

VA Area District Representative Report

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 6:45 at Community of Grace Church– Currently Virtual at 6:30

District Name and Number: James River South, District 29, VA570279

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Events Postponed:

Challenges are the planned events that were cancelled due to the pandemic:

- March Workshop on the Three As, Awareness, Acceptance & Action
- Newcomer Meeting was in the planning stages
- Alateen Sponsor Training was being arranged for May in the Richmond area

Events in planning stage:

Virtual Gratitude Breakfast Saturday, Nov 7th

Possible virtual holiday event the first Tuesday in December – no plans have been firmed up at this time.

Successes:

During these difficult times our groups have done an amazing time working around the restrictions of Covid. Most of our groups have set up virtual and some, face to face, meetings. Attendance at our virtual district meetings has been good and the GRs are being supportive of the district and their members.

Challenges:

It has been difficult adjusting to the virtual world but all of our members have been adapting in an amazing way. Our Public Outreach Committee is on hold while we are waiting for someone to step up to lead. We are also needing a Group Rep for one of our meetings.

We still have thirteen meetings but three of them are inactive right now due to Covid. They meet in churches and have not been able to do face to face meetings. Their populations are older and they do not have anyone who is comfortable doing WebEx or Zoom.

Of our active meetings, we have some using WebEx and others Zoom. We also have three meetings that are doing face to face and still providing Zoom for those who can't venture out yet. Attendance at the meetings has been consistent but there are about 25% less overall participation since Covid.

Goals:

Once we get up and running again, our district will reschedule our postponed events. I am also hopeful that we can get some excitement going for Public Outreach.

Respectively submitted,

Fran B., DR James River South