

Area Assembly 6/2019 – District 9 Report (Polk & Highlands County)

District 9 voted in a new Treasurer at the April District meeting. Stan J. comes to us with a background as a CPA and just completed a 2-year commitment as Treasurer of his HOA. We welcome Stan and the experience he will bring in his new position. He will join us in Altamonte Springs for Assembly.

Currently, 14 members from District 9 are planning to attend Area Assembly.

District 9 will meet again on Saturday, June 15th. We will have an abbreviated business meeting beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 10:30 am. The group decided through a vote to conduct an Inventory of our District. The Alanon Guidelines were distributed to members and it was suggested that they select 5-6 questions to discuss. The members will be prepared to exchange the completed forms during the next meeting and discussion will take place so that we remain healthy as a District. *“Talk to each other and reason things out with one another.”*

One of my goals as District Representative is to attend as many AFG meetings within our District to encourage new participation in service. We continue to see newcomers attend meetings. The Fresh Start AFG that meets on Saturday at noon at St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring, a new meeting, had 4 newcomers who are attending regularly. We share our Newcomer Welcome packets, as well as phone lists, so our new members are reminded that they are not alone.

Our District once again participated in Change for Change, the Alateen fundraiser for their annual conference. Our Treasurer will be bringing a check in the amount of \$942.35 to be given to the Alateen Conference Treasurer. In addition, The Easy Does It Gratitude AFG donated \$130 to sponsor an Alateen for the Conference.

As a District, we continue to ask our HP that Thy will be done for an Alateen meeting in District 9. We are continually aware of the need by so many of our young people being affected by alcoholism.

District 9 provided Love Gifts that were sent to Cindy J. at World Service Conference in April. The Monday Night Sebring AFG purchased colorful plastic Easter eggs that were filled with candy and Alanon slogans.

We are grateful to all our groups who willingly participate and volunteer their time and talents to Alanon.

District 9 held a fund raiser in May. It was a Day of Workshops held in Sebring. We were able to raise \$210.00 for the District.

We have had a couple resignations in Chair positions, Answering Service and Public Outreach South which consists of Highlands County. We are working together to keep things running smoothly. We did have someone step forward to stand for Newsletter and she is jumping right in. Our Alateen Chair continues to be vacant, but we do now have 3 AMIAS in the District.

We have been working on our Archives trying to sort through and decide what things we want to keep and what things to get rid of.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Assembly!

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Toni J., District 9 Representative