

Panel 64 – District 9
February AWSC Report

Our District meetings are held quarterly, in person with Zoom option. The officers meet about two weeks beforehand to plan the upcoming District meeting agenda. We typically have 8-9 voting members in attendance at our District meetings. We were able to fill all officer and committee chair positions except that of Alateen Coordinator, and we are actively recruiting for that service position.

District 9 serves Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, with 14 active meetings (though 6 have no GRs) located in Lakeland, Sebring, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, Lake Placid, Avon Park, Haines City, Lake Alfred. Unfortunately, we must report the official closure of one meeting that was never able to regroup and meet after the pandemic.

District 9 Panel 61 hosted our holiday party on December 9, 2023, right after our District meeting. We had a turkey, ham and lots of delicious side dishes and desserts. We then played a gift exchange game, with everyone enjoying the gift laughter and fun together! We also had two wonderful speakers who shared their Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous experience, strength and hope.

At our last meeting, we discussed the possibility the District providing the online hosting platform Zoom for meetings who would like to be hybrid. A three-person thought force was formed to investigate, and will bring information and recommendations to the District at our February meeting.

The District Representative will present the following goals for the panel at the next District Meeting:

- Increase GR use of service manual and encourage,
- Study concepts at District meetings,
- Learn more about Knowledge-based Decision-making,
- Promote the benefits of Service Work at the District and Area level.

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