

District 13 Combined Report for AWSC, August 19-21, 2016

Greetings from southwest Florida. As always in our paths to recovery, our District has seen constant change and we are given the courage to walk through it. District 13 was able to send five kids and two AMIAS to our Alateen Conference and the word from everyone is that it was AWESOME. We love our Public Outreach table set up and used it yet again for a church event last weekend. The pastor invited us to share what we are about and there was a very positive response from the church members. At the moment we do not have an official Public Outreach Chairperson but because we have individuals dedicated to public outreach we continue to disburse our Al-Anon CAL wherever we can and set up our table when we are invited or connect with a Health and Wellness fair. Most of our 2016 AFAs have been given away and we await our new box of 2017 AFAs.

There are also three other positions open at the moment: Alternate DR, Alateen Chair, and APP. Terry Anne and I do what we are able to meet the needs of these open positions but we know we are best served when we are fully self supporting by having these positions filled by willing service volunteers. In light of our Tradition 11, we are bringing two GIPs to AWSC and look forward to having them experience AL-Anon at a different perspective.

Our Serenity Seekers AFG is hosting a movie event on August 28th which is open to AAs as well as Al-Anons. It is being held in the AA Clubhouse where the group has its' meeting on Wednesday nights. They will be showing the story of Bill and Lois as well as having some Al-Anon Trivia and raffles. The rest of our calendar this year is full of Area events. Those of us going to the Convention are very excited and are planning on fun to happen!

We are planning on hosting another of our famous "Tea and Card Party" events next year, probably in February. These feature Al-Anon member made greeting cards for all occasions at great prices. There is always great food and a speaker. I will send you more information when it is finalized. We would love to have you join us.

There is an amazing meeting occurring each week at a facility which serves teens aged 13-17 who are mandated to be in a recovery program. Since our member, B.B., started Al-Anon meetings here almost a year ago it has been a powerful and welcome experience for the kids, the staff and our members who donate their one hour each week. All of these kids are returning to either homes where there is active alcoholism/addiction or group homes where it is present. Since it is a locked facility, any Al-Anon member can participate. If you think your District would be interested in reaching out this way, please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you at AWSC.