

## **2016 FALL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1 REPORT TO THE AREA**

**OUR GROUPS AND GROUP REPS:** District 1 currently has 14 groups and we continue to get stronger every day. I attribute this to the amazing group reps, who are willing to work together and do whatever needs to be done to help others in our district. All the GRs are dedicated to participating at district meetings and proud of the recovery in their groups. They all came to this assembly with the group conscience of their group for the voting items of the international conference and the archives thought force.

We have been without a district representative since April and without an alternate district representative almost since the beginning of the panel, yet they keep meeting and working together with enthusiasm. Many meet at Village Inn after the district meeting for a late dinner and some fellowship. We have developed some deep friendships and I am so happy that I get to be part of this family.

**DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** We held our district elections in August so the next panel of district folks will have time to shadow the person they replace so they won't feel so lost when it's their turn to do the job in January. And the winners are:

District Representative: Robert D.  
Alt District Rep: (open)  
Secretary: Kayla O.  
Treasurer: Lisa K.  
Alateen Coordinator: (open)

We assume some people might be waiting to see if their Higher Power is holding an area position for them before they consider those open district spots.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** In the beginning of the year, it appeared the membership in the rooms was dropping off significantly. Our public outreach coordinator had resigned and no one felt the call from their Higher Power to replace her. The AIC asked us to take turns returning phone calls when people called the number on the schedules but we were having trouble staying organized with that and many calls went unanswered. We were experiencing a crisis of Public Outreach and were not very attractive.

So, with the help of Janet V and Joanne S, who volunteered to pick up the baton, we held a meeting to kick up some ideas of what we could do as a district to start getting the message of Al-Anon out to the public. We started having games and prizes at local fairs instead of just sitting at the tables while the public slinked by. We visited treatment centers and asked to speak with the families of their guests. This last one ended up getting us invited back on a regular basis and we see those family members in our rooms frequently. We drop off *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* magazines (along with schedules and our website address) anywhere we can get away with it...doctor and dentist offices, treatment centers, bowling alleys, restaurants, etc.

It seems to be paying off as our rooms are filling up, including one of the Alateen rooms. We hope we can maintain this momentum and carry the message to schools and emergency responders.

Respectfully yours,

Chris C.  
District 1 Secretary