

## VA Area District Representative Report Fall 2021

Date of Meetings: Tuesday 6:45 Currently Virtual Zoom at 6:30

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We are still maintaining our 12 meetings. Two that were inactive have starting to come back now that we can hold face to face meetings. We are keeping their Zoom/WebEx options open until we have better information on this Delta variant. Zoom/WebEx has been an amazing resource but as we know, not everyone is comfortable using the virtual meeting world.

Attendance at some meetings is down but it has been picking up since face-to face meetings are happening. Several of our meetings have grown quite a bit and older members are coming back a little at a time. Donations on the local level but with now with face to face meetings, I expect that to improve. We have sent money to the WSO several times over the last year.

My district meetings are well attended and it has been decided to maintain the Zoom meeting format for now. There is pretty good participation and attendance at our monthly meetings and we have been able to get support when it comes to the planning and execution of events.

### Successes:

We are currently planning:

- **Gratitude Breakfast** on October 2, 2021 We will again have an AA and Al-Anon speaker. This year we will be holding the event outside under a church pavilion. Due to the ongoing concern about Covid and the Delta variant, it is a *BYOB Bring Your Own Breakfast* We will serve coffee, tea and water only. It should be interesting.
- **District Group Inventory**
- **Holiday Party** has not been discussed. Once we see how the virus is handled, we will make plans. Since our virtual New Year's Holiday celebration last year was reasonably successful, we may opt to do something similar this year.
- **New District Rep.** -I have a commitment from a wonderful candidate to fill the DR position.

### Challenges:

I never did find an Alternate DR but I worked with R. Randi M. from Richmond North and we have managed to be supportive of one another. It is often difficult to get Group Reps to take on leadership roles.

### Goals:

Right now, my main goal is to get the positions filled in the District. Also, holding a Group Inventory will provide good information to the incoming District Rep. In addition, I think it will highlight the District's shortcomings and help the new Panel to build on our successes and avoid some of our pit falls.

Respectively submitted,

Fran B., DR James River South