



GEORGIA ON TRACK

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AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Area Delegate's Report

In Al-Anon There Is No Standing Still.

One Day At A Time



I just returned from the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention. The theme for this convention was “One Day At A Time” as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Al-Anon’s first daily reader “One Day At A Time”. A new 50th Anniversary edition of the ODAT was sold with a sticker stating “Al-Anon tells me to live one day at a time. This is that day.” *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon*, page 212.

I had a wonderful time meeting and sharing with people from all over the world. The workshops were incredible and I was in awe of the big speaker meetings. Saturday night a 13 year old teen stood up in front of over 4,000 people and shared from her heart. I cannot begin to imagine the courage she had at that moment. She started off saying she was asked to share at a really big meeting; that she was not told it was a GIGANTIC meeting! The beauty was in seeing her infectious smile and the response she received from the audience. She was loved and accepted just the way she was.

Saturday night also included the “Love Parade”, where members from all over the world including individual states and provinces from the U.S. and Canada marched across the stage representing their different cultures. The spirit of love and unity filled the room as each country, state, and province were greeted with cheers from the audience. We truly are a fellowship of “Many Voices, One Journey”.

Attending this event reminds me that every time I sit in a meeting, share with a newcomer, or participate in any Al-Anon event I am a part of a fellowship of equals doing my best to carry the message of hope, love, and understanding as I live *One Day at a Time*.

Love and hugs, Renelle M., Delegate

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Alternate Delegate's Report

Thank you to Districts 14 and 15 for volunteering to host registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting at our upcoming September Assembly. Thank you also to Districts 6, 11 and 12 for volunteering to host the hospitality room then. Our Saturday night speakers for September's Assembly will be Renelle M. (our Delegate) and Char F. (our Area Office Chair) who will be sharing their service stories with us. We will also have brief shares from our other officers on what were their greatest challenges and successes during this panel. If time permits, we will open the floor up for questions about officer positions since elections will be the following day, Sunday. Our trusted servant position descriptions are located in our *Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Information and Archive Booklet 2016-2018*. Please ask your District Representative if you would like to receive an electronic copy of this booklet.

Don't forget about our Forum Writing Challenge! Everyone that submits a share for *The Forum* to WSO between May and September will be recognized at September's Assembly. You will get the opportunity to come up to the microphone, introduce yourself, say, "I participated!", and get an 'I Participated' badge to wear. Just bring a copy of the email from the WSO that they received your share in order to participate. Use the updated Forum Writing Guideline (F-1) that can be found on the WSO members website under Featured Publications to help you. Anyone that gets a share published will be read out loud at Saturday night's speaker meeting in addition to being placed on the 'Let's Forum' tri-panel display out in the registration hall. By participating, hopefully we can increase awareness about *The Forum* and increase our subscriptions.

Participating in Public Outreach by sharing my experience, strength, and hope has played such an important role in my personal recovery over the years. In April, I shared my story at a treatment facility homecoming event located in southeast Georgia. Sometimes when I share my story, I feel a little disappointed that I didn't seem to connect with anyone in the audience. This happened when I shared in April. After the meeting one woman came up and told me that she had been to an Al-Anon meeting in her hometown a couple of times but didn't really feel a connection and didn't go back. She said my story inspired her to go look for another meeting and to give Al-Anon another try. I saw hope in her eyes and felt love for her in that 'very special way' we talk about in our meeting closing statement. This is the good stuff that lights me up and keeps me coming back. I remember the story of Johnny Appleseed and realize that it is only my responsibility to plant seeds, it is up to my Higher Power to determine if they grow.

Love in service,
Barbara T.; Alternate Delegate

Area Chairperson's Report

4029. That's the final number of people who attended the Sixth Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore. 4029 people who expanded their recovery by attending workshops, by hearing speakers share their stories and by sharing fellowship with kindred spirits.

Baltimore was a great place for the convention. The facility was large enough that we did not feel cramped. I think everyone enjoyed the experience. Although I had to come home and talk it out with my sponsor, the Lord used the convention in my life to give additional spiritual insight about myself. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this convention.

The Seventh Al-Anon International Convention will be held in New Mexico in 2023. Begin praying now about the opportunity to go!

Cathy O,
Area Chairman

Area Secretary's Report

Hello Georgia Al-Anon Family,

I hope you have been having a wonderful summer!

I want to share with you about my trip to the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention. It was held in Baltimore, Maryland this past week.

It was awesome! This was my first International Convention and it did not disappoint. The experience was amazing.

It was action packed with sessions starting at 9am, a pioneer luncheon on Saturday, fun and fellowship time, speakers and a love parade.

I can tell you there was no time for standing still!

If you have not experienced an International Convention, I strongly suggest you try to make the next one in Alburquerque, New Mexico 2023.

I met so many wonderful people from around the world and heard the best sharings.

What an amazing program we are so fortunate to be a part of.

When I met a new person, it was like I'd known them forever. I attended many sessions on my own and always left having made friends with the person/persons sitting near me.

The hotel I stayed in had an indoor swimming pool. I went for a swim each morning and low and behold, we held an Al-Anon meeting right there in the pool.

It was a truly amazing experience. I am going to start saving for the next one. I hope I see you there.

Love in service,
Kathy White
Area Secretary
Panel 56



GACS Chairperson's Report

Reflections from Your Georgia Al-Anon Central Services Office

Greetings from your GACS Office! As I prepared to write this article on behalf of your GACS, I reflected on the past two and a half years this Panel has served the members of GA Area 11. I asked myself, have we helped to “carry the message” via the Literature Distribution Center (LDC) aspect of our services? So I went to our Service Manual to find how it describes what an LDC is designed to do; it states:

“An LDC provides Al-Anon members with local access and quick delivery of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature, including books, pamphlets, booklets, kits, posters, and films, and other Al-Anon material” – p. 75

According to this definition, I believe your GACS Office Committee has made every attempt to meet to do this. But, our goal was to exceed this in a few ways: by improving the overall operations of the Office, by working more closely with the Area Assembly, and by being open to examining how GACS can better aligned itself with Concept One – we accomplished this by initiating a Thought force that evolved into an Area Task Force.

So, I would like to ask all members to reflect on the service they've received from your GACS Office and Committee. Let us know if you felt we met these goals or not during our term. The growth will continue into the next term, so let's hear from you!

Yours In Perpetual Service,
Char
PO Box 7644 Macon,
GA, 31209-7644



Area Treasurer's Report

Hello my Al Anon Family,

The “dog days” of summer are upon us and we are quickly approaching our last Assembly together as Panel 56. I would like for everyone to consider service over the next few months as summer continues to march on. As hard as it is to believe, we will be wrapping up in a mere 5 months. In 2 months we will have new Officers standing for positions and our term will end in December as the new Officers take over. So now is the time to think of your next service position. I know what a lot of you are saying.... I'm done, I did my part. Well that's what I thought in September 2015. And yet here I am urging you on to do more. A lot of you know that 15 minutes prior to standing for the Area's treasurers position, I had no idea I was going to do that. I believe with no question that my higher power was speaking to me. Yes, I was afraid, yes, I wondered what in the world I thought I was doing. But then I had to remember, that I had a higher power that wanted nothing but the best for me.

So think with prayerful consideration about service work in September. I have been volunteering in various positions for at least 24 years. And when I got busy, I did get better. I have experienced so much this last panel. I have learned to speak in front of large crowds, learned new skills and found some extra patience on occasion when I work in Quick Books. □

When it comes time in Assembly to stand for a Coordinators or Officers position, search your heart and let your Higher Power speak to you. Mine did and I am truly grateful I listened.



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

Want to stay in the loop with WSO? Then check out this link...The link is

[https://al-anon.org/news-from-the-wso.](https://al-anon.org/news-from-the-wso)

Once there click on the link *STAY "IN THE LOOP"*.

Coordinator Reports

AAPP Coordinator

We have a total of 51 certified AMIAS in Georgia Area 11 as of the mandatory re-certification date of June 30, 2018. Consequently all Georgia Alateen meeting information remains valid on the WSO website and phone information line. This total is 1 less than at the same time in 2017. However, three returning AMIAS were not able to get processed in time for the June 30 deadline and so are inactive until their background re-checks are completed. That should be accomplished within the next week or so.

Three prospective AMIAS have met two of the three qualifications/training requirements. They should be able to meet the last requirement within the next several weeks. Other prospective AMIAS have completed one of the three requirements and some may be processed over the next few months. My fond hope is get back to 60 or more AMIAS in Georgia by the end of the year.

Alan D., Area 11 AAPP

Alateen Coordinator

Greetings fellow Al-Anon members,

It's hard to believe my term as your Area Alateen Coordinator is almost over. I've learned and grown sooo much during these last 3 years. I've had to apply Al-Anon's tools/guiding principles much more-so than in the past, working not only with the many personalities, but also issues concerning today's teens. Our society, emotions, and outlook are ever changing. Enhance that by 1000 and you may come close to what the teens today are experiencing. They've certainly kept me on my toes! It may sound simple, but I've often had to remind myself of our singleness of purpose. Fortunately, if I would forget, my service sponsor would remind me!

As our elections near, I want to encourage every AMIAS out there to prayerfully think about giving your name to our new delegate for consideration of this position. If you have any questions as to what this position entails, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Alateen Coordinator (continued)

On to GA Alateen news:

Alateen held its Alateen Conference this last June. The power of the fellowship always shines through as we gather for this annual event. Although it's sad when teens eventually "age out" (leaving their teen years and thus no longer allowed to attend Conference), it's always exciting to see new teens attend. This year however, we put a strict, lower age limit of 12 as to who could attend. Some of the past Conferences allowed others as young as 9!

Speaking of Conventions, there will also be Alateen participation at the Atlanta Roundup Aug 2nd – Aug 5th (Westin Perimeter North) and of course our own Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Aug 10 – Aug 12 (Callaway Gardens).

As a reminder, GA Alateens will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner at our September Assembly. The cost will be the same as last year, \$15.00. All the proceeds will go to help fund the 2019 Alateen Conference. We will also have AMIAS training at the September Assembly.

Thank you again for allowing me to be of service. I want to also give special thanks to all the other AMIAS out there for their service to our teens!

Gratefully,
Lauren M

Archives Coordinator

October 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of our cofounder, Lois W.'s death. Although only available in English, the December/January 1988-89 Memorial issue of the *Inside Al-Anon* newsletter was provided to the Area Archives Coordinators on their AFG Connects community.

Of further interest are several documents from the 2nd General Service Conference of A. A., held in April 1952 which included a summary of the discussion from 2 Policy Sessions entitled "Family Groups" which was considered a provocative topic.

1. Family Groups are not a new development.
2. Family Groups seem here to stay---and are increasing rapidly. (from 50-70 1950ish) to 250, in April, 1952.
3. Family Group representatives have affirmed their distinct entity. (Groups are not seeking to use the A. A. name. ... As now set up they do not impinge on A. A. and do not seek to do so.
4. Development of Family Groups is viewed sympathetically in virtually all Areas. (Only 2 of 77 delegates brought concerns that could be considered critical of the Family Group movement).
5. Reports of Family Group Development are carried in the "Grapevine," when newsworthy. (It has been the practice of the "Grapevine" to carry non-A. A. happenings when they relate to the interest of A. A. Readers. . . . The Conference in a special resolution, affirmed its support of this traditional "Grapevine" policy.)

Archives Coordinator (continued)

6. Delegates to the 1952 Conference approve unanimously the work that Lois and Bill have done to encourage and support the sound growth of the Family Group movement. This sentiment, framed in a special resolution at the close of the final policy session, was adopted by an enthusiastic standing vote of all delegates.

With Love and Gratitude in Service
Marie N., Archivist, Panel 56

Group Records Coordinator

Hello, Area 11 Al-Anon Family Groups.

News from Area Group Records:

2018 so far is the year for change. In January our area website started to utilize WSO's new meeting finder. The interface is intuitive, shows a local map with meetings, on the left is a scrollable list of all meetings within the search radius. Clicking on a map pin displays information about that specific meeting. Best part of the new finder is faster record updates.

The new map is tied directly to WSO's meeting database. Both WSO and the AGRC update the group record database.

WSO updates their database as a result of the following list of conditions.

1. A member uses the online new registration tool.
2. A member or DR uses the line update GR1 Tool and the AGRC takes more than 14 days to update WSO's database.
3. A member or GR fills in and returns an Annual update form.
4. A member or new prospect reports no one showed up at the meeting location.
5. WSO sends an email or postal mail and the mail is returned undeliverable.

The AGRC updates WSO's database as a result of the following list.

1. A member or DR uses the online GR1 update tool.
2. A GR or DR sends a GR1 pdf to the AGRC.
3. A GR or DR fills out a paper GR1 at Assembly.

Looking ahead it appears the vision for group record updates is to automate the process. The next step is for records to be automatically updated once the electronic GR1 form is submitted. A notice would go to WSO and AGRC, the changed data is placed in "pending" status, awaiting the AGRC to review the data and make corrections if needed, then approve or reject the update.


[Attention Groups: New Registration & Update \(THE NEW GR1 FORM\)](#)

When members go to <https://www.alanon.org> the word Members, Group Resources one can find Group Records All group updates and are forwarded to the Area Group Records Coordinator and WSO. If a member Registers a new group with the online tool, the information goes directly to the WSO Group Records staff for processing. New Group Registrations are placed in pending status for a few days and an email alert is sent to the AGRC. Here is an image of the new web page. This area of WSO's webpage is no longer password protected. So literally any one can make changes to your group records.

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Group Resources

The Al-Anon/Alateen groups are the basic components of the Al-Anon structure. It is in Al-Anon/Alateen group meetings where Al-Anon ideas are discussed as members share their experience, strength, and hope with each other. The fellowship structure exists for the purpose of helping group members. "In time, we see that our own recovery actually depends on the well-being of our group and of Al-Anon as a whole. For our own sake, we must consider our common welfare." Al-Anon resources provide shared experience in applying the spiritual principles from our Traditions and Concepts of Service to group practices and timely information to help groups grow and thrive.

* How Al-Anon Works B-22

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Group Records

The Al-Anon/Alateen group is the basic unit of Al-Anon Family Groups. It is where close personal interchanges take place among members. At group meetings Al-Anon ideas are discussed and applied to specific personal problems. The entire Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship structure exists for the sole purpose of helping the groups help members.

Registration with the World Service Office ensures a connection with worldwide Al-Anon. Upon registration, the group can count on the WSO for ongoing support including monthly and quarterly postal and electronic mailings.

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Changes to an Existing Al-Anon Group

Some Areas request that all changes are submitted through the Area Process. In order to process the change in a timely manner, groups are encouraged to contact their District Representative (DR) or Area Group Records Coordinator for information about the Area Process. Changes can also be sent directly to the WSO.

Groups that are not receiving WSO or Area mailings can contact their Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO Group Records Department to verify their Current Mailing Address (CMA) postal or e-mail information is on file.

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Group Record

WSO I.D. Number

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State/Province

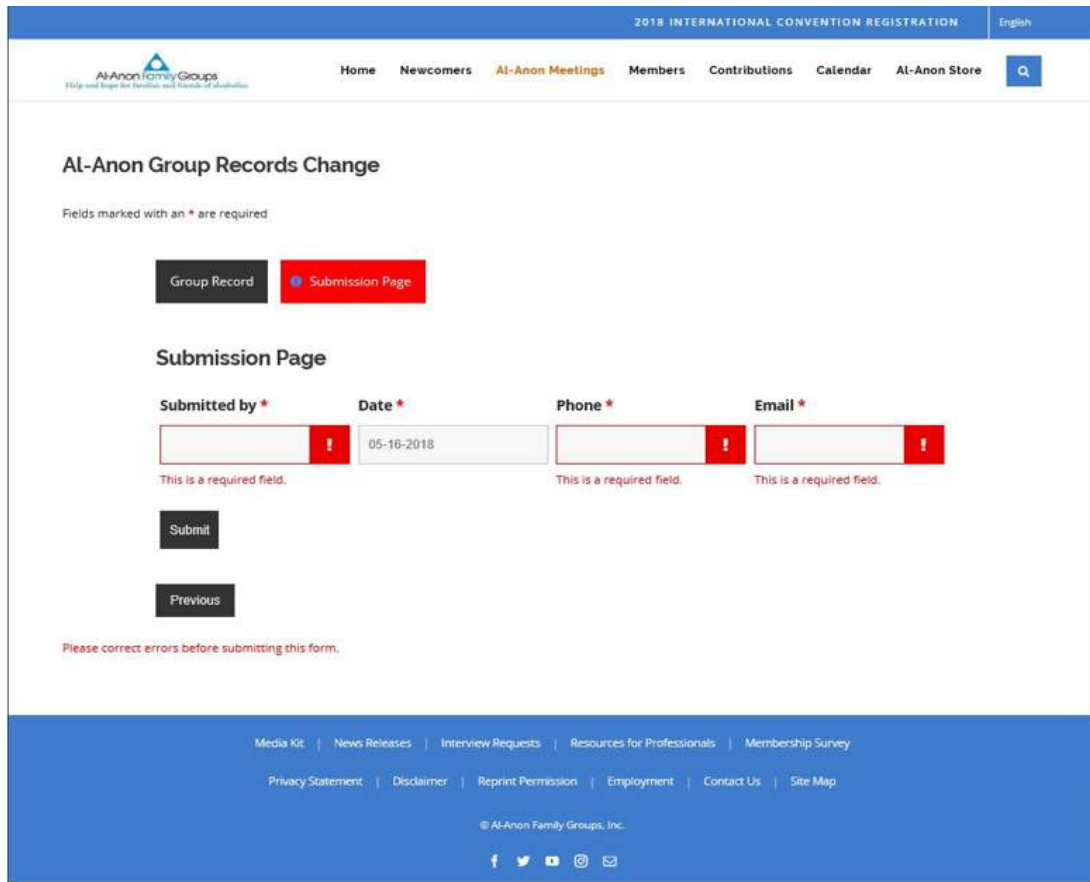
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DKs can send completed GK1 forms to: AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org



Area 11 Group Statistics:

There are 402 Al-Anon / Alateen meeting per week in the state of Georgia. 67 are Inactive, 8 are in no mail status (no CMA) 1 was reported as not meeting and 326 meetings are Active. 70 meetings have NO CMA, 134 meetings have NO GR, 268 meetings have representation at Assembly, 134 meetings have no voice.

Now for the bad news!!

Current WSO group concerns in Georgia.

Groups in no mail status: (8) Mail was returned to WSO from the Groups CMA

- District 1 – Progress not Perfection AFG in Jasper, Ga *NEW*
- District 1 - Jasper AFG in Jasper, Ga
- District 2 – Courage To Change AFG in Watkinsville, Ga.
- District 11 – Lunch Bunch AFG in Augusta, Ga.
- District 15 – First Things First AFG in Carrollton, GA.
- District 17 – Windwood Family AFG in Rome GA
- District 18 – Hope on Shiloh Road AFG in Cumming, Ga
- District 19 – Vive GFA, Norcross, Ga.

Groups with bounced e-mails: (4)

- District 6 - Nahunta AFG – Debra H
- District 16 – Help in the Pines AG – Cathy P.
- District 19 – Vive GFA and Loganville AFG

If anyone has firsthand knowledge (DR’s) about the above groups please e-mail “AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org”

Literature Coordinator's Report

The Summer is scooting by. Let's see, Wimbledon, Tour de France, World Cup, the All-Star Game, and, for a busted flush, the Georgia Al-Anon Convention at Callaway Gardens in August. Can the August AWSC and the September Assembly be far behind?

At the September Assembly, remember the requirement to come visit me in the Literature Room. Attendance will be taken. My henchmen and henchwomen will be looking for Literature Room scofflaws. So you might as well come of your own free will and bring visitors, spouses, teenagers, lost AA folks, and random hotel guests. You will buy a lot of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) if you know what's good for you. This might be one of those few times when Al-Anon (or at least me) favors promotion over attraction.

Can you believe that a lot of other Areas don't even sell literature at their Assemblies? They just do some literature displays/highlights. We think that putting CAL in people's hands is very important and we'll have all Al-Anon and Alateen literature available.

When you come to the Literature Room, you'll also have an opportunity to speak to Debi S. our Public Outreach Coordinator. She'll be there at the Public Outreach Table. There will also be an Archives Table with Group Histories and other Al-Anon memorabilia.

At our May Assembly, the Literature Room sold nearly \$2400 of CAL. That's in addition to the pre-ordered literature that was picked up and paid for at Assembly. Our Assembly sales have recently been accounting for nearly 40% of Georgia Area Central Services (GACS) literature sales. Thank you.

Looking ahead to Assembly, GACS, our Literature Distribution Center (LDC) for Assembly, asks that DRs and GRs remind their groups to submit literature pre-orders to be paid for and picked up at Assembly by the Friday before the week of Assembly. Doing so increases the likelihood that orders can be filled in time as well as more completely. It helps me insure that I have enough literature on hand so as to not run out at Assembly. It also cuts down on lines, time in lines, and frowny faces.

We will have plenty of the new 2018-2021 Service Manual (P24-27), available for only \$5. Pamphlet P-24, Groups at Work, is the first 79 or so pages of the Service Manual. These will also be available in the Literature Room. It's a fabulous resource for only \$1. My group gives one to each member.

Speaking of the Service Manual, the WSO website has the new one in searchable format with new features for navigating. It's also available in a PDF format which you can search by using Control F. The new manual eliminates the alphabetical index at the back, but has a greatly expanded table of contents at the beginning, although finding relevant pages may take some getting used to.

"Understanding and Hope for Parents and Grandparents (Pamphlet P-94) was released at World Service Conference in April. It is available for \$.75.

Our newest book, "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships", B-33, was released at the just concluded Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore in early July. It is a 144 page book that is available for \$11.

The 50th Anniversary One Day at a Time (ODAT) daily reader, B-6-50, was also released at the International Convention. It is available for \$15, but supplies are limited.



The deadline for ordering the first printing of 2019 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) has already passed. However, orders submitted going forward will be for the second printing, usually shipped in April. There are significant volume discounts available. Some districts purchase copies for their groups, others consolidate group orders to gain the volume discounts. Check with your District Representative. More info on pricing and availability can be found on the WSO website. AFAs are a great public outreach tool.

The WSO has approved a new bookmark in concept. It will be entitled “Just For Tonight” and will be similar to our long time Just for Today bookmark.

New 2019 Literature Catalogs (S-15) and CAL Order Form (S-16) will be released later this Summer.

Still nearly new is the “Paths to Recovery Workbook” (P-93) for only \$10. It’s a great companion to working through the “Paths to Recovery” book (B-24, \$19).

Buy the two together for \$25, saving \$4.

Remember, all the Al-Anon Guidelines, covering a wide range of topics, are available for free download on the WSO Website.

WSO has informed the fellowship that the hardcover book, “How Al-Anon Works” (B-22, \$15) will be discontinued after current supplies are exhausted. This decision will be revisited in three years. The soft cover “How Al-Anon Works” (B-32, \$6) will become the only version available.

My three year term as Literature Coordinator will end after the September Assembly. If you have any questions or even a glimmer of interest in exploring the wacky (and fun) world of the Literature Coordinator for the next term, come and visit me in the Literature Room or send me an email at philand123@comcast.net. It might be that some big bad Sponsor or an inner voice is telling you to step up in service. You probably ought to listen.

Remember, at Assembly, you are required to walk up to at least 5 total strangers and introduce yourself. That’s somewhere in the Service Manual, but since they got rid of the index, I’m having a little trouble finding it.

See you again or for the first time at Convention, AWSC, and especially at Assembly. Let’s have some Alateen spaghetti.

Philip A.
Literature Coordinator, Panel 56

Newsletter Coordinator

Greetings Al-Anon Family,

I am grateful for the articles, flyers and service sharings received for this July edition of Georgia On Track. The newsletter is a great place to find out about anniversary celebrations, workshops, new meetings, ideas for public outreach, information about CAL or the Area Website and to learn about what is happening with Alateen, the Area Office and WSO.

I particularly want to encourage District Representatives to consider sending in sharings about what is happening in your district. Your grass roots news can inspire other districts and groups to grow Al-Anon and as a result help with the recovery of many of its members.

If you are wondering what to share, consider sending in flyers for new meetings or workshops. Tell about your district's public outreach experiences. Share about exciting group meetings, such as group inventories, speaker meetings or changes in meeting formats. Mention how your district is supporting Alateen or cooperating with AA. Share how your district is supporting groups that don't have active GRs.

In conclusion, we come to Al-Anon so we do not have to face this family disease alone. The newsletter is a tool for broadening and deepening our connection to members of our fellowship across the state.

In grateful service,

Anne M. Newsletter Coordinator

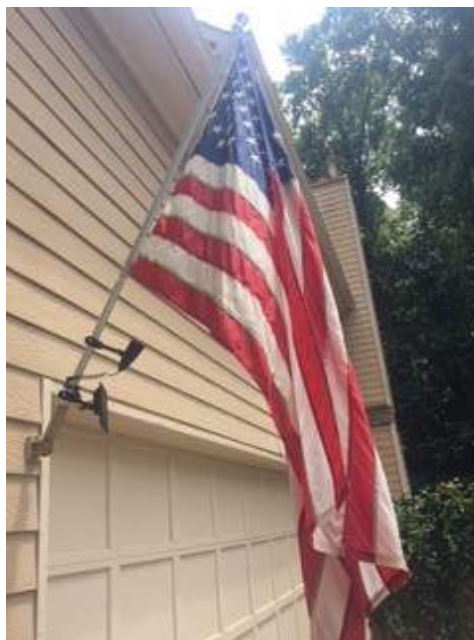
Public Outreach Coordinator

Happy Summer! Lots of wonderful Outreach going on all over Area 11. I'm hoping members, groups, and Districts will share in this issue some of their activities. In case they don't, here is a sampling of activities in the last few months:

- District 6 - Georgia Addiction Counselors Assn. counselor training outreach table staffing
- District 13 - Skyland Trail Arts in the Garden community outreach table staffing
- District 21 - Alcohol & Drug Certification Board counselor training table staffing
- Thursday's Hope AFG in Johns Creek-N. Fulton County Community Health Forum table staffing
- Barbara T. and Kathy R. – Willingway Family Reunion outreach and table staffing

There are many other events/activities that have taken place and some scheduled through the rest of the year, including: Summer Institute on Addiction, The Georgia School of Addiction, Gainesville Opioid Summit, and GACA Fall training. The list keeps growing!

Be on the lookout in your community for events related to National Recovery Month. You can check the "official" calendar of events at www.recoverymonth.gov These events are great opportunities to cooperate with other recovery groups, organizations, etc. to bring our message of hope and help. The calendar is updated periodically so check it from time to time.



Public Outreach Coordinator (continued)

Please consider standing for a group or District Public Outreach Coordinator position as the opportunity arises or if there is not currently one. In district news you can read a share from Carol L. from District 9 about her Experience, Strength & Hope about stepping up and out to organize activities by Thursday's Hope AFG. If you are not sure how to begin or want suggestions for activities, please contact me at public-information@ga-al-anon.org

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

Web Coordinator

Greetings from your Web Coordinator!! I am still floating from the awesome week I had in Baltimore at our amazing Al-Anon International Convention. If you have never been, I challenge you to go. They happen every 5 years and our next international convention will be in Albuquerque in 2023. I will be glad to talk with you about the experience, just ask me!!! Georgia was well represented and we had an awesome time representing Georgia in the Language of Love parade on Friday evening. Thanks so much to Linda G. for getting us "organized."

As Web Coordinator, I was listening to ideas that affected technology and our website. Our new Executive Director said that she has a technology background and said one of her first questions in moving forward will be, "How can we use technology to help us." The WSO website has been updated recently, so please take time to check it out when you can.



Closer to home, I have recently returned as your Web Coordinator. The Technology Work Group has been busy while I was away. We are working on making some changes to our Area website. As these ideas take form, you will be made aware of the changes. Please remember to submit fliers for your group and district sponsored events to be included on the website.

As we move toward the election Assembly, I hope you will all consider submitting your name for consideration as Web Coordinator. It is an exciting time as we move to make changes to the Area Website. I want to thank Renelle for the opportunity to serve this term. It has been an awesome growth opportunity. Thanks to the technology Work group: Patrick, Barbara, Vicki and Phillip. The work you guys do for the fellowship is amazing!!!! See you all in August and September!!

Love in service, Alecia C.

Convention Chairs and Liaisons Reports

MAIS Liaison

At the May Assembly, Julia again invited attendees to join her and Keith to sit around a table in the Dining Room at the Marriott for the second MAIS Dinner at Assembly. We discussed the budget, the Appeal for donations, and other MAIS news. Nine persons were in attendance. We will not have a MAIS Dinner at September Assembly because of the Al-Ateen Spaghetti Dinner.

The MAIS Board approved an additional line item on Treasurer's report to track the Appeal Letter donations.

The inventory of literature at the MAIS office was recently taken. The value was reported to be \$4000.00.

Keith reported that our Webmaster is currently working on the Online Store with the ability to take credit and Debit cards

The MAIS Anniversary Dinner plans are coming along. The Dinner will be Saturday December 1 at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, 3110 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30319. For 50 years, MAIS has been carrying the 12th Step message to the Atlanta community. Vicki L. has been hard at work interviewing former MAIS volunteers to collect their reminiscences about the "old days" of Al-Anon in Atlanta. Don't miss it!!!

Nancy has completed indexing the Archives housed in the MAIS office. Over 4000 documents have been catalogued and a powerpoint presentation is being prepared for the Anniversary Dinner.

Taking a cue from Area, discussion on the MAIS legal set up is underway with investigations into the MAIS Charter, By-Laws, and other legal systems and insurance needs.

Julia K.
MAIS Liaison to the Area

AA Pre-Paid Convention Liaison

We now have 42 AL-Anon Members registered for the 2018 AA Prepaid Convention in Athens, GA. Let's get those numbers up! It is FREE to register! Our Speaker has her flight booked and is ready to come. Our committee would like for her to do a workshop around the topic of "Courage," but we still need to confirm this with Lori herself. In addition to the 5 AA Speakers, our Al-Anon Speaker (Lori G.), there will be activities of Yoga, Fun Run, Gold Tournament, Poker Run, Open Mic, and GA-FL Game Viewing Party. We have added a tour of the UGA Sanford Stadium, Georgia Museum of Art and a tour of the Botanical Gardens. All of the Al-Anon related events (Speaker, workshop, and open meeting) will take place on Saturday October 27, 2018. I am super excited about the Halloween Costume Party scheduled for Saturday night! Please come join us in Athens to celebrate recovery together. You can register at www.aageorgia.org/georgia-prepaid-convention.html



Area Al-Anon and Alateen Convention

The convention will be here soon. It is August 10-12 at the Callaway Gardens Mountain Creek Inn. The theme is: Courage To Change!

People can still register (or walk-in register on that weekend), we are having an exciting vintage Al-Anon literature raffle, we are requesting raffle and boutique sale item donations, we are requesting home-baked goodies for the hospitality room, and we also need volunteers for the hospitality, boutique, and literature rooms. We will also be having an open mike on Saturday night and hope folks will share their talents with their fellow Al-Anons!

If you can help out, please email: afgofga2018convention@gmail.com.

Area Alateen Conference Chair

Our Alateen Conference was well attended this year. We had 42 teens and 20 AMIAS's. We have never had this many adults experience the Alateen Conference before and I really don't know who had the most fun, them, or the teens.

One of our planned activities, canoeing, had to be cancelled due to bad stormy weather. We all were looking forward to this activity.

Susie W. our 2019 Conference Chair received her first "turn over" item on Sunday before the close of the conference, the Alateen Walkies. Anne C sang the Hallelujah Chorus!

Susie has done a great job so far with her planning and getting her committee together for next year's event. I believe we will have our official "turn over" meeting on Saturday, July 28th.

We had several Alateens that have now aged out and they were recognized and given the book, *How Al-Anon Works*, since they are Al-Anon's future. These young people have been instrumental in Alateen service and to the conferences in the past: Zack, Lexie, Michaela, Georgia, Jackson, and Claire.

It has been my honor to serve the Alateens as their 2018 Conference Chair. Mistakes were made and we have learned through these mistakes, of areas we need to look at and address for future conferences.

All the new AMIAS's that attended now know that in Alateen service, there is "no standing still!"

Love in Alateen Service, Anne C.

Service Corner

Reflections from a Past Delegate

It is MIGHTY hard to believe that our Assembly in September will be the last one for this MIGHTY FINE panel of trusted servants. We have accomplished great things together and we have a lot to be proud of. And - we have another opportunity before us all that I would like to encourage you to be thinking about and discussing with your sponsor, service sponsor, sponsees, and fellow members, and that is ... drum roll, please ... elections. If I may have a moment of your time, I'd like to share with you a little bit about my own journey into service as an Area officer. It began when I stood for Area Secretary. I was willing because I had secretarial skills that would allow me to easily succeed in that role. That responsibility was well within my comfort zone and that was the only position I considered standing for. Three years later I heard these words from our delegate at the time:

Service is about being willing, and if we trust the process of the group conscience, we can have less fear about being willing to stand to be considered for a position, understanding that the decision will be guided by our Higher Power. It isn't a popularity contest. If members aren't willing to stand, it doesn't give our Higher Power an opportunity to work through the group conscience. A choice of one isn't really a choice. It is when we have more than one candidate that the process has an opportunity to work.

The night before elections in September 2009 I became willing to stand for all of the Area officer positions and put my name in for all of the coordinator positions - even the dreaded webmaster (YIKES!). I was quaking in my boots when I stood, and even more so when I was elected your delegate. More members were willing to stand for positions at that election Assembly than I had seen before, and it was undoubtedly the most spiritual election I have ever experienced.

This is an exciting time for our Area as we begin the restructuring process. Consider how you can make a contribution to this new path our Area is forging. Read your Service Manual and Area job descriptions to help you make an informed decision. If you haven't already done so, please read Bill W.'s leadership essay on pages 196-198 of the *Service Manual*. If you've read his essay before, I encourage you to read it again. Find inspiration in those pages to find a way to be of service, "a vital purpose of Al-Anon" (SM p. 17).

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the GRs, DRs, coordinators, Area officers, AMIAS, Alateens, and active past Area trusted servants who have so generously given of their time and talent in one form or another to our Area over the past three years. Our Area is what it is today because you took the Concepts of Service to heart.

Vicki L.
Panel 50 Delegate
Grateful member of our worldwide fellowship

District Reports

District One

Our district had its annual picnic on June 18, 2018, in Ellijay. It has become an event to look forward to every year. We had some wonderful speakers from Tennessee and Dalton, GA. What was so special was that many of the incoming GRs, as well as the new DR were present. Our picnic drew quite a crowd.

District Two

It is a hot slow summer here in District 2. Our meetings have remained intact and many are increasing in size. We had a couple people from District 2 attend the International Convention in Baltimore and they have come back invigorated to implement the new pieces of recovery learned there.



We are actively getting ready for the AA Pre-Paid Convention, with Al-Anon participation, in October. We will be having an Al-Anon speaker, workshop, and meeting. Please come join us!

Also, there is an AA/Al-Anon Clubhouse in the works here in Athens!

We have much energy around starting a new Alateen meeting in the Athens area. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Susie W., District 2

Distirct Four

Happy summer Area 11! One of the things that has been on my heart lately is the decline of members participating in service, from the group level, district level and all the way through to the Area level. I just keep thinking that if members stop serving outside of the group level, it really impacts Al-Anon as a whole. How will the voices of the groups be heard? How can we have unity in the message we are carrying to those who have been affected by someone else's drinking? I keep thinking about my early days in Al-Anon when I was told to pray for the willingness to be willing. That has become my prayer for all of the members in Al-Anon, the willingness to be willing to serve. I would like to encourage anyone reading this article to join me in praying this prayer.

We are working hard in District 4 to get full participation at our District Meeting and Area Assembly. Our District will be holding elections in September, so we are planning some special things to increase the attendance. We are planning to have a skit, host a raffle, and offer a prize to the group with the most members in attendance. We are excited to continue to encourage growth in the District into the next term!

Gratitude in service,
Jenny B. District 4 Representative



District Six

In the summer of 2017, group representatives in District 6 met to renew their commitment to Al-Anon recovery in south Georgia. Over the past year, the district has made a start toward its goal, sponsoring a March Al-Anon Day, participating in the Georgia Addiction Counselors Training weekend at Epworth by the Sea in April, and holding regular district meetings to foster communication and growth.

District 6 has been represented at both area assemblies and AWSC, and will assist with hospitality at the September 2018 assembly in Macon. Because the district covers a large geographical area and most groups are widely separated from each other, it is often a challenge to promote fellowship and participation in wider activities. Accepting the challenges, District 6 hopes to continue its progress and strengthen its ties to the greater Al-Anon community.

Thea Jarvis
District 6 Representative

District Nine

Our Al-Anon group just recently started up an Outreach Coordinator position. This is a new one for all of us, so I went on Al-Anon's Website to find out what is involved in getting things started. They had a lot of information, which I copied to share with my group. We had a group conscious meeting and came together with all the different ideas and put them on paper to lay the ground work in moving forward. I was elected as the Outreach Coordinator for our group. And so the work began..... A blank piece of paper was passed around in the next meeting for those who wanted to serve with outreach. (Everything is always better with Al-Pals) Other people signed up; they were willing to help, should the need arise. So we were off to a good start. What to do next, so many directions, where do we go, yea I know Pray..... And so the adventure began. Our first Outreach came in the form of setting up a table at an Opioid Forum at a local high school. Two ladies from our meeting joined me in our first adventure. Our state Outreach Rep. loaned us the things we would need to set up a table and gave us some literature to hand out. There were other Organizations, Therapists, Counselors, and Doctors there to network and to serve our community. We all talked, handed cards and enjoyed the panel of experts that

District Nine (continued)

exchanged cards and enjoyed the panel of experts that spoke on The Opioid Epidemic. We had a good time, gave out some literature, and talked to all who were interested. It feels good to be able to share with others. Al-Anon has done so much for me in my own recovery of living with the Disease of Alcohol and Drugs. I never knew just how much I was affected by someone else's drinking and drugging. So thankful for the opportunity to share the program with others who may be suffering and need to have a place to come where there are no dues or fees, where they understand you but don't tell you what you should or shouldn't do, they just love and support you in your journey with your Higher Power. As we learn to trust and rely on him, instead of our own understanding, we begin to experience his peace in our lives. We then know that he is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Something as powerful as this is something worth sharing.

Carol L

District Ten

District 10 has been very busy, we are definitely not standing still! We have been working on putting a district wide Public Outreach Group together. We are already starting to see some fruits from our labor. We have been invited to have a table at two different events. Next Saturday, July 21, we will be at the "Community One Day" event from 12pm - 3 pm at 1400 Parker Road in Conyers. Also on the following Saturday, July 28th, we will be at the "Back to School Supplies Giveaway" event from 12pm - 5pm at Newton High School. If you are able to please come out and join us; there will be lots of fun things going on at both events. We are especially hoping to have some male Al-Anon members as well as Alateens attend, especially at the Back to School event. We unfortunately don't have any Alateen meetings in our district but we do have one Alateen member in our district and he is really enjoying it!

Also unfortunately we have had two groups close over the last several months. One was our newest meeting that was in Decatur on Wednesday evenings and the other was our Adult Children Meeting also on Wednesday evenings but in Conyers. This meeting has been a part of Al-Anon for many years. We did make something good come out of all of that though, all

District Ten (continued)

of the left over literature from the Adult Children's meeting was donated to our new Public Outreach Group.

We are also very busy getting the 2018 Al-Anon and Alateen Convention together. We are planning an awesome event and hope you will come join us! We are still in great need of people to register so we have more funds but also so we can better know how many to plan for. If you are not able to make it, please consider giving a donation to help out. We are also in great need for people to bring individually wrapped goods for the Hospitality Room, items for the Boutique and baskets for the raffle. All of these things help to raise funds to cover the cost of our convention and make for some extra perks for those at the convention. We are really striving to have these areas as well as the Literature Room open for before the convention starts during all breaks as well as some at night after all of the events, however, in order for us to do that we need volunteers to help work at these locations. If you can help with any of these items or with your time, please contact us at afgofga2018convention@gmail.com..

Thank you, Donna M.

District 15

District 15 sent love gifts to our delegate, Renelle, this year. We put together small burlap bags with butterflies painted on them and place Georgia peanuts inside. Our tag said, "Georgia is NUTS for Al-Anon." This was a fun project for all of us. We are working on an October workshop and will have more details later.

District Eighteen

Saturday, May 5th, District 18 gathered in the beautiful North Georgia mountains for our Mt. Miracles celebration. We were engaged in 2 powerful workshops:

FUN: Fellowship Unity New Beginnings – *Come and join us in some FUN!* Presented by Angela I. and Vicki B.

POP: Public Outreach Possibilities – *We've got something you want!* Presented by LouAnn A. and Debi S.

District Eighteen (continued)

Judy N was our speaker and we were blessed by her message. Our day concluded with a gift basket raffle. Each group created an amazing themed gift basket that was raffled off at the close of our time together. We enjoyed a special time of Al-Anon growth and fellowship and look forward to next year's event. It will be Saturday, April 27, 2019.

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Here are some quotes from workshop attendees:

"Great workshops! Lots of fun and enjoyed making things."

"Always enjoy the speaker and hearing their story!"

"Love it, great day of fellowships and like the baskets"

"Excellent workshops!"

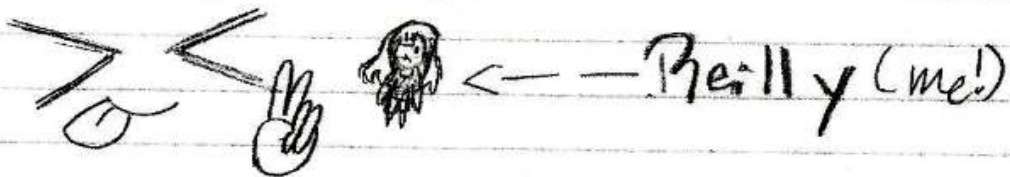
"Workshops are fun and informative and I made new friends."

District Eighteen Alateens

First Steps Alateen on Shiloh Road was well represented at the Alateen Conference! We had four teens and two AMIAS attending from start to finish. Three of the teens and one of the AMIAS attended for the first time and are all looking forward to going again next year. It was an amazing time full of growing our programs through workshops, meetings, fellowship, sharing, and new friendships. Here are what three of the teens had to say about the conference.

District Eighteen Alateens (continued)

To me, the alateen conference was, fun, exciting, intriguing, and all in all, great. I made countless friends, and memories. The food was pretty good and I like how open people were, how inviting people were. Everyone accepted each other for who they were. Each and every person was unique, in their own way. and no one judged each other by their outside appearances. Only for who they were on the inside.



The Alateen Conference was an amazing experience for me. I loved it so much. I had so much fun. I met so many amazing people. I can't wait to see if I can go next year.

Sincerely,

Megan P

District Eighteen Alateens (continued)

My experience of going to the Alateen Conference. I have now a lot of people got picked to tell their story. I know when I told my story to my school it helped me relax because no one judged or told anyone. I also like how all it was about connecting. It wasn't bad I just didn't like the games on the fields.

Tara P.

District Twenty

District 20 is alive and well in Southwest Georgia. We had an awesome district meeting before our last Assembly. Our district generally rotates between three centrally located group meeting locations two weeks before Assembly. At our meeting, each person brings some type refreshment to share and we all gather about 30 minutes early to fellowship before the meeting. During our group sharing times, GRs shared their concern about a growing number of newcomers attending meetings and how we can encourage them to get a sponsor and begin to work the steps. GRs expressed concern that some newcomers come but do not get serious about working the steps. Experience was shared that newcomers who get in the middle of the program are more likely to stay and recover. One member shared that when there are a lot of newcomers, her group focuses beginner meetings on anonymity so that members understand that our meetings are safe and trust because many of us do not trust others when we get here. Our groups have a lot of newcomers right now and several groups have members that came into Al-Anon in other states and are coming back in after an unsuccessful time away from the program. The GRs from District 20 have close relationships and many members go to multiple meetings within the district. On a personal note, I have just left Baltimore following our awesome International Convention. Georgia was well represented and a great time was had by all.

District Twenty (continued)

Recordings are available of 79 of the meetings and workshops on the WSO website and I believe they will be available through the end of August. I challenge everyone who reads this to make plans now to attend the next International convention in Albuquerque in 2023. You won't regret it!!

Love in Service, Alecia

District Twenty-One

We are enjoying our summer and spreading the message. Several members from District 21 groups staffed the Al-Anon table at the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia (ADACBGA) annual conference.

Our groups are scheduling group election of officers for the next panel, encouraging rotation of service.

11 of our members attended the Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore and 3 of us were fortunate to be able to participate in the Language of Love Parade. A great time was had by all. We are already planning our trip to Albuquerque.

Lucille

Dates to Remember

August 10-12, 2018	Georgia Al-Anon Convention, Callaway Gardens
August 18, 2018	AWSC, Macon, GA
September 15-16, 2018	Area Assembly, Macon, GA
October 26-28, 2018	Georgia AA Prepaid Convention Athens, GA
November 17, 2018	AWSC, Macon, GA for new PANEL!
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Regular Registration through July 31st - \$35

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7:00 Alateen Speaker &
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