

Virginia Area Spring Assembly 2022

Date of meeting: **May 2022**

District name and number: **Alexandria District 18**

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District 18 in Alexandria has 13 groups:

- 12 are Active Groups with most meeting virtually; one Hybrid & one in-person.
- One Group meets twice weekly on Tuesday & Thursday at Noon.
- One Group is not meeting due to COVID; however, they are beginning to be interested in re-starting using zoom. (Mill Run AFG).
- Of the 12 Active Groups:
 - One is an Alateen Group (*Awesome Alateen*) (*face to face*)
 - One is a Parents Group (*Parents AFG*) (*Virtual*)
 - One is a Spanish Speaking group (*Serenidad GFA*) (*Virtual*)
 - One is a Men's Group (*Alexandria Men's AFG*) (*Virtual*)
 - One Group meets twice weekly at Noon. (*Old Town Noon AFG*) (*1 virtual & 1 hybrid*)
 - The other 7 Groups are non-specific and meet on different days of the week
 - All 12 Active Groups have a GR or at least a CMA
 - All are listed on the Northern Virginia Service Center Website with a contact person/email/phone.

Gail K. is the DR and has held District Meetings with the GRs/CMAs every other month since October 2020. Although we have not hosted any workshops, we hope to host one this coming year. We have an Alternate District Representative – “ER” G. who has agreed to assist with District 18.

We have a **District Treasurer (Laura R.)** and our treasury is stable, with enough available funds to assist with Alateen Conferences once they re-start. We now have a **District Secretary**, Susan B. who takes minutes at the District Meetings distributes them to the DR/ADR, then on to the 13 Groups.

Currently most of our 13 AFG groups are meeting virtually with a one Hybrid Meeting. None are currently meeting face to face except for the Alateen Group. All groups are encouraged to collect money to distribute to WSO, the Virginia Area, District 18 plus and the Northern Virginia Service Center.

- Challenges: Increasing Alateen Attendance; re-starting a group that stopped during COVID; and providing the District with a workshop this year to encourage service to Al-Anon.
- Reaching out to Alateens during this time has been a struggle. They recently changed the time of the meetings are trying in-person meetings to boost the numbers. The Group Rep. continues to help negotiate these meetings and she is available for the teens.
- The Groups report that they have had an increase in response to meetings since with Zoom they can attract folks from other states.

I am delighted to serve Al-Anon.

Gail Kropf, DR/18