

AREA 11 NEWSLETTER

GEORGIA ON TRACK

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AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Area Delegate's Re-



Unity

Hi Georgia Al-Anon!

Summer is here and it is sizzling hot. Each morning I get up and walk my dog around the neighborhood. Some mornings the air is dry and cool and I have lots of energy. Other days it is hot and humid and I find it difficult to breathe as there is so much moisture in the air. No matter if it is dry and cool or hot and muggy the dog must be walked. The responsibility of caring for the dog is not to be neglected.

As I reflect on my responsibility to care for my dog, I am reminded of our World Service Con-

ference Theme for 2017, *Our Members: Our Hope for the Future*, and our Area Theme for this term *Recovery, Unity, Service*. The responsibility for Al-Anon's future lies in all Al-Anon members. We are the future. To ensure Al-Anon's future it is important that our fellowship have members willing and able to serve. It is equally important for our members to practice the spiritual principles in all their affairs.

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Area Delegate (continued)

At the World Service Conference (WSC) this year our conference members were encouraged to look at the spiritual principle behind every important topic discussed or decision to be made. We invited our Higher Power into the process and the principle of *unity* was prevalent in all discussions. We allowed adequate time to talk to each other and reason things out. *Mutual respect* was demonstrated in how we *participated* together. We listened, asked clarifying questions, practiced *tolerance*, and *reasoned things out*. The minority voice was important and provided useful information. We were all equals. We understood the importance of talking about anything important for as long as necessary in order to have an *informed group conscious* and reach *unanimity*.

We recognized and respected the two types of authority, *ultimate and delegated*. The *ultimate authority* belonged to the groups. The groups exercised their authority with loving care and wisdom and shared that wisdom with their Delegates. I had been granted *delegated authority* by the members of Georgia to represent them in Al-Anon's largest group conscious. I had the responsibility to be *accountable* to the Georgia members. I met this commitment by providing my Delegate's Report with information regarding the discussions and decisions made at WSC. The spiritual element required the practice of *trust, judgment*, responsibility and *accountability* within these relationships.

As Trusted Servants at any level it is important to be allowed to make appropriate *decisions*, to *act freely* without being second-guessed. That level of *trust* gives *dignity* to the person who is doing a job. Giving that *freedom* and bestowing that *confidence*, is a measure of maturity of the other people involved. It doesn't matter who makes the decision, the ultimate decision is what matters.

I have found through service that if I practice these principles to the best of my ability I can trust my Higher Power to lead the way, and He always does.

I am very thankful for the opportunity granted to me allowing me to grow and serve Georgia Al-Anon.

With a grateful heart, Renelle Mathis Delegate

Alternate Delegate's Report

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Area Assembly Inventory this spring! It looks like members feel we are doing well with our Assembly formats, agendas, spiritual tone, workshops, literature and hospitality rooms, and of course the great slide and visual aid work by our Presentation Designer, Connor. Our Area Chair, Cathy, will facilitate bringing acceptable closure to suggestions on what we can do better, by the end of this panel. An electronic copy of the Inventory summary is available through your GR or DR if you are interested in reading this and weren't able to attend May's Assembly.

Thank you to District 13 for volunteering to host registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting at our upcoming September Assembly. Thank you also to District 1 and District 5 for volunteering to host the hospitality room in September. To help celebrate Alateen's 60th Anniversary, Thomas E. will be telling his story at the Saturday night speaker meeting following the annual Alateen spaghetti dinner. Thomas was our 2016 Alateen Conference Chair and is the DR for District 11. We will also have an Alateen speaker and Alateens to read the

Alternate Delegate (continued)

Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for us. Come prepared for a night of celebration with our fabulously fun and always entertaining teens!

The following information was sent from our WSO to Forum Coordinators this month:

In the June 2017 issue of *The Forum* magazine, an Al-Anon member shares in the "I Became Willing to Surrender" story (page 8): "One of the first things I learned in Al-Anon was that I was powerless, and, if anything, I was controlled by the alcoholic. After months of struggling with the First Step, I finally accepted how unmanageable my life had become. When I finally admitted I was powerless and my life had become unmanageable, what followed was a sense of freedom. I no longer felt responsible for the alcoholic."

This quote from the story was posted on the Al-Anon WSO Facebook page June 14, 2017. To date, it has received 252 "Likes" and 62 shares. The WSO received a comment (only WSO staff can see comments because of our privacy settings) from a member regarding the June 14th Facebook post: "... I was the one controlled by the alcoholic." After 10 years in Al-Anon, that's the first time I have realized how true that is for me. Light bulb moment. Thank you for sharing. I love this miraculous program!!' We are sharing this positive comment with you to let you and members of your Area know how *The Forum* articles resonate with followers of our social media pages. Although intended for Public Outreach to newcomers, members' feedback with a "Like" or "share" helps Al-Anon's message and awareness of *The Forum* reach more people (nonmembers as well as members). Our social media posts increase awareness of *The Forum* among members. Members sharings for *The Forum* can reach both within and outside of the fellowship.

So Georgia, let's help WSO to get our message out by sending in your shares to *The Forum*. The new Forum Writer's Guide is available online in the "Featured Publications" files, "Send Your Shares", "The Forum" on the WSO Members website.

Love in service, Barbara T.; Alternate Delegate

Area Chairperson's Report

There is a reason for everything. Sometimes, we see right away and understand things clearly; sometimes, we see "after the fact," and it becomes clear; but sometimes, we don't "see" or understand at all. No matter what is going on and no matter what our understanding, we are taught to walk by faith through this journey of life. We are taught to trust our God.

With that written, let me tell you about a challenge that GA has. Danica C is stepping down for personal reasons as the Chairman of the 2018 Convention. She has prayed about it and she has talked it over with her sponsor and a few other mentors. She is doing what she needs to do for herself. She expressed regret for "leaving us in a pickle," but I assured her that this is God's pickle, not ours.

So.... where does that leave us?

Area Chairperson (continued)

Since our AWSC members said that they wanted us to have a state Convention in the year of the International Convention, it means that we need to come together in a unified spirit and have an election in September at our Assembly!

The 2018 Convention is supposed to be in the northwest corner of the state.... **Zone 3**. This includes the following **Districts: 1, 9, 13, 15, 17 and 21**. That means if you are reading this newsletter and you live in one of the counties listed, you are eligible to stand at the election and chair this Convention! Remember: <u>ANY Al-Anon member can chair a convention</u>. Here are the counties: Dade, Walker, Chattooga, Floyd, Polk, Haralson, Catoosa, Whitfield, Gordon, Murray, Bartow, Paulding, Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Cherokee, and Cobb.

I will be honest with you. Whoever is elected to chair the 2018 Convention will start from scratch. You will have to find a location, speakers, etc., and you will only have 10 months to do it. Please pray about this.

As I wrote above, this is God's challenge. Let's see how He works this out!

Cathy O-Area Chairperson

GACS Chairperson's Report

When Anne announced the topic of "Unity" for this newsletter, I was reminded of the things that we are doing within the GA Area to "live" this theme; our Assembly themes from this Panel, programs at District meetings, and groups that still exist because members made a commitment based on "unity" of our purpose.

When reflecting on the everyday work and initiatives at your GACS Office, I was reminded that the word "Unity," Tradition One, as well as Concept Four, were at the core of the formation of the Office Thought Force and now GACS Area Task Force. When the Office Committee formed the ThF, the Committee carefully considered how we could expand how we serve our members and Area to better meet "our common welfare," while also offering service opportunities for "participation" and "personal (recovery) progress."

In every aspect of our recovery, with every initiative, every interaction, the intention is for "unity for our common welfare." My hope is that the work of the Office Committee, volunteers, GACS Area Task Force continues to strengthen our "Unity of purpose."

Yours In Service, Char G.F. Chairperson' GACS Office Committee



Area Treasurer's Report

Hello My Al-Anon Family,

I hope you all are doing well. I can say that I have settled into a busy summer. I like the phase I heard the other day- "Air you can wear". That's some real truth the last few weeks. Two things popped into my head about this newsletter- Let the understanding, love and peace of the program grow in you one day at time and coming together as one.

I have seen new members come into the program struggling to find a way to sanity. Slowly as the program begins to "seep" in I begin to see acceptance of what is understanding, love and peace. They have a chance to make better choices for themselves. Uniting with other members of the group finding common ground. I have tremendous appreciation in watching this program work for others, it reminds me of the behaviors I never want to go back to and the things that I can gain by working my program daily.

I have been fortunate to meet some of the most generous, kind, loving people in this program that strive every day to be better persons in words and deeds. I remember no one is perfect-it is how I act when things don't go as planned that counts. I have learned it is a great barometer on where I am in my program. If I am looking for solutions then I am on the right track. When we come together in Al-Anon mighty things happen. Now that is a miracle and for me unity in action.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

A gentle reminder, all contributions can be mailed to: AFG of GA, Inc PO Box 7644 Macon, GA, 31209-7644

Please include your Group Name, District # and WSO #

Love in Service, Katherine N.; Area Treasurer Panel 56

AREA COORDINATORS REPORTS

<u> Alateen Coordinator's Report</u>

Hello members of this wonderful world-wide fellowship which includes Alateen. As a reminder, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the first Alateen meeting. Alateen began in Pasadena, California in 1957 when a teenager named Bob (whose father was an A.A. member), joined with 5 other teens whose lives had been affected by alcoholism of a family member. Today it has grown to well over 3000 registered Alateen meeting worldwide. The WSO is calling on all Alateen and Al-Anon/Alateen groups to send "Happy Anniversary" cards all this year to the World Service Office for a special display. They may be sent to: AFG, Inc, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 Attn: Groups.

Thomas E., the current DR for District 11, certified AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service), group sponsor of "Let It Begin With Me," Alateen in Augusta, GA and the

<u>Alateen Coordinator (continued)</u>

2016 Alateen Conference Chair will be leading a workshop at the September Assembly on Alateen service and the rewards of being an AMIAS. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Also as a reminder...every September Assembly (and this September is no exception), the GA Alateens hold their Annual Spaghetti Dinner to help raise funds for their Alateen Conference. This year's Conference was held June 1-4 at Rock Eagle in Eatonton, GA. 50 teens attended, I believe from 5 different states. It was such a beautiful experience, listening to our teens share their E.S.&H. and their programs of recovery. I felt the love and presence of my H.P. all weekend.

Due to some scheduling constraints, unfortunately, we will not be conducting any AMIAS training at the September Assembly. I'm hoping that by the end of July, I will have completed my 1st AMIAS training conducted via phone using screen share technology. My hopes are this will open up more opportunity to those who wish to undergo the AMIAS certification but are not able to make it to Assembly for training. I'll let everyone know how it turns out! Finally, I'd like to remind especially all currently certified AMIAS and prospective AMIAS to check out the Alateen Service e-Manual, posted on the WSO's member site under Alateen, for "Tips and Topics for Al-Anon Members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)." Humble thank for allowing me to be of service,

Gratefully, Lauren M. Area Alateen Coordinator (Panel 56)

Archivist's Report

Greetings Al-Anons:

I have attached the Georgia Al-Anon Assembly Minutes from May and September, 1964; the very earliest days of what has become our Area 11 Assembly. It is my hope that you will find Experience Strength and Hope in our history as we continue on our journey to ensure that "when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, that the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen will always be there".

With Love and Gratitude in Service Marie Neese Archivist Panel 56



The Georgia Al-Anon Assembly was held January 17, 1965, in Macon.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mary C and the Serenity Prayer was repeated by the group. followed by the reading of an Al-Anon preamble and the Al-Anon traditions.

The Treasurer was not present but sent a report of a balance of \$232.00.

The roll was taken. There were 10 Al-Anons present representing the following groups: South Columbus, Macon, Savannah Statesboro, Warner Robins, Metter, and Decatur. One visitor from Augusta (Forrest Hill) was present. Attendance was down due to ice and snow north of Griffin.

Title of the new Al-Anon book was discussed. It seems that the groups have been misinformed in regard to this matter but no word has been received from headquarters as to the actual facts. It was decided to have our delegate, Mary C., look into this business when attending the World Service Conference in April. She urged the groups to act individually in expressing their oppinions to Headquarters.

A plan to divide Georgia into areas was discussed. This is the setup recommended by Headquarters. Decision was deferred The meeting was closed by repeating The Lord's Prayer.

(Minutes of this meeting were transcribed from notes taken by Hilda H., G.R. from the So. Columbus group-the Secretary being "snowed in" in Atlanta.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kirch Fristoe

Secretary, Georgia AL-Anon Assembly

The Georgia Al-Anon Assembly met in Macon at the Georgia Power Company Building on May 16, 1965, at 11:30.

The morning session was an informal meeting for discussing in detail those plans to be voted upon during the afternoon session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$58.37, and expressed gratitude to all contributing groups for making it possible to pay the delegates fee for the World Service Conference in April. It has never been necessary to stress monetary needs in the state and the contributions have come in regularly.

Various local and individual problems were discussed after which the group adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 the chairman called the meeting to order, and the group joined in repeating the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken and the following groups were represented: Gateway (Atlanta), Hill Al-Anon (Augusta), High Noon Al-Anon (Atlanta), Skyland Al-Anon (Chamblee), So. Columbus Al-Anon, Deca tur Al-Anon, Macon Al-Anon, Marietta Al-Anon, Newman Al-Anon, Sa-vannah Al-Anon, Statesboro Al-Anon, and Warner Robins.

After explanation of the methods of dividing the state into areas and a discussion of the advantages of such a plan, it was moved and seconded that the state of Georgia be divided into five areas with a committeeman over each area - the committeeman to be elected from the Group Representatives in the area. The Assembly voted unanimously to accept this plan.

Mary C. then designated the following areas:

Area 1, Summerville, Dalton, Marietta, Newman, Atlanta, Läs. - vonia - this last group could change to Area 4 if they so desire.

Area 2, Columbus, Albany

Area 3, Macon, Milledgeville, Warner Robins

Area 4, Augusta, Louisville, Sandersville, Lavonia (?)

Area 5, Savannah, Statesboro, Metter, Jesup, Brunswick

This is a tentative plan and is subject to change when the G.R.

reports to her home group. It is understood that the groups may

change their area for logical reasons, and the plan will be eval
usted at the next Assembly meeting.

The following were asked to serve as temporary committeemen of the areas. These committeemen are to call a meeting of the G.R.'s of the area groups to elect a committeeman to serve a three year period.

Area 1, Marianne F.

Area 2, Hilda H.

Area 3, Willouise S.

Area 4, Olive P.

Area 5. Louise F.

After discussion it was moved and seconded to hold two Assembly meetings a year - one in the fall at the A.A. state conven tion, and one in the spring after the state delegate returns from the World Service Conference in April.

It was announced that Evelyn B. had resigned as the Alterternate Delegate. A replacement will be elected in the fall.

There being no further business, Mary C. our first state

delegate, gave a report of her trip and the program and the business of the World Service Conference. Her report was most informative and inspiring.

The Lord's Frayer was repeated. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruch Friston

Secretary, Georgia Al-Anon Assembly

The Delegate announced that the Al-Anon book over which there had been so much discussion is entitled ALDANON FACES ALCOHOLISM and will come off the press in July- orders are now being taken with a special price for groups.

The Georgia Al-Anon Assembly was held in Macon, Ga., Oct.30, 1965, at 9a.m., Dempsey Hotel during the Ga. A.A. State Convention.

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The meeting was opened by repeating the Serenity Prayer followed by an Al-Anon preamble and words of welcome by Mary C., State Delegate and Assembly Chairman.

Attending G.R.'s or their alternates introduced themselves as representing the following groups: Lavonia, Metter, Statesboro, South Columbus, Hill (Augusta), Albany, Warner Robins, Skyland (Chamblee), Decatur, Nabs (Atlanta), Claxton, High Moon (Atlanta) Chattooga (Summerville), Savannah, and Brunswick. Also attending were interested Georgia Al-Anons and Al-Anon visitors from So. Carolina, Alabama, and Florida, making a total of 34 present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$155.37. G.R.'s were asked to discuss finances with their home group and to try to set up an amount - no matter how small - to pay regularly. In this way we will all have a part in sending our delegate to New York in April. It was noted that the amount of \$240.00 as our delegate fee will be due on Feb. 1, 1966.

Mildred McC. 6.R. of the High Noon group was elected by unanimous vote to succeed Evelyn B. as Alternate Delegate.

After group discussion it was decided that Georgia is not well enough along in organization and in number of local groups to have a successful plan for Areas and Area meetings. The group voted to go back to the old method of having four assembly meetings a year - 3 to be held in Macon at the time of the A.A.'s G.S.R. meetings and one at the time of the A.A. state convention. Groups were urged to hold area meetings - or meetings with hearby groups in order to strengthen and help each other.

Mary C. volunteered to visit any of the groups in the state to

to discuss her trip as Delegate to New York, to discuss Al-Anon in general, or to lend a hand with local problems. Groups were urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned in the usual manner of repeating The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruch Fristoe

Ruth F., Secretary - Treasurer

Georgia Al-Anon Assembly

Contributions taken after this meeting amounted to \$12.00

AAPP Coordinator's Report

I wanted all Georgia Ala-Anons to know that I have completed the re-certification of AMI-AS in Area 11 Georgia, and we have no un-certified AMIAS left on the WSO Group Records as of the deadline of June 30. That means our Alateen groups and their information will continue to be listed on all WSO data bases and group schedules. Furthermore, the Area has no un-certified AMIAS listed as group sponsors, so no Georgia Alateen group is in danger of being excluded from the WSO information sources.

We are now down to 55 AMIAS certified in Georgia; we had 62 last year. Note that there were 72 in 2015, so the numbers are trending downward. We lost about 10 this year and have certified a few new AMIAS. Now that the recertification process is over I will work on reducing the backlog of pending AMIAS applications.

Yours In Service,

Alan D.



Group Records Coordinator's Report

Area 11 Group Records News.

Newton County GA was moved from District 2 to District 10 in Motion 5 approved by the Assembly in May 2017.

When submitting GR1 forms, always fill in the following information.

Section 1: WSO ID# , District # and Area 11.

Section 2: Select ONE of the four choices.

- o Are you creating a "NEW" group?
- o IS this a "CHANGE" to an active group?
- o Are you closing a group, "INACTIVE"?

Section 3: If you selected CHANGE in Section 2, select the boxes that apply to the changes you wish to make.

Example: If your meeting has chosen to meet on Tuesday rather than Wednesday then select only "MTG DAY". If your group is changing both the day and time from 8PM to 7PM, then select both "MTG DAY and MTG Time".

Section 4: Always fill in your group name. (this helps the AGRC to find the correct group.)

Section 5: Fill in only the information that is changing.

- · In the first example above only fill in Tuesday.
- . In the second example above fill in both "Tuesday" and the Time "7PM"

Section 6: Fill this block in only if your group has a new CMA or the CMA's information has changed.

Section 7: Fill this block in only if your group has a new GR or the current GR's information has changed.

Last Line: This is IMPORTANT: Always fill out this line and date it.

Frequently multiple GR1 forms arrive with no date. Dates are very important for accurate processing of your groups records.

Reminder please send your GR1 forms to your DR.

Include your District number and Group name in the email subject line.

All group details should be on the GR1 form, not in the body of the email.

Literature Coordinator's Report

Hi there you Summer Al-Anon people. Summer's half over, but you still have time to have an adventure you can tell us about at Assembly in September, perhaps in the Assembly Literature Room or over Alateen spaghetti.

When you get to Assembly, you are required to come see me in the Literature Room, where I will do my darndest to make you buy something or a lot of somethings. There will be music, lights, new and old friends, and more Al-Anon literature than the law allows. Remember, you really ought to buy some literature for yourself, your group, your sponsor(s), your sponsee(s), your Alapals, your public outreach project, and just to make me happy. On the rare chance you don't buy anything, you still need to come take a look at an array of nearly every piece of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Plus, there will be historical Al-Anon literature for your browsing delight. Bring your cash and checks as we

<u>Literature Coordinator (continued)</u>

still don't accept plastic - we're working on that.

At our May 2017 Assembly we sold about \$2700 of Al-Anon literature and delivered about \$1600 more in pre-ordered literature. That's a significant portion of Georgia Area Central Service's (GACS) literature sales. Thank you, thank you.

GACS, our Literature Distribution Center (LDC) prefers that you submit Assembly preorders at least a week to 10 days before Assembly. These orders will be available for payment and pickup in the Literature Room. Pre-ordering increases the likelihood of having your complete order filled. It streamlines things, cuts down on lines and checkout time in the Literature Room and makes it more likely that the Literature Room won't run out of stock mid-Assembly.

If you are presenting a workshop at Assembly and anticipate that it will create demand for particular pieces of literature, please send me an email at philand123@comcast.net so that I can factor that into my Assembly literature order.

We will have plenty of copies of our newest publication, Workbook for Paths to Recovery (P-93). It's a spiral bound companion workbook to our book Paths to Recovery (B-24). It's \$10, but if you buy the Workbook and Paths to Recovery for \$25, you can save \$4. The Reaching for Personal Freedom workbook (P-92) is another great tool to work through the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. Don't forget those old standbys, the current Blueprint for Progress and the old Blueprint for Progress, which are chock full of questions to ask yourself.

The currently featured publication on the WSO website is the book From Survival to Recovery: Growing Up in an Alcoholic Home (B-21). Chapter 3, Picking up the Tools, is presented in its entirety. Speaking of the WSO website, did you know that on the Member's website, under the Public Outreach tab, you can find multiple versions of our wonderful old crazy road-sign outreach bookmark. You can print and use for handouts in your group or for part of your group's outreach effort.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018, the newest version, can be ordered directly from WSO on the Members website. The deadline for ordering the first printing has already passed, but the second printing can be ordered until February 7, 2018, for shipment on or about April 1, 2018. It's a wonderful publication for an outreach project for your group or district, or for inreach, to hand out to a newcomer. You'll note below that the price comes down drastically when ordered in volume. Some districts consolidate group orders or help underwrite group orders so as to get the best price for volume purchases. Check with your District Representative.

Pricing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 is as follows:

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25 copies - $ 18 (72 cents each)
50 copies - $ 25 (50 cents each)
100 copies - $ 40 (40 cents each)
200 copies - $ 75 (37.5 cents each)
400 copies - $140 (35 cents each)
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Literature Coordinator (continued)

WSO continues to seek your sharings for a number of future publications, including our New Daily Reader, Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, Parents and Grandparents of Young Problem Drinkers, the Forum, Alateen Talk, and the next Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. Most sharings can be submitted electronically and can be printed with an anonymous attribution line if you prefer. Guidelines and suggestions are available on the WSO Members website. Please consider sharing your experience, strength, and hope. Your story is important. Share it.

Did you know that individual Al-Anon members can receive a free subscription to AFG Announcements to get news from the WSO, including Group eNews and Area Highlights? Sign up on the WSO Members website under the "Be informed" section.

So, when you get to September Assembly, beat feet right on over to the Literature Room. We'll be open about 11:15 AM on Saturday, and then at all breaks on Saturday, after the last workshop on Saturday afternoon, and then for a short while before our evening program. On Sunday, we'll be open about 8:30 AM and then again at first break. I could use a volunteer or two for 15-20 minutes during the main breaks on Saturday afternoon, as that's when it gets hectic. All you need to do is show up, smile, direct traffic a little, and help keep the line moving.

Why don't you consider bringing your Alternate GR or another group member with you to Assembly. It's a great way to introduce someone to service above the group level. And hey, it's fun to boot. Once you get to Assembly, challenge yourself to walk up to at least 5 people you don't know and introduce yourself. It's a wonderful opportunity to network and make some new Al-Anon friends. When you come to the Literature Room, you are required to meet someone you don't know. I'll have people watching to make sure.

Philip Anderson Literature Coordinator, Panel 56

Newsletter Coordinator's Report

Greetings Area 11 and Happy Summertime!

I hope everyone is able to enjoy a slower and easier pace this summer. I know I have been grateful to be able to take a much needed break this summer!

As I reached out to DRs, Coordinators, and Officers for newsletter articles it struck me that creating the newsletter demonstrates our current theme of UNITY. It takes everyone's contributions and participation to publish a newsletter that reflects the diversity and vitality of Georgia Al-Anon. When I read the sharings that come from all over the state, I am reminded of our common bond and purpose.

I hope our shared experience, strength, and hope blesses your recovery.

In gratitude, Anne M., Newsletter Coordinator

Public Outreach Coordinator's Report

Happy Summer! Be on the lookout for opportunities to bring Al-Anon and Alateen info to all the places people gather this time of year. Hats off to Martha B. and members in District 20 for their PO efforts at their local farmer's market and fairs. You never know when those seeds that are planted will grow.

September is National Recovery Month in the U.S. Although Al-Anon does not endorse, support or oppose outside entities or events, we do cooperate with them. Please be on the lookout for opportunities/events to bring Al-Anon and Alateen awareness. I will be sending information to DR's about specific events in your community. PLEASE share this info with your groups and encourage members to bring an outreach effort to the events.

How are you honoring Alateen's 60th birthday? Let's celebrate by helping it grow! Please announce Alateen at your meetings, use Alateen tent cards, support meetings in your area even if not at the same time/location as your Al-Anon meeting, ask an AMIAS to help with an Alateen speaker at your events, like and share Alateen posts on Instagram, etc. Ask your group for ideas!

April and June were busy for me with Outreach tables at both the Ga. Addiction Counselors Assoc. Spring Training and the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certfication Board of Ga. training. Hundreds of professionals have received Al-Anon's outreach magazine – *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017*. More importantly, many heard directly from a member about our program. Many thanks to members who supported these efforts – LouAnn A., Gail B., JP, Tonna W., Lucille S. and Paresha P.

In September, these efforts will continue at the Georgia School of Addiction training in Savannah. I am blown away by the support and work District 3 has put in at this event over the past few years and I can't wait to see their programs at work this year. Frank S. has been the lead on this event – organizing members and literature. All it takes is one person to get it started and work with others to reach hundreds. *Is there an Outreach project you might start?*

Public Service Announcement receiving station lists were distributed to DR's in April. Please encourage members to contact the stations to request they play the radio or TV messages. Also, if you don't have a station on the list, you can contact your local stations to see if they would be willing to play and provide the info to me if they do agree. It is also important for us to thank the stations when they do play the PSA's. I will be receiving a list of playing stations in the next couple of months and please consider organizing a "Thank you" note service project in your meeting area when those lists are received. I will have some resources and additional info at the September Assembly workshops for you to take back to your groups.

Please consider how you found the rooms of Al-Anon and Alateen – who told you about it? Where did you read about it, see it or hear about it? How much has it meant to you? Please share the message of hope and healing by performing any act of Outreach, starting where you are willing and able.

With Love & Gratitude, Debi S. Public Outreach Coordinator – Area 11

Convention Chairs and Liaisons Reports

2017 Convention Chairperson's Report

Greetings,

It's a set-up! Yes, the 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Committee is setting up for attendees to have a great spiritual experience and have fun too. The dates are August 11-August 13. 'Sharing Recovering in the Gardens' will feature the following and much more:

Literature Room will be filled with Al-Anon and Alateen literature and material that you can enjoy personally and/or take back to your home groups.

Boutique will be an adventure with lots of merchandise including handmade item crafted with love.

Hospitality will serve up snacks, water, and lots of coffee...yes, there even be decaf.

Notice: Mountain Creek Inn has extended hotel registration until August 1, 2017. Check availability.

And, as an added bonus, you will be able to purchase CDs for a refresher long after the Convention ends. Bring your friends, Alateens, neighbors, and A.A. friends. There will be a Spanish workshop and a Spanish translator, A.A. workshops/speaker, and Al-Anon workshops/speakers. There is a registration form attached for your convenience.

Love in Service Joyce T 2017 Convention Chair

2017 AA Prepaid Liaison's Report

Greetings!

I am excited to have the privilege of serving as the Al-Anon Liaison to the 64th Georgia State Prepaid Convention! The convention will be held at the Macon Marriott City Center In Macon, GA October 12-15, 2017. The theme of this year's convention is "Preserving our Future" with Unity, Service, Recovery and the Steps-Traditions-Program-Fellowship.

The Al-Anon speaker will be Elyse J. from Clarkston, GA. She will be speaking at 10:00a.m. Saturday, October 14, 2017. The A.A. speakers are: Chris S. – Sharpsburg, GA Donna H. – Billings, MT Earl H. – Scottsdale, AZ Jim R. – Helen, GA Kent C. – Sandusky, OH Sandy H. – Port Charlotte, FL There will be two workshops planned for this convention.

Other activities during the convention that can be registered for separately are kayaking and golf. There will also be live music and a dance.

2017 AA Prepaid (continued)

The committee is so excited and looking forward to hosting a great convention for the state! Get registered and plan to join us and have a BLAST!

In service.

Jenny C. GA Al-Anon Liaison to the A.A. Prepaid Convention

2017 Alateen Convention Chairperson's Report

18th Georgia Alateen Conference – putting together the "Puzzle of Different Pieces"

This year's Conference went better than we could have expected. All the Alateens arrived on the Thursday so adding the extra day turned out to be a success. The Program Chair, Michaela, quickly took the reins and got the Conference going and the Designated Authority, Zack, briefed everyone on what to do and what not to do.

Alateen Groups had volunteered to prepare the workshops and the results were outstanding. The activities supervised by the Rock Eagle staff went well. As well as the enjoyment, it was obvious that the Alateens found ways to strengthen their program.

Even a simple thing like canoeing turned out to provide opportunities for growth. The session started with Alateens and AMIAS choosing their own groups to man a canoe and then follow a cryptic clue and paddle to find a puzzle piece. Naturally the clues were too cryptic and pirates added to the puzzlement. But in the end the puzzle was completed. To the surprise of many Alateens they found they had overcome their fears of boats, water, bright



sunshine, bugs, capsizing - you name it, someone was afraid of it! - and were now gung-ho about continuing to explore the lake aboard their canoes.

The Challenge Course (Low Ropes) turned out to be a winner and it was interesting to experience the groups learning to work together and rely on others to stay safe and complete the challenges.

On Saturday, we had AMIAS visiting to see what we do and how we do it. Also this year we had invited Alateens from neighboring States and Florida took on the long drive to bring a group to take part in the Conference.



Thank you to all the AMIAS who provided the support during the Conference and especially to the Committee members all of whom were in new service positions - the team provided the most amazing Conference and I am honored to have chaired the Committee. But the greatest thanks go to the Alateens who planned and ran the Conference. Working alongside teenagers taking on their service roles so well puts our own program in perspective. Thanks to all

I made a commitment at the start of the year that the cost of an extra day and extra activities should be covered by our fundraising. I am grateful that once again Al-Anon members throughout the Area have come through and provided us with the funds we needed and we now see our way clear to passing on the same seed money as we received. Thus the extended Conference can be sustained by everyone's help! And so, the torch passes to Anne C. who will be starting to make announcements about next year's Conference very soon.

Peter U. Alateen Conference Chair 2017

MAIS Liaison's Report

MAIS: Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service:

Part of my job description as Liaison to the Area is to communicate with MAIS member districts to encourage active participation in MAIS and to coordinate representation. Poor attendance at the MAIS committee meetings, to which member groups send a representative, and the MAIS Board meetings, where member districts send their ALT DR or anyone else to represent their district, got me thinking about using the dinner hour at Assembly to get us together for conversation. Participation by member groups and districts is important to MAIS as MAIS serves Al-Anon as a whole. We had a great time at the MAIS Dinner on Saturday night at Assembly. Lots of information was shared between us. The food wasn't too good. I will look for another place to have the dinner at the January 2018 Assembly

The MAIS board met Wednesday the 14th of June. Two persons attended the meeting using Skype, and one person called in on her cell phone. MAIS is using technology to work around the aggravating traffic conditions in Metro Atlanta. It worked pretty well.

The MAIS treasurer reported that operating expenses and income are close to budget and are within the targeted goals. Literature sales were \$18,402.00 and contributions totaled \$6550.00 for the first five months of 2017. Expenses are within budget leaving at this time a small net profit.

During the first five months of 2017, the telephone volunteers received 190 calls, with 16 messages on voicemail. The website has been updated to show current events in the Metro Atlanta area.

MAIS Liaison (continued)

Alateen is growing in Atlanta. A new group in Atlanta needs more AMIAS in order to get off the ground. Christina P. has put out a call for HELP for the annual spaghetti dinner to be held on the Saturday evening during the September Assembly. The theme for the dinner is "Celebrating Alateen's 60th/Teens Express their Gratitude to Al-Anons". Please check the Area website and also the MAIS website (www.alanonatl.com) for more information. Any questions, contact alateen@alanonatl.com. This event is open to all Al-Anons in Area 11.

Planning for the MAIS Anniversary Dinner is well underway. The annual dinner will be held this year at St Martin in the Field Episcopal Church in Brookhaven. Kasey, the Anniversary Chair, is seeking volunteers to help with set up & clean up, the raffle, donations of raffle items, and the literature table. There will be two speakers, an Al-Anon and an Alateen. The event is Saturday December 2nd. It is a "pot-luck" event complete with a cake provided! Flyers are posted on the Area website and the MAIS website, All are welcome!!

Karen, our MAIS office employee, has the MAIS archives indexed and put in notebooks. Yea Karen! In 1971, there were 14 meetings in Atlanta. There are well over 200meetings in Metro Atlanta at this time.

The Board voted to increase the Public Outreach budget by \$200.00 so that MAIS can participate in more projects. In order to find out how to better serve our Atlanta community, the MAIS Board asks that all interested Al-Anons participate in our survey. Surveys can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZM68QG or, picked up at the MAIS office.

MAIS is a service arm of Al-Anon. MAIS is a 501 C-3 corporation accepting donations to maintain an office, paid staff member, distribute CAL literature and information about AL-Anon. MAIS tries to serve the needs of any Al-Anon member. Interested persons are welcome to participate in events sponsored by MAIS.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia K.

District Reports

District One

Our group, Ellijay AFG, meets for breakfast on Saturday mornings for fellowship and encouragement. There are some members who have health problems that we encourage and support. We have taken a meeting to the home of a group member who was house-bound for a couple of months. This time together really serves as a time of bonding and growth for us. Each one of our members have grown closer to each other and that, in turn, goes out as service to others.

Thanks, Romi R. District One DR

District Two

It is a sleepy summer here in District 2! Over the past few months we have been working on our Public Outreach plan. That has been going well. We also have been working on the 2018 AA Pre-Paid Convention, looking at what we want to include at that conference. We have been looking into speakers and potential workshop topics. We are hoping to have a picnic or workshop over the next few months, but these projects have not really gotten off the ground. Many groups participated in the piggy/bull banks and are already collecting funds. We are moving forward here in recovery.

Susie W, DR

District Four

Hello Area 11!

In District 4, we are having ongoing conversations about how to encourage participation from the group level to the district level. I am grateful to be a part of a district that is willing to be honest, take an honest look at where we are and where to go from here. We are looking at having more activities outside the group level to celebrate family recovery. Our at-



tendance at District Meeting is increasing. It has been extremely helpful and encouraging to have past District Representatives commit to being present at the meeting, whenever possible. Their experience is invaluable to the conversations. It is an honor to be a part of District 4 and Area 11.

In service, Jenny C. District 4 Representative

District Six

I want to let you know that we are in the process of having a new DR step up to serve our district. Her name is Tina Deleija. She lives in Kingsland. Her email is: alanonbeachbunny@gmail.com.

Thank you, Debbie P

District Nine

I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to this publication of Georgia On Track. District 9 is planning to host a one-day workshop in October or November of this year. Our last workshop was a complete success and featured speakers, role playing, open Alateen meetings and other Al-Anon related activities. For those who attended, Al-Anon volunteers in service provided a combined procured and pot-luck buffet arrangement with various food items. Also, a literature table offered a wide-range of Al-Anon/Alateen materials for browsing or purchase. If you would like to participate and help bring about this event or would just like more information on attending, please contact our Alternate District Representative, Patrick B. at the following email address: pbrannon73@yahoo.com.

District Nine (continued)

The annual Pine Isle Fellowship Conference with Alateen and AA participation has been ongoing for almost four decades. The 2018 event will mark its 40th presentation. Considered a "Family Recovery Weekend", it is held on the last weekend of February at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center located on Lake Lanier Islands. In association with District 9, the Pine Isle Committee continues its planning with many of the speakers, panels and other

activities already staged in place. A highlight of the occasion in recent years has been the "Fellowship Dinner" held on Saturday night at the Lodge. If you would like more information on attending and accommodations, please go to the following website: pineislefellowship.org.

Thank you again for allowing me to share District 9 planning and other activities with you.

In service,

Keith F. District 9 Representative



District Ten

District 10 is really excited with the things we currently have going on in our district. We recently got Covington/Newton County added to our district. This is something that we have wanted for several years now! Last night I was officially notified that we have been given the "go ahead" on starting an Al-Anon meeting at an AA Clubhouse in Covington. That should be up and running very soon. Also, we are planning a district event on October 21st at St. Pius Catholic Church in Conyers. We will be releasing more details on that closer to the event. Please go ahead and mark your calendars for October 21st. We are looking at having it from around 10-11 a.m. until about 2 p.m. We will have a few workshops, a covered dish luncheon, possibly a speaker and, of course, a raffle! I promise that it will be great!!

Donna M - District 10

District Seventeen

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Vacations, reunions, weddings and grandbabies are keeping many GRs and group members busy. Our meetings continue to hold their own even during this time.

We have a new group in District 17:

Cedartown AFG! It meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Carol M is their founder and GR. Give her a warm welcome at assembly in September!!

Serenity at Seven AFG, which meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Woodstock, has a covered dish/speaker meeting whenever there is a 5th Thursday of the month. The food is served at 6:30 pm and followed by the speaker at 7:00 pm. Dates to look forward to joining them are: Aug 31st and Nov 30th.

District Seventeen (continued)

Lastly, I want to give high praises to everyone involved in the 2017 Alateen Conference! As an AMIAS, I was blessed to join them on Saturday. I was so impressed with the teens who attended. Watching them paint their quilt squares was delightful! And insightful! The gratitude meeting at the bonfire was truly heartwarming. I enjoyed meeting everyone. Kudos to Peter and his team!

Blessings, Diane K DR, District 17

District Eighteen

On Saturday, May 6, District 18 (from the mountains of North Georgia) hosted their annual Mountain Miracles in beautiful Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia. Our theme was Growing Through Recovery, Unity and Service and was very well attended by 60 fellow Al-Anon members: some from as far south as Stockbridge and Atlanta and as far north as Murphy, North Carolina.

Our event started at 8:30 am with Registration/potluck breakfast and closed at 2:45 with an exciting Basket Raffle. During the day, we had two exciting workshops and an Al-Anon speaker with over 30 years of Al-Anon Experience. The day was full of fellowship, insight, comradery and just out-in-out fun.

District 18 will soon start planning for next year's Mountain Miracles which is always held during the first week in May. Consider making your plans to join us. As always, YOU WON'T REGRET it!

Respectfully, Illa Moore-District 18 DR

District Nineteen

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Cynthia S, whom we lost earlier this year. After moving from Florida where she was exceedingly active in the Al-Anon program of recovery, she continued to stay immersed in her recovery upon moving to Georgia, not only at the Group and District levels, but also at the Area level. Cynthia serve as a Group Representative and as a District Representative for Districts 9 & 19. Cynthia was a strong believer in the slogan, "When I got busy, I got better." She not only believed this slogan, but lived it as well. She was involved in chairing the District 19 Al-Anon Day and the Georgia Al-Anon State Convention. She served as the Georgia Area Secretary, Alternate Delegate and held many coordinator positions, including AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person). Cynthia held Alateen very close to her heart. She was an Alateen Sponsor and participated with the Alateens by helping with workshops during Assembly and conducting AMIAS training and workshops during Assembly as well.

District Nineteen (continued)

Cynthia was an integral part of encouraging my service work and growth in the Al-Anon program. When I stepped into my first District meeting in January 2013, she was reassuring to all of us that we couldn't make a mistake. When it came time to stand for positions for District Level Coordinators, her encouragement led me to stand for Alternate District Representative. Cynthia was kind and loving, helping me to get through my fear of doing the wrong thing. Through Cynthia's support, I got more comfortable stepping out of my comfort zone and taking more risks. She lent her ear and was a crucial part of my growth in the program during our adventures, not only while at Assembly, but also during the fellowship shared during the travels to and from. With encouragement from my husband and also with the strength of Cynthia, I stood for District Representative in 2016. Cynthia gave me many gifts while knowing her for 4 short years. Through her, I started to believe in myself and not take myself too seriously. When our Delegate asked our District to present a skit at Assembly, I had the courage to say yes. Without Cynthia, I would never have had the courage to take on the bid for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention (and of course, the wonderful GRs who have supported my crazy ideas). Without Cynthia as a beacon of light, I would not be the person I am today. Her phone message and email signature always gave me hope and showed me that my happiness was in my hands. Now, not a day goes by that I don't hear her voice telling me to "Create for yourself a wonderful day."

Robyn P-District 19

District Twenty

Al-Anon is alive and well in District 20. Attendance at our District meeting has increased since our meetings have moved to more central locations within the district. Our groups continue to cooperate with AA groups in our district by having Al-Anon speaker meetings at their meetings during months there is a 5th open speaker meeting night. Our District has a Public Outreach person who has also become a member of the Area PO committee. Our last District meeting focused on building an inventory of Public Outreach tools for the district to be used at booths at local fairs and festivals in the district.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in August and again in September at Assembly.

Love in Service, Alecia

District Twenty-One

Several of our District 21 members were grateful to be able to help at the ADACBGA Conference Outreach table in Marietta. Thank you Debi S. for reaching out.

We will be meeting again as a District in September when we will begin planning for our 2018 Anniversary party/workshop.

In the meantime, we are staying cool and actively sharing our Al-Anon and Alateen experience, strength and hope.

Lucille S., DR - District 21

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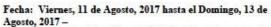
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39th Georgia - 2017 Inscripciones para la Convencion de Al-Anon/Alateen



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Para hacer Reservaciones y buscar Direcciones: www.callawavgardens.com. Telefono: 855-421-3254
Tarifa por Cuarto: \$131.56 por noche (incluye impuestos y cargos adicionales). Las comidas no estan incluidas. Un tiquete gratis para visitar Callaway Gardens esta incluido por habitacion. Al hacer la reserva, mencione La Convencion de Al-Anon/Alateen de Georgia para recibir el descuento de grupo.

Se ofrecera traduccion al Espanol en el lugar del evento.

Orador/a: Richard B. – Virginia Beach, VA, Barbara A. - Powder Springs, GA,

Mary R.–Philadelphia, PA, AA: Billy N.-Buford, GA, Alateen: Emily T,-Monroe, GA,

Inscripciones Tempranas hasta el 25 de Septiembre - \$25.00 Inscripciones Regulares hasta el 30 de Julio - \$35.00 Inscripciones en Agosto y al llegar al Evento - \$45.00 Inscripciones para Alateen – Gratis

Alateens (Adolescentes) que atiendan sin autorizacion escrita de sus padres o guardian legal deberan estar acompanados por un miembro certificado de Alanon que participa en Servicio para Alateen (AMIAS). El permiso o solicitud medica para Alateens de Georgia se encuentra en www.ga-al-anon.org. Este permiso debe ser enviado a AMIAS antes de llegar al evento. El AMIAS debe presentar la solicitud llena y firmada ante la mesa de inscripciones para poder recoger los materiales de Alateen.

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39th Annual Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention

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Early registration through September 25th, 2016 - \$25 Regular Registration though July 30th - \$35 August and Walk-in Registration - \$45

Alateen Registration: Free

Alateens attending without a parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a certified Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). The Georgia Alateen Permission/Medical Form (available at www.ga-al-anon.org) signed by parent or legal guardian must be provided to the AMIAS prior to attending. The AMIAS must present the completed form at the registration desk and sign for Alateen materials.

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August 11-13, 2017 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

August 19, 2017 ASWC

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January 20-21, 2018 Area Assembly

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