We admit to feeling a bit overwhelmed by life and the abundance of Al-Anon activities this fall. We just had our District meeting on the 26th, a week after our fabulous convention. Over the last two months a Task Force met and developed a single meeting schedule that meets all the members needs as well as protecting anonymity at all levels. This schedule is on our website and may be printed from there. We received our 400 AFAs and are asking the groups to place a schedule in each before they distribute them. We have four official outreach activities in the community in October and November. All of Freddie's PO proposal was discussed as well as the larger banner displayed at convention. We decided to proceed with ordering the larger one and are hoping the Area PO project is passed; our District is behind it.

Since it was mentioned that a phone number could be printed on the banners, we had a discussion about obtaining a District phone. This was approved and by the end of the day on the 26th one of our members had purchased a Tracfone with starting minutes. We will have to work out the guidelines for use of the phone, but wanted the number to get to Freddie asap. Amy T, the LDC from District 12 works with us on literature purchases and sent some of their "business cards" that they distribute with in conjunction with PO. Our District was very impressed with the cards and we will get more information about obtaining them.

We have a Treasurer, Ellie B, who has taken over this duty when our other treasurer moved out of state. She has done this before and is also treasurer for one our groups. She was voted in unanimously. Our District Secretary position is still open, but we always get a volunteer to take the role for our District meetings..

A Cup of Recovery - Tea & Card Party, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6465 Mayport Rd, Englewood. On Saturday, Oct 17, from 9:30-1pm. The cards are handmade by one of our members and cover all occasions as well as offering AL-Anon encouragement. One of our past DRs, Nan W, will be sharing her story; she did a great workshop at the Convention on 'Not Using the Steps' that involved Pitiful Pearl. Please bring a tea cup or glass and join us for some great food, cards, raffles and our speaker.

It's About Choice & Change - Day of Workshops, Pilgrim United Methodist Church

24515 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte On November 7th from 9-2pm. Our own Chairperson, Cindy

J will be helping Doris with a skit on conflict resolution as well as sharing her story. The support
we receive from Area is so appreciated.

Doris passed out one of her Thought Force pamphlets and will take the other to several people to complete. This will take some time since they are the ones not using computers to connect. It will also give her an opportunity to sit down with some members and spend some time with them one on one; She appreciates these rare moments in life.

We have maps to our events listed on the District Website: http://www.nfldistrict13al-anon.org It is also available through our Area website by clicking on District 13.

We are beginning to entertain the idea of meeting on our in between months via a newer technology avenue. There is a lot of information to discuss and act on in our 2 hours of District Meeting, every other month.