

**District 13 Combined Report
May 2016 Assembly, Panel 55**

District Representative:

As I approach the halfway point in my service for Panel 55, I feel extremely grateful and blessed. Since our last AWSC meeting I participated in a Task Force which looked at the Area By-Laws. The concluding document was the result of several conference calls in which we talked about the purpose of this document and how to make it relevant to what we actually do in practice in our Area. Just as with Area meetings, I am impressed at how our traditions and concepts come alive in action when we talk about what makes the best outcome for Al-Anon as a whole.

In our very widespread District we have had our share of change. There are three new groups that have started: the first meets Thursday's at 7pm in the medical building behind Punta Gorda Hospital; the second meets Fridays at 8pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church where the AA meeting moved and which meets at the same time: the third meeting is Sunday mornings at 10:30 at Lemon Bay Park and has an Adult Child Focus. All three groups are getting established and we have had wonderful support from the LDC in District 12. She has provided the groups with some starter literature and continues to coordinate with our entire District to supply our CAL needs at least bimonthly; our literature chair meets her at District 12 meetings to pick up our CAL and bring it to our District meeting, which occurs a week or so after their meeting.

In early April, we had a superb Gratitude Dinner. We had 118 members present, together representing 1268 years of recovery. Our raffle of 28 baskets and 50/50 helped raise just over \$1000 for the District. We also had District 12's LDC there selling CAL (and giving some away to new groups) and our main speaker was also from District 12. She had so much strong recovery, her experience, strength and hope were well received by everyone. Our Gratitude Dinner Chairperson was exceptional at coordinating his helpers and after the dinner he researched a facility for our use next year. Now we just need someone to step up to chair this event-perhaps at our next District meeting.

The Dinner was our only District event on our calendar so far this year. Some groups are having speaker meetings that pull some members from other groups, but other than District meeting there is no event to gather us for fun and fellowship and recovery. Those of us going to Convention are looking forward to that with much excitement. We also have less than half our groups represented at Assembly.

I continue to be in touch with groups by email and I am visiting around to those I don't regularly attend. As always, there are fewer members with the end of season. This affects the daytime meetings more than the night ones. There are two groups in the District which do not have either a CMA or GR; they are, therefore in a "no mail" status. I will continue to reach out to these groups to encourage participation which follows our Traditions and Concepts.

Our District is joining with District 12 to host the Hospitality Suite this Assembly. I have two excited volunteers and did a big shop with District 12's DR last weekend. We'll be ready for the 20th and I hope the experience is a positive one for our GIPs. Please be sure to thank them for their service when you visit the suite over the weekend.

AIISL (AI-Anon Information Services Liaison):

We have pretty great members dedicated to service here in District 13. Our Webmaster is doing a great job of keeping all things in the District posted and updated. She has assisted in flyer construction and offered many levels of assistance around the District. Our Group Records Chair is a stickler for completed forms and therefore keeps us as current and accurate as humanly possible. Our Meeting List Chair is doing a great job of getting all the information to the right place and printing our list at a great price. We have made them all available for outreach use. They used to come in color for members only and white for outreach. Now anyone is welcome to any of them. Our Public Outreach Chair has given away all our pamphlets! We just placed a large order to replenish and keep her full of stuff to hand out. She has us set up to do a bunch of Health Fairs in the upcoming season all at no cost. We have a wonderfully energetic Alateen Chair and APP work diligently at keeping our AMIASs and Alateens safe and happy. We are looking forward to having a good turnout for the Alateen Convention this year. Our AA Liaison has been ill but is back on top of her game and even helps with outreach and an institutions meeting for teens. Our Archivist has made a nice display that was brought to our District Gratitude Dinner last month. It made us all look good.

As our southern florida lifestyle slips into lazy days of summer I may have more time to visit some of our more distant from me meetings. I'm hopeful for us to work together to find more ways to get the WHOLE district together for simple fun events. Watch our website for details, it's bound to be great, it's AI-Anon and we'll be sure to invite our whole extended family!!