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"If Al-Anon is to continue to exist, it must continue to grow. There is no standing still without retrogression.

Al-Anon must continue to grow if it is going to fulfill its primary purpose of reaching millions who need Al-Anon's help but who are not yet aware of the existence of our fellowship."

— Leis W.

District Name & Number: Springfield Annandale District 057-002

Meeting Status: Nine active meetings, eight active groups—one group has two meetings. We have three in-person, one hybrid, and five virtual meetings.

District Representative (DR) Name and Contact Information: Chris B (cbnp15@verizon.net), 703-389-1405.

DR Status: Chris B. continues to work as the temporary DR with excellent support from the former DR, Joanna C and the Group Representatives (GR), and Current Mailing Addressees (CMA). He has chaired all of the District meetings from January through May and attended all of the District meetings multiple times and is impressed with the excellent recovery that is occurring and the many members who capable of filling all of our vacant service positions. ©

Events/Projects completed by District/Group since last VAWSC/Assembly:

- **Hug and Cookie**, December 2021: We had excellent speakers and 36 attendees at this virtual event. Deborah O. organized and hosted the event. The attendees expressed their appreciation to Deborah for her willingness to serve and the wonderful job she did making this event a great success.
- Electronic Meeting Policy Discussion. Terry W. generously volunteered her time at the April
 District meeting to provide an overview of the Electronic meeting policy and answer questions
 from our GRs/CMAs and interested members. Terry provided an excellent presentation and
 clearly answered all of our questions. District 2 GRs/CMAs are fully prepared to vote during the
 Spring Assembly.
- **Group update.** Working in coordination with the Area Group Records Coordinator, we have changed the status of two meetings to inactive. One additional group started in-person meetings, once per month with others remaining virtual, in addition to the two already meeting in person.
- **DR training in Webex**. Thank you Becky and Cecily for your assistance.

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Events or projects the District/Group is planning:

- **Outreach:** District is reaching out for volunteers to form an outreach committee. Began distributing District 2 book marks with District meeting and NVSC, Area, and WSO contact information.
- Assessing Alateen Sponsor interest. District has only 3 Alateen sponsors. We have publicized the Alateen sponsor training and will continue to assess interest in sponsorship.

Successes/Things that are going well – none too small or too large to share!

- Transition of temporary DR.
- Hug and Cookie Workshop.
- Meetings are well-attended with good recovery. Groups have attendees from Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and Maryland.
- Established GR/CMA group text list. One of the GRs volunteered to manage the list.

Challenges/Things that need attention:

- Filling permanent DR position, two GR positions, District Secretary, District Outreach, alternate WEBEX scheduler-- Building a culture of service.
- Establishing outreach committee.
- Encourage Alateen sponsorship.
- Anticipating transition of more groups to in-person meetings and retaining online members possibly through hybrid meetings.