



# GEORGIA ON TRACK

April 2011

## AREA OFFICER REPORTS

### Delegate's Report

Hello, everyone!

I will have the privilege of attending my second World Service Conference (WSC) in Virginia Beach, VA, the week of April 11th. I learned so much at the 2010 Conference and this year's promises to be another full, productive, remarkable, growth-filled week. I would welcome your prayers most especially every day that week. The Conference will conclude on April 16th with a very special 60th Anniversary celebration of Al-Anon with an open house followed by a banquet (see the WSO website for more details: [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members)). If you haven't already registered for the banquet, the deadline was 3/31, but the open house is free if you would like to join your extended Al-Anon family for this very special event.

If you've never browsed the WSO websites or if you haven't done so lately, I would encourage you to check them out. Some very informative podcasts can now be heard on both the members only and public sites; the focus on the members' site is to "provide support to groups and their Group Representative and to help groups grow by discovering how other groups increase their membership, conduct group business, and solve their common problems." The podcasts on the public site ([www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)) provide another opportunity to learn more about such topics as experiencing danger, dealing with relapse, being a parent of problem drinkers, and anonymity, among others.

Our WSO is eager for your participation in two surveys that are posted on the members' website: 1) The "Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory" helps the WSO find skilled and experienced volunteers for specific short term projects, task forces or thought forces as they are needed to assist with the Board's strategic vision: "All people who are affected by someone else's drinking will find help and recovery in every community." Members will be asked annually to update their inventory and contact information. 2) The Universal Understanding of Recovery Theme Work Group would like your feedback regarding a definition of family recovery. *The deadline to participate is 4/30/11.*

*August 15 is the deadline for the WSO to receive potential candidates' resumes for Trustee at Large. Please prayerfully consider this very important service to our worldwide fellowship. Up to 3 nominees will be selected by the Board in January.*

Twenty-nine current and past Delegates from 11 southeastern states and Puerto Rico attended the SE Regional Delegates Get-Together in Raleigh, NC in February. This very informative weekend serves as a forum

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for the spectrum of Delegates - from the newly elected to those with more than 40 years of ESH - to learn from one another, and the current delegates become better prepared to attend the upcoming WSC.

I had the pleasure of co-hosting with Lee, the Board Chair for the Metropolitan Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service (MAIS), a meeting for six Spanish-speaking members at the MAIS office in February. The purpose of the meeting was to: become better acquainted with some of the service-oriented Spanish-speaking members; inform them about and encourage them to attend district, MAIS and Area meetings; as well as advise them about the resources available at the MAIS office and on the MAIS, Area and WSO websites.

The Policy Committee is putting the finishing touches on a Policy and Procedure Manual for the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and we anticipate submitting it to AWSC members for review in advance of the AWSC meeting scheduled for April 30.

The 2013 Al-Anon International Convention will be in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the weekend of July 5-7. It will be a miraculous weekend of recovery with the members of our worldwide fellowship. It's never too early to start planning!

Finally, quarterly letters from the Chair of the Board of Trustees are available on the WSO members' website. They are a wealth of information about what WSO is accomplishing on our behalf and I would encourage you to read them. I would like to close with a quote from Mary Ann R., our outgoing Chair of the Board of Trustees: "Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve. With the help of a Power greater than ourselves, may we continue our spiritual journey to find the answers we are seeking."

In gratitude,

Vicki L.  
Panel 50

### **Alternate Delegate's Report**

Greetings to All of My Fellow Al-Anon Members!

As I read the spring *Area Highlights* publication, I was challenged to encourage you to help our fellowship with *The Forum* subscriptions. In the article, it stated, "In 2009, the subscriptions to *The Forum* declined, but when we put the word out there, the fellowship rallied and we enjoyed a 26% increase in readership over the next year." The article continued to tell us that this year, "the subscriptions are beginning to decline once again at the rate of 150-200 each month."

As shared by Julie Miller, Communications Manager at WSO:

"Everyone's recovery is stronger when we reach out to a wider circle of support and participate in Al-Anon beyond the group level. *The Forum* can keep our group meetings fresh with stories and discussion topics shared by Al-Anon members from across the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and around the world.

Our challenge is to help members understand how *The Forum* can be relevant to their recovery. In order to do that, we have to first make *The Forum* more visible to the fellowship as a whole.

Our first job is to make sure that every group in your Area takes advantage of the complimentary copy of *The Forum* that they receive from the World Service Office each month. It's new AI-Anon content that adds to the wisdom found in our daily readers, other books, and pamphlets. Many groups are not making use of their free copy; other groups never even see it.

Our second job is to encourage more members to make *The Forum* a part of their personal AI-Anon program—by reading the magazine and by writing for it. When more members read *The Forum*, we help each other to discover that special statement that is “It’s just what I needed.” When more members write sharings for *The Forum*, we discover new ways to apply the AI-Anon principles to today’s challenges.”

Georgia, AI-Anon: I encourage you to share articles to The Forum, and I encourage you to share *The Forum* with the groups where you attend.

In Service,

Cathy O,  
Area Alternate Delegate

### **Chairperson’s Report**

We have a full and exciting schedule for the May Area Assembly! Our Area Assembly inventory will be reviewed Saturday night in lieu of our regular speaker meeting. Joyce R., a past Delegate from Tennessee, will be our guest and help us walk through our inventory results. She will also be conducting the Service Workshop Saturday afternoon. Please extend a warm and grateful welcome to her! Note that there are some time changes on the schedule to accommodate an earlier start to our Saturday evening meeting. The weekend schedule is posted on our Area web site, included in this newsletter, and copies will be available at Assembly. Special thanks are due Cathy O. for the diligent work she has performed to organize and prepare us for our Assembly inventory!

I want to encourage each of us to start thinking about our elections in September, 2012. Yes, after this Assembly we will be more than halfway through our term. No, it is not too early to begin prayerful and careful consideration of where our Higher Power may be leading us in Service. If there is any encouragement I may offer or questions I might answer, please call or e-mail.

As you plan to attend May Area Assembly (May 21-22, 2011) at the [Central Georgia Convention Center](#) (CGCC), please make your room reservations at the Ramada Inn ONLY. Room reservations may be made by calling (478) 994-5691. Please let them know you are with the AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia for our preferred group room rates. Rates are \$65 for a double and \$70 for a king (rates do not include taxes).

With a tremendous amount of gratitude for what will be revealed to us through our Assembly inventory and the better place to which it will lead us as an Assembly...

Jeff G.  
Area Chairperson

## Treasurer's Report

Hello Everyone.

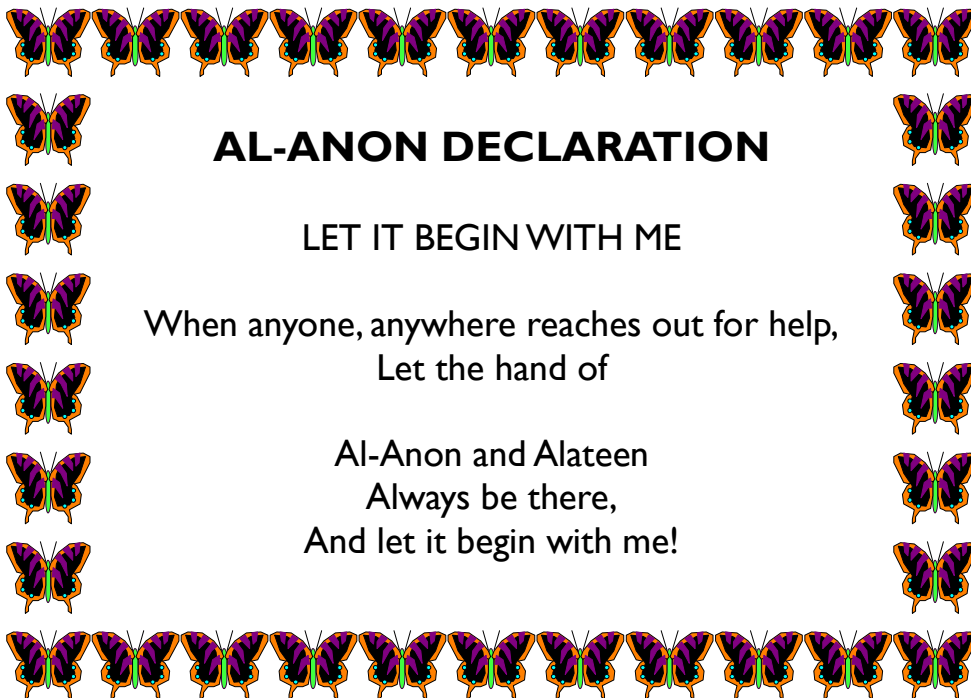
It looks like spring has sprung! What a wonderful season full of new growth and beauty. Spring reminds me of my individual growth and our growth as an Area. We have all grown this year in experience and knowledge of our service positions. The beauty is that we still have lots of opportunities to continue to grow and discover new hidden talents.

It is time as Treasurer I reach out to the groups for the Yearly Area Appeal. This is a special appeal asking groups to pass an extra basket at two or three meetings for Area Contribution. This is separate from the contributions the groups give throughout the year.

In researching tradition 7 *“Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”*, I found the following in our literature Paths to Recovery and thought it worth sharing.

*As Lois W., our cofounder, said, “Purse strings can become ropes that can choke us.” It is human nature that a person who gives someone money may have expectations about how it is spent. In Tradition Seven we learn that nothing in life is free. There are no free rides. When we are not self-supporting, we can easily become victims to those who would control us. Once again it is not my job to work on them - I work on me. I must be able to stand on my own two feet and be self-supporting if I am to be independent.*

It is because of your individual and group contributions that we as an Area are able to stand on our own and Al-Anon is able to remain Al-Anon, governed by our members/groups rather than



outside entities.

Please search your hearts and make a special one-time contribution to help AI-Anon continue to spread the message of hope to families who still suffer.

Contributions may be mailed to  
AFG of Ga. Inc.  
% Renelle M.  
68 Timberlake Cove  
Cartersville, Ga. 30121

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Renelle M.  
Area Treasurer

### **Area Secretary's Report**

Greetings Area I I!

Nothing to report really but just couldn't be left out!:-) All kidding aside, I continue to remind you all that the Area Assembly Minutes that were formerly published in the newsletter are now distributed electronically to AWSC members for D.R.'s to pass on to G.R.'s. Based on some of the inquiries I believe we still may not be totally used to this change. If you are a G.R. and have not received the January Assembly Meeting Minutes, contact your D.R or feel free to e-mail me for a copy. I am continuing to learn to embrace change in my life and pray health and happiness for you all. Looking forward to seeing you at May Assembly and participating in our Area I I Assembly Inventory!

In gratitude,

Linda G.  
Area Secretary

### **Area Office Chair Report**

Greetings from your Central Services Office (Area Office)!

Your Area Office Executive Committee continues to work at delivering the level of service to our Area outlined in our Mission Statement:

To Provide increased service to GA. Area I I as well as assistance, information and support to the professional community and any individual whose life is affected by the disease of alcoholism.

In order to achieve these goals, we need your help. You can help in 3 ways:

1. Give us feedback! Please complete a satisfaction survey either online or when you return your order payments.
2. Volunteer to serve at the Area Office. You can do this by contacting Angela our Volunteer Coordinator at: [angela-mcgregor@msn.com](mailto:angela-mcgregor@msn.com)

3. We welcome your literature orders! Your group and individual orders supports our Area!

We sincerely thank you for all of your support and believe that as we work together for our "common welfare" we will meet our goals!

Yours In Service,  
Char F.  
Area Office Chair - 2009 - 2012

## **Area Coordinator Reports**

### **AAPP's Report**

I am happy to say that a continuing flow of paperwork for new AMIAS continues to come in. I am so pleased with the number of AI-Anons who are willing to give of their time and talents to help young AI-Anons through Alateen.

Each year all AMIAS (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) must be re-certified. This process is similar to the initial certification process. If you were certified prior to September, 2010 you will be receiving a letter from me including an AMIAS form and a consent form from BOSMA Investigative Services. I will also be including return labels for both forms. The AMIAS form should be completed, signed, dated and returned to me for my signature as the authorized signature. There has been some confusion about this. If you return your form with another signature, I will white it out and add mine. It is my responsibility to sign off on these forms before they go to WSO. Obviously, no finger-printing is required for re-certification, since fingerprints don't change. There is no fee to you for this procedure.

The deadline for returning these forms to me is May 31, 2011 and this is very important. Bosma needs time to run the background checks and notify me of the results. WSO is being very firm about the return deadline. Please complete your forms as soon as possible and return them to me. If you do not receive a letter from me please contact me via email. My email address is: moni-jean0813@yahoo.com. Along these lines, any change of address during the year should be sent to me. I have no way of contacting you if I have an old address. If you miss the deadline, you will no longer be able to work with our Alateens.

If you think you are no longer interested or are too busy to consider re-certification, I would ask you to think it through. Just because you are certified does not mean that you are required to do service. It means you are willing and available. Anyone who does not stay continually certified must start the process over, except for fingerprinting. This costs the Area an extra fee.

Thanks again to all of you helping out Alateen. This is a wonderful service to offer our program and it is so rewarding.

Moni S. AAPP

## **Alateen Report**

Hello Georgia A.F.G.,

Great news! There is a new Alateen meeting in Winder! Teenagers in District 2 can now have a place they can go for recovery. That is one gap closed but we still have many to fill. As an Al-Anon member that started in Alateen, I know how important it is to have somewhere to go for help as a teenager. Alateen saved my life and certainly spared me many years of misery. We have fortunate to have a number of AMIAS in our area. I believe that together we can grow Alateen.

One idea that has been implemented in a number of districts is to appoint District Alateen Coordinators. These positions can aid in the next goal I would like to set forth – having every District start one new Alateen meeting by December 2012. We are so fortunate in that we have multiple Al-Anon meetings every day of the week at different times of the day. Closing the geographical gaps would bring us far in providing a recovery opportunity for all teenagers in our area affected by this disease. Please speak with your group representative if you are interested in pursuing either the District Alateen Coordinator or if you would like to support your district in opening a new Alateen meeting. Let's work together to make sure all teenagers have Alateen!

A word to Alateen Group Sponsors (AMIAS) – The GA Alateen Conference needs your support! They need your kids! Al-Anon has been extremely supportive in fundraising efforts which has allowed the conference site and offerings to improve dramatically. It cannot continue, however, without teens that are willing to attend it. I've been bringing teens to the conference for the last 5 years and the only expense to the teens has been the \$15 registration fee. Local fundraisers have covered the rest of the cost. My teens have continually expressed how special the conference is to them. Please login to the GA Al-Anon & Alateen website and go to the Events link to find the registration form for the conference. Let's make sure the GA Alateen Conference grows and is still here for years to come!

Thank you, as always, for allowing me to serve!

Elise G.

## **Archivist's Report**

Hello Georgia AFG,

Last Assembly I presented the Georgia Group History Notebook. Every district and current group has a place for the group history. Currently, only one district has submitted their beautifully decorated district cover page. Please be a part of making our notebook beautiful and special by designing a cover page for your district. Only requirement is the size - no larger than 8 1/2 X 11. Please mailed or bring it to May Assembly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

In Service,

Donna M.

## **Group Records Report**

Hello Everyone,

The big news from your Group Records Coordinator is that I can now make any corrections AND input New Meetings directly into the WSO database.

If a New Group is starting or if an existing group needs to make any changes in Current Mailing Address, Meeting Day/Times, Meeting Location, Contacts or Group Representative that information can be sent to your District Representative to be forwarded to me. If there is no District Representative changes may be sent to [areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org).

If change notices or New Group forms are sent to the WSO they will still be processed, but it will take much longer to implement the changes than sending it to the Area Group Records Coordinator. Here is all of my contact information:

Area II (Georgia) Group Records Coordinator  
163 Feld Avenue  
Decatur, GA 30030  
(404) 378-8527  
[areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org)

I authorize all of the changes for meeting information on the Area Web Site and at MAIS.

Please note that any changes to Alateen meetings need to be made with the Area Alateen Process Person: [aapp@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:aapp@ga-al-anon.org)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Keeping our Group Records up to date is vital for maintaining our links of service to the Districts, the Area and the WSO.

Yours in Service,

Tom M.  
Area II Group Records Coordinator

## **Institutions Report**

Greetings from your new Institutions Coordinator! I am honored to be invited to step into this role and I am excited about the opportunities and challenges this new service position offers me. I have been busy learning about the responsibilities of the Institutions Coordinator. Al-Anon Guidelines (G-9 publication) state that public outreach informs the general public through the media, professionals, facilities, and organizations about who we are, what we do, and how to get in touch with us. Our goal is to attract to our program those whose lives are or have been affected by someone else's drinking, so that those who need our program can find the help and hope we offer. We strive for name recognition and credibility as a community resource.

Public Outreach has three arms. Outreach to the Public/media, Outreach to the Professional, and Outreach to Institutions. I am charged with promoting Outreach to Institutions here in Georgia. What that means to me is that I act as a facilitator and contact person for Georgia Area Al-Anon. Ultimately the best outreach comes at the grassroots level. I hope to be able to pass along ideas for outreach, maintain a list of contacts for institutions within the state, and be available to for providing education and information about Al-anon to institutions.

Al-Anon considers institutions to generally be a residential facility with limited access to the public. Some examples are treatment centers, hospitals, correctional facilities, juvenile detention centers, group homes, halfway houses, and shelters. Bettina, the previous Institutions Coordinator had asked districts to create lists of institutions within their borders. This is a great place to get started when thinking about ways to provide outreach. I hope that districts will continue to create and add to their lists of institutions. Then consider what you can do to let those institutions know about Al-anon. Some initial suggestions are to provide Al-anon literature for institutions' libraries, take meetings to the institutions or offer presentations, and leave pamphlets in institutions' waiting rooms or lobbies.

In my own district we are beginning to start a meeting at the Cherokee County Jail. The meetings should begin sometime this month. We have had to meet with the jail staff, be trained in an orientation about jail policies, and turn in our literature for approval before being allowed to start our meetings.

Looking to the future I have been asked to serve on a thought force that will consider how we organize Public Outreach in Georgia Al-anon. I am excited about this and look forward to learning more about Public Outreach.

Please feel free to pass along ideas, questions, and lists of institutions within your district. My email is [AnnieMoo@comcast.net](mailto:AnnieMoo@comcast.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M.  
Institutions Coordinator

### **Literature Coordinator Report**

A title has been selected for Al-Anon's new book: Many Voices, One Journey. This book is the story of growth and recovery of the fellowship and its members over the past 60 years and will be available for sale soon. The cost of the book is \$16.00

As we are celebrating 60 yrs of Al-Anon, I would like to suggest reading: T11.95 The Al-Anon Family Groups Classic Edition. The cost is \$11.95. The readings are powerful; the short comments on the twelve steps, understanding the alcoholic and understanding ourselves are helping me with my recovery every time they are read.

In love and service,

Barbara W.  
Literature Coordinator

## **Newsletter Coordinator's Report**

Happy reading!

In service, Beth B.  
Newsletter Coordinator

## **Area Web Master's Report**

The past month has been rather hectic. The website provider, who had maintained our domain name and our date, passed away from cancer. We have a new provider who has been working with us to achieve a transition to a new platform. They have been experiencing technical difficulties with meeting information, due to the new site not "liking" code in the website meeting page. We are now running on the old platform and will continue to do so while the new site is being prepared. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the transition will have been completed without your being aware of the change.

I wish to thank you for your patience, encouragement and support during a difficult and stressful time.

Yours in service,

David B  
Website Coordinator

## **Area Convention Report**

WOW!! I can't believe 4 months of 2011 are almost over!!! It will be August before you know it and the greatest 60th Anniversary party of the year will be under way in Albany GA - our Area Al-Anon/Alateen Convention. The dates are August 12-14, the flier is on the area website.

I look forward to meeting everyone in May AT Assembly and getting everyone registered who has not already registered. Remember this our Al-Anon/Alateen Convention with AA participation. Lots of events will be going on for everyone in recovery!!!

Please announce in your groups that we will be having a talent show on Saturday night. We need your participation in order for it to be a success. Please keep entries appropriate to recovery. Whatever your talent - singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, reading poetry, whatever - we need you!!!

Another area of need is items for the boutique. If you want to send items to the May Assembly to be included in the boutique, I will be glad to accept them then. If it is an item that takes up a lot of room, please notify me before hand so that we can be prepared!! Remember the boutique needs hand made crafts and recovery related items. Members donate them and they are sold as a fundraiser at the Convention. Examples of recently donated items include pictures, book covers, book marks, plants with Al-anon sayings, decorated notebooks, painted items, picture frames, wood crafts. The list is limited only by our imaginations.

As this is the last newsletter before the convention, let me remind you that we will have a hospitality room as long as we do not have hot foods (no perishable items) Please remember to bring along your favorite or most requested goodies so we can enjoy them in the hospitality room. Joyce and her crew will be waiting for you in the hospitality room!!!

Finally I thank you for the opportunity to serve in such an awesome capacity!! I know the blessings were great when I served as program chair the last time the convention was in our zone!! I can't wait for the lessons and gifts that will come from serving as your chairman.

See you in Albany, GA August 12-14, 2011. REMEMBER, IF WON'T BE A PARTY WITHOUT YOU!!!!

Alecia C.  
Area Convention Chair

## **DISTRICT REPORTS—AREA 11**

### **District One**

District 1 had a great productive year this past year. We had our first ever picnic and the District worked together on a cook book. We have had fantastic participation, with the GR's being active at District level as well as Area level. I am so pleased to have the group of GR's that District 1 has. Always willing to help out. This year we are planning a workshop on April the 2nd. The GR's have completely put this together as well as one of our GR's actually wrote the skit. On May 29, 2011 we are planning our 2nd annual picnic. We had an absolute blast last year with food, games, skits, and speakers. We had AA participation with a speaker, as well as funny actors in our skit. The District furnishes the hamburgers and hot dogs and we pay for it with the raffle of beautiful baskets filled with all sorts of goodies. Come join us this year, in celebrating our Recovery. We will treat you so many ways you will have to like one of them.

Diane P.  
District 1

### **District Two**

District 2 is alive and well. Kudos go out to Barbara T, our Public Outreach Coordinator who is doing a great job in getting info to our local schools and treatment centers. She has really put herself in the service of Al-Anon 100%.

Our District has also started a new Alateen meeting in Athens. Kudos also go out to Jessica B. & Lynn A. who is doing an outstanding job working with our future "Alanons". This group meets on Thursday nights at Young Harris Church on Prince Ave. 7:30pm. They have both an AA & Alanon meeting there at the same time. This group hasn't chosen a name yet, "Progress not Perfection". I would also like to pass along that the "PEP TALK" that J.P. gave us at the January assembly has paid off for my home group, "First Things First" in Monroe. We now have a new GR, Susan B. who will be attending the May assembly with me and we also have a new Treasurer, Pam V. These changes with my home group will allow me to better serve District 2 as the new D.R., With the guidance from my Higher Power and the Help from my Alanon family, District 2 will continue to move forward in the directions that our past D.R. Dana R.

led us in.

Your friend in service, Anne C.

## **District Four**

### REFLECTIONS, GROWTH AND GRATITUDE

1951-2011. Sixty years of recovery! The very thought is mind boggling. Where would we all be? Where would I be without all our founders? Just think of the rich history of our program development and the personal recovery that has gone into our fellowship and brought us to this point. Considering the journey is awe inspiring to say the least.

On April 30 we all have the opportunity to hear about this journey in detail at the District 4 annual Gratitude Dinner when Bob S., Communication Director, for WSO joins us as our guest speaker for the event. Bob is the WSO staff member that has been involved in researching our newest book that will be released at WSC. The new piece of CAL is called, "Many Voices, One Journey." We will have the books available at the dinner. The book traces the development of Al-Anon back to Lois and Bill's earliest years of their marriage before the inception of either fellowship. Bob will give us an overview of the development of this fellowship and recovery throughout the past sixty years. It is a thrill to have him come to Georgia and present this history to us in person.

AWSC will be meeting in Byron on April 30. District 4 is extending a warm invitation to all AWSC members and anyone interested in joining us at the Gratitude Dinner on that day. A meet and greet will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Farm Bureau on Bass Road in Macon (exit 172 on I-75). Please make your plans to join us. A flyer on the event with directions is here in the newsletter and on the website. If you need more information please contact the District 4 DR.

We hope to see you all.

District 4, Gratitude Dinner Committee

## **District Six**

Steps No Elevator AFG, St. Simons Island (District 6), celebrated our 29th anniversary on December 30, 2010 at our 8:00 pm meeting. Marty B. of Camden Serenity AFG was the speaker. He shared his experience, strength and hope with more than 40 members. Afterwards, attendees mingled to chat and enjoy homemade refreshments that members brought. It was a festive event that we hope to supersede this December 29th to celebrate our big **3-0**. Save the date!

Diane H.  
DR District 6

## **District Seventeen**

Public Outreach is alive and well here in District 17. We have been busy throughout the district on several projects. Our Outreach Coordinator, Renee B is working to establish a relationship with the Cherokee County Jail and plans are in the works to start taking Al-anon meetings to the jail sometime in April. In Rome, several members of Rome Downtown AFG have been working on outreach to a new program through the courts and DFACS. They are also gathering literature to forward to local agencies to pass along to their clients. MAIS has been very helpful in this. We appreciate their service to our district in assisting us with Public Outreach.

On April 16, our district is hosting a 60th Al-Anon Anniversary Dinner at Ryan's in Cartersville. District I is planning on joining us to help celebrate. Brent F will be speaking. Everyone is invited. Just show up and pay for dinner plus 20% gratuity. We have a separate room set aside for our use. Dinner is at 6:00, the program follows.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M.  
Alternate DR, District 17

## **District Eighteen**

Our District 18 Workshop - Mountain Miracles - is Saturday, May 7 from 9AM to 3PM at Church of the Resurrection in Sautee-Nacoochee, GA. Your Pot Luck breakfast/lunch contribution is your ticket! Two workshops (one morning and afternoon), and our speaker this year is Cathy O, our Area Alternate Delegate. We will have a raffle and silent auction all supporting district outreach initiatives. Come join us for a great day of recovery!

District 18 has been very blessed to have 3 new meetings start this year - Dawsonville, Toccoa and Clarkesville!

Kari M.  
DR – District 18

## **District Twenty**

District 20 is happy to announce that on May 07, 2011, is participating in GNAT DAYS in CAMILLA, GA. Our district will hold a table open for distribution of the following: free Al-Anon pamphlets, times and places of meetings, and free balloons. All of district 20 is participating. This public information booth is a trial run for our district. Southwest Georgia towns hold various festival days and we are hoping this will be a fun way to make the public aware of Al-Anon in our district.

In love and service,  
Barbara W.

## District Twenty-One

District 21 is very grateful to our Higher Power and all members in service who have made possible several new offerings:

District 21 now has our second Alateen Meeting in the works.

New View AFG which meets at Ridgeview on Mondays is planning to sponsor another Alateen group in District 21. This group will meet on Mondays at 8:00pm at the same time as the AFG group and the New Comers group. Now we have an option for our young people on the south and west side of Cobb County who been affected by someone else's drinking.

District 21 is proud to announce our first daytime meeting with Child-Care.

The Blueprint For Progress Meeting which has changed its format from a Step 4 Study group to a 12 Step Study Group will begin offering childcare to families. Childcare is offered for One year olds up to five-year olds for \$2 per child and a maximum of \$5 per family. Please see the flyer on the website and here in the Newsletter. We now have one daytime meeting and one evening meeting with childcare. The evening meeting is at Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday nights.

We completed our District Inventory at last month's district meeting and will begin to work on progress not perfection each month in 2011 and 2012. Renelle M. was such a valuable trusted servant who facilitated our inventory and offered references on where in CAL we could find the answers needed to the questions and concerns that came up. The Newcomer's Coordinator position is just one example of what we uncovered in our inventory and how trusted servants can do Twelfth Step work to "carry the message to others" Thanks to Michelle G. for all her efforts.

Our District Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Tillman United Methodist Church in Smyrna from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Save the date for lots of experience, strength and hope. Thanks to Terri S. who has volunteered to be our Anniversary Chair. As DR, I am so very grateful to Terri and my HP. Without all the wonderful GR's in District 21 positive growth would not be possible.

In service,  
Barbara D.  
DR District 21

### AA Delegate's Article

Alcoholics Anonymous is moving into the digital age. The *AA Grapevine* is now available as a digital magazine and GSO is delivering its three newsletters, *Box 4-5-9*, *About AA* and *Markings* digitally to anyone that would like to receive them via email. By the end of the year, our Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions will be available in eBook format. In Area 16, Georgia, we are moving into the digital age too. The *GA Message* (our newsletter), *Georgia Service Manual*, and *Service Directory* are available on our website. Any document that has full names, addresses or phone numbers is secured with a login and password. We have transitioned our newsletter to be anonymous so that it can be made available without a login. Visit [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) to check out the information available.

As we move slowly towards the digital age, it is as important as ever for AA members to stay informed about AA's Traditions. They all apply to this new digital world. As friends of AA, Al-Anon members should also be reminded that our anonymity is just as important online as it is in person. We all must take great care when using social media websites and adding information to our respective program's websites. We surveyed our members in Georgia and it was overwhelming how many of the respondents do not understand how to maintain anonymity online. The Internet and social media are great tools for carrying our message of hope if used appropriately.

Patty L.  
AA Delegate Area 16 Georgia

**In Al-Anon, we share our experience, strength and HOPE!**

**Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia**  
**Area Assembly**  
 May 21-22, 2011

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

**Goal:** The spiritual tone of the Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct by its members.

**Goal:** Assembly members will understand the purpose of the Area Assembly, relationships within the structure, and be able to articulate Assembly decisions.

**Goal:** Knowing that our Higher Power is present in the expression of our group conscience, Assembly members will presume goodwill.

**Saturday – May 21, 2011**

11:00AM	Registration Opens – Host: District(s) 14 & 15 Literature Opens	Pallet 1 Juliette Room
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Business Meeting – Part I	Monet Room
1:15PM – 2:00PM	GR Workshop GR Workshop – Assembly 101 (Repeat of G.R. Basics) DR Workshop Alateen Workshop	Monet Room Pecan Room Renoir Room Degas Room
2:00PM – 2:30PM	Break / Literature Room Open	Juliette Room
2:30PM – 3:45PM	Service Workshop Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop	Monet Room Degas Room
3:45PM – 4:15PM	Break / Literature Room Open	Juliette Room
4:15PM – 5:00PM	Al-Anon Discussion Meeting Alateen Discussion Meeting Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop (continued)	Monet Room Pecan Room Degas Room
<b>7:30PM</b>	Area Assembly Inventory Facilitated by Joyce R., Panel 46, TN	Monet Room

**Sunday – May 22, 2011**

8:00AM	Registration – Host: District(s) 14 & 15 Literature	Pallet 1 Juliette Room
9:00AM – 1:00PM	Business Meeting – Part II	Monet Room

**Reminders**

**Sign-in Sheets:** DRs, deliver sign-in sheets to Alternate Delegate (Cathy O') by 9:00AM.

**Contributions:** Provide contributions to Treasurer (Renelle M.) by 9:00AM or during breaks.

**Check-out time:** All hotel check-out times are **11:00AM**.

**Meeting Times:** Meeting end time is approximate. Please plan to stay until the meeting is adjourned. There will be periodic breaks throughout the meeting.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District One Picnic



Featuring Speakers  
from AA and Al-Anon  
Games, Prizes, Raffles, Skits & More

Date: May 29, 2011

Time: 10 AM until 3 PM

Place: ETC Pavillion  
Legion Rd.  
Ellijay, GA

Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish and come prepared to have a GOOD TIME.

## Announcing Assembly Details



### Meeting and Hotel Facilities Information Central Georgia Convention Center

175, Exit 186  
480 Holiday Circle  
Forsyth, GA 31029

<http://centralgeorgiaconventioncenter.com/>

Hotel Reservations: 478-994-5691

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**



**Next AWSC**  
**April 30, 2011**  
**12:00PM**  
**200 Moseley Rd**  
**Byron, GA 31008**

# **BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS AFG**

Tillman United Methodist Church,  
940 Concord Rd., Smyrna GA 30080

TUESDAYS @ 11 AM

**Blueprint for Progress AFG  
has had the "Courage to Change".  
We are no longer strictly a 4th Step Study Group,  
instead we are now studying ALL 12 Steps!**

*Every meeting during a month we will study the corresponding Step.  
(For example: January meetings focus on Step 1, February meetings focus on Step 2, etc.)*

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**Starting April 6th, we will offer childcare  
for children ages 1-5.**

*For information regarding childcare please contact CJ at:  
770-944-7060 HOME or 770-519-5296 CELL.*

**The Blueprint For Progress AFG is excited about our new  
changes and welcomes you to please join us as we share our  
experience, strength, and hope on the 12 Steps!!**



**REFLECTIONS,  
GROWTH & GRATITUDE**

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**HOSTED BY AL-ANON DISTRICT 4**

**GUEST SPEAKER BOB S.**  
WSO COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

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**GEORGIA FARM BEREAU AUDITORIAM**  
1620 BASS ROAD—MACON, GA

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**

**MEET & GREET 4:30 P.M.**  
**COVERED DISH DINNER 5:00**

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**GIFT BASKET RAFFLE**