

DR/AISL Report for August AWSC Meeting

Greetings from District 12

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at AWSC, and hearing what's going on in our Area! It was great to see so many people from our Area at the International Convention in July!

We are happy to report that we are making progress getting incorporated and obtaining our non-profit status, and our treasury is well documented and transparent.

We are presenting workshops at our District Meetings, which have generated thoughtful discussions.

The Helpline continues to serve. There are numerous hang-up calls per month. We have arranged to have someone Spanish speaking review the outgoing message and make sure it is appropriate for that population. This will need to be manned as well for Spanish speaking and we are working on that challenge.

We are excited to have a new Spanish Liaison who is working to secure sites for new Spanish meetings, and have a strong core of Spanish speaking members and at least one English speaking member willing to commit to at least 3-6 months of attendance to hopefully get the meetings up and running. The District also committed to helping the new Spanish meetings financially at first.

Our Group Liaison is working with groups that are struggling with membership and/or traditions.

Summer is here and our teens are off exploring and doing great things while they are out of school. The Alateen Conference was the weekend of July 20th. None of our teens or AMIAS were able to attend. We plan on having a back to school get together once everyone starts back.

Currently our Alateen meetings have on average 2 teens or less. This is very typical when school is out. We have a system if it is only one AMIAS and one teen we will go to the AI-anon meeting. At this time, we are up to 10 potential AMIAS in our district. We are working on setting up a training meeting in the fall with multiple districts or just ours. It depends on the date as that is the challenge in getting people trained. Our focus is building our AMIAS so we can keep growing the Alateen program. It is their program and we are the trusted servants.

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.

Our group records are being updated and sent out monthly, and changes are made on our website in real time, so that our on-line resources are always up-to-date.

Gratefully in service,
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