

District 13 Report- Assembly July 2020

Wow what a year this is, definitely one for the record books!

I just don't know how to start on how grateful I am for the membership in District 13. Since the Covid effect, the membership of area 13 has stepped to the plate and given their all to the support of Al Anon and Alateen. There is no measure to thank everyone, from those fearful of all the new changes, continuing with zoom and teleconference meetings, to those leading and setting up all the new approaches needed, to continue a strong fellowship in the southern sector of the area.

We are continuing with 20 meetings, and every day of the week is covered. Most are zoom meetings but 2 have continued by teleconferencing. We even have a couple that have continued F2F, meeting outdoors and social distancing. Recently, a couple meetings have returned to F2F, as their facilities have opened. Instructions are given out as to safe practices they are using. Unfortunately, we did not have all the info on all our Alateens. So, we are at the mercy of the schools not being opened. However, the groups that do have the information, have continued to send, via email, a topic a week for the teens to pursue. The grads have been honored with small gifts and info to help their transition to Al Anon.

I was fortunate to participate in the beta-testing for AMIAS training, and district 13 managed to get the online testing completed, and we managed to get our FRESH training in before COVID hit. Thank you, Lily & Sharon,!!! Our Alateen program remains strong. We transitioned into another high school and middle school before the schools closed. Our numbers were into the 60's of students we were reaching. We have a contact in a North Port elementary school that we will be working with in that community as soon as everyone figures out when the schools will open. We continue AMIAS meetings, with the knowledge we have learned to brainstorm ideas to best handle a situation like this again with school closures. That concept is not that foreign based on our hurricane activity

Even in the age of ZOOM.... we continue with a task force to convert our archive to digital. We have a Zoom account for district meeting use. Group conscience decided the individual meetings should support their own. Our Gratitude Luncheon is still scheduled for after the first of the year. Our newly established Activities Committee has a picnic that was postponed and moved to 2021. In November, with the help of our Higher Power, we have a day of workshops on the burner. From the standpoint of business, we have set up a Venmo account for the District and are encouraging our groups to do the same, but that is coming slowly. Our zoom district meetings are going well, and the participation is close to our previous F2F. Especially since summer season is in effect.

I also would like to add, that District 12 included our activities and date of meetings, sharing their printed calendars with us. They were greatly appreciated and used by the groups.

Respectfully Submitted:

“Let It Begin With Me”

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