District 13 – Sarasota, Charlotte, Glades and DeSoto Counties

Report for May 2024 Assembly

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Meetings:

- -1 Alateen
- 2 Zoom
- -14 Face-to-Face

We have implemented "chair meetings" every other month ahead of our District meetings. It is an opportunity for us to work together as a team, discuss what is going well, where we have overlaps or gaps in responsibilities, and give suggestions when someone has an issue they are working through. It has been a great learning experience for the group and I think it has helped us bond as a team.

Our District's Alateen meeting is up and running. There have been up to 4 Alateens at the meetings. One week, they came as a family. The dad went to AA, the mom stayed with the kids for Alateen because she didn't know anything about Al-Anon (but in subsequent weeks she attended the Al-Anon meeting), and the kids have brought a friend. There is some progress being made in starting an after-school group in Charlotte County for the 2024-25 school year. We also have identified another venue for an out-of-school meeting.

Our Panel is quite full, lacking only an Intergroup Liaison to AA (due to the untimely death of the member who had stepped up for this service) and an Alateen Process Person. We continue to remind groups of these openings. In the meantime, as DR, I have been supporting the Alateen Chair, and the Public Outreach Chair has been in contact with the AA district folks.

A District Feedback Form was distributed to GRs requesting information on what they would like to see at District meetings going forward. This information has been condensed into categories: Informational, In Process (who and when), and Completed (who and when).

Our District is experiencing some service gaps at the GR level, surprisingly among very healthy groups. Our Alternate District Representative will be starting group visits soon and will be encouraging service.