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AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate

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A plan for a new service event was introduced at the 2009 World Service Conference. This event replaces the Regional Service Seminars (RSS) as we knew them. These events are known as TEAM – it is an acronym for Together Empowering Al-Anon Members. In order to be flexible and meet the needs of more members, TEAM introduces the following changes: regions are no longer limited to a 3-year rotation; the host committee can target the interest of local members; the event may range from a minimum of 6 hours to a full weekend; it may be attached to another Area or region service event; it may be hosted by one Area, multiple Areas, or a region. I have a package with all of the details and necessary forms to insure a successful event. Please contact me if you have in interest in learning more.

Our 31st Annual Georgia Al-Anon / Alateen Convention is just around the corner! There will be speakers, workshops and A.A. participation along with incredible fellowship and recovery opportunities. I hope to see each of you July 31 – August 2 in Augusta as You, Me, and HP grow in recovery and fellowship.

JP M. continues in his initial months as the Southeast Regional Trustee for our World Service Office. While he may not be in our midst at the Area level, I encourage you to please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he serves our worldwide fellowship. Be assured that an e-mail, voice mail, or note of appreciation and support will be welcome encouragement for him.

It is because of your service that the words “Welcome Home” are whispered every time we walk through the door of a meeting! Please let me know how I may be of service to you in your efforts! With love and gratitude to and for each of you!

Alternate Delegate

Oh my, oh my! I believe this is the last Newsletter to which I will be submitting an article as Alternate Delegate. The last three years have just flown by and it doesn't seem possible that the elections are just ahead of us at our next Assembly in September. I do hope that all of you are considering standing for a position in Al-Anon/Alateen service either at the group level or beyond. I have found my service opportunities to be the most rewarding, and would encourage each of you to search your hearts, talk with your Sponsors, and be willing when you receive that little nudge from your Higher Power. Al-Anon and Alateen in Georgia are growing and it's all because so many of you have reached out, gotten out of your comfort zone, and have been willing for the next level of recovery...Keep up the Good Work!

If you have not yet submitted your subscription to The Forum Magazine, please treat yourself to the fantastic connection with Al-Anon world wide. You may order online at www.al-anon.org (publications). The articles often reflect ourselves and our feelings, yet may be written by someone across the ocean, on the other side

of this country, or sitting right next to us in our Home Group. Consider submitting your own article to The Forum...there is always a need.

Just one last reminder regarding the Georgia Membership Speaking list: Please contact me to confirm that your name is on the list or to add your name if you know that is not and you would like it to be. I will need your name, district number, phone number, and email address.

Thank you Districts 3 and 4 for Hospitality in September; and District 5 for staffing Registration. Your willingness to serve in the respective capacities is greatly appreciated.

I want to take this time to thank each of you who served in every position during this term. Those of you who told your stories on Saturday night; those of you who participated in providing service in the Hospitality Room; those of you who greeted everyone and served at the Registration Table; those who were so willing to serve "behind the scenes" to prepare and present the workshops; those who sat through so many "Outreach Committee" meetings; those who participated at the podium with insight on the various motions that came before the Assembly; those who attended each Assembly...willing to serve their groups and Al-Anon as a whole in Georgia; and those who so humbly helped in so many "thankless" ways. If it weren't for YOU, your efforts, your participation, your concerns, your love, your willingness, WE in Georgia would not have the quality of life we are so privileged to enjoy. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Love in Al-Anon/Alateen Service,
Big Service Smile!

Area Office Chairman

First, I want to say "thank you" to all of you who have supported the idea that the Office make an agreement with the City of Byron about our rental space. 99.9% of you have been VERY positive that we need to do something about leasing from the City of Byron after they allowed an outside group use the Office for their meeting. Thank you for your positive feedback and affirmation on this issue.

Second, thank you to those individuals and groups who have made donations to the Office since the May Assembly. We are using that money to buy new light bulbs for the Office and to have them installed. Hopefully, this project will be completed by the second week in July! We're even splurging and having new light bulbs and a ballast installed in the ladies bathroom! No more sitting in the dark! Thank you for your blessings with this project.

If I had three more years to serve, we'd do hardwood floors, new blinds, repaint the room, and replace the ceiling tiles, but I think we'll leave that for the next crew.....

Area Chairman

Hello To All,

Mark your calendars! Our next Assembly is September 19-20, 2009 at the Quality Inn, 4640 Chambers Rd. in Macon. Please remember that if you have a reservation and find you are unable to attend please be responsible and call and cancel (478-781-7000) so you won't be billed for one night.

All G.R.'s please remember that since this is an election Assembly all the business will be done on Saturday and Sunday will be the election only for the new slate of Area Officers. Please make every effort to be present for both days. If you can't attend send your Alternater G.R. or a stand-in to represent your group.

It's hard to believe that this term is almost over. I hope that everyone has been thinking about being willing to stand for an office. Willingness is the first step in Service and the rewards are endless.

I want to thank each and every one for your love and support during my term as Chairman. Being able to serve the fellowship is an honor and a privilege and I thank you for this opportunity to grow and learn. I have mixed feelings about this being my last Assembly but I know it's time to turn it over and allow some one else this opportunity for growth. I won't leave this position feeling like I'm a has-been because I know there are so many other ways to serve. I'm just going to be recycled!! I love each of you in a very special way and thank you all for your willingness to serve this wonderful fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

With much gratitude and love

Treasurer Report

The Budget Committee will be presenting the 2010 "Proposed Budget" at AWSC for approval at the September assembly. We welcome your input during this process.

We did have a volunteer step forward to perform an analysis of the Area's D & O insurance policy. She has agreed to provide the Budget Committee with a written review of our coverage and premiums for our August committee meeting. We will report at AWSC her findings.

As reported at the May assembly, the Area received a generous contribution from the M.A.I.S. office of \$500. Thank you M.A.I.S. for remembering the Area!

Thank you all so much for trusting me to handle the finances for the Area over the last 3 years. A special thanks to those that served on the Budget Committee and made this job so much easier. That "WE" thing really works.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Newsletter

The 1st on-line newsletter is here!!! Thanks for the support in Area 11. Please send any suggestions to me at area11newsletter@yahoo.com.

Webmaster

We have finally gotten approval from AWSC and the Assembly to publish the newsletter on our website. This is the first newsletter to be published online.

Thanks to all of those members in the Fellowship Communications Action group, who worked on this. They discussed all the issues and worked out solutions that made online publishing of our newsletters possible.

The Fellowship Communications Action Group was asked to look at this to help the Assembly streamline the communication process to our members.. By publishing our newsletters online, we will save the Assembly thousands of dollars per year, we will be able to reach more of our membership, and we will potentially reach others who are not members, but may become members in the future.

As my term as Webmaster comes to a close this year, I want to thank the Assembly for selecting me to serve you in this position. I look forward to the September Assembly when new Assembly officers will be elected and our principle of rotation of service moves us forward into our Assembly's future.

Group Records Coordinator

As the result of a previous Group Services Action Committee project, an Area Welcome Letter is mailed to all new groups when they registered in our Area. This letter is similar to that sent by the WSO and provides Area 11 specific information, such as the DR's name and contact information; Area Assembly dates and location; and our Area Delegate's name and contact information. As soon as I am notified that a group within our Area has been formally registered and issued a WSO number, I send them our Area Welcome Letter which was created with the help of my fellow Action Committee members. If you interested in what our standard template looks like, please feel free to contact me and I'll be happy to provide you with a copy.

Also, please know that in the coming months I will be gearing up to prepare and begin implementing a plan to make the mass number of changes resulting from our upcoming group and Area elections. Questions and concerns relating to our Area's group records are always welcome. I may be contacted by telephone at (678) 407-9389 or via email at grouprecords@comcast.net.

As always, it's a privilege to serve Georgia Al-Anon!

Literature Coordinator

What Up in Literature? Here are the high points...

*Check out the "CAL Corner" articles in your monthly Forum. If you don't currently subscribe to the Forum, Al-Anon's monthly magazine, here's another thing you are missing out on not having a subscription!

*Don't forget the Sample Chapter Projects. The next due date is October 15th for Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics (B-3). Also let's make sure to get this one out to the Alateen groups. If you didn't receive this from your GR, let me know.

*Sample Chapter Project selections are posted on the member's website to be used as meeting topics. This is a great resource especially for DLing on the fly. Check it out: www.al-anon.org/members your pass code is your group name followed by agf.

*EXTRA.. EXTRA.. Read all about it...

There is a new history book planned for 2011 to celebrate Al-Anon's first 60 years! Yes you heard it here first! Your sharings are needed! WSO needs to know how specific events in Al-Anon's history had a profound affect on your recovery! A special sharing sheet will be e-mailed out to all the AWSC members (to be forwarded to all GRs). These will also be available at the September Assembly. The deadline for those entries will be October 31st, 2009.

*Lastly, if Conference Approved Literature (CAL) really gets you excited and you think you would be interested in throwing your hat in the ring to be the next Literature Coordinator, please stop by the literature table at the September Assembly or feel free to contact me. I would be glad to answer any of your questions.

Alateen Coordinator

Hello GA Alanon & Alateen,

GA Alateen has been very busy since the last Area newsletter. This past June, we held the 10th GA Alateen conference in Toccoa, GA. The theme for this year's conference was "A Decade in Time in 2009". One of the Alateens designed a logo for the theme and the committee created the very first GA Alateen conference T-shirt! Hopefully, some of you have already seen a few people wearing them. We are holding a contest open to all Alateens to design next year's T-shirt logo. Artwork submissions can be emailed to skyy817@yahoo.com or given to any AMIIAS.

The logo for next year's conference, "With all my friends in 2010", will be announced at the Spaghetti Dinner conference fundraiser at the Fellowship Hall in Macon on Saturday, September 19th. I hope all of you can join us! The AMIIAS and teens will be on hand for food, fun, service and to talk about becoming an AMIIAS or starting an Alateen group.

I'm very grateful that I have the opportunity to be of service to the Area to complete the 2006-2009 Alateen Coordinator term. I can be reached at 404-304-0108 or you can email me at GAAFGAAC@gmail.com.

Love in Service!

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 4

It has been a very busy spring for District 4. In May our Alateens hosted the Spring Picnic that was such a huge success and an even bigger commitment for our teens. We all gathered for pot luck, a spontaneous sharing meeting followed by our second annual Old Farts v. Upstarts softball game. Everyone was very relaxed and just had a great time this year. I don't think anyone really cared that the Old Farts won again for the second time (but whose counting?). All our thanks goes to the Alateens for all their enthusiasm.

Our District has also participated in three health fairs since May- one at Warner Robins Air Force Base, Central State Hospital in Milledgeville and Armstrong World Industries in Macon. Sarajayne B. and Dolores S. spearheaded these fairs for us pulling together the volunteers and literature needed to host these events. We are getting very positive feedback from all of these outreach projects.

At new Al-Anon meeting is attempting to get up and running in our district. A group is meeting on Wednesday nights at 8:00 at Christ's United Methodist Church in Forsyth, right at exit 187. If you are in the area stop in and support this new group. We hope they will get registered with WSO very soon.

This is a bitter sweet time for all of us in service as we look to ending our terms in our current offices and electing new incoming officers at the district and area level. Personally, this last year serving as the District Representative for this district has been the most rewarding service opportunity I have had in recovery. I know

there are other DRs out there who would want to argue with me about the best district in Georgia but for me District 4 takes the prize hands down! I have loved every minute of serving with these incredible people.

With Gratitude in Service,

District 9

What's up in District Nine?

The district is supporting a Public Outreach project to the Fulton County Juvenile Court. We have earmarked funds to supply Alateen and Al-Anon pamphlets and posters as a resource for the Court. The district is being helped in this effort by the Alateen Coordinator. We hope to expand this project to include the Dekalb Juvenile Court.

District 9 will be presenting the Pine Isle Fellowship AFG Conference at Lake Lanier, the last weekend in February 2010. This event is an Al-Anon weekend of recovery with speakers, workshops, fun and AA participation. The theme is "Let it begin with me". Make plans now to attend!

With love in service,

District 10

Our Wednesday night Conyers Adult Child AFG is doing a project to send 100 "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009", which were donated by a former member who is unable to come to meetings anymore, out to therapists, doctors, ministers, police officers, lawyers, judges, school counselors, etc. in the form of a packet containing schedules and key pieces of Al-Anon outreach literature. We have already mailed about 30 packets to therapists, doctors, and ministers in the Conyers area.

Also, we plan to contact the judge of the juvenile court with a packet and maybe have a meeting with the court workers to make them aware of Al-Anon if they agree to it. One of our members is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children and she has noticed that many of the cases involve alcoholism and that it doesn't seem that they are aware of the Al-Anon program. She, also, plans to have a meeting with the Rockdale County Department of Family & Children Services (DFACS) to acquaint them with the program so that they may want to write Al-Anon meetings into their case plans when they suspect that alcoholism is involved with the deprivation of a child or children.

Also, one of our members made packets and took about 8 or 9 of them to her doctor which were handed out in a meeting with the other doctors in the group. They were very well received. She had talked to him about Al-Anon being a part of her life several times previously. Her doctor reported that the other members of the group were happy to get the information.

We have received feedback from a pastor in the area that he would love to have an Alateen or Al-Anon meeting at his church. So, we are now trying to get our members to get certified so that we could start a new Alateen meeting in the District.

District 14

Greetings from District #14—Our Workshop was a great success, and now we are looking forward to our Fall Picnic. Our groups are doing well, with several newcomers at a lot of our meetings. Our new G.R.s have been elected and we are excited about them attending Assembly with us in September. Hopefully they will get excited about the opportunity to service and realize what a privilege it is to be elected to represent their group. A BIG thanks to those who will be ending their positions in January and maybe you will have the opportunity to serve in other forms of service. You have made our district what it is today.

District 15

District 15 is growing! We've added several new meetings during the term, along with a bunch of enthusiastic new GR's! Plan to attend our 5th Annual District Workshop on August 22nd in Douglasville. See the Georgia Al-Anon website for a flyer with location and directions. I can't believe my time as DR is almost up.. But it has been fun to watch the new GR's grow in service and to see the improvements in the District. Thank you to all of the groups for your support and especially for your participation!

District 16

District 16 has continued to experience continued growth and stability due to the great GR's, members, and DR's we have been privileged to have over the years. We've completed a few projects over the past 3 years, but our strongest legacy is our overall healthy group meetings, and creative district workshops.

I want to take this opportunity as the outgoing DR to send a heartfelt "thanks" to all of the district 16 GR's, group officers and members for all of the service you have so generously given to our district. I will be forever grateful for helping to make my 3 years of service to our district a true joy.

Yours in Service,

District 21

District 21 is so proud of our District Representative, who has been selected as Trustee to Area World Service for Al-Anon and Alateen. He resigned all duties at the Area level and as DR of District 21 so that his service would not be compromised in any way. The Board of Trustees represents all groups worldwide and He needs to make sure that he focuses on the fellowship as a whole.

I have agreed to fill remaining several months until elections for the new term are held. AWSC in August will be my first. District 21 plans to have new GR's at our September District Meeting and we will elect new District officers then.

We are also planning our annual Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17th in Marietta. We will have flyers to distribute at September Assembly. We take a break from district meeting in the summer to allow our trusted servants time off for family fun and vacations. We look forward to bringing outgoing and incoming GR's to Macon in the fall.

GEORGIA AL-ANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY
September 19-20, 2009
QUALITY INN – CHAMBERS RD. – MACON, GA.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 AM	Registration Opens – Host Dist. 5	Hotel Lobby
10:00 AM	Hospitality Opens - Host Dist. 3 & 4	Georgian
10:00 AM	Literature Sales Open	Georgian
12:00-?	Assembly Business	Cherry Blossom
8:00 PM	Speaker	Cherry Blossom

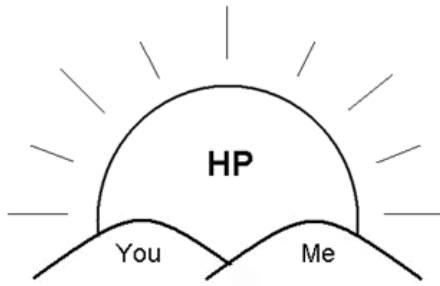
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

9:00-1:00 PM	Assembly Elections	Cherry Blossom
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(time approximate)

D.R.'s please give sign-in sheets to Cynthia by 9 AM. Please make every effort to stay for the entire meeting. Please give contributions to Treasurer at least 30 minutes prior to beginning of the meeting. There will be breaks during the meeting. Check out time for the hotel is 11:00 AM.

Thank you for your willingness to serve Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen



You, Me, and HP

31st Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention (with AA Participation)

July 31—August 2, 2009

Mariott Augusta Hotel and Suites (on the River Walk), Augusta, Georgia
Speakers, Workshops, Food, Fellowship, Fun

Registration form on-line at <http://www.ga-al-anon.org/calendar.php>

Tentative Schedule Summary

July 31	2 pm	Registration Opens
	4:30 pm	Early Bird Meeting
	7:30 pm	Opening Session and Speaker Meeting
August 1	8 am - 10:30 pm	Meetings, Workshops, and Speakers
August 2	8 am - 11:30 am	Meeting, Speaker and Closing Session

Bring food items for the Hospitality Room

Bring homemade items for the Boutique

Tee Shirts, Tote Bags, and Ink Pens will be available!

Spaghetti-Salad-Desserts

Saturday, Sept 19-2009 at 5:30 pm

\$10.00 donations for Alateen

Come one Come all—We'd love to have you.

Come eat a Dinner you wont forget!!

Macon (Area Assembly Weekend)

**PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!!**

