

District 12 DR/DISL Report for AWSC 2/1/2020

Happy New Year from Sarasota and Manatee! I can't believe we are at the start of our third and final year of service for panel 58! We are excited to report that district 12 has a new DISL, elected at our last district meeting, Hannah D., and she is looking forward to meeting everyone at AWSC! Our panel now is complete, and we have no open positions, other than Archives, which we are in the process of updating. Also, at our last district meeting, we enjoyed a very special workshop, "Links of Service", presented by our Area Delegate, Cindy J., which was followed by another wonderful Cindy workshop after the meeting, "Gratitude in Action". Many members made a special effort to attend both workshops and found the spiritual nature of service in Al-Anon demonstrated beautifully through the workshops.

Our Helpline Chair is grateful to those on the speaker list and the great opportunity to share their Al-Anon experience with others. We continue to invite members to share their stories.

The Helpline continues to serve and thrive. We have volunteers scheduled through March. Flyers picked up at the district meeting and sent to GRs via email; seem to help get the word out there. We encourage groups to volunteer together as a service project.

Our Webmaster has new table-tents with the district web address for GRs to take back to their home group meetings. Members have access to a wealth of information on the district website, which is very active with 350 unique visitors every week!

Our Group Liaison has heard service discussed recently at groups she has visited. To assist every group in sending a representative to Area Assembly, funds designated to the Group Liaison have been used to cover Assembly costs for GRs whose groups do not have the resources to send them to Assembly.

We were excited when our public outreach committee was recognized by the area in the public outreach newsletter for their exceptional "Attraction v Promotion" workshop at our September district meeting. Three members of the committee described the "...purpose of Public Outreach using Step Twelve, guidelines", preserving anonymity of members, and ongoing district 12 public outreach efforts. Our public outreach committee has been very busy, starting new Al-Anon meetings at 3 local collages, increasing our institutions meetings and presenting Al-Anon with AA to medical and nursing students, just to mention a few.

The LDC operates independently and autonomously from the District. It has no paid employees, no costly overhead, with minimal operating expenses. Its goal is not to make a huge profit but to help groups meet their financial needs through the sale of literature. For the past several panels, LDC has printed and distributed the district's Where and When and has provided calendars for each group.

Gratefully in service,

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