continue to tweak the Area Job Descriptions and these will be posted in their final form in August 2017 after our last AWSC meeting of this panel. As is often heard in Al-Anon service, we really figure out our jobs just about the time we have to let go of them! Our hope is that these Job Descriptions will be informative and encourage each of you to consider service as you look ahead.

* On the Area Guidelines page of the website you will also find information on Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM), Meeting Procedures, Area Service Responsibilities and the discussions we are having on creating an Area Charter. Your input is encouraged on any items on the website.

* In February we had a Thought Force on Area Meetings. These results can be found on the website. There is currently an Area Task Force to research the comments and formulate a recommendation to Panel 58. If you have ideas or comments, please feel free to send them to me.

* The Policy Committee has reviewed several versions of suggested changes to the Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Most of these are still under

discussion and will be forwarded to the next Panel for further action. Several revisions were approved during this panel, and the process will continue as we move forward.

* Open Events: If your District is interested in hosting a 2017 Alateen Roundup, a 2018 Alateen Roundup or the 2018 Service Workshop we will have an opportunity for you to speak up at the Assembly. Please consider this in your Districts. Guidelines for these events are on the website.

* Our weekend will be filled with some familiar activities – Red Light/Green Light, our Spiritual Meeting and of course, the regular business of the Area. Some of these will be in a different order – so take note of the Agenda posted on the website. In addition we will be having some brand new activities including interactive presentations by members of WSO, a gallery walk of various ways to spread the Al-Anon message, small group discussions on obstacles to recovery and we will hear WSO members share their stories of recovery. The weekend promises to be filled with fun, fellowship and support for service.

NFA AFG, Inc General Information

* We had an audit of our participation in the FDLE VECHS program. This is the system we use for our AMIAS background checks. We were told we were out of compliance on one issue, and have taken steps to remedy that. We now have an FDLE Waiver that needs to be signed by each AMIAS and kept on record with the Area Secretary. The information on the waiver is a name and address and signature – no other confidential information is required or maintained. You can find this on the Alateen page of the website. If you have questions about this you can contact me (chairperson@AFGArea9.org) or Charon (AAPP@AFGArea9.org).

* The Board of Directors is looking at some ways of implementing cooperation with Area and oversight of finances. Any recommendations will be made to the AWSC Panel in August.

* Please see the Treasurer's report for financial and corporate information relating to taxes, finances and the annual report filed with the State of Florida.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Chairperson. Thank you for the opportunity. If anyone is interested in learning about the position of Chairperson, please feel free to contact me – I will gladly share any experience, strength and hope with you as you consider serving in this capacity.

Yours in service,

Cindy J.
Panel 55 Chairperson, Area 9 – Florida North