

DISTRICT 9 – SERVING POLK, HIGHLANDS & DESOTO COUNTIES
AREA ASSEMBLY – OCTOBER 2-3, 2020
DISTRICT REP & DISTRICT INFORMATION SERVICES REPORT

The experience, strength and hope that we give and receive in Al-Anon continues to be life-changing. As I reflect on the many gifts this service opportunity has allowed, I am grateful to have served during Panel 58 and to have met so many caring, dedicated members of our fellowship.

District 9 met on September 19 for a special meeting, primarily to conduct Nominations and Elections for Panel 61. Our meeting was miraculous, and our Higher Power showed his loving presence. When the meeting began, District 9 didn't have any submitted interest from our membership – with one or two exceptions – for any of the positions. We paused. We prayed. And we waited. Our HP responded. Quickly. District 9 has all the Officer positions filled, several Committees Chairs came forward, and we have some new and some returning Group Representatives.

District 9 voted to distribute a Gratitude Appeal Letter in lieu of a Gratitude Lunch/Dinner. We sent an appeal letter 2 years ago – when there wasn't a pandemic – and it proved to be very profitable. A letter will be drafted, sent to the Officers for final approval and emailed to the Group Representatives for distribution to their groups during the 2nd week of October.

Our District is scheduled for its last meeting of Panel 58 on December 12th – which will be virtual and conducted via ZOOM. In prior years, we held an abbreviated December meeting followed by the annual Holiday Party. The reality of our lives and our situation as it is will prevent that from happening this year. *We accept what we cannot change.* Our program continues to teach me that *Thy will be done (and not my will)* so we take one day at a time.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone – beginning with our Area 9 Executive Committee members, Coordinators, Task Force members and all who showed up during Panel 58. Thank you for being such an integral part of who we are and what we do. Thank you for giving your time and talents so that our work could be done. I am personally in awe of all of you who so selflessly give and contribute so that our program of recovery can continue. Our legacy is stronger because of who you all are.

All of you will remain in my prayers and forever etched in my recovery journal. Godspeed to each of you.

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District 9 held our Elections at our District Meeting on September 19th, 2020.

Chair Positions that were filled: Answering Service, Archives, Group Records, Newsletter, Public Outreach – South, Technology, and Where & When

Chair Positions that were not filled: Alateen, Events, LDC and Public Outreach North

The GR's will take this information back to their Groups and we will have another District Meeting on December 12th and hopefully fill more of those Chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,
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