

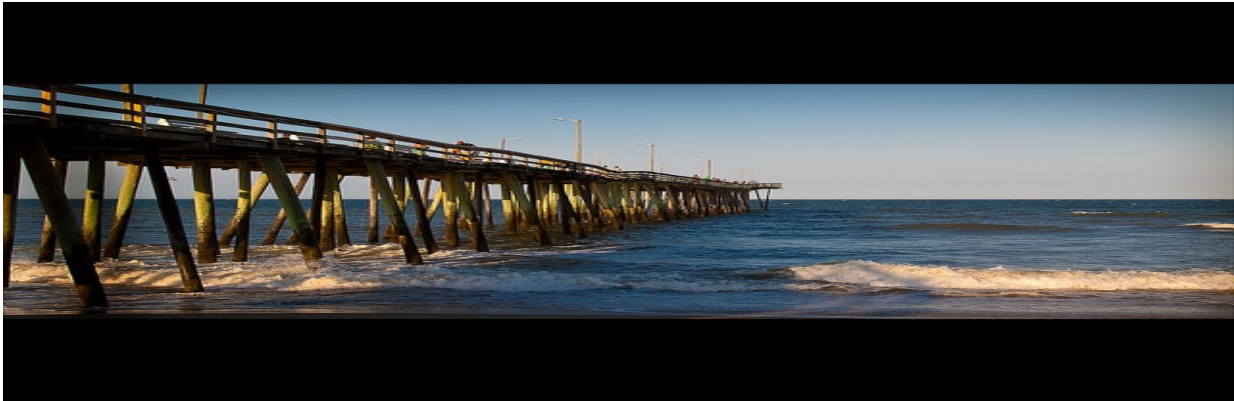


GEORGIA ON TRACK

March 2015

AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate's Report



Dear Family Members on the Journey,

"As you all know, I am currently reading and reading emails that are being sent to me from the WSO as we prepare for the next World Service Conference which will be held in Virginia Beach, VA, April 19th-23rd, with the trip to Stepping Stones being April 25th. The conference theme is: "Living Our Spiritual Principles: Expanding Our Vision."

You will never know how much it means to receive love gifts and cards/notes of encouragement while I'm serving you in Virginia. Georgia has a reputation of being givers. Most Conference members really appreciate your prayers and thoughts.

If you are willing to send a card/note or love gift, please contact your DR to get the address directions of the hotel where I will be staying. (I have asked that if you want, please send an extra donation to the World Service Office in my name as your love gift this year.)

IN THIS ISSUE:

Please do not send anything before April 15th, but understand that it takes about 4-5 days for the mail to arrive from Georgia.

I am enjoying serving you as your Delegate! Thank you for your support.

With love,

Cathy O.
Delegate
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Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello My Georgia Al-Anon Family!

As I write this article I realize spring is just around the corner, and then it will be summer. In a blink of an eye it will be time for the 2015 A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation. I have sent in my registration for the convention and signed up to volunteer. I can hardly wait to meet Al-Anon members from around the world and welcome them to the convention. I know that with the privilege of serving I will be provided lots of opportunities to listen and share with others the miracles of recovery experienced in Al-Anon. There will be new opportunities to attend meetings with members from around the world, make new friends, visit with old friends, and have coffee and meals with one another.

Georgia Al-Anon is looking forward to the privilege of hosting this historic event. If you attended the big Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting in Atlanta on January 10th, you were able to witness the love and enthusiasm that is already pouring into this convention from members all around the state. We need approximately 500 Al-Anon volunteers to greet visitors, assist with meetings, interpret languages, and many other activities. We need your help in providing these types of services. If you are ready and willing to serve there is truly a job for every Al-Anon member of any capacity!

I know many of you are excited, have a lot of questions, and are looking forward to finding out more about the volunteer shifts. More information about that will be communicated over the next few months.

In the meantime, we DO need help with outreach to all four corners of our home state. We will need over 475 volunteers for this convention, so we need your help to spread the word about HOW to register to volunteer. To volunteer go to <http://www.ga-al-anon.org/2015hostarea.html>. Please pass this information along to the groups in your area and make announcements at your meetings.

As a reminder, you do need to register for the convention in order to volunteer in July.

I hope you will plan to attend this historic event and offer to volunteer to welcome Al-Anon members from around the world to Georgia. I realize today that My Higher Power gave me the gift of recovery and many other gifts so that I could be of service to others. This is Georgia Al-Anon's opportunity to give back. Please join me in reaching out the hand of Al-Anon to welcome visitors to Atlanta. We need all the hands we can get. It is going to be fun and rewarding for all who are willing to give of themselves.

I appreciate your willingness to serve and be a part of this special event. If you have any questions about volunteering, please send an email to 2015HostCommitteeCoChair@ga-al-anon.org

Love in Service,
Renelle M.
Alternate Delegate
Chair Al-Anon Host Committee

Chairperson's Report

God As We Understood Him

My dad passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Now two days later I am compelled to share with my dear friends a miracle, one of many, that happened for me and my sister as we tried to help in his final days. His last day in the hospital it was apparent that the end was near. We made the decision to ask for Hospice care. The staff that was to assist us in that process repeatedly gave us bad information that led to a high level of frustration for us. The staff left us in the family lounge while they put together their plan.

As we sat in our sadness and frustration, a man of color came out of the restroom and stood in front of me. He may possibly have been homeless given his torn clothing, stuffed pockets and filled grocery bag he was carrying. He asked me if I sing. I told him that would be the last thing anyone would ever want me to do. He asked the same of my sister and received the same response. Then he asked if I sing when I am alone. That I did have to admit. He then said, "You know when we sing alone there are people all around us listening that we never see." That touched my heart. I thanked him for that reminder that I needed in that moment. Next he said, "I'm going to sing you the Lord's Prayer like you have never heard before."

What came next astounded me and will be in my heart forever. He began to sing in the most glorious voice. He did sing the prayer and when he finished he continued to sing prayers that were on his heart and mine. When he finished I stood in front of him and asked his name. "Thomas." I hugged him close and whispered to him that he is an angel. Thomas held me close and began to pray over me, not in song but the most personal and intimate prayers of my life. When he ended I looked at him and said I wished there was something I could do for him. The answer truly was my *conscious contact with God, as I understood Him*. Thomas looked at me and said, "Just let it out, God knows your heart." In my peace and tears Thomas was gone.

This event needs no interpretation from me. Further I know that each of you, as my recovery family, will recognize immediately, that without all you have taught me, my heart would never have been opened to allow such a miracle to occur.

My deepest love to each of you. Your prayers, love and support are treasured by my family.

Cheryl K.
Chairperson
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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 from Your Area Office,

To those who had Assembly orders and orders in Jan. and Feb. that were not right my sincere apologies. We have worked through some issues and are now back on track. Your patience and understanding during this time is greatly appreciated.

The paid employee came on board as of Feb. 1st and so far is working out well. Please remember about the Public Outreach Literature that is available for any group or district that would like to do or participate in a public outreach event but doesn't have sufficient funds to purchase any public outreach literature. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. We have had one new group that has utilized the fund.

The literature available is: P2,6,7,9,13,14,19,32,38,48,89ES,S20, M41,44,S4,17,19,25,37ES,64,65ES,68,69,70 and M76. The only charge incurred is the shipping cost.

When an order form comes to the Office whether by email or mail please make sure there is a name and address of where to send it. Even though we have a data base more than one person orders for some groups and the literature person for groups change. We don't want to make an assumption that the name in the data base is correct and the order winds up going where it shouldn't. As you know elections are this year. The Area Office Chair position has a lot of responsibilities in many areas. If there is anyone who has an interest or even thinking about this position please feel free to email or call me anytime. I will be more than happy to share information with you and answer any questions you might have.

2014 was a terrific year and so far 2015 is looking good. It's with much gratitude that we say thank you to all of you for your continued support of your Area Office.
With love and gratitude for my Al-Anon family,

Debbie F.
Area Office Chair
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AREA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Exciting New feature: **Assembly minutes** are now available in the newsletter, **Georgia On Track**. 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
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AREA COORDINATORS REPORTS

AAPP Report

Greetings,

It is the time of year when we begin the recertification process. You will receive a recertification packet in the mail sometime between the end of March and beginning of April. If your address has changed, please notify me to receive your documents in a timely manner.

There will be two forms that must be completed. One is the service checklist. All AMIAS must complete 6 hours of service between March 1, 2014 and February 28, 2015. Those planning to help during the AA international convention in July will need to complete service hours for this year in order to be recertified before July. There are many ways to accumulate service hours. Simply attending an Alateen meeting does not count if you are not the sponsor for that meeting. If you need ideas or clarification for service, please ask me or Jenny. Those certified after January 1, 2015 will not have to have all six hours for this year's process. The service form will be returned to me.

The second form is for the annual background check. This form will be sent to BOSMA. You will be provided mailing labels for both forms. Please send them in as soon as possible. There are many steps to the recertification process and they all begin with you. All paperwork must be completed before May 15.

If you are serving as the Current Mailing Address for an Alateen group, you will receive a separate mailing from the World Service Office. It contains a form with the group's information as it appears in the WSO records. There is also an envelope addressed to me. Please acknowledge and /or correct the information and send in the form.

I appreciate all of you who donate your time to Alateen..

Jennifer T.
AAP Coordinator
Panel 53



Alateen Coordinator's Report

Hello Area 11!

There is so much excitement brewing in and around GA Alateen. Our Area has begun the conversation about how we can help grow Alateen. I am so grateful to serve in an Area that is willing to have this conversation.

I want to encourage Groups to invite an Alateen to chair a meeting. Also, consider using Alateen literature in the meeting.

The GA Alateen Conference is coming up May 29-31, 2015 at Rock Eagle. I would like to encourage all members to make the effort to get a teen to attend the Conference.

We will have New AMIAS Training at the May Assembly. Please look for possible time changes on the Assembly schedule when it is released.

Gratitude in service,
Jenny L.
GA Area 11 Alateen Coordinator

Archivist Report

GREETINGS FROM YOUR ARCHIVIST

As I write this at the beginning of March in Macon, you can feel the edge of spring. It's suddenly bright warm weather after what seems like months of cold rain. All the birds are swooping and singing. Hyacinths bloom. My cat no longer huddles by the heater. We are expecting a cold downturn later in the week, though, so this moment is bittersweet.

I feel bittersweet, too, about finding myself in the final year of my term as archivist. Sweet, because I have loved communicating with all of you and exploring the archives. Sad, because so little time remains. I encourage folks to consider this wonderful coordinator position for the next term. Please see me if you have questions about what you might do as archivist.

DR's, thanks for continuing to check with your GR's to get them to send in updated histories. If anyone wants to know whether I have a particular group history, please just e-mail or call me. I am still working on digitizing the histories I do have.

Also, please save hard copies of any district or group flyers (for anniversaries, picnics, workshops, etc.) and give them to me at AWSC or Assembly. These make colorful memorabilia.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sulata
Archivist
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Group Records Coordinator's Report

In November, WSO updated their database and our GR-1 form (Al-Anon Registration / Group Records Change Form) to include a Group Email field. A group can now create a group email address that can remain the same over the years as Current Mailing Addresses (CMAs) change. WSO is encouraging groups to do this to help provide consistency in receiving important electronic information. If a group does not have a group email address, electronic mail will then be sent to the CMA email address listed. Group Representatives (GRs) do not receive electronic mail from WSO--this is only sent to the group email address first, or then to the CMA email address.

Please ask your group's CMA or GR to check your group's listing in the most recent Area Directory that was issued in late December, to see if it has a valid email address listed. Any changes or additions to group information listed in the WSO database and our Area Directory can be made by completing a GR-1 change form located under Meeting Info on our Georgia Al-Anon website, and then sending this form on to your District Representative. DRs, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Barbara T.
Group Records
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Literature Coordinator's Report

In November, I had the opportunity to visit District 1, where I was asked to share the writing workshop "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships." Thank you so much to all who participated – we submitted 6 sharings on the topic for the Literature project currently in progress.

News from WSO:

- **Translations:** The Spanish version of Al-Anon's most recent book *Many Voices, One Journey*, (SB-31) is now available. The French version (FB-31) is also available.
- **The Electronic Literature:** Al-Anon e-books are now available through the Canadian vendor, Kobo. As always, this is not an endorsement of any outside vendor and WSO is working to expand to other electronic book vendors. I also printed the updated e-CAL Fact Sheet and distributed it to DRs for sharing. It has the details on all books available, where to find them, and how much they cost.
- **New Daily Reader:** You can now submit sharings on-line. (demonstrate here if possible). So far, 38 submissions have been received. Please keep them coming!

"Literature sales at September 30 totaled \$2,900,900, compared to \$3,154,453 at September 30, 2013—a decrease of 8%. Gross profit on literature sales was \$2,271,774 (78% of sales), compared to \$2,523,854 (80% of sales) last year." Keep in mind that literature sales is the primary revenue for the WSO.

I look forward to seeing you all at May Assembly!

Erica C.
Literature
Panel 53

Newsletter Coordinator's Report

Greetings all:

An update: It was recently discovered that a 1995 motion to include Assembly minutes in the newsletter had not been followed for quite some time, possibly since the procedure to distribute minutes and the newsletter changed over to electronic submissions.

Good news. You might have noticed in the Secretary's report that the minutes are now available on a password protected site within the newsletter with instructions. Additionally, previous issues of the newsletter are available on: <http://www.ga-al-anon.org/Library/newsletters.html>, also with instructions.

This is a great resource for all Al-Anons who did not have direct access to minutes and back issues of *Georgia On Track*. The password protected websites protect the anonymity of all our members. A big thank you to Patrick B, Kathy W, Vicki L, and all involved in the process.

Special note: All of the service e-mail addresses are on the "Contact Us" page of the Georgia Al-Anon website. Do not submit personal email addresses or telephone numbers in order to protect anonymity.

Essie N.
Newsletter
Panel 53

Area Web Master's Report

The Technology Work Group is a success! This body was created by a vote of the Assembly last September. By December the at-large-members had been asked to serve and we had our first meeting.

Since then, a number of grey-area questions have been faced by the Work Group and a consensus has been reached each time. I love it when our principles work.

Recently, the Area web site got a new meeting listing page. [e.g. <http://ga-al-anon.org/bmlt-basic>] The goal will be to make it easier for someone looking for a meeting to find one near them.

One of the features of the new listing is that it will now show the Group Contact(s) first name and phone number. Someone looking for a human to connect with will now have a number they can call who can help them find a meeting.

We urge every group to check their listing. Be sure that your Group Contact is aware that they are listed by WSO as their group's Contact and that their phone number and first name will now be displayed when their group map is displayed. This was a decision by the Work Group to leave them in place until AWSC or Assembly decides we should do it differently. We felt it was a benefit to those who are new to our program looking for a meeting to attend.

If they don't want their first name and phone number listed then all you have to do is file a GR1 form through your DR and we will promptly remove it.

Also, we will soon have a vacancy on the Work Group. One of our at-large members will be resigning from the Work Group next month to assume a different service position. If you know of someone who you feel would be a good Work Group member, please pass their contact info to me.

Patrick B.
Webmaster
Panel 53

Public Information Coordinator's Report

The Public Outreach Committee is Calling on all Members, Groups and Districts!

The Public Outreach Committee is seeking suggestions from the Assembly for an Area-wide Public Outreach Project that would focus on providing information to the public thru the media or institutions or by cooperating with the professional community. WSO's *The Best of Public Outreach*, which is available at the WSO website, may be a useful tool to get you thinking.

Please forward suggestions and recommendations to the Committee prior to April 1st 2015 so that we can be ready for AWSC in April. Of course, the Committee will make the final decision. The email address is: public-information@ga-al-anon.org

With Love and Gratitude in Service,

Marie N.
Public Outreach
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The 2015 Convention Chair's Report

Greetings from your Area 11 Al-Anon Convention Chair! Time is fast approaching our next convention that will be held July 31st, Aug. 1st and 2nd in Macon, Georgia. While you may not have heard from us lately, your committee has been hard at work planning what we think will be our best convention ever. There is a lot going on this summer and we know that you must make some hard choices as to what events you would like to attend. While you are deciding I hope you will keep in mind this is your Al-Anon convention. We hope that you will make it a priority in your summer plans.

We have a fantastic lineup of speakers and events planned. The hotel has a first class event center and the accommodations are unsurpassed. The Shoppe, (formerly called "The Boutique") will be open all weekend providing you with lots of unique items to remind you of your convention. Alateen will of course be in full swing and there will be some great workshops taking place all weekend long.

I know that it's hard to think that far in advance but if you were in our position as planners you would understand just how quickly the convention is headed our way.

Some of you I'm sure are wondering how you might help us this year as we get ready. Registering early is the best way that you can help. Even if you aren't sure you can make it I hope that you will at least register and support your Area 11. Maybe your group could put a can in the middle of your meeting table where folks could drop some spare change. Planning a chili supper, a bingo night or simply passing the basket a time or two are other ways you might consider helping your committee get ready for this year's convention.

I do have a bit of sad news to report. Amanda S. who is currently working as the chairperson of The Shoppe as well as acting as secretary of our committee will soon be leaving us. Her husband has been ordered to transfer to Ft. Walton Beach, FL and they will be reporting for duty June 4. Amanda has been a great help to not only me personally but also to our entire committee. Those of you who have been to our area assembly know how much enthusiasm she brings.



The 2015 Convention Chair's Report (cont.)

We will all miss her greatly. As a result of Amanda's leaving, we are in desperate need of a new secretary. If you or someone you know is looking for a way to be of service I would urge you to consider joining us. You have just a short time to serve given the nearness of our convention and more importantly you will get to have unspeakable fun helping us plan this year's event.

Now that I have inspired you to think about joining us this year I know you are wondering how you can get on board. The easiest way to help is of course to register. You can find all the info on our area web site:

http://www.ga-al-anon.org/area_events/2015_0731_Convention_flyer.pdf

See the committee at the next meeting which will be at our next area assembly May 16th and 17th. The time and place will be on the agenda.

Thank you in advance for registering and thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Phillip W.
2015 Al-Anon Convention Chair

District Representative Reports

District One

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 6th Annual District Picnic is set for July 11, 2015 in Ellijay at the ETC Pavilion from 10am-3pm.

Our flyers will be on the Georgia Al-Anon website soon. It's always great fun, good food and terrific speakers.

The ETC Pavilion is located on the Coosawattee River in Ellijay GA.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in the beautiful North Georgia mountains on Saturday, July 11, 2015.

Love in Service,
Kathy W.
District 1 DR

District Two

Two's News:

Mark your calendars and please join us for food, fun, and fellowship at our second annual picnic, Saturday, April 25th at Sandy Creek Park in Athens, GA. Sandy Creek Park is located at 400 Bob Holman Rd., just off Hwy 441 north of town. We have reserved the Community Building so we will be there rain or shine.

We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers, but encourage everyone to share their favorite side dishes with us. We will be eating at 4 pm and have an Al-Anon speaker at 5 pm. There is a \$2 per person admission fee into the park (ages 4-64), but there is a children's playground near to the building and it is in close walking distance to Lake Chapman's beach area. Please see our flyer on the Georgia Al-Anon website. Hope to see you there!

Barbara T.
District 2 DR

District Ten

In the past quarter I have been asked to share my story with a meeting in my District. It was such a joy and so heartwarming to see many GRs from my District in attendance. Sharing my recovery is my God given blessing. Seeing the pain in the eyes of a family member is never enjoyable, but providing maybe a glimpse of hope that they are OK no matter what. That is the blessing we are uniquely qualified to transfer.

Sharing our story in a meeting is just one way we can reach out to those still suffering. Please consider joining us at our District outreach every month when we share experience, strength and hope to families visiting their loved ones in a treatment center.

All you need is 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.)

E-mail dr-district10@ga-al-anon.org if interested.

Sheri K.
District 10 DR

District Fourteen

District 14's Sharing

Of the five groups in District 14 one responded to the invitation to share the Group's activities for this issue of the Area newsletter and that was Easy Does It A.F.G. in Griffin. This is the report from their GR, Connie R.

On the last Monday of every month we celebrate Al-Anon birthdays, starting at 6:30 we have finger foods and fellowship. If there are no birthdays we still get together. This month on March 5th we are planning to celebrate the group birthday, we will be 3 years old. We are still growing, and we have a great group of about 15 regular members.

As the unofficial reporter for the District, I am privileged & delighted to honor such committed steadfast service of our leaders and members who keep coming back to carry on the time proven recovery work of A.F.G. By submitting our stories to our quarterly Area newsletter I have come to better understand, appreciate and acknowledge what we do. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Emily Jane/
Joyce T.
District 14 DR

District Seventeen

Greetings from District 17!

We continue to thrive and experience gratitude for the Al-anon program. Our groups have recently responded generously to our new District Treasurer's appeal for donations. We are delighted to welcome, Brent, as our new Treasurer. She has worked wonders in getting the District's finances in order.

Our Woodstock, Alateen group, Finding Hope through Alateen AFG, continues to have a steady group of active teens. We are still hoping to support the initiation of a group in the western end of our district.

Our public outreach to the court's System of Care continues. This work is led by the efforts of Diane who faithfully brings literature and attends meetings to share Al-anon's message of hope for families of alcoholics.

Several groups have had discussions about changing their introduction format. Ideas were shared at our district meeting as this was a shared concern of many of our groups.

New Life AFG in Cartersville reports they have changed their meeting time from 8:00 pm on Friday to 7:00 pm.

Serenity at Seven AFG in Woodstock recently welcomed Patrick B for an Eating and Speaker Meeting. It was great to see so many men turn out to participate for this meeting!

Monday Night Believers AFG in Cartersville continues to meet in a temporary room as the Episcopal Church of the Ascension is reconstructing the building where they usually meet. They are meeting next door in another building of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M.
District 17 DR

District Eighteen

Hello from District 18

We started out the new year with a meeting of the GRs in Clarkesville. Our first priority was to start making plans for our Annual Mountain Miracles District Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Sautee-Nacoochee United Methodist church. Everyone is welcome. The theme we chose this year is “Participation is the Key to Harmony.” Since then, the program coordinators have set the schedule, including workshops on “The Spiritual Journey of ME to WE” and “Coming Full Circle. Our main speaker will be Illa M, and our raffle coordinators are hard at work on this annual delight. The price of admission is to bring either a breakfast or lunch potluck contribution and your Experience, Strength, and Hope.

We were also able to spend some long-planned time on discussion and sharing of ideas on how to develop participation in service in our groups. We accumulated a great list of ideas, which are:

1. Use method of “standing for office” to elect officers so people will know they are eligible.
2. Post a calendar and markers to volunteer chairing, topics, etc. (Visual Reminder)
3. Make a group event out of traveling to Al-Anon functions (service & fellowship)
4. Ask them if they want to be a GR?
5. Talk about how service made me grow in the program.
6. Lead by example (attend assembly, share what happened at assembly, share growth from assembly)
7. Fun activities as a group
8. Experience the energy/hope/fruit – Get them to attend something besides the weekly meeting – get them hooked on what has already been proven.
9. Personal invite – not just announce at a meeting. Volunteer to drive. Add a Meal.
10. Sell on the idea of togetherness and fellowship – promote not Alone.
11. Inviting the fellow members to attend Assembly as visitors but not voters.
12. Sharing in discussion groups info from service in the forums.
13. Only way to keep it is to give it away!
14. Point to a person and tell them they would also be so good at this job.
15. Invite someone in the group to go to Assembly.
16. Prayer.
17. Invite them for coffee or breakfast after a meeting, so they get to know us.
18. Talk about the gifts of service very specifically. I.e., rehearsal of new behaviors or boundary practice with “safe” people, other Al-Anons.
19. Culture - General mindset that service is a good thing – positive reinforcement for people stepping up.
20. Steps/Traditions/Concepts of Service – if Service is a meeting topic, then it is discussed and not too scary.
21. Sharing how much fun it is
22. Sharing Spiritual power of large group of Al-Anons working together.
23. Sense of putting down roots and nourishing the program that has meant so much to me.
24. Clarity about what “service” means.
25. Group Inventory – meeting on the 7th tradition.
26. Bring in service speaker from another group.
27. Talk with people individually to suggest they stand for office.
28. Have elections until all positions are filled.
29. Invite them to join you in a service opportunity.
30. Share your personal ESH with regard to service
31. Bring “Service” as a meeting topic.
32. Opportunities for those who want to be temp sponsors to raise their hands at end of meetings.
33. Asking newcomers to chair meetings using the chair person’s booklet.
34. Sharing what a positive experience services has been for me.
35. Having a sponsor who pushes you (gently) into service

Our Public Outreach chair, Denise R, has shared the idea and procedure for groups to share copies of How Al-Anon Works with local women’s shelters. Several of our groups have initiated this plan.

Hope to see you in May!!!

Pat P.
District 18 DR

District Nineteen

Dear Program Member,

The 2015 Georgia Convention will again be raffling baskets. This has proven to be a very enthusiastic, creative, awe-inspiring experience in the past and we are reaching out for your participation this year. Of course we suggest “recovery-focus” when assembling the baskets. We would like to have participation from the Groups, Districts, and Individual Members in Georgia. Basically the idea is to have baskets containing “fun” items and a piece of Conference Approved Literature.

One idea is “The Three C’s – Chocolate, Cookies, and Coffee”. This basket might have some chocolate candy, prepackaged cookies, small packets of coffee, a coffee mug, and a *Courage to Change* book... wrapped in cellophane or shrink wrap, and tied with a bow. Another might be “Stay Pawsative” and have dog/cat treats, dog/cat toys, dog/cat shampoo, a pet blanket or towel, and a piece of literature. Another suggestion is “Relax in Recovery” and may contain items reflecting serenity on the beach (sunscreen, travel mug, a pair of flip flops, and “From Survival to Recovery”).

The ideas are endless! We suggest keeping the cost per basket under \$30, but after all, it’s your choice. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Convention (One for \$1 or Six for \$5). We appreciate your donations and look forward to seeing you at the Convention!! Contact: dr-district19@ga-al-anon.org. Create for yourself a W-O-N-D-E-R-F-U-L day!

Cynthia S.
District 19 DR

District Twenty

I would like to affirm the growth and participation that has been demonstrated by the 8 Al-Anon groups in District 20 during 2014.

Having set a goal to become self-supporting and to maintain an ample reserve, we loved “spending” our extra money on contributions to WSO, Area 11, Alateen and the area office during our January 2015 district meeting.

At our first district meeting of 2014, 2 Al-Anon home groups were represented. During the course of the year, 6 of our 8 home groups have attended!!! At our last district meeting, Concept 4, participation is the key to harmony, was the guiding principle for our discussions of district, area and home group challenges.

As the DR, I received encouragement when others volunteered to visit Al-Anon groups that are located near their home. As our district stretches over 100 miles west to east in South Georgia, this is good news! It is a gratifying understanding to know that accepting a service position does not mean doing it alone. The alternate DR, Cindy P., has been a full participant in helping me to fulfill the commitment to be the DR from District 20. Thank you, District 20 Al-Anon groups!!

Martha B.
District 20 DR

District Twenty One

Greetings from District 21:

As a District we have already started to gear up for our Anniversary Party this year. We have marked our calendars for October 10th this year. We should also have a flyer by the time our next Area Assembly meets. More news to come on this.

My District also elected to send an extra donation in lieu of love gifts to WSO, hopefully they won't miss the chocolate too much. Next month I will as District Representative begin to visit all the groups in my District and talk about service work.

Katherine N.
District 21 DR

Georgia Al-Anon Logo created by Connor District 4, introduced at the January Assembly 2015



Schedule for Assembly

As we discussed in January, our May Assembly schedule is most likely going to have to be rearranged to accommodate the Delegate's Report, a heavy amount of business and the need for all our volunteers for the A.A. International to be on time Sunday at the training in Atlanta. The officers had a meeting on how best to adjust the schedule and will be presenting that plan for AWSC's approval in April. Please be aware that our business meeting may be moved to Saturday and workshops on Sunday with AWSC approval. Please be ready to adjust your travel plans to make sure you arrive on time.

Also I know many of you were very frustrated with the check in process at the Marriott in January. Conversations with the hotel regarding their failures have begun. They are keenly aware of their system break downs last time. I hope you will remember that we do guarantee a certain number of rooms each time. Mistakes do happen. I would encourage all members to give the hotel staff another opportunity to make it right. As always, I am grateful for the patience and flexibility of recovery.

With love in service,

Cheryl K.
Chairperson
Panel 53

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Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Name on Badge: _____ Home Group/City: _____

Please check affiliation: AA Al-Anon Alateen

Check if you are interested: (Some activities require payment)

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Saturday Night Dinner with Speakers (\$26.00 due with registration form)

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District 19 Al-Anon Day: March 21, 2015

Happy, Joyous, & Free to be ME!

**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
3700 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA 30096**

Speaker: Randy K.

**March 21, 2015
9AM-3PM**

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- **Workshops**
 - **Speaker**
 - **Lunch**
 - **Raffle**

Please bring a covered dish to share!

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