

VA Area District Representative Report

2021 Spring Assembly

Date of Meeting: May 15-16, 2021

District Name and Number: Albemarle District, #001

I remain very grateful for all of the Albemarle District GRs and Officers, who have persistently been engaged and dedicated to their groups and to the district; they are doing an amazing job and I feel so fortunate to serve with them.

This report includes news and information that has occurred since the fall 2020 assembly.

Our district normally has meetings every day of the week and there are currently (10) active meetings, all meeting virtually. (3) of our meetings have been suspended as of the onset of the pandemic. We have district meetings once a month, and I am happy to say that they are generally well attended!

Despite the pandemic, and meetings being completely virtual for most of the year, we ended the year with a healthy financial prospect. This is because groups continued to contribute to the district fund, and because our expenses were less than expected for the year, the contributions being a little less than expected was not detrimental. In outlining our 2021 overall district budget, we decided that we could increase the budget amount for public outreach.

We ended up hosting an early December workshop, our first virtual workshop, titled "Surviving 2020 with Serenity", with a wonderful breakout session on meditation. It went very well and was well attended and well appreciated in the middle of a traditionally hectic time of year in a difficult year.

Our Alateen meeting continues to meet every week on Monday nights. There are generally between 3 and 7 teens at each meeting, which is also attended by 2 AMIAS. We continue to welcome participation from teens all over the state and beyond. Every week the meeting host AMIAS send a group email to the other AMIAS letting them know how the meeting went and how many teens were there.

All of the meetings seem to be maintaining a core attendance despite being virtual, and seem to be strong. In my homegroup I have seen several newcomers attend over the past 6 months, which is wonderful. We have a district email address which is monitored by one of the GRs, and when someone reaches out asking about meetings in the area, they are welcomed and sent a list of virtual meetings, or connected with our Alateen contact. I believe this address receives mail every day.

I am humbled by the dedication of our GRs and officers. The pandemic has brought about changes in our lives that have made service even more challenging sometimes. But everyone is communicating well and doing the most that they can, and this is a lot.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine P., Albemarle District (001) Representative