

Hello, District 11. The three-year commitment as District Representative is almost complete and it is an experience that I learned quite a bit from, not only about our program of Al-Anon/Alateen, but about myself also. Thank you for the opportunity, encouragement and help. I truly believe that anyone can do this "job" if they are willing because of the support the District members share. Of course, commitment and some dedication to duty are required. (smile)

On that note, the District elections are being held today and the new Panel 52 will be in place starting January 1.

Al-Anon is still anonymous, but can now be found on Facebook and Twitter. The Legacy report from our Area Delegate, Terry F., (page 4) makes note of this and also reminds us that if posting or "liking" on one of these sites to use caution on not breaking personal anonymity.

Also in The Legacy on page 8, you will find information and suggestions for New Group Representatives (and reminders to returning GR's) that might come in handy, especially in preparing for the upcoming Fall Assembly, October 28 – 30, 2011. Not only will this be an Election Assembly for the new Area World Service Panel officers and coordinators for North Florida, we will have a visiting Trustee from the World Service Office in attendance. The Assembly is held at the Ocala Hilton and if you are looking to stay at the Hilton, you should contact them as soon as possible for the North Florida AFG rate of \$99.00 per night before taxes (352.854.1400). On-line registration is also available. The Group Name is N FL AFG and the Group Code is NFL6 with check-in/out dates of October 28 and 30th, respectively. **The special room rate will be available until October 7th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.** If you miss this deadline, LaQuinta is right across the parking lot and their rates are usually less. LaQuinta.com and their local number is 352.861.1137. There are other hotels in the close proximity if you are wanting to stay over. GR's should attend with only one vote per group and the GR's expenses are paid by the group.

The 2012 North Florida Area Convention will be hosted by District 11 (that's us) and it will be introduced at the close of the 2011 Convention. I think that we are going to have some fun. This is for **ALL** Al-Anon and Alateen members in the area *and* we invite the AA's too.

Gratitude Dinner – November 5th – mark your calendars and watch for the flyer with the details!!!

PowerPoint Challenge – The North Florida Area Literature Coordinator is sponsoring a contest for the best PowerPoint presentation on the literature. There will be a prize. The deadline is midnight, October 16, 2011. Submissions can be emailed to literaturecoord@northfloridaalanon.org. Let's all get pointing!

Our Alternate Delegate, Terry K., has issued an Assignment. Each district has been asked to bring a display of *The Forum* to Assembly. Terry is asking that this be done by the NEW GR's so that they can see they are *The Forum* representatives and become familiar with the magazine for "Sharing Recovery, Unity and Service". This is no longer referred to as "a meeting in my pocket". The World Service Office is encouraging the use of *The Forum* in regular meetings, not just as a program tool to be read while sitting by yourself. This is a "WE" program.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THIS REPORT FOR UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS AS WELL AS TENTATIVE 2012 DATES.

If you need to reach me, my number is 321-514-5102. This number is also in the HUGS. My e-mail

address is also in HUGS, but if you need it: llew-at-home@cfl.rr.com

Respectfully submitted,

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District Representative

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THE BACK OF THE REPORT FOR UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS AS WELL AS TENTATIVE 2012 DATES

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FALL ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEMS:

2011-F-16 Add line to the election procedures under the Selection Procedures for Coordinators to read: In the absence of current District Representative another elected person from that District may place the ballots in the appropriate container.

2011-F-17 The AWSC recommends that NFA purchase translation equipment for use at the North Florida Area Events attended by non-English speaking members, price ceiling not to exceed \$1,200.

2011-F-18 The AWSC recommends that NFA Assembly contribute \$1,500 toward support of 2012 TEAM Event.

2011-F-19 The AWSC recommends that NFA Assembly accept the proposed 2012 Budget as revised.

2011-F-20 The AWSC recommends that the Guidelines for Training AMIAS training be added to the NFA Policy of Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements.

RED LIGHT / GREEN LIGHT TOPICS:

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1 We are reluctant to refer newcomers to some groups because the groups persist in violating Al-Anon Traditions. How can districts be more effective in influencing these groups to comply?

2 A member who has been attending meetings for several months, has never shared on Al-Anon topics, nor has ever cited difficulties living with alcoholic behavior. A friend shared that the member doesn't attend because of the alcoholism, but because he wants "to belong." This person is lonely and looking for companionship – also tries to sell CDs at meetings, even after being cautioned. What

do we do about this?

- 3 Is it okay for a District to decide to allow Dual Members to serve on the District panel (website, AA Liaison, District Literature Chair) if everyone understands the Dual Member cannot serve at Area Level or as a GR? that an allowable form of autonomy?

TENTATIVE DATES FOR 2012 (NORTH FLORIDA):

2/24-25/2012 Area World Service Committee Meeting (DR and AISL attend)

5/11-13/2012 Spring Assembly (Group Representatives, DR, AISL attend)

8/17-18/2012 Area World Service Committee Meeting

More to be Fall Assembly
revealed