

HUGS NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 11 NFA AFG

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DRS Message:

Hello! I am still using that "HELP" word. When I ask for help, it really does work. I recently attended the North Florida Area Spring Assembly with several of the District 11 Group Representatives (GRs). It was a very full room and a very full agenda. The GRs that attended saw several Concepts in action and I believe that there was even Tradition 12 in the works. The North Florida Area will not be purchasing a projector that hooks up to a computer for use at Area World Service Committee meetings, Assemblies, Round-ups, Conventions or any other North Florida Area function, at least at this time. The motion was brought to the floor and after much discussion, the motion failed at the vote. However, just a bit closer to District 11, actually right in it, the motion to ratify District 11 (Brevard County) as hosts for the 2012 convention passed. It was not a unanimous vote but the majority favored the ratification. It was 2004 that District 11 hosted the last convention - its time to take our turn.

Speaking of time - it is calendar marking time, now that we have held the District 11 Day of Workshops. That was a really good day - a lot of help from HP on which workshop I should attend. He knew when I didn't. I kept waiting to get my hand stuck in the jar when I was picking my room number. I heard that there were about 60 in attendance - that was great! More information will be available on this activity either in this edition of HUGS or maybe directly from your GR. Please keep your eyes open for it.

Back to the Calendar: The next District Meeting will be Saturday, July 31st, still at the Cocoa Reference Library. The doors open for set-up at 9:00 AM and the meeting gets started at 9:30 AM. We work to get finished by at least Noon. I look forward to seeing everyone in the District at least one time at the meeting just so that y'all will know what we actually do at District. There is always a spot on the agenda for Group Concerns. If you have something you would like to bring up, either attend and present it yourself, or ask your GR to bring it up. Another calendar item will be the prior week, Saturday, July 24th. This will be an Alateen Training Session for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) **RIGHT HERE IN DISTRICT 11**. In fact, it will be at Holy Name of Jesus in Indialantic. If you would like to attend and find out what is going on that maybe will rub off on you, please come. I believe there has been a request for folks to sign up or indicate that they will be attending so that the provided lunch will be enough to cover the attendees. There are flyers and you can also get information from the District 11 website at www.spacecoastal-anon.org One more item to mark on your calendars, please: Saturday, July 10th is the District Eleven 2012 Convention Kick-off/Planning Meeting. Please start getting your thoughts together as we will need to come up with a theme, a title, convention committee chairs and/or co-chairs for the different areas such as Speakers, Banquet, Location, Publicity, Hospitality, Registration, Workshops, Boutique, Raffle and many more that I don't have in my mind at this moment. "We" will certainly be working our concepts and traditions. Please spread the word and come on up (or down) to the Cocoa Reference Library on Saturday, July 10th. Doors open at 9:00 AM again. Don't forget those helium hands. **YOUR HELP WILL BE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.** Thanks! Llew

Money Talks

Jean Caldwell Treasurer for Panel 49. Donations and bills should be sent to her

CAL:Has this Conference Approved Literature helped you? The "Cal Corner" department of The Forum would like to know (in 350 words or less) HOW any of the following pieces of literature have helped you:
The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4)

The Al-Anon Family Groups (B-5)
How Can I Help My Children (P-9)
Three Views of Al-Anon (P-15) (which includes "An Open Letter from an Alcoholic")
The Al-Anon Focus (P-45)
Living With Sobriety (P-49)

Send your article by mail to AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617; by fax to (757) 563-1655; or by e-mail to wso@al-anon.org, Attention "Cal Corner

To PURCHASE Al-Anon Literature, CONTACT: South Brevard and Beaches: Mary M. Central and North Brevard: Sue B. A selection of conference approved literature will be available for viewing at district meetings. If you would like to pick up literature orders at district meetings, please place the order with Mary M. by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

The public outreach magazine Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2011 is now available for order. Cost is \$40 for 100 copies. This magazine is available for only a short period each year. It can be ordered now until July, 2010. WSO states that the magazines will be shipped sometime by September 1st 2010. So if any groups or individuals are interested in using this magazine, please let me know asap and I'll place an order. I do not keep this in stock. Thanks Mary

Panel 49 Dist 11

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Other Newsworthy Items:

NFA ASSEMBLY AND AWSC Ocala Hilton, 1-877-602-4023, rates \$99.00

AWSC 8/20-22/10

Assembly 12/3-5/10

Convention 9/24-26/10 Hilton St Petersburg Bayfront - Flyer on Web

Alateen Training Convention 9/24-26/10, Fall Assembly 12/3-5/10 TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

DISTRICT 11 NEWS AND EVENTS

Dist 11 Meetings 6/26, 7/31, 8/28, 10/23, 11/27.

District Workshop Report

The day of the power of twelve workshops are over and what a blast it was. For those of you who could attend I can only wish that it was an experience that you will keep with you for the rest of your lives. The workshops I attended were the most helpful to me personally and they lifted my spirit.

The keynote speaker gave me the belly laugh that I needed and the inspiration that was given in his story left me in a state of deep thinking which is a good thing.

I would like to take this time to thank Carole F. for all her help {its good to have a organizer like her on your team] also the guys Jeff, Scott and Brian. You guys are the best {Scott chased the guy from the city who's job it is to pick up signs and retrieved the two he picked up. He went six blocks before Scott could catch him. Good job Scott} The people on the committee all were the best. Thanks Llew for getting the speaker and Sue for the ending. Those of you who missed it missed a lot. My money people, Joan and Jean, thank you for sitting there and missing the workshops. And to all the people who took the time to lead these workshops: a great big AL-Anon hug.

Again thanks for letting me chair this event and giving me another chance to serve the program that gave me life. Hugs in fellowship Pauline C.

A Word From Our Alateen Chair

Alateen is part of Al-Anon.

Did you grow up in an alcoholic home? Has Al-Anon helped you? Then why not give that gift to our children? If you have been attending Al-Anon meetings regularly and have been an Al-Anon member for 3 years or more, find out how you can get involved with Alateen service. It's easy and service in Alateen is a wonderful way to express your gratitude for our Program. The Al-Anon declaration says it all "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there. And let it begin with me!"

Please reach out. There's a hand waiting.

Reminder: July 24th Alateen Training at Holy Name of Jesus on A1A in Indialantic. Flyer on website. Since the hours of training are from 11 am - 1 pm, a light lunch will be provided.

Barb A, Alt DR would like to remind everyone that The Forum is a tool not only to read and grow through, but also a way to Experience, Hope and Strength. Get out of your comfort zone and write in, either on line or through snail mail.

NEW MEETINGS:

Ever Deeper Understanding AFG, Tues 8-9pm Cocoa Seventh Day Adventist Church 1500 Cox Rd, just S of 524, Cocoa.

Closed Meeting

Thursday Night 630-730 Ascension Catholic Church N Harbor City Blvd

The Gratitude Dinner is coming up ANY VOLUNTEERS????????????????????

REMEMBER YOU CAN FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HAPPENINGS IN DIST 11 INCLUDING FLYERS FOR EVENTS, NEW MEETINGS AND CURRENT WHERE

AND WHENS ON OUR WEBSITE

NEXT HUGS DEADLINE 8/18/10, NO July Hugs