

DISTRICT 3 REPORT FOR AWSC – AUGUST 18 – 19

We have been busy in District 3. Two new meetings have started in our District. One is actually meeting in district 4, but the meeting location is closer to other groups meeting in District 3 so they chose to register as part of District 3. Gage will be talking with Sandra to see about listing the group in District 4 as well. Gage has reached out to both groups via email, but neither GR has replied. She is hoping to attend those meetings sometime soon.

The church where we hold our District meetings had a “campus cleanup” in the Spring and disposed of many of our District supplies. Recently they replaced some of them. We are looking into an alternate solution for storing coffee pots, legacy banners, Fun Day supplies and other District items in order to prevent this from happening again in the future.

We are still working on our mailing to professionals. This is our project for 2018. We plan to have everything together and mail AFAs, prescription pads, banner pens and brochures to 180 local professionals in October.

We were given an exhibit space at CORE, Clinical Overview of the Recovery Experience which was held at the Omni, Amelia Island. Freddie has never been involved with this outreach, however we have volunteers from that part of our District who stepped up. Since Freddie was in Baltimore for International, a big shout out to Linda and Lisa from Fernandina, Laura our Outreach to Professionals Chairperson, and our Alternate AISL, Julia for Gathering everything and everyone we needed to man our exhibit from Sunday, July 15th to Wednesday, July 18th. Professionals attend this event to obtain CEU's which they need to maintain their licenses. Freddie was able to man the booth on Monday and had a GREAT time. It was very rewarding to share with others about our program, offer literature, and to connect with others who can help with future outreach projects. Freddie met her AA counterpart and we plan to stay in touch and investigate opportunities for both of us. She talked with lots of recovery groups and encouraged them to steer family members our way. We sent AFAs to California and Antigua. They went other places too, but Freddie really enjoyed being the one who provided the AFAs for these two.

We gave some of the leftover literature, AFAs and bags to Willingway. They were excited to receive these items and offered many thanks.

A member was offered an opportunity to distribute literature at her apartment complex's resident's get together. We provided her with AFA's and literature. We will learn how that went at our next business meeting.

We continue to have an institutions meeting at Breakthroughs.

We were approached by the Director of an alternative school for addicted students and asked to start a meeting with a Grandparent Focus since most of these student's guardians are their grandparents. We timed the first meeting with the week the children started summer school. It was very disappointing when we had to close the meeting after five weeks. Although the Director asked for the meeting and appeared supportive, his actions proved otherwise. He was never there to open the door and the meeting space was less than ideal. Thanks to our volunteer, who has no children or grand children but was still willing to suit up and show up!

We have one Alateen Group at this time. We were able to send our AMIAS and all three teens to Conference. They had a BLAST and the teens were very appreciative. Wanting to thank everyone for their support, the teens came to our Funday in July and helped with set-up and clean-up. They also thanked everyone from the podium. We are hoping to be able to send them to Convention next. Our Alateen Chairperson is looking for someone the boy can room with. Let us know if you have any suggestions.

We have renewed our web domain and site hosting for another three years. We have a wonderful volunteer who is maintaining our website and making changes as needed.

Our Newsletter Chairperson position is open. We think we have a volunteer coming to the next District meeting who is willing to stand for this position. Fingers Crossed. And – a BIG thank you to our volunteer who has been doing double duty and ensured we had a Sharings every month.

Freddie was fortunate enough to attend International in Baltimore.

“We went early and stayed late to enjoy an amazing adventure. The “Day of Connecting” was exactly that. I enjoyed putting names to faces and getting to know our WSO Staff. I loved the new speakers they added and the informative workshops. I had the pleasure of meeting Clair who approves our outreach materials. I was telling her about our mailing and I was surprised when she told me mailings are no longer seen as effective. She said they are usually just thrown out by an office manager. We explained that we were sending banner pens and she said that’s great – everyone loves a pen. We also learned that WSO’s new website is a “hit” and they are very proud of their new meeting locator. It is tied into Group Records and updated as soon as a new group is registered. We were encouraged to suggest our District Webmasters consider tying into WSO’s locator instead of publishing their own Where and When.”

See you at AWSC,

Gage D3 DR Freddie D3 AISL