

DR and DISL Report for District 13  
For July 2023 AWSC

Meetings in District 13 - One of our long standing meetings has closed due to lack of attendance. In December, they would have celebrated 50 years. Very sad. The two remaining members have found other meetings to attend. I visited all the meetings in the district. For the most part, they seemed healthy and well attended. I noticed a couple of instances of dominance and crosstalk. At our July 22 district meeting, we will specifically be discussing inappropriate member behavior and sharing experience, strength and hope in handling them, with a focus on CAL that has been of help.

International Convention - thank you to one of the groups in our district for honoring me with the gift of a Virtual Registration to the International Convention. The first few sessions had technical difficulties but the staff at the Convention worked those out pretty quickly. I was thrilled at all the countries represented. I really enjoyed the photographs of members interacting. For the most part, the speakers' stories contained elements that I could relate to and were very good at sharing from their heart. It made me wish I could be there! Maybe in 5 years!

Open District Positions - there seems to be a little momentum building regarding open district positions. I've heard from a few people about positions such as treasurer, webmaster, group records, and alternate district representative. As always, my HP is in charge. I look forward to the elections in September and to working with everyone who steps forward for service!

Budget - transparency - bank balance forward - at our May district meeting we voted to make a sizeable donation to Area and WSO. After the meeting, I wondered why there was so much money to give away when our budget for 2023 was so tight when we approved it. In conversation with Sandy, the treasurer, I learned that funds had been accumulating for a few years and they were NOT accounted for in the budget. As a result, in an effort to create more transparency, Sandy and Ellie worked to include the carryover amount into the budget. Transparency and honesty are two areas where I have been deeply wounded. Part of my recovery includes working on being both in my life and acting with integrity when I have a setback. Thank you to Sandy and Ellie for being open, honest and willing to make our district finances more transparent.

Alateen - Dianne from District 12 (part of Sarasota County) was instrumental in getting an Alateen meeting up and going in her school. She is a social worker in the school. She has offered to help us in any way she can. An informational Q&A meeting with her has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 at 7 pm and we have invited all interested members from our district to attend. We are down to just a few AMIASes but if people are interested, we can get them trained and fingerprinted before the next school year starts. It would be great to return to Venice HS and North Port HS again. Thank you to Dianne L., AA Liaison, for agreeing to help me with this.

Alateen idea from International Convention - one of the speakers, a woman from India, said all their meetings are in the evening, and at every location, there is an AA meeting, an Al-Anon meeting and an Alateen meeting. The whole family can attend together! I wondered if this could be an option for us to get more activity around Alateen. I am putting this on the agenda for the July district meeting to see if there are members who would be interested in working on a Thought Force to see if this is a viable option for our district. Thanks again to Dianne L, our AA Liaison, for agreeing to help me with this.

June Assembly: We had 6 representatives from our district in attendance. Following the skit presented by District 10 on Concept 4: Participation is the key to harmony, Shirley was able to purchase the materials that were used in the skit. Our Gratitude Luncheon chair has agreed to have the skit presented at our luncheon next February.