

Peninsula District 16

Report to the Spring Assembly

May 13-14, 2023

MEETINGS SUMMARY: District 16 currently has nineteen meetings: two meetings are still on-hold (not meeting); nine meetings are virtual; two meetings are hybrid, and eight meetings are face-to-face.

Peninsula District meets in hybrid format, every other month, for two hours (9:30-11:30am). The last meeting was held March 11, 2023, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. Twenty members attended.

The following District meeting dates have been scheduled for the remainder of 2023: May 6, July 15, September 16, and November 4.

CHALLENGES:

- 6:30 PM Tuesday “Newbies” meeting is continuing as a virtual meeting that provides information and support to newcomers. We need more volunteers to support this group so that teams of two experienced members can alternate meetings.
- 7:00 PM Tuesday Gloucester Mid-Peninsula group reports low attendance and asks for support.
- At our January District meeting, we discussed the difference between well attended meetings and wildly successful meetings. Some of our groups are growing in number, yet they lack a GR and have unfilled service positions.

SUCSESSES:

- Tuesday in the Park AFG hosted a Holiday Brunch and Speaker’s Meeting on December 6, 2022, at the Triangle Stepping Stones Clubhouse in Williamsburg. Approximately twenty-five members attended. Doug B was the guest AA Speaker.
- The Peninsula District hosted another Potluck Speaker Meeting at the Triangle Stepping Stones Clubhouse on April 29, 2023. Approximately forty members attended. Tim M was the AA speaker and Lisa C was the AI-Anon speaker.
- Duane and Lisa created a flier and QR code for the Newbies Group. Groups are encouraged to print this and share it with Newcomers.
- Our Virginia Delegate, Stacey L., spoke to us on the topic of “Inreach” at the March District Meeting.
- Our Area Chair, Deb P., attended our January District Meeting and shared about the importance of service.
- Our district recently made a large literature purchase to provide materials to behavioral health professionals, judiciary/probation officials, and school/addiction counselors.

Kathy S., our new Outreach Coordinator, is coordinating members to establish relationships and provide support to our community's professionals. We have recently been approached by representatives of a local psychiatric hospital, the counseling department at the College of William and Mary, the Farley Recovery Center, and a Charles City County Domestic Violence outreach event.

- Mary S. created a spreadsheet that can be used by groups to print a District meeting schedule.
- We are planning to participate in the Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies this July in Williamsburg. We are also in the process of planning a District Picnic in September.
- Our District purchased twenty-eight copies of the new Service Manual. We will distribute them to the GRs of every District group, as well as the members who are serving in each of the three District Service Positions.

Respectfully Submitted,
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