

# Better Together

Greetings from District 3,

Uff Da! 2020 has been quite a year so far. I hope you and your loved ones are all well. I first want to say, Thank You and Awesome Work to our Iowa Officers and leadership. I have been incredibly impressed with the quality of the virtual AWSC meetings and Assemblies. Learning and using the new technology has been a challenge for so many of us, but our leaders are ROCK STARS! Thank you for your hard work, support, and dedication to the AI-Anon Family Group Members.

I also want to applaud the Group Representatives (GR's) and members in District 3. Between cancelling/suspending and then virtual meetings and opening meetings – everyone has risen to the challenge. Working together and learning from each other we have been able to maintain most of our groups. We have learned how important flexibility and patience are as we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape.

Our District has purchased a ZOOM account for district meetings and use of local groups. The district meeting location is unavailable, and it may be a permanent change. We did have an informal 'district get together' on Sunday afternoon, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, in Clarion. It was a small gathering but wonderful to see each other in person. (physical distanced and masked of course).

Like other districts – we have a variety of group meetings – in person, virtual and hybrid. Guidance is in place regarding safety, mask wearing and cleaning of the meeting rooms that are open. When possible, meetings are sometimes held outside. The Mason City Clubhouse in Mason City opened the end of May and is well attended. The Ames McCormick Building has remained open and never shut down. A common problem we are having is – churches not opening. There are still many safety concerns for the groups and church members. Groups that meet in churches continue to meet via ZOOM. Groups are starting to have business meetings again and talking about donations. There are no upcoming events scheduled in our district at this time.

We are working on events for 2021, discussing group elections, and how best to provide meeting location information.

Stay Safe. Be Well.

Warm Regards,

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