

AREA 11 NEWSLETTER

GEORGIA ON TRACK

July 2015

AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate's Report



Dear Georgia Al-Anon,

There is much to say....

First, to Renelle, Vicki, the AA International Host Committee....

On behalf of Georgia Al-Anon members, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the many hours you gave to serve the world-wide fellowship of Al-Anon and Georgia Al-Anon so that the AA International Convention would be a successful experience to all who attended. Our convention experience met and exceeded any of our expectations and we were blessed to have attended. Thank you for your commitment to serve not only Georgia, but to serve the world-wide fellowship!

Renelle and Vicki, you did an awesome job sharing your leadership ability. Thank you.

Second, I look forward with excitement and with ansee who God elects to serve on Panel 56. By the time other again in August at AWSC or in September at Assembly, we will have elected a new slate of GRs and DRs, and we will finish by electing a new slate of Officers. It will be fun to watch God in action as He adds the Coordinators afterwards.

A HUGE THANK YOU to my fellow Officers, Renelle, Cheryl, Kathy W, Levon, and Debbie F for their commitment to serving on Panel 53. You were such an asset to Georgia and we are all blessed to experience your leadership.

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Delegate's Report (Cont.)

To ALL 21 DRs, you have been one of our most important links to keep the communication flow moving. You have attended AWSC and Assembly faithfully and you've been a GREAT group of DRs. Many thanks to you. GRs, thank you for participating in our Area group conscience in January, May, and September each year. You have been faithful to inform your group of what is going on and your commitment has not gone on unnoticed. Thank you for serving!

Lastly, I find it hard to accept.... matter of fact, I reluctantly accept that this term is almost completed as we begin to gear-up for rotation of service. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, GEORGIA for electing me to serve as your Delegate. It has been a "ride of a lifetime" and I have been SO HONORED to serve you! My heart is full to overflowing.

Although the WSO views that the Delegate duties of Panel 53 don't officially end until December 31st, when our next Newsletter comes out in November, our Delegate-elect will write that article. So.... it is with that in mind, that I simply tell you one more time that I am grateful to have been on this journey with you.

With a whole lot of love, Cathy O Georgia Delegate to the World Service Conference Panel 53

Alternate Delegate Report

Greetings My Al-Anon Family!

It is hard to believe that this service term is coming to a close. It has been a fun three years of growth, fun, and opportunities to get to know so many of you on a personal basis. We have all worked together to help Georgia Al-Anon and Alateen move forward by being responsible and carrying the message of recovery. It has been my privilege to work with each District as you hosted our registrations at Area Assembly and provided wonderful snacks in our hospitality room. Thank you for your service in making our Assemblies organized and more enjoyable. I hope you had as much fun as I did getting to meet so many members and making new friends.

It was a joy to select our speakers from among our AWSC members and the World Service Office. I had the opportunity to host speakers from the WSO. Each time I got to know them a little better from hearing their stories and spending one on one time with each of them. It warmed my heart to have our Alateens share their experience, strength, and hope as well as being willing to read for us.

Serving as your Alternate Delegate has been an experience I will cherish filled with warm memories of fun times and new friends. I love the reading in our literature "When I Got Busy I Got Better" page 36, where it says, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." by Albert Schweitzer. Thank you, Georgia Al-Anon, for giving me the opportunity to find happiness by being of service to you.

With love, hugs, and prayers, Renelle M Panel 53

Chairperson's Report

Rotation of Service- Out with the Old, In with the New

Tradition 2- For our group purpose there is but one authority- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants- they do not govern. The Service Manual reminds us that officers rotate regularly. "Rotation gives all members the privilege of serving."

This treasured language holds such a wealth of wisdom and valuable concepts. What are the key words that grab your attention? What is behind the wisdom of rotation of service? Of course, either of these questions could be the topic for a meeting or a workshop and could involve extensive conversations.

As we approach the end of Panel 53, I have spent some time with this Tradition to prepare for Assembly Elections. Rotation of service is an exciting concept for me right now. No, not because I am ready to give up this service position, but because I am thrilled that another trusted servant will have the opportunity to learn and serve Georgia Al-Anon as I have. This position has indeed been a privilege for me and my prayer is that the upcoming Chairperson will be blessed with my same spiritual experience. Truly, I have completely enjoyed this position and am grateful that you all allowed me to serve.

Now, it is time for rotation of service. For me that means new ideas, a fresh approach, and different perspectives for our fellowship. This panel has worked diligently to address all the issues that have arisen, as all panels do, and we have accomplished much but there is always more. We all know that service is also a journey and not a destination. My hope is that each group and each individual is on fire with the idea of a new service position at all levels of Al-Anon. Each and every position is vital to our continued ability to carry the message to families still suffering.

As each of us look for guidance from our Higher Power, we bring with us to Assembly Elections that spiritual connection. Even though each Group Representative will vote his or her own conscience, as a group we come together in unity to express a higher group conscience. Please come to Assembly in September with an open heart, an open mind and in prayerful consideration with the vote you will cast or the service for which you may stand.

With love and gratitude in service, Cheryl K, Area Chairperson Panel 53

***Notes from the Chairperson- All business will be conduct on Saturday with Sunday being devoted to Assembly Elections. Please try to be in your place by noon on Saturday and by 8:45 on Sunday.

Area Treasurer's Report

Hello to all my Al-Anon Family,

I can hardly believe my term is almost at an end as your Area Treasurer. I have been both privileged and humbled by this experience. I am eternally grateful for your continued support.

As I look toward September elections for our new officers, I found a reading that so represents my feelings during my service to the Area these past 3 years and would like to share just a portion. This reading comes from our CAL Having Had a Spiritual Awakening, page 148..."my effort in Al-Anon has been ultimately to seek to align myself with the purpose of a Higher Power, rather than to align a Higher Power to my purpose.

My focus is passing on the love, support, and understanding that I have received from a Power greater than myself. In Al-Anon, service work has been a direct and joyful way to do this. In passing on what I have received, I embrace more fully the working of a Higher Power in my life and I acknowledge that this Power comes through me, not from me. The more I give of the guidance I have received, the more open I become to receiving further guidance. Through service, a Power greater than myself has worked to restore me to sanity."

We need you! I am asking you continue to prayerfully think about standing for the Area Treasurer's position and if you are even remotely thinking about it, I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

In closing, I would like to thank all the groups for their continued support to the Area. Through your support, Area 11 remains fully self-supporting.

Just a loving reminder, all contributions can be mailed to: AFG of GA, Inc PO Box 7644 Macon, GA 31209-7644

..Also the Contribution remittance forms can be found on the Area website at http://www.ga-al-anon.org/Library/area contributions.html.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Love In Service, Levon C Area Treasurer Panel 53

Area Office Chair

Hello to All,

We're excited that some groups have been taking advantage of the public outreach literature fund. Please keep the word going that this is available for any group or district that doesn't have sufficient funds for literature but would like to do a public outreach project or participate in a local health fair or other event. This is a great opportunity to spread the word to those in need.

Our office employee will be out of the Office for at least the next month due to significant family medical problems. During this time we'll do our best to continue providing you with good service however orders may not get to you quite as quickly. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Just a reminder that we have the new table cards available "Al-Anon Focus/Declaration Table Card". One side reminds members to focus on our Legacies and leave other affiliations outside Al-Anon meetings. The other side has the Al-Anon Declaration. Just a reminder that elections for the new Area Officers is just around the corner and I'm available to talk to anyone that may be considering this service opportunity. Please feel free to call me anytime.

As always we are grateful for your continued support.

With love and gratitude in service. Debbie F Area Office Chair Panel 53

AREA SECRETARY'S REPORT

The May Assembly minutes are now posted on the Area members-only web page: The link and instructions are below:

To read Assembly minutes click here: http://www.ga-al-anon.org/members/minutes.php

Kathy W. Area Secretary Panel 53

AREA COORDINATORS REPORTS

AAPP Report

Greetings:

AMAIS Recertification is complete! Eight AMAIS were deactivated, 67 remain. By the time this newsletter is distributed I am certain of another two completing the process. I also registered two more groups. Georgia should have 69 active AMAIS and 20 Active Alateen Groups. This year I ran across several service forms that list meetings that are not registered. I am thrilled to have more meetings in the Area but they must go through the process. Though the meetings have certified AMAIS, they cannot be listed on our website. For these meetings a GR3 form is all that is required.

If you are considering standing for the AAPP position this September please feel free to contact me. It has been a unique and wonderful experience.

Jennifer T AAPP Coordinator Panel 53

Congratulations to all certified AMAIS



Alateen Coordinator's Report

Hello everyone,

This has been an amazing summer so far! The GA Alateen Conference was incredible. It is such a humbling experience to see so much growth and unity. That is one of the many gifts of service.

I am attending the AA International Convention in Atlanta. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to experience some Alateen events and bringing information I gather back to the Area.

There is still a lot of work I hope to accomplish before the end of this term. One of my goals for this term has been to create a guideline for District Alateen Coordinators. Also, there will be more information coming forward about an Area Inventory on Alateen.

Gratitude in service, Jenny L Alateen Coordinator Panel 53

Archivist Report

Greetings from your archivist

As I got ready to go to the AA International, I realized that it's time to send in my note for our newsletter!

There has been some discussion on the archivist e-community about best ways to organize digital archives. Patrick B. strongly suggests a particular product called Evernote that will help keep things organized.

As I work on putting all of the motions and history from this panel into a new archives booklet, I am aware that the archives booklet will be longer than usual. I am including the task and thought force reports that led up to the motions, as well as the new service position descriptions. I am going to request that AWSC consider making the booklet available electronically for D.R.'s, instead of printing multiple copies of such a long document. Some printed copies could be made for those who need them, and possibly for officers and coordinators. I hope everyone will think about this and let me know your reactions.

Enjoy the summer!

Love in service, Sulata L Archivist Coordinator Panel 53

Group Records Coordinator's Report

Greetings:

Our latest updated version of the Area 11 Directory was sent as an email attachment to District Representatives (DR) in late April. Group Representatives (GR) and Current Mailing Address (CMA) trusted servants, please review your group's information and send any corrections to your DR on a Group Records Change form (GR-1). The newest version of the GR-1 Form can be found on our Georgia website under Meeting Info.

There have been questions on why a change was submitted in the past (1-2 years ago), but the information in the directory is still the old information. The Area Directory is now generated from an area database that is separate from the WSO database. If a change was sent in before June of 2014, it may not have been entered into the new area database.

Also if changes were only sent directly to WSO on the annual update form that gets sent each year to the group CMA, it would not have been entered into our area database. WSO does not inform the area of any changes to existing groups it receives directly from groups. That is why I am now sending WSO database group reports to DRs whenever I make a group record change.

DRs, please send these WSO group detail reports on to the group to verify that all the information is correct. GRs, if you are not the CMA for your group, please ask them to also send any group record changes through you on to your DR who will forward them on to me. This way our area database and directory will more closely match what WSO has.

Our Georgia Al-Anon website meeting information comes through the Area Group Records Coordinator and our area database, not from WSO. In order to have your group accurately represented in our directory and on the website, it is important to send changes to me, your Area Group Records Coordinator. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions to (areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org).

I feel it is so important that our website is as accurate as it can be to better help newcomers looking for a meeting. Many thanks for your help and patience as we grow with new technology.

Barbara T Group Records Coordinator Panel 53

Literature Coordinator's Report

Greetings Georgia Al-Anon!

I know this summer is a busy time for all of us. Here's the latest from WSO on Literature: So far, there have been 1,100+ sharings submitted for Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, 155 for the parents/grandparents pamphlet, and 216 for the new daily reader (the goal is to release it at the 2018 International Convention). I will bring printed sharing sheets to Assembly, but you can also find them on the members' website. Consider printing some and taking them to your next district meeting or home group meeting.

All 3 pieces of the Conflict Resolution kit are now also available in Spanish and French. Reminder: e-literature is available! The Board of Trustees is holding the production of any more e-literature until there is greater demand. E-book sales have been low. Don't forget that CAL now available in multiple e-book formats include: Alateen—Hope for Children of Alcoholics (eB-3), How Al-Anon Works (eB-22), and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (eB-25). Audiobook versions of One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (eA-6) and How Al-Anon Works (eA-22) are also available. Please see your electronic book provider for details.

With this term coming to an end soon, please be in prayer about what your next service position will be. If you'd like more information about the Literature Coordinator position, PLEASE talk with me!

See you all at September Assembly! Erica C Literature Coordinator Panel 53

Newsletter Coordinator's Report

Greetings,

Panel 53 we are nearing the end of our tenure and it has been a great time for unity, getting to know new people, coordinating and exchanging ideas. My service as Newsletter Editor has certainly helped my ongoing recovery and I would guess that it is the same for many others.

It is my hope that our local groups have benefitted as well as Area 11 as a whole. Well, I am ready to pass on the reins of Newsletter Editor and have prepared a folder to help the next person make the transition.

I look forward to the September elections and am excited about Georgia Al-Anon in the days, months, and years ahead. Our Panel has shared, made improvements, and met quite a few opportunities for growth, and triumphed.

Yours in service, Essie N Newsletter Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator's Report

Woohoo! Members, Groups and Districts Answered the Call!

In the March Newsletter, the Public Outreach Committee asked for suggestions for an Areawide Public Outreach Project that would "focus on providing information to the public thru the media or institutions or by cooperating with the professional community."

We are thrilled to report that you have answered the call! District 9 suggested an Area-wide Billboard Project that would coincide with the 2015 A.A. International Convention being held in Atlanta July 4th weekend. District 9 provided \$2,000.00 seed funding to get the project started

The Committee's goal is to have Al-Anon Billboards display over a 6 month period, estimating the cost between \$6,000.00 - \$9,000.00. The Assembly voted to support this project and pledged funds matching the District 9 seed money. It was suggested that a \$200.00 donation from each of the 20 remaining Districts would meet the estimated financial requirements.

I am happy to report that with some artful negotiation by Lys H., creative design work by Connor, and additional funds from: District 2; Groups in District 1, 5, 10, 9; MAIS; and gifts from individuals, we will likely be able to run the project for a minimum of 6 months. The project starts in the Metro Atlanta Area on July 1st and then fans out to other locations in the Area.

The WSO approved ads include 2 Al-Anon ads in English, 1 Al-Anon ad in Spanish, and 1 Alateen ad. In Al-Anon, it is difficult to measure success of public outreach projects. Our goal to "carry the message" and to "let go of the results" challenges each of us to trust our process by following the Good Orderly Direction we are given. I am proud to say that thru your participation and Area 11 has stepped up!

District 4 has an outreach project placing ads in 3 multiples movie theaters for a 3 month period. The Al-Anon and Alateen ads will run in all theaters. What a great way to carry the message!

By the time this goes to press, AFAs for 2016 will have been ordered. Look for them mid-August.

With Love and Gratitude in Service,

Marie N Public Outreach Coordinator Panel 53

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Webmaster Coordinator's Report

Hello Fellow Al-Anon Web Users!

What an exciting time for the **ga-al-anon.org** web site!

We have a new web site! Woo hoo!

And now we are using a technology on the web site that makes it phone-friendly! And not only phone-friendly, the meeting page will now show you a list of meetings based on your location. Now you can find meetings on your phone and get directions from where you are presently located.

And we aren't done yet!

You might have noticed that there are few things that were on the old web site that are not on the new web site. This is just the Release 1.0 of the web site. It is basically the public-focused web site.

We are going to create a member-focused web site (Release 2.0) that will have more information (password protected) that has information that is aimed specifically for members.

How are you affected [I mean beside the cool new meeting locator]?

Now, each event has its own page!

We can add much more text and description to each event's page in addition to having a download link for the flier. Check out the http://ga-al-anon.org/events/ web page and see some examples.

See you at the exciting September election Assembly!

Patrick B. Webmaster Coordinator :Panel 53



District Representative Reports

District One

Greetings:

District 1 was eagerly awaiting the International AA Convention, and a number of our members were volunteering as greeters.

Following on the heels of the International will be our District 1 picnic, scheduled for July 11 in beautiful Ellijay. As in the past, we are looking forward to fantastic speakers, wonderful food, and the best fellowship. Each group donates a raffle basket and this year our District voted that the proceeds from the picnic would be donated to the Public Information Area Billboard Project.

Next on the agenda is our fall workshop. If you haven't been in the North Georgia mountains in the fall you have missed nature at its' finest. We are looking forward to our day in Cherry Log, Ga. (between Ellijay and Blue Ridge) on October 24. The topic is "Problem Solving" and our facilitators will be Sharon and Mickey N. and our speaker will be Linda B. from Dalton. Look for the flyer on the Georgia Al-Anon website as well: http://ga-al-anon.org/events/.

Our public outreach continues to thrive. In addition to the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism booklets we distribute we are continuing to reach out to the treatment centers and institutions. And for the most important announcement is the formation of an institutional meeting at Highland Rivers Treatment facility in Jasper (Sunday at 2:00 PM), a new Friday night Marble Hill meeting and a new (as yet unregistered) Al-Anon meeting in Dalton. We now have a daytime meeting. Wednesday at 11:00 AM 623 S. Thornton Avenue, Dalton. If you are in the area, we invite you to join us.

All of our groups are scheduling their elections prior to the September Assembly. Our goal is to have all group officers in place at that time.

It has been my blessing to have served as your DR for the past 2 1/2 years. You have helped me grow immensely.

Love in service, Kathy W District 1 DR

District Two

Two's News:

At our last district meeting in May, we created and approved very brief service position descriptions in preparation for upcoming elections that we will hold the first Saturday in September. The revising of officer and coordinator positions that was being done at the area level inspired us to carry this forward at the district level.

We previously did not have any written descriptions other than what is listed in the WSO service manual. Area assemblies now have additional responsibilities with hosting the hospitality room and as a result, more frequent hosting of registration than we had at the Forsyth location. We found that delegating these responsibilities to our Alternate District Representative worked out well.

We had not previously designated anyone to update our District 2 meeting schedule that gets distributed and printed out for public outreach projects. It made sense to give this responsibility to our public outreach chairperson. We were able to condense our five service position descriptions into a one-page table that will be emailed out to all our groups within the next month. We hope this will be helpful to inform and encourage members to volunteer for service, and to provide balance in service responsibilities.

Barbara T. District 2 DR

District Four

Greetings from District 4!

We are very excited about our new Public Outreach project! We have a 30 second PSA running in 3 local movie theaters. The project began in May and will continue through the end of July. The PSA has been running for a month at a time at each location in <u>every theater</u> at that location before the movie plays and then moves on to the next. It's a fantastic opportunity to spread the message with a captive audience!

We had our District 4 Gratitude Dinner in May. Our theme was Springing Forward in Gratitude. We had a great turnout and both Sara Jayne and Brookins shared their story with us.

Connor District 4 DR

District Ten

Greetings:

As my time as the District 10 Representative comes to an end, I'm ever reminded of progress not perfection. While nothing about my "job" has been done perfectly over the last 2.5 years, I did try. I have asked for help, I have been present when best I can, and I always had an opportunity to grow and practice the spiritual principles of our program.

As you prayerfully consider service, remember this. No one does it perfectly. No one does it alone. Everyone can be of service. Everyone can grow along spiritual lines. District 10 is still doing the below outreach. Please contact us if you would like to support the endeavor.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Do you have just ONE hour a month to give?
6:30-7:30 First Tuesday of every month
GRAN Treatment Center -- 215 Kirkland Road -- Covington, Georgia
(No experience or training needed. Just participate and share your experience, strength and hope.)

Call Mary B. at 770-787-1557

In Loving Service, Sheri B District 10 DR

District Twelve

Greetings from District 12:

Nothing new going is on at this time. We were excited about the A.A international Convention in July and our District did volunteer. The Airport/Hapeville group welcomed an Al-Anon member from Australia during the convention period for our weekly Wednesday night meeting.

What a great opportunity to see and do service work with the world. I hope to see you all in September.

Love in service, Martha C District 12 DR

District Sixteen

Hello GA AFG!

District 16 news:

We have 2 groups, The Lunch Bunch AFG and Newnan AFG (our newest group) giving the paperback edition of, "<u>How Al-Anon Works</u>" to all 1st time newcomers. From what I'm told, the expense is by far taking a backseat to the retention of new members and in spreading the word of recovery. Perhaps from their testament, some of the other groups will begin doing the same.

We've had some anniversaries recently...Peachtree City AFG celebrated 40 years of recovery and Southside Serenity Seekers AFG celebrated 39 years. Whew! I'd like to read their groups' histories! Two other groups, Tranquility AFG and Courage To Be Me Alateen both celebrated their 2nd anniversaries!

The results are in...after one group recently completed a group inventory, they decided to place more emphasis on Al-Anon's best kept secret...the 12 Concepts of Service. I'm hoping they'll be willing to share their E.S.H. at some future District meeting so we can all learn from their findings.

Public outreach and diversity...Carrying the message...Though we don't have any majority Spanish speaking groups in our District, I was told of 2 groups that have ordered Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2106 in both English and Spanish.

As our term is quickly coming to an end I can't help but wonder who our next District and Group Representatives will be. Only HP knows for sure but I have total trust in Him and the people He chooses. I pray and meditate for answers as I ponder what my own next service role will be. Regardless of what is in store for me, I can say without a doubt, I have thoroughly enjoyed the growth I've experience as a DR. I want to thank all District 16's Group Representatives for both their trust and willingness. It has been a pleasure to serve with them all!

Growth, Love, and Gratitude in Service,

Lauren M District 16 DR

District Seventeen

Greetings from District 17!

We are enjoying the summer. We take a break from District meetings during the summer, but not from Al-anon service, meetings, and fellowship. Many of our members will be attending the AA International and serving as volunteers. Many are looking forward to connecting with Al-anon friends across the state at the Georgia Al-anon Convention. Groups are purchasing Al-anon Faces Alcoholism with plans for outreach.

Serenity at Seven AFG in Woodstock celebrates its 19th anniversary on July 30 at Hillside Methodist. They will have an eating meeting and longtime Al-anon member Greg M will share his experience, strength and hope.

Members of our Cartersville groups are helping to plan and prepare for the Allatoona Round Up in August. There will be an Al-anon speaker on Saturday the 15th at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Mooney District 17 DR

District Eighteen

Hello Friends,

Our district continues to thrive and enjoy time together. On May 2nd we enjoyed our annual Mountain Miracles gathering, with this year's theme as "Participation is the Key to Harmony." Illa M from the Let It Begin With Me AFG shared her story, and we shared concurrent workshops, brunch and lunch, and a group basket raffle to cover our expenses. Many of our members are busy this week in the final preparations of service for the AA International Convention with Al-Anon Participation coming up in Atlanta.

Others are getting ready to make an extra trip to Macon later this month for our 2015 Georgia Al-anon-Alateen Convention. And on June 27th, the Grace Family AFG celebrated the 30th Anniversary of their HALT House location in Gainesville. As we have been learning more about the effects of online communication, many of our groups are making the transition to using group email addresses. As usual, we enjoyed our Saturday night District dinner in Macon together at our favorite Greek restaurant. It is a joy and privilege to work with the wonderful GRs and CMAs in this district.

Yours in service, Pat P District 18 DR

District Nineteen

Greetings:

It's hard to believe that it's July already and a new panel will be coming on board in just a very few months. I hope all of Georgia Al-Anon Family Groups have had a group inventory this term and that there are many who are willing to stand for the service positions soon to be available at all levels.

It is exciting to see the results of the Al-Anon message being carried and manifested by new growth in membership throughout our Area. District 19 is a strong supporter of out-reach projects at all service levels and is unified in its endeavors to carry the Al-Anon message of hope. This District has only one outreach project in place at this time...distributing "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism". This has been an on-going project for several years and many participate in its progression. Of course we have no statistical measurements for this out-reach, but we know that HP guides us as we carry the message and guides those who respond to the message. We just need to practice: "Let Go and Let God".

Cynthia S District 19 DR

District Twenty

During District 20's May meeting, we all participated in an open discussion of the importance of rotation of service. Some of the points made were as follows:

Not rotating service may lead to.....

- *dependence on a particular individual
- *burnout for the one who continues to serve multiple terms
- *stagnation

Rotation of service leads to......

- *Giving others the experiences of service within the home group and beyond
- *Expression of a different perspective on Al-Anon issues
- *Opportunities for growth as individuals, groups and districts
- *Energy that comes when a new person says yes to service

Having written descriptions of service opportunities at the district level, we anticipate "passing of the torch" event in the Fall when we rotate service positions within the district.

Martha B District 20 DR

Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Area Assembly Agenda Business Meeting – Part I SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2015 Saturday, 12:00 Noon

Purpose of Assembly:

- 1) Elect a Delegate, Alternate, and other Assembly officers.
- 2) Receive and distribute reports on Area and world service affairs.
- 3) Review and approve interim reports of Area World Service Committee (AWSC).

<u>Goal:</u> The spiritual tone of Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct as its members presume goodwill.

Goal: Assembly members will understand the purpose of the Assembly and the relationships within the structure.

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- 1. Opening and Welcome
- 2. Reports Officers and Coordinators
- 3. Breaks as needed
- 4. Business:

Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Financial Motions

Marriott Contract

Policy Committee Thought Force Report

Hospitality Thought Force Report

Election of 2017 Convention Co-Chair

Zone 1- Dooly, Crisp, Turner, Tift, Cook, Lowndes, Brooks, Colquitt, Worth, Sumter, Lee, Doughtery, Mitchell, Thomas, Grady, Webster, Terrell, Calhoun, Baker, Decatur, Stewart, Randolph, Quitman, Clay, Early, Miller, Seminole

IF NECESSARY

Zone 2- Carroll, Douglas, Fulton, Clayton, Fayette, Coweta, Heard, Spalding, Butts, Henry, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Lamar, Monroe, Crawford, Upson, Talbot, Harris, Muscogee, Chattahooche, Marion, Schley, Taylor, Macon

- Other Business
- 5. Closing
- 6. 6:00-7:30 Alateen Spaghetti Dinner, Centenary Methodist Church
- 7. 8:00 Panel Discussion & Q.& A.-

Welcome to Service and the Spiritual Experience of Assembly Elections
Panel members- Cathy O., Vicki L., Jeanie M., Jeff G., Jenny L., Levon C.

Hospitality hosted by Districts 12, 13 & 19 Registration and discussion meeting hosted by Districts 17 & 18

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Business Meeting - Part II

Sunday, September 27, 2014 9:00 A.M.

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- 1. Opening & Welcome
 - a. Purpose of Assembly
 - b. Voice and Vote- all members have voice; ONLY outgoing GRs have vote
- 2. Roll Call- will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- 3. Elections in following order:

Delegate

Alternate Delegate

Assembly Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairperson, Georgia Area Central Services (G.A.C.S.)

There will be no time restriction on elections. Our meeting will last until all positions are filled. Any member who has served as an outgoing DR or a past DR who has remained active at the Area level may stand for any Assembly position.

For each position:

The Chairperson will ask of those eligible who is willing to stand.

Each candidate is asked to give a brief history of his or her Al-Anon service.

Each voting member writes a candidate's name on a ballot.

The ballots are collected and tabulated by those persons designated by the Chairperson.

Results are provided to and announced by the Chairperson.

If there is no 2/3 vote for any one candidate:

Candidates are provided an opportunity to withdraw from consideration or continue

standing;

Subsequent ballots are taken until either: a.) a 2/3 vote is achieved; or b.) at the

Chairperson's discretion, a majority is achieved.

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Other/Closing

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Dates to Remember

- 1. AWSC Panel 56
- 2. Assembly Panel 56

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62nd Georgia Prepaid Convention

October 16-18, 2015

Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity, and Service - The Foundation of Our Future

Georgia Iron Works and Convention Center

Columbus Marriott

800 Front Avenue

Columbus, GA 31901

706-324-1800

(Request the Georgia Prepaid Convention Room Rate)

Schedule of Events

Special Events are listed below

Dance - Golf - Poker Run - White Water Rafting - Bicycle Ride - Morning Walk

Other Accommodations:

Marriott Columbus (Downtown) Host Hotel 706-324-1800

Courtyard Marriott in Phenix City Host Hotel 334-664-9840

Speakers

Pensacola, FL

Lisa W. Spring, TX

Danny B. Bellingham, WA
Don L. West Lake, OH

Tim T. Los Angeles, CA

Marilyn S.

<u>Al-Anon</u> Birmingham, AL

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Doubletree Hotel 706-327-6868

Days Inn (Downtown) 706-322-2522

Howard Johnson Inn & Suites 706-322-6641

Holiday Inn Columbus North 706-324-0231

Grupo Al-Anon en Español

"Un Dia a la Vez"

Fortaleza y esperanza para los amigos y familiars de bebedores problema

Viernes de 7:30 pm a 8:30 pm

Todos son Bienvenidos

Club NABA 1809 Briarwood Atlanta, GA 30329

Nuestro Objectivo:

Aydar a los familiars y amigos de alcohólicos a recuperarse de los efectos de vivir o haber vivido con el problema de alcoholismo de um pariente o amigo

Si tine preguntas, llame a Barbara 404-580-0269

Grupos de Familia Al-Anon

Al-Anon Meeting in Spanish

You are welcome to attend a new Al-Anon Meeting

"Un Dia a la Vez"

Strength and hope to friends and relatives of alcoholics

Fridays, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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If you have questions please contact Barbara M. at 404-580-0269

Al-Anon Family Groups