

DR Report
District 13
For January 2025 AWSC

This is from Robin M. (DR) for District 13. Our DISL, Terry Anne, stepped down from this position.

District 13 continues to provide a wide variety of meetings every day of the week, including Sunday evening with the addition of that new meeting in September. These include some “specialty” meetings such as a Beginners meeting, one Zoom meeting, one hybrid meeting, a Step Study meeting, a meeting that focuses on one piece of CAL at a time, a 4th Step meeting, a men’s meeting, and an Alateen meeting. We also have 2 groups which have regular speaker meetings featuring both AA and/or Al-Anon speakers. We would love to have guest speakers. Let us know if you are interested in sharing your story! Although our District encompasses four counties (the southern part of Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto and Glades counties), we currently do not have meetings in DeSoto or Glades counties. We meet as a district 6x per year, basically every other month.

The District Chairs meet ahead of each bi-monthly district meeting to discuss issues, brainstorm ideas, iron out overlapping duties, share our ESH, etc. This has really helped us to work together as a team and draw on the extensive knowledge of our chair group. We are each taking a turn presenting a Concept at the District meeting which has been very well received.

There has been a great deal of focus on trying to get Alateen back up and running in the schools. Our Alateen Coordinator has been in direct contact with a guidance counselor at Venice High School who is very supportive of the program. Two AMIASes presented the basics of the Alateen program to students recently, with 6 students indicating strong interest. The next step is to get meetings scheduled during the school day.

Our District has stepped up to host the 2025 Area Service Workshop. Ellen F. is the workshop chair. She is a vital part of the planning for our District’s Gratitude Luncheon which will take place on February 8. After that, the real work of putting the workshop together will begin. The theme is “Participation is the Key to Harmony and Growth.” The venue is Christ Venice Church, 1475 Center Road, in Venice. More details to come!