

## PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT for Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**We are looking forward to kicking off 2026 as another fast-paced year in Public Outreach.**

**2025 ended** with our **“Business Card Drive”**. This is ongoing. New Al-Anon business cards were created with QR codes to access Al-Anon District 10, Al-Anon.org and the Al-Anon Mobile app. We will continue to have business cards available at District Meetings. On Oct 7<sup>th</sup> we had a tabling event at a **National Night Out Neighborhood Watch** in the South Conway area. On Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, we were guest speakers at the **Pine Castle Women’s Club** and presented a panel of 3 Al-Anon members, sharing our experience, strength and hope.

Did you know that Outreach has a budget of \$1,000? We are blessed. We have used every penny of this in literature purchases, printing costs for QR code handouts, for business cards, for stocking up literature ahead for 2026 events, and purchasing a new tabletop banner for indoor tabling events.

### NEXT EVENT:

**January 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** 57th annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida will be held on Jan. 23-24, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld. This will be our third time having a table at this event. It’s not just the same old guys, but new faces in the crowd, men and women. 500-600 in attendance. Priests often meet with parishioners for counseling. Al-Anon is complimentary to professional counselling. Debbie will be present for the duration but would love to have anyone interested in checking out Outreach come by to assist. Just let her know.

Mark your calendars, some of our usual events and potential events are coming up:

Debbie is contacting Aspire to set up an educational table for family visitation weekend at an inpatient rehab center. More details to come. We usually visit with them twice/year.

April 18<sup>th</sup> is the WALK Like MADD tabling event 5k in Clermont.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> is NAMIGo

July 8-12 is Floria PTA National Leadership Convention.

August 4 is National Night Out. We participated in a S Conway neighborhood this year. If you would like to have an Al-Anon presence in your neighborhood for 2026 let us know.

We are anticipating being asked to assist with the AA Convention August 6-9. No information yet.

We are looking into Florida Behavioral Health Conference August 26-28 (There is a fee or this one).

We are always open to your ideas. If you see an Outreach opportunity, please jump on it, or refer it to one of us for follow-up. Thank you again to all who have donated their old CAL and Forums Magazines. We are giving them out.

Outreach is everywhere. It can be as simple as passing out a business card. It can be attending a large convention, or an intimate setting at a rehab. It can be passing out literature to a health care provider or clergy. I’m grateful to serve. When I Got Busy, I Got Better.

Happy New Year from the Outreach Team