

District 9 Representative Report

OCTOBER 8, 2022



Greetings from the D9!

We are holding steady in District 9. We are a small district with six Al-Anon groups, holding 7 face-to-face meetings and 4 virtual (Zoom platform) meetings. Two of these groups are splintered/fractured, and another group has tried hybrid but decided to stay on zoom due to service participation. Our attendance numbers remain steady with newcomers attending both face to face and virtual meetings. We had a District 9 Virtual Town Hall on Sunday August 14th at 7pm. We had a decent turn out and a lot of questions so we will see what happens before December 1st. I delayed our next District 9 business meeting until the end of October. We will be holding an election as all of our district service positions end on 12/31/2022, so we are praying (and asking for prayers☺) for more members to become willing to be of service for the next term.

District 9 held our Fall Spiritual Experience Weekend on September 10th & 11th at our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center. Our theme was Attitude of Gratitude. We had gorgeous weather, amazing food and warm fellowship. I cannot wait for the next opportunity to go back!

District 9 Public Outreach is holding steady. A local out-patient facility, Rosecrance, allows our members to come speak to clients in treatment every 9 weeks. We have 2 – 3 members who give a 15 – 20 minute overview on what brought them to Al-Anon and the benefits they have received from regular Al-Anon attendance. It is always interesting to talk about the effects of Alcoholism to those in treatment. One person may drink but we are grateful that Al-anon is available so the whole family can recover. We also are still holding the institutional meeting at a local residential treatment facility, The Abbey Center. This is a 45 minute informational meeting that is only attended by Al-Anon members and family members of those currently in treatment (no staff or clients are allowed). Literature, along with experience, strength and hope are given every Sunday at 12:00 pm. As always, I'm remain grateful to our Al-Anon members who continue to volunteer to chair and speak at treatment centers to help carry the message in our community.

Yours in Service,

Michelle K.

District 9 Representative