

District 7 Combined Report for Fall 2024 Assembly

District News and Information:

District 7 is recovering from Helene as I write this, the day after. I have not had an opportunity to check in with everyone. We had some meeting closures and waiting to see the entirety of the effects.

I am pleased to report all of our officer's positions are filled for the first time in a few panels. We are running on full steam! I, for one, am grateful to allow others to have some of the responsibility. I am planning to shift my focus more on the job in our guidelines for my position only.

Our new treasurer, Sandy L was voted in at our September District meeting and has already made a great start on our budget. We got her on the checking account and are working on adding her added to our Incorporation.

A lot of great things in the works. Gratitude Luncheon planning ongoing for November 23rd. as well as Area Assembly Preparation. We also had a new Spanish meeting start up! Great things.

Love in Service and Gratitude,

Heather D.

DR D7, Panel 64

DIS Highlights:

Ana Q. was voted in as DISL – (District Information Service Liaison), during our June 2024 District meeting. Ana holds monthly DIS meetings the Monday before the District Meeting, attends the Officer's Meeting on the Tuesday before the District Meeting and attends the District Meeting held monthly.

We voted Janice B. as DIS Secretary during our August District Meeting. She takes the DIS meeting minutes from the District Meetings, and our Monthly DIS Meetings and she will attend the Officers Panel Meeting the Tuesday before the District Meeting.

Our DIS Chairs have been meeting via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. the Monday before our District meetings. I begin the meeting with a brief discussion of the Concept of the month before we discuss business. I think this is important since we're all doing service. We had 7 in attendance at our July DIS Meeting and five gave their reports. Seven attended our August DIS Meeting and 6 gave their reports. Five attended our September meeting and we received reports from three DIS Chairs. We discussed not meeting in October due to Assembly and everyone agreed. Our next DIS meeting will be held on 11/4/24 at 7:00 p.m.

I send out an email to all DIS Chairs a week before our monthly meeting with the Zoom link, and day/time we're meeting, and the concept we're discussing. I also announce this at our District meetings. I've also been encouraging all the DIS Chairs to attend our DIS monthly meetings which I also mention during our District Meetings.

I've been fielding questions the best I can and speaking with our DR Heather about DIS issues/questions when they arise. I also contact Chairs who have missed a District Meeting and a DIS meeting and ask how they are, if all is OK, etc. I understand we're all volunteers and do the best we can, and I practice presuming goodwill.

One of the main issues that came up last month was about the process of how the DIS Chairs request additional funds, should they need more than has been budgeted for their role. I made an announcement at our September District Meeting about this process and for them to contact me should they have any questions. Also, a question/suggestion was made about potentially raising the DIS Chair budgeted amounts. This is something we will discuss with our GRs at a future District Meeting, and they will vote on it.

Overall, all our Chairs are doing a great job in their respective service positions. The reason why I'm doing service is for my own, al-anon recovery. I'm also excited about putting the Concepts of Service into practice, contributing to the greater good and continuation of Al-anon far into the future – continue Alanon's legacy.

DIS Chair positions that are open:

Alateen, and Institutions.

DIS Chair positions that may become open:

Speaker's List, AA Liaison and When and Where Chair.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

Love in Service,

Ana Q.

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DIS Liaison

D7-Panel 64

"Ready and Willing to put Gratitude into Action"

Addendum-

Public Outreach Event-

Public Information Chair, Shira, managed an outreach event at a City of Clearwater employee health fair.

Below is part of her report-

Big, big success.....over 900 attended and over 500 people came to our booth. Lisa M. and Susan G. were both invaluable and each of them had people pull them (at least 20 that I counted) aside for private conversations related to help they personally needed.

3 divisions of the police dept want to follow up, 2 librarians, the chief medical doctor for the city. and a mental health (private facility) wants to follow up and others.