

DISTRICT 9 REPORT – AREA ASSEMBLY OCT. 5-7, 2018

District 9 has a new Alternate District Representative. Nancy H. has held various service positions on both Panel 55 and Panel 58. Most recently, Nancy was responsible for maintaining and distributing the District's Where and When. We are excited to have this position filled and grateful to Nancy for stepping up to the position.

We also have (3) new Group Representatives in the District. Sharon A. joins us from the Serenity Seekers Tuesday night meeting in Lakeland; Holly V. from the Tuesday Step Meeting in Lakeland; and Donna D. from the Thursday Serenity Lunch Bunch, also in Lakeland, have all come forward in service to our District. Those 3 groups did not have an active GR during the last 2 Panels, so we are especially grateful that they will now attend District and Area meetings in the future.

The DR is still trying to attend all AFG meetings in the District, as time and scheduling will allow. The purpose is to keep the District connected to the Area, and to seek out new members for service positions.

Some of our groups in District 9 need support. The Monday morning, "Let it Begin with Me" has just a handful of members attending, and the meeting has been shortened from 90 minutes to 60 minutes. We remain hopeful that the attendance will pick up once the Snowbirds arrive.

The Monday Night Sebring meeting will be celebrating 47 years and will combine the celebration with the AA meeting (celebrating 71 years) that meets at the same place and time. The Anniversary celebration will be held on Monday, October 22nd from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm at Highlands Community Church, 3005 New Life Way, Sebring 33870. Guest speakers will be provided by AlAnon and AA. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and BYOBeverage.

District 9 is ready to host the Hospitality Suite, along with District 12, at the Fall Area Assembly. We have communicated regularly with or GEMS and look forward to seeing everyone in Altamonte Springs!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Toni J., District 9 Representative*

District 9 held a Conflict Resolution Workshop on August 25th as a fundraiser. We invited the Area, and may I say, Area 9 showed up. We had MANY members from other Districts, so many... we had to order more food! A great challenge to have! Our Area Delegate, Cindy J., lead the Workshop and she was so flexible, that she just started the Workshop while we ordered more food and when it arrived, we ate! District 9 is very appreciative of her time, her travel and for sharing her experience, strength and hope in using the Traditions to help resolve conflict. We held a CAL raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Our Literature Chair had a table and sold Conflict Resolution packets. It was a great day full of laughs and learning! It was a great fundraiser for our District. Thank you, Katie, for riding with Cindy and thanks to those from other Districts that attended.

We have service positions that continue to be vacant, Alateen Chair and Newsletter. Our Technology Chair has resigned, and we are trusting another member will come forward.

Because we recently had our Conflict Resolution Workshop, we are opting to not have a Gratitude Dinner in November. We will be sending a Gratitude Appeal Letter to each group to be read in November and allowing members to express their Alanon gratitude through participation.

We will be holding a Holiday Party for the District, following our December 1st District meeting.

Jill O., District 9 AISL