

## District 12 DR/DISL Report for AWSC 8/3/2019

Greetings from Sarasota and Manatee! District 12 unanimously approved delegation of the Area 9 public outreach project to AWSC. We also approved our Delegate, Cindy J.'s visit to our District meeting in November, followed by a workshop. More details on that soon! We approved our budget and seem to be sailing pretty smoothly these days, although we do not yet have a new DISL.

The Helpline continues to serve and thrive. We have volunteers scheduled through August but are trying to build up our new volunteers list. We encourage groups to volunteer together as a service project. Our Helpline Chair, Dianne D., is continuing to visit groups to educate about the Helpline and seek new volunteers. She has found that people believe the Helpline to involve more time than it does so the education is worthwhile.

We ask the volunteers to call into the Helpline once a day and retrieve and return calls. The average call the Helpline receives are: looking for Newcomer's meetings, meetings in a specific area, looking for Alateen meetings and potential AA members calling in looking for meetings and we direct them to the AA site.

Alateen Convention was June 14-16. We did not have anyone attend but are told it was a great event. It fell on Father's Day weekend which made it difficult for people to go.

We are actively searching for a new location for Alateen with a room that the teens will feel comfortable in. The current room is very small, and privacy is a question. Once we have AMIAS in Sarasota County we can look into starting a meeting there as well. We only have one teen a week showing up during the summer which is pretty typical.

Our Group Liaison is happy to report that 2 GRs or their representative were fully funded to attend the Assembly and one was partially funded by the Designated Funds available to the Group Liaison. Funds will be available for future Assemblies.

Our Public Outreach Committee has four areas of focus: Public media, Professionals, Institutions and miscellaneous and has subcommittee chairs working in each of these areas to disseminate Al-Anon information.

Our Gratitude Dinner "Grateful Heart", will be on Saturday, November 9, 2019. We have a new co-chair, Denise W. A new flyer will be out soon, once details are in place, and registration will begin next month.

Gratefully in service, Gretchen S., District Representative