

## **Panel 64 – District 9**

### **January 2025 Area World Service Conference Report**

District 9 serves Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, with 14 active groups (though 6 have no GRs) located in Lakeland, Sebring, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, Lake Placid, Avon Park, Haines City, Lake Alfred.

Our District meetings are held quarterly, in person with Zoom option. We typically have 10 members in attendance at our District meetings. We have a new Literature Distribution Center Chair, Charlene D. who is doing a great job. We also have a new CMA, Kim M., who is just starting. We still have one open district position at this time: Alateen Chair.

We have experienced difficulty getting the meeting date for one group changed on the WSO website. Nita is working with our new CMA and WSO trying to resolve this.

We hosted an Al-Anon Holiday Party, and over 60 people attended. There was food, games, and AA and Al-Anon speakers.

District 9 is participating in planning for a Tampa Bay Get Together so members of these districts can get to know each other, to be held Feb. 1.

District 9 will be hosting a Writing Workshop at Bok Tower Gardens on March and we would love to have everyone attend. Our Alternate Delegate Marla will be the leader for the day, and attendees will have prompts and time to write sharing pieces to contribute to WSO for future Al-Anon publications.

We have had concerns from some groups about discussion of religion during and before meetings in the meeting location. We will be presenting a short refresher at our next district meeting on using our Service Manual and CAL for group problem-solving.

District 9 was faced with rising website costs this year, and would love to discuss website practices and experiences with other districts. Please contact Nita or Linda.

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