

Greetings from Jacksonville! District 3 is having a great 2019 so far. Our new meeting location is working out for us. Several new meetings that were started last year are going well and as of our April District meeting, we have all of our District positions filled!

Several groups in our district have recently completed or are planning to complete a group inventory. Many groups now have both a GR and an alternate GR. I'd like to think that that is a direct result of the inventory, but that information hasn't been shared with me. Regardless of how it happened, I love to see groups getting creative with how they fill positions and encourage people to work together and get involved. We have added time at District meetings for the group reps to give a brief report on what's happening in their groups. It's exciting and educational to hear how groups do things and/or what new things they have decided to try. It also sounds as though lots of new members are getting involved in service!

We collected enough money for Alateen to send over \$400 to the Conference committee as well as to pay for three teens from our district to attend who would not otherwise have been able to go.

District 3 is sharing responsibility for the Hospitality Room at Assembly with District 4. We had four volunteers from District 3 who wanted to come!

July 13<sup>th</sup> we are having a Fun Day with an Al-Anon Speaker, workshops, raffle, pot-luck lunch and an Ice Cream Bar! If you are in Jacksonville that weekend, we'd love for you to join us.

Our participation with AA at the masquerade ball in October was a success and we have co-chairs who are willing to do it again. It is still in the planning stages but we'll invite you when we have more info.

Outreach is very busy:

- CORE (Clinical Overview of the Recovery Process) at the Omni, Amelia Island has again provided us with a booth at no charge. We are gathering volunteers and have a Chairperson who will put a schedule together. We also have a small group working on what to give attendees.
- We have closed one of our institution meetings. The facility was cooperative; however there were too many outside influences and only one or two people were showing up.
- We have started a new institutions meeting at Gateway. Gateway offers a visit with clients if you come to their Wednesday class. Every other Wednesday the class is Al-Anon. We see between 20 and 35 family members. We have between 2 and 10 Al-Anons that show up for support and the last Wednesday of the month we are asking for speakers. This turned out to be a good night for our Public Outreach Committee to meet too. We all go to dinner after the meeting.

- Our institution meeting at Lakeview is still meeting with 4 -5 Al-Anons there each week.
- We have a member who has been asked to share her story with victims of abuse at several facilities.
- We have two members who have been asked to participate and be a part of Family Court. It is a tri-county program they are trying where the offender can participate in a program involving their family in the hopes that a better support system will help them. Once a month they must show-up with their family and talk to the judge. The judge has placed Al-Anon in the hallway and the families are encouraged to speak with our representatives while waiting for their turn with the judge.
- We have another member who has responded to a request for an Al-Anon representative on a panel set-up to answer questions at a Townhall Meeting held by NACDAC (Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition). We have been asked to bring meetings into the Nassau County Schools. We will be asking for volunteers who are able to participate in that area of our District.
- We have a group that decided to do their own public outreach project. They purchased Newcomer's Packets for the Institutions Groups and bought their own AFAs to distribute to libraries. Through their efforts, we now have a contact in the libraries who can ensure our literature is not passed over.
- Our new Chairperson for Outreach to the Public/Media is completing our application for a SPOP (Special Public Outreach Project). This will be for a digital billboard in September.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Assembly!

Love in service,

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