

District 7 Monthly Report for Corrections: February 2024

1.TAVARES DETENTION CENTER:

FEMALE KEY LEADER - TERESA K: teresakehr@msn.com

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MALE KEY LEADER - JIM Z: VOMBEE09@yahoo.com

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*****NEED 3-4 MALE VOLUNTEERS-URGENT! 10 Years Sober*****

2.SUMTER DETENTION CENTER:

ACTING/FEMALE KEY LEADER – PATTI D/LISA C: laconwell1@gmail.com

Program Coordinator Desyree R. has stated that volunteers are no longer allowed to bring The Grapevine in for Inmates nor any other pamphlets. We are allowed to bring Pocket Size Big Books to be passed out at each meeting. Going to 3 pods now has been very rewarding rotating each week since only 2 can be visited each Wednesday. Lisa C. is now taking over as the Female Key Leader who has a plethora of experience in Corrections from her beginning in recovery in Dallas to now guiding the volunteers and carrying the message inside the walls. Welcome Lisa and Thank you. **FEMALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

MALE KEY LEADER - ED Y: edward9880@gmail.com

Program Coordinator Desyree R. has stated that volunteers are no longer allowed to bring The Grapevine in for Inmates nor any other pamphlets. All scheduled meetings were held. Attendance seems to be rising. Volunteers attribute the increase in the efforts of the jail personnel in moving inmates to the meeting room. Pocket Size Big Books are being distributed as needed. I picked up 26 books earlier in the month and passes them out to volunteers as needed. *****NO MALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THIS TIME ****

3.LAKECOUNTY/CLERMONT STATE FACILITY:

Corrections Chair is working with a member of Together We Can group where members have been going inside facility. We are trying to coordinate a way to drop off or have volunteers bring literature in when attending meetings inside. The Chaplain has sent an email stating they need Literature. The By-Laws state that volunteers can distribute Literature to inside meetings. Corrections Chair is awaiting how this may work to carry message to the inmate. (Corrections has attempted to work with The Chaplain but he is unwilling to follow AA Guidelines, District 7 Corrections By-Laws, and 12 Traditions to coordinate volunteers' entry and meetings). This is an all-male prison, and female volunteers are not allowed entry.

4.BUSHNELL STATE: to TBD.

ACTING KEY LEADER - PATTI D: correctionschair@lakecountyyaa.com

Need volunteers trained/background checks. Researching Point of Contact Inside Facility to initiate meetings. Already have 1 volunteer who went before COVID. Awaiting more volunteers preferably men since it's an all-male prison. Female volunteers have been allowed to go before COVID with a male volunteer.

5.COLEMAN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY:

ACTING KEY LEADER - PATTI D: correctionschair@lakecountyyaa.com

Will be contacting the Chaplain this week to begin process of bringing volunteers into Facility for meetings. Corrections Chair will be going to meetings to recruit male volunteers to take meetings inside.

*****NEED MALE/FEMALE VOLUNTEERS: REQUIRES 4-HOUR APPLICATION/TRAINING AT COLEMAN TRAINING CENTER*****

6. We need HELP GSR's and Central Office Reps to continue to promote needs for a new Pink Can Treasurer, Corrections Literature Person, and Volunteers. I have flyers if anyone would like to take some to their group.

7. Chair will be attending April Assembly to attend Corrections Workshop and get some feedback on issues: Coordination with Facility Representatives to establish volunteer base and meetings inside IAW AA Guidelines, Promoting Grapevines and Pamphlets back into Facilities or donate subscriptions and apps to inform inmates where to find online pamphlets to their web site.

Sincerely, Yours in Service,

Patti D.

Lake/Sumter County Corrections Chair