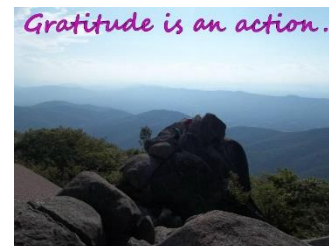


# District 9 Representative Report

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Greetings from district 9,

After being closed up over the past year, it feels as though we are coming back to life in district 9.

We held our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter district business meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We're switching it up a bit in 2021, so this was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting under a new format that leaves us more time to discuss district plans and outreach. All groups reported steady attendance except for Thursday night Steps to Serenity Group. It just opened back up to face-to-face format on April 1<sup>st</sup>, however there has been very little to no attendance and it looks as though they will be closing. DeWitt group is discussing adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Thursday nights. Monday at noon Changed Attitudes attendance is increasing. We will see what happens with each of these groups.

We still have openings at our district and group levels. We have a concern in our district with vacant service positions. So, we have decided to participate with AA in their district mini-event which focuses on service. This year's theme is Serenity through Service. There will be 2 speakers (1 from each program) and a panel about service positions along with an email ask-it basket. We are hoping that this will encourage members to step up to these vacant service positions. As we heard at a past assembly, Service is Love in Action.

After our normal location for our Women's Spiritual Experience Weekend decided to remain closed, our committee members were able to get us a new location for the fall. So our Fall SEW will be September 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Prairie Center in Wheatland. With covid restrictions still in place, we're only able to have 12 people, which is a bummer. However, we are very grateful to be able to meet.

District 9 is also planning an in-person serenity Saturday for the end of July. The theme will be KISS – Keeping it Steps, Service & Sponsors. We are planning workshops for each of these subjects. More information and a flyer will be available soon.

We have put the new Public Outreach posters to good use in District 9. We edited them with our local information and a QR Code that leads directly to a digital copy of the new AFA. Our public outreach at Rosecrance (outpatient facility) is picking up BIG time also! Previously, we attended an outpatient meeting of clients in treatment every 9 weeks at Rosecrance. Now, not only are we still doing that, we've been asked to attend their family support meeting every other Monday! I'm super excited to be able to carry the message to friends and family members of those in treatment! In both of these meetings we hand out our Public Outreach Bookmark, a What Al-Anon is/ Is Not, a meeting list, a copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism and have one or two (depending on volunteers) 20-minute Al-Anon speakers. We are super grateful to our dedicated members who enthusiastically volunteer to carry the message in our community

Yours in Service,

Michelle K.

District 9 Representative