

# DISTRICT 10 PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT

(Jan through) May 11th 2024

Cooperating with the professional community (CPC) – Debbie R

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Big thanks to Jan F and Sara W for continuing to consult and help arrange events!

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITY THUS FAR:**

### **Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITY**

Debbie was asked to speak with her local youth group of 10 middle and high school students. They were presented with Alateen pamphlets. They had many thoughtful questions and much meaningful conversation. Afterward they dove in to helping stuff vendor bags for the Jan 27<sup>th</sup> event.

### **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 EPISCOPAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

We are pleased to have hosted a vendor table at this convention where hundreds of priests convened from multiple counties across central Florida. At least 600 were registered. We prepped 500 information bags with AFA magazines, current meeting lists for districts 6 and 10, the Fact Sheet for Professionals, Understanding Ourselves and Alcoholism, Alcoholics and the Judicial System, the We found HOPE bookmark, as well as peppermint “LIFESAVERS”. In addition to passing out at least 225 vendor bags, we spoke to at least that many more people. A big THANKS goes out to ChuckD and RichR for manning the table with me.

### **Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 ASPIRE**

Aspire is an inpatient residential treatment center for women with alcohol and/or other addictions. We were invited to participate in a family visitation weekend. We provided an educational session to introduce family and loved ones to the Al-Anon program. Approximately 6 families were present, > 20 persons in attendance. We also provided literature and had a Q & A. Al-Anon members participating were Jan F, Pat, Nancy C and Debbie R.

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 MADD 5K, Walk like Madd** The MADD, Walk like Madd 5k and MADD Dash were held at beautiful Waterfront Park in Clermont. This is a fundraiser and awareness event for Mother’s Against Drunk Driving. We attracted people to our table with bananas and oranges, and literature, (thank you Suzan L for providing the fruit). 150 persons were registered in the race. Over 200 were present in all. The other vendors were very receptive. Vendors who showed special interest were several members of the Clermont police department, several of whom had never

heard about Al-Anon. They asked for additional handouts. A manager of several fast food restaurants asked how our program could benefit his employees and he asked for extra pamphlets to place in his employee break rooms. We spoke with at least 50 people and offered literature/vendor bags. Present were Suzan L, Nancy C and Debbie R.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. Zoom meeting with Public Outreach District Chairs.**

Debbie R participated in an **Al-Anon Public Outreach Zoom meeting** chaired by our Area Public Outreach Coordinator, Carmen S. It was nice to meet several other District Outreach chairs and toss around ideas for outreach.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 NAMI walk, aka NAMI Go, National Alliance for Mental Illness**

The NAMI, NAMI GO event was held at beautiful Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. This is also one of their fundraisers and event for community awareness. This event had 1,200 walkers, (not a typo), and “more vendors than they have ever had before”. (I didn’t get a count ). Bananas, lifesavers, and literature proved to be good attractions for our table once again. Approximately 200 informational vendor bags were handed out as well as an addition 20 AFA’s. We made many potential contacts for further outreach with many of the counselors who were present. We also introduced Al-Anon to many individuals for their personal interest. Present were Jan F, Nancy C, Rich R, Debbie R, and Bernie M.

**OCPL, Orange County Public Library :** Debbie R checked in with her local library. They did not have a current copy of *“How Al-Anon Works, for Friends & Families of Alcoholics”* in their library catalog for people to borrow. They offered to purchase a copy . (this requires approval by a team, should take a few weeks). I asked about placing brochures in their brochure area. However, I was told that those who left brochures were those who had an affiliation with their library system. (There is an application form for that). As Al-Anon is not affiliated with any organization or institution, I did not leave any CAL.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

VA MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>

We anticipate several more events with Aspire throughout the year.

Working on a connection with hospital chaplains

Will follow up on contacts made at NAMI.