

Spanish Liaison Report to Spring Assembly

June 11, 2022

There are currently 7 meetings available to our members who want or need to experience recovery in Spanish. They are located in districts 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10.

5 meet in person: Bridgeport, Hartford, Meriden, Norwalk, and Wallingford. 2 are virtual: Stamford and Willimantic. Willimantic functions as a bilingual meeting with each person participating and sharing in the language of their choice.

During the pandemic both Norwalk and Stamford have gone from two weekly meetings down to one.

Our groups are small in number of attendees, yet mighty in spirit and enthusiasm. Public Outreach efforts have been stymied by pandemic restrictions such as the prohibition against written materials in waiting rooms, etc.

Spanish-speaking members participated in both the Serenity Breakfast and the Convention, some of them serving as interpreters during the Convention. Our interpreters need to be fluent in 3 languages: Spanish, English and Al-Anon speak! We're constantly on the look out to increase our pool of interpreters.

In April I attended the A.A. Round Up and participated on a panel where A.A. and Al-Anon members shared ideas on How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere.

Current efforts include preparing for Rompiendo Fronteras/ Breaking Frontiers, the 21st annual bilingual sharing day, an event sponsored by A.A. with Al-Anon participation. There will be 3 keynote speakers: Al-Anon, A.A., and, hopefully, Alateen. Save the Date! Saturday, July 23rd from 8:30 am to noon. It will be fully interpreted.

Thank you for staying to hear my report. Please inform your groups that Spanish speaking meetings are open to all. Whether you speak a lot of Spanish, a little Spanish, or no Spanish, if you choose to attend a Spanish speaking meeting you will be warmly welcomed and loved "in that very special way" that is uniquely ours!

With love and gratitude in service,

Sue D., Spanish Liaison