

## **District 12 DR/AISL Report for Fall Area Assembly**

Greetings North Florida from District 12 covering Sarasota and Manatee counties! We are excited to announce that our Officers panel was completed at our last District Meeting, when we voted in an Alternate District Representative! Also the Archives position was filled, and someone is “trying out” the Sergeant At Arms position, vacated by our new Alt DR. Unfortunately, our AA Liaison has had to step down. We wish her the best and are looking for a new AA Liaison. But that’s it...only one panel position unfilled and one “maybe” at this time. Yay!

Several members of District 12 enjoyed fun, fellowship and spiritual deepening at our recent Area Convention, “What’s Your Emoji?” We shared our experience, strength and hope presenting and attending workshops, and were inspired by the powerful Al-Anon and AA speakers as well as the Alateen panel. I (Gretchen S.) was particularly moved by the Sunday morning Spiritual Speaker!

The Helpline continues to serve and thrive. We have arranged with our North Florida Area 9 Spanish Coordinator, who has a Spanish Helpline, to utilize their Helpline phone number for our Spanish population. Our Helpline voicemail and Web page has been updated to reflect this change. We are grateful to Area 9 for providing us this service. We have volunteers from our area that will be assisting the Spanish Helpline. This will be coordinated by Evelyn T. Area Spanish Coordinator.

From the website there are many items that can be downloaded for FREE. Did you know that the district website logs an average of 850 visitors per week! It is a great place to visit. Check it out!

2 people went to AMIAS training in Orlando out of the 10 who are interested in becoming AMIAS. Working on background checks now. Trying to setup a training in October locally before the holidays with District 13. Waiting to hear if the area will be able to do it. Otherwise anyone wanting to train to be an AMIAS will have to wait until 2019. The Alateen group rep went to Convention and funds provided to Alateen were able to fund her trip. Looking forward to hearing back from her with new ideas and we are hoping for our teens to have a get together before the end of the year.

Our Institutions list is growing! We have a well-established outreach at Baby Steps, a lock-down unit for pregnant and postpartum women, who would otherwise be jailed, to deliver drug-free babies. Additionally, we have at least 2 volunteers and are seeking others to visit First Step.

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. LDC: absorbs shipping costs from WSO; discounts purchase of SETS of Daily Readers (B-6 & B-16). \$1.00 per book; 5%

discount on all other books (B-); is financially responsible for the printing costs of the District 12  
Where n When; is responsible to file financial reports periodically to the District.

Gratefully in service, Gretchen S. District Representative, Sue L. AISL