



GEORGIA ON TRACK

November 2011

AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate's Report

I appreciate all of you who take the time to contribute articles to this newsletter so that members throughout our Area and beyond have an opportunity to be informed about Al-Anon's growth and fellowship in Georgia over the past few months. And I appreciate those of you who take the time to share the newsletter with your groups and read it yourselves. Personally, I always look forward to learning about the many ways members have reached out to current members and made an effort to attract new ones.

I had the pleasure of attending the 58th A.A. Prepaid Convention last month in Gainesville. About 1,500 A.A. and Al-Anon members had the opportunity to hear some powerful stories of transformed lives. One of the many quotes that I took away with me to ponder is, "Obsession is warfare on powerlessness." Plan to hear the stories of miracles yourself at next year's convention: Callaway Gardens, Oct. 18-21.

Group inventory. District inventory. When was the last time you participated in one? If you can't remember, I would encourage your Group and District to consider scheduling one using the recently revised guideline, Taking a Group Inventory. It now includes a special section for Alateen and Alateen Sponsors, a section for reflections, and a list of additional resources for groups. G-8a & b can be found on the WSO members' website under 'Group Services.'

Are you among the members who have posted more than 1,200 comments to the four blogs on the WSO members' website (www.al-anon.org/members)? The most recent blog invites us to share how we are applying the understanding of abundance in our lives and the spiritual growth we've gained as a result. All of these blogs, as well as the podcasts about group concerns and sponsorship, are a wealth of recovery at our fingertips; please take advantage of them by reading and contributing to the conversation. Please be mindful, however, that comments on the site are not Conference Approved Literature and may not be copied, printed, or distributed without permission of the World Service Office. Keeping a copy for personal use is permitted.

By the end of the year, WSO plans to complete a project to electronically archive all issues of the Conference Summary on the members' website. It will serve as an alternative to purchasing the summary and as a simple way to access the extensive information they contain. For example, has your Group or District had a conversation about how to include dual members in service work, ideas to attract more members, or groups that fail to consider Al-Anon or Alateen as a whole?

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A variety of strategies in response to each one of those topics are available in the *2011 Summary*.

Can you picture yourself 'Celebrating Worldwide Unity' in Vancouver? Please consider joining 6,000-10,000 participants at Al-Anon's 5th International Convention on July 5-7, 2013. A day of service is being planned for July 4th. WSO will have registration and housing information available in the fall of 2012.

Preparations are well underway for next year's World Service Conference, the theme of which will be, Our Spiritual Journey – we get as we give. It will be held in Stamford, CT rather than VA so that the members will have an opportunity to visit Stepping Stones during the week. I've never been to Lois and Bill's home before and it will be one more experience on my spiritual journey in which I get so much more than I give, all of which has been possible because of the privilege of serving as your Delegate.

Love in Service,

Vicki L.
Panel 50

Alternate Delegate's Report

Please make sure that you attend our January Assembly. One of our WSO Trustees, Mary Gregory, will be with us that weekend, leading a workshop, visiting with us, and sharing her story. I think it will be an encouraging and growing time for all of us!

As many of you know, I've recently retired from a 35-year career. Although I knew retiring from that job was the right thing to do, I've found that with retirement comes new issues: What do I do with my time? What do I do to be a productive person in society? Where is my identity now? What is my next career?

As I've told my sponsor: I am a fish who is flipping and flopping out of water!

It is hard for me to wait on God to show me the path He would have me travel, but I know He has something in store for me. I find that I feel a little "anchored" when I talk with my sponsor, when I attend meetings, when I read my literature, and when I talk with other folks in the program. One of the things I hold onto is the thought that I know I don't walk this path alone. I have God who walks beside me and I have you, my friends and family of Al-Anon. Thank you for being a vital part of my recovery.

Love,

Cathy O,
Alternate Delegate

Chairperson's Report

As I look forward to 2012, I am excited! Excited for those events and activities we have planned that will help extend the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen even further. January's Area Assembly with our guest from WSO, Mary G. Recovery on My Mind in March, 2012 – Georgia's first-ever TEAM event! The Alateen Conference in June which continues to provide an incredible opportunity for Georgia Alateens to share the experience, strength, and hope to each other. Our 34th Georgia Al-Anon / Alateen Convention in August. Elections for our next panel of trusted servants for our Area in September.

I hope each of us will start thinking of our elections in September, 2012. Yes, after this January, 2012 Assembly we will have only ONE more Assembly before elections. 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 January Area Assembly (January 20-21, 2012) 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 Al-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 love and gratitude to and for each of you in Service...

Jeff G.
Area Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

Hi Everyone,

Here we are again nearing the end of another year. I want to thank each of you for your understanding and patience as we discuss and learn about our Area finances and budgets. I have learned a lot this year and have enjoyed serving the fellowship.

At the September 2011 Assembly I introduced suggested verbiage that groups may use when passing the basket. I encourage groups to adopt this or something similar so that Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia, Inc. remains fully self supporting and has funds available to ensure we continue to carry the message of recovery to those whose lives are or have been affected by someone else's drinking. Below is the suggested phrase.

Al-Anon has no dues or fees for membership. Our Seventh Tradition states that Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions. In keeping with that Tradition, we pass the basket to cover group expenses including rent, purchase of literature, support of our trusted servants and Al-Anon's service arms. We ask for a donation of \$2, or whatever you can afford. Those who cannot afford it, feel free to not contribute.

Love in Service,

Renelle M.
Area II Treasurer

Area Secretary's Report

Greetings Area !!!

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of year as much as I am! One of the things I have enjoyed most since moving here from Florida is the true change in seasons. I love the fall colors, smells, festive spirit and the restful time the earth is preparing to experience. MY spirit is ministered by nature and it is manifested by making changes from changing with my hair color to cleaning out closets etc. As I am also doing a spiritual house cleaning I look ahead with hope of the changes to come there as well.

Service has been a big part of my recovery and where I have received so much of it. As Jeff expressed in the last newsletter, it is not too early to be thinking of the elections for the next Area panel. I encourage you to seek your higher power and speak with your sponsor about where you may be lead. If you have considered serving as Area Secretary, feel free to contact me for any way I can help.

I continue to remind you that the Area Assembly Meeting Minutes are no longer published in the newsletter but sent directly to DRs electronically. If you are a GR and have not received the minutes from September Assembly, please contact me or your DR. My information is listed in the directory.

Love and gratitude in service,

Linda G. Area Secretary

Area Office Chair Report

Greetings from Al-Anon Central Services

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas will be here before we know it. With the holiday season Central Services will be closed on Thursday Nov. 24th. As we do our year end inventory in December the cut off date for shipping orders will be Dec. 22nd. Orders can be placed after the 22nd but won't be shipped until Jan. 3rd, 2012. Central Services will be closed Saturday Dec. 24th for the Christmas holiday and on Thursday Dec. 29th for inventory. A calendar will be sent out to D.R.'s at the end of the year having the dates for Jan-May 2012 when we'll be closed for the holidays.

The search for a new home for our Area Office is still underway. We've looked at a lot of places. We have contacts with realtors and continually check the internet and any information individuals pass on. We have faith and trust that when the time is right our new home will present itself.

Grateful In Service,

Debbie F.
Area Office Chair

Area Coordinator Reports

AAPP Report

The temperature has cooled off, leaves are turning fabulous bright colors and fall is in the air. This is my favorite time of year and it brings gratitude to my heart.

I am continually grateful for the generous AI-Anon members of Area II who continue to volunteer for Alateen service. We now have 82 certified AMIAS with 5 pending.

There is a new Alateen group which had its first meeting on October 26, if all went as planned. The group is New Beginnings meeting at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Road, NW Room 2404 in Atlanta, 30305. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Congratulations to all who are participating to help out Alateen.

The Oak Grove meeting in Snellville closed due to lack of participation. The sponsors have actually moved the meeting to Loganville which puts it in another district. They are now meeting on Thursday nights at Loganville 1st United Church 221 Main St. in Loganville. The group meets at 8:00. This is just a move, not the loss of a meeting. Good luck at the new location.

I have been asking DRs to please inform all AMIAS that any changes to their information or their meeting information must be sent to me. Any change in address, phone, email or status is important for me to be aware of. When recertification time comes, if I don't have current information, AMIAS will not receive their paperwork and face the loss of certification. Please pass the word. You can either email me or send a change form from the website.

Thanks for letting me serve as your AAPP.

Moni S.

Alateen Report

Hello Georgia AFG,

There continues to be a lot of conversations and activity in Georgia Alateen! I'm very excited about everything that is going on and truly believe that some of these things will help GA Alateen grow beyond our imagination!

At the September Assembly, we had our usual Alateen workshop and Sponsor to Sponsor workshop. The Alateen workshop was a panel open discussion on the Sponsor & Teen role in contributing to the success of an Alateen meeting. Please remember that the Alateen Sponsor to Sponsor workshop is open to any individual interested in learning more about Alateen service. The 4th annual Alateen Conference Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 during the dinner break of Assembly. We also had the 2nd Annual Alateen Area Calendar available for purchase at the Assembly and Spaghetti Dinner.

This year's calendar was completely designed, planned and ordered by a committee comprised of 3 Alateens & I AMIAS. The teens only needed the adults to handle the financial arrangements. Both the dinner and the calendar have been wildly successful this year, certainly assuring that we will be able to keep the costs of attending the Alateen Conference in June low for all attendees. For a second year in a row, I went to the Fulton County Juvenile court system during their Recovery Month with a teen to speak with drug addicted and alcoholic mothers about the effects of alcoholism on the family members and children. The experience was very moving and I am working with someone to start a new Alateen meeting and Al-Anon meeting at the center.

An Area AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) contact list has been distributed to DRs and certified AMIAS. This contact list will help AMIAS stay connected and will also help Al-Anons get connected with AMIAS involved in Alateen service, assist with obtaining Alateen discussion leaders/speakers, find out about meetings and to answer questions about Alateen & Alateen Service opportunities. I plan to update the list and send it out at least quarterly.

A new Alateen meeting has started since the September Assembly. The New Beginnings Alateen meeting is on Wednesdays at 7PM at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please check the website regularly for new meetings.

For those of you that have children and grandchildren between the ages of 12-19, do they attend Alateen? If not, why? Is it because there are no Alateen meetings in the Area? Have you talked to the teen about Alateen? Asked him/her to try 6 meetings? I challenge you to speak with your GRs and DRs about starting new meetings and to speak to the teens about Alateen. The Areas that have the strongest Alateen membership have members of Al-Anon & AA bringing their kids to meetings. We can all do our part to help GA Alateen to grow.

As always, I am grateful to be able to be of service to GA Alanon.

In Love & Service,

Elyse G.

Alateen Coordinator

Archivist's Report

Greetings Everyone!

Please remember I am here to help with any of your archives needs. It does take WSO a little time to respond to your concerns so make sure you email in plenty of time for a response, if you are needing information for a special event. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

In service,

Donna M.
Archivist

Group Records Report

\$1000. That's how much it will cost us to print the next directory. I made this announcement two Assemblies ago (I missed the last one because of car troubles). Since then several members have sent e-mails or contacted me by phone to let me know that they would be happy to print out their own directory from a file. I'm hoping that this will be the majority opinion. The last directory stayed current for about a week and since then I've been sending PDF updates on a monthly basis to DRs, Area Trusted Servants and former Delegates.

So, if you have any feedback about discontinuing the printed version of the directory, or limiting the number of directories printed to those members who cannot print out their own I'd sure love to hear it. I'm certainly willing to continue doing things the way we always have done them, but the current system of updates seems to be appreciated by those who receive them. I can be contacted at areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org. There have been several requests to make the directory available through the web site. We are still exploring this - the directory contains full names, addresses, phone number and e-mails of all the trusted servants who serve on the Area level so we need to make sure we have a secure way of doing it.

The WSO is currently revising their online Group Records system. At this point I can now enter new meetings and make corrections for any extant meetings online and almost instantaneously (the WSO must approve the requested name of any new AFG and this can take a few days). Please send any changes directly to me - it will save a world of time and I'm able to update the WSO, the Area Database, the Area Directory, MAIS and the Webmaster all at the same time. I like to think of myself as one-stop-shopping.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve as your Area Group Records Coordinator!

In Service,

Tom Murphy

Institutions Report

Greetings from your Institutions Coordinator. I am tasked with facilitating Al-anon outreach efforts to institutions within the state of Georgia. Al-anon defines institutions as jails, prisons, residential treatment centers or shelters. The past few months have had me focusing mainly on working with the Public Outreach Thought Force to come up with a recommendation for a new organizational structure for Public Outreach in Georgia. It is generally felt that the current structure does not provide for clear links of communication and results in duplication of efforts. The Thought Force is hoping to have a proposal to present to AWSC later this month.

In addition to participating on the Thought Force, I have had the opportunity to meet with the new Institutions Coordinator for MAIS, Stacey R. She is doing a great job for MAIS.

I have also worked close to home in some direct outreach to the local jail in Cherokee County where I live. This has been a powerful and meaningful project for me.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M.
Institutions Coordinator

DISTRICT REPORTS—AREA 11

District One

District I has taken a new growth spurt. We have two new meetings registered now. One is a new meeting in Trenton, GA on Friday nights at 8:00 pm and in Jasper on Tuesday at 2:00 pm. We are very happy to welcome them aboard. Other changes that have been made in the District is that, the Blue Ridge Noon AFG, now has a new GR, Shirley Y., Shirley has served in the past, both as GR and DR, so I am sure she will not be a stranger to some in the Area. The Monday meeting is also moving to a new location. Their new address is St. Luke's Episcopal Church , 7 Ewing St. , Blue Ridge. We also voted to start a Tradition Study via e-mail, since we are wide spread. We have had some interesting sharing's so far. We are still carrying the message to several treatment centers in the Dalton area as well as one in Atlanta. Our next District meeting will be in December and we are going to start planning our year for 2012. So keep watching the newsletter for our flyers. I read in "Paths to Recovery " today that a group that is busy and involved is more enthusiastic. District I is definitely enthusiastic, in other words, WE ROCK.

Diane P.
DR District I

District Two

On Oct. 4th, Barbara T., our Public Outreach Coordinator, held our monthly Al-Anon introductory meeting at Gran Recovery Treatment Center in Covington. This is a shared meeting with District 10. There was Barbara, myself and 6 Al-Anons from District 10 sharing their experience, strength and hope to those in attendance. One of the new members from District 10 shared that she was in the same place as they were 5 months ago and she knew how they felt and the Al-Anon meeting that she attends in Conyers has really helped her to understand her alcoholic loved one and how she has learned to put the focus on herself and her recovery. Her sharing at this meeting, has shown that our Public Outreach Program does work and I encourage all Al-Anons to participate in their Districts Public Outreach Program. The feeling that I got from her sharing this experience made me know that my Al-Anon program is working for me and hopefully helping others in their recovery.

Anne C.
DR District 2

District Four

A Struggling Group Back From the Brink

Recently it was brought to the attention of our District that one of our newer groups in a rural community was struggling with following the Al-Anon Traditions in their meeting. As DR I went to visit and learned that indeed the group had been formed by relative newcomers who did not have a lot of experience in how an Al-Anon meeting should be conducted. At that first visit I mainly shared a short bit of my own personal story and then asked if they would be receptive to our District providing them with literature. All they had were some Forums and two Big Books. They were very eager and agreed for me to ask the District and return to another of their meetings. Of course, District 4 enthusiastically said yes to the request.

Two weeks ago two other members went with me to visit the group again and the group graciously allowed me to chair the meeting. I selected five Traditions to highlight and open up for discussion. They were completely engaged in the discussion and asked very important questions that were pertinent to their own personal recovery and how the group should be functioning. The three of us that attended that meeting were filled with gratitude that we had the opportunity to share 'real AI-Anon' and receive such enthusiastic responses.

The miracle of this story came yesterday in a phone to me from one of the ladies that was present that day. She called to ask some questions about meeting formats, how they should encourage people to sign up to chair, appropriate meeting topics and how the group should make decisions as a group. She reported that prior to our visit she had decided to STOP attending AI-Anon because she just sensed something was wrong in the meeting. She came back that day because the group was notified that some outside visitors would be coming and she came to hear what would be discussed. She said that we breathed new life into her and the other members and that changes were already being discussed! One of her questions had to do with having a Group Conscience although she had never heard those words. The week after our visit they were discussing group changes in the meeting when two newcomers showed up that had driven an hour to get to a meeting. The group stopped their discussion to concentrate on the newcomers. I talked with her about a Group Conscience and directed her to the Service Manual and literature that could assist them. We have a District meeting coming up in early November and two or three of the members have expressed a desire to be there. Our District will continue to reach out to this group and do everything possible to help them get on track. They are expressing a strong commitment to becoming a healthy AI-Anon group for their current members and newcomers.

What a humbling experience for the three of us that were there that day and to continue to get such positive feedback from a new group that was on the verge of falling apart. Whenever we doubt that our Higher Power is leading us and that the Steps, Traditions and Concepts truly work this story of the struggling group will renew our courage in District 4 to keep carrying the message. When the problem was first identified I reached out to our Delegate who wisely pointed me to Concept 4 and to another DR who had worked her way through a similar situation. I am so grateful for all the members with experience, strength and hope that are available to us when situation arise.

Every district and every DR is at times confronted with groups that are not represented by a GR or maybe struggling with other issues. We hope this story will encourage us all not to give up or pre-judge any given circumstances. Recovery works!

Grateful In Service,

Cheryl K.
DR, District 4

District Five

One of our groups, Lifeline AFG, compiled a list of doctors or doctor's officers who were listed under psychiatric or addictive disorders and made up a packet of information containing schedules and AI-Anon pamphlets, and copy of the September FORUM, and distributed them. They do this yearly.

In an attempt to reach out to minorities in District 5, the district purchased an AI-Anon radio PA and I gave it to a local station with a large African-American listening segment. I plan to speak to an outreach group at a local African-American church about AI-Anon early next year.

I would encourage other DRs and groups within our fellowship to step up and get out the message of our wonderful program.

Bill C
District 5 DR

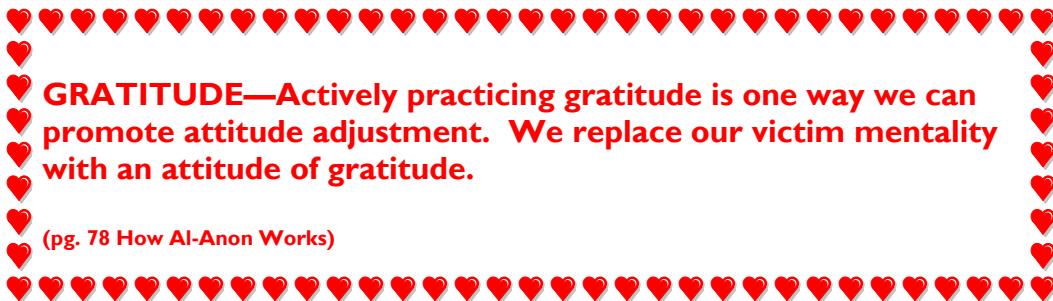
District Nine

DISTRICT NINE WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 5

"Opening Your Heart - Transforming Your Losses" was offered at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church from 9AM to 2PM on Saturday Nov 5. One hundred and nine people came. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful experience, as I did. Two morning panel discussions were offered. Dave M., Dave S., and Sam led a group sharing on "From Fantasy To Reality". Robert, Preston, and Larry led us in discussing "The Spiritual Solution". After lunch, we had a drawing for AI-Anon literature donated by district 9 groups. Our workshop concluded with Helen M. telling us her story. Her story and the morning panel discussions included personal references to our book "Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses". The GRs in district 9 worked very hard to put this on. Being a part of this event was and is a great joy to me, for which I am very grateful.

Richard A.

DR District 9



District Thirteen

Hi, Everybody--

Your support is needed to get the word out about the new Alateen Group that meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Buckhead.

There are Al-Anon and AA meetings at the church at the same time so please bring a teen with you and check out the meetings. The flyer for this new Group is at the back of this newsletter. Please print this out and announce it in your group for a few meetings to be sure your members are aware.

Love in service,

Peggy
DR District 13

District Fourteen

Dist 14 Holiday Party is Dec 2 at 7 p.m.

To be held at the Henry Medical Center in Stockbridge, Georgia . Take I 75 to Hudson Bridge Road and go east passed the first light and it will be on your left. **ALL are invited to come** - bring a covered dish and enjoy AL-ANON FOOD.

Our guest speaker will be Jeff G. – Area Chairperson

District Seventeen

Greetings from District 17. The past few months have had us busy with making plans for our Fall's Finest event which was held November 5, in Cartersville. We met at Ryan's for a time of food and fellowship which was followed by an opportunity to hear the shared experience, strength, and hope of Chris and Roxanne R from Senoia. We had a wonderful time and were certainly blessed by the sharings from Chris and Roxanne.

We were saddened this fall by the passing of our former District Treasure, Leanne D. She had been ill for several years, but had managed to serve as Treasurer of the district, as well as her home group, Free To Be Me. We will miss her.

Our public outreach efforts continue in our work with the court and DFACS in Floyd County and by presenting the Al-anon message to women each week at the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. Our Alateen meeting is growing. We have new sponsors signing up to volunteer for the teens. Finding Hope through Alateen meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 at Hillside Methodist in Woodstock.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M.
Alternate DR, District 17

District Twenty-One

District 21 had a fabulous day full of recovery thanks to Terri S!

Our District Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 until 3:00 was held at Tillman United Methodist Church on Concord Road in Smyrna. We had 66 registered attendees with 17 of those at their FIRST time Al Anon workshop! Our theme of “All you ever wanted to know, but were afraid to ask” was displayed in colorful banners, centerpieces and balloons featuring question marks and Al-Anon words of experience, strength and hope. The highlight of the day was our own Al-Anon interactive game based on the popular TV show Jeopardy. Groups were formed by counting off in number 1-8 and forming teams. This encouraged interaction and sharing with others. Topics ranged from Principles to History to Service to Slogans. Lots of fun and engaging competitions kept the energy level and the laughs high. We took a break from learning with a wonderful covered dish lunch followed by delicious desserts. The afternoon session was a round table discussion led by our panel of: AA, Double Winner, Al-Anon short timer, Al-Anon long timer and AL-Teen. Much gratitude goes to Terri S, our District Secretary who volunteered to serve as Celebration Chair. Terri was supported by many committed committee leaders and members in service. Thanks to Pat, Judy, Laura, Paulette, Sharon, Michelle, John, Jaxie, and the others who gave of their time and talents. What a “perfect” day to spend with others on this same journey to freedom and joy!

District 21 has a new Ala-Teen Coordinator! We welcome Patrick B. in his new service position to help both our Ala-Teen groups grow and reach teenagers in Cobb County struggling with the family disease of alcoholism. Our SECOND Alateen Meeting is now up and running on Mondays at 8:00 pm at Ridgeview on South Cobb Drive in Smyrna. Please invite any teenagers to come and join this new opportunity of recovery sponsored by New View AFG. Patrick will be working with this new group and our Together We Can Make It Alateen group on Mondays at 8:00 at Covenant Presbyterian in Marietta.

Our District 21 Newcomer’s Meeting is now fully self supporting! Michelle G., Newcomers Coordinator has worked for over a year to strengthen this group. Other groups within our district volunteer to lead and co0lead the newcomers groups as Step 12 work for two four week rotations totaling eight weeks service.

We had a guest at our district meeting in September. Stacey R., the new MAIS Institutions Coordinator, introduced herself and outlined her plans for outreach to institutions in the metro Atlanta area. Sherry A., our Public Outreach Coordinator and Patrick B. our Alateen Coordinator will be working with Stacey to enhance our involvement with jails, hospitals, schools, churches, and other institution in District 21.

We are also researching having all our groups listed in local newspapers. Currently only two are listed and we all agreed that is a project to focus upon as “carrying the message” position and is researching the possible Step 12 options in our area.

In service,

Barbara D.
District 21 DR



AREA 2013 CONVENTION CHAIR

Thank you, everyone for your support in electing me as your Co-Chair/Voice for the 2012 Convention and Convention Chair for 2013. I am very excited to serve the Area in this way! I have been to two 2012 meetings so far and am looking forward to my role in their Convention. Things are moving along for the 2013 Convention, with a contract signed for the facility and a full committee that was ready for our first meeting on November 5th. Keep us in your thoughts as we begin on our plans to put on a great convention for you.

In Al-Anon Love, Lois B.



AA Delegate Article –

Happy Holidays! It is that time of year that when gratitude seems to be constantly on my mind. I have so much to be grateful for and at the top of the list is Alcoholics Anonymous. For an alcoholic, it provides a way of life that I never dreamed I could experience. I'm sure many of you feel the same way about Al-Anon Family Groups. We should share the gratitude all year but some really need to hear it as they struggle through the holiday season. Let us be the example of both of our programs.

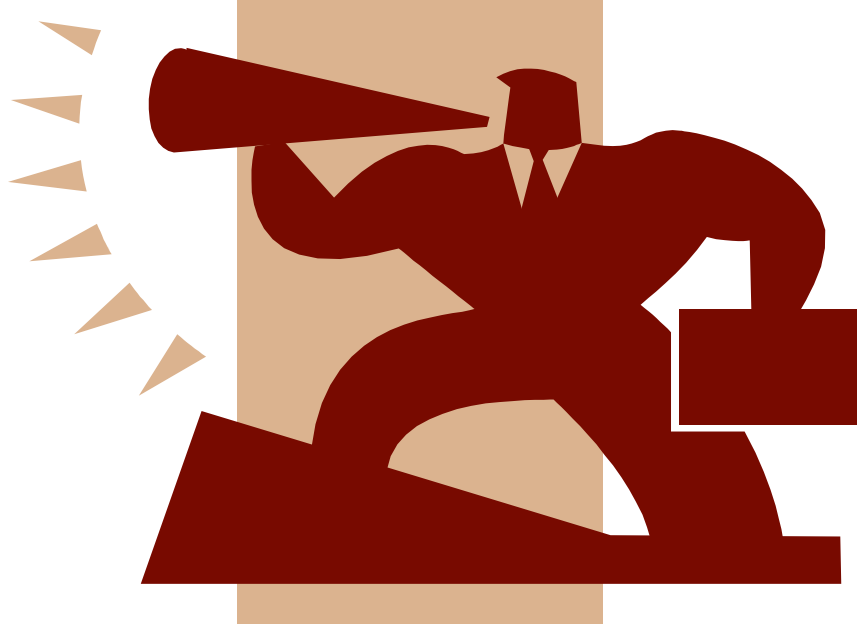
Big news from our GSO, the books, [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) and [The Twelve and Twelve](#), will be available in eBook format in November. The cost will be \$6 and you can find more information on www.aa.org. Our new pamphlet, *AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs*, is now available to download for free or order paper copies for a small fee. GSO is also proposing to our Board that we implement a daily email using the readings from our book, [Daily Reflections](#). As you interact with the alcoholics in your life, please remember that you can direct them to www.aa.org for all of our literature and www.aageorgia.org for information about AA service and registered groups in Georgia.

In September, we held our Delegate elections. A very exciting time as we consider leadership in AA and what makes a good leader. We had several outstanding candidates standing. Our current Alternate Delegate, Tom H., was elected Delegate and a past DCM, Rebecca T., was elected Alternate Delegate. I will be rotating to Area Chairperson. I have really enjoyed serving with Vicki and getting to know her.

Thank you for all that you do to help the family and friends of alcoholics.

Patty L.

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
November 19, 2011
12:00PM
200 Moseley Rd
Byron, GA 31008

AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia
Area Assembly
 January 21-22, 2012

Purpose of Assembly: 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 (AWSC).

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

Goal: Assembly members will understand the purpose of the Assembly and the relationships within the structure.

Goal: Knowing that our Higher Power is present in the expression of our group conscience, Assembly members will be able to support and communicate Assembly decisions.

Saturday – January 21, 2012

11:00AM	Registration Opens – Host: District(s) 18 Literature Opens	Pallet I Juliette Room
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Business Meeting – Part I	Monet Room
1:00PM – 1:30PM	Break / Literature Room Open	Juliette Room
1:30PM – 2:30PM	GR Workshop GR Workshop – Assembly 101 (a.k.a. G.R. Basics) DR Workshop Alateen Workshop	Monet Room Pecan Room Renoir Room Degas Room
2:30PM – 3:00PM	Break / Literature Room Open	Juliette Room
3:00PM – 4:30PM	Service Workshop Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop	Monet Room Degas Room
4:30PM – 5:00PM	Break / Literature Room Open	Juliette Room
5:00PM – 6:00PM	AI-Anon Discussion Meeting Alateen Discussion Meeting Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop (continued)	Monet Room Pecan Room Degas Room
8:00PM	AI-Anon Speaker Meeting Mary G.	Monet Room

Sunday – January 22, 2012

8:00AM	Registration – Host: District(s) 18 Literature	Pallet I 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.



NEW ALATEEN GROUP!!!

What? New Beginnings Alateen

***Where? Peachtree Presbyterian Church
3434 Roswell Road NW
Room 2404—Atlanta 30305***

When? Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

(Note: There are Al-Anon and AA meetings at the church at the same time.)

Please announce this new Alateen group at all your meetings. Let's help it get off to a strong start!

Thanks!



**MORE NEWS FROM DISTRICT ONE—
46TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!!**

- What a Joy it was for The Dalton Fellowship AFG to celebrate our 46th Anniversary in October of this year.
- The celebration took place at St Marks Episcopal Church on Oct 10th at 7pm in Dalton GA. It was a Pot Luck and the food was fabulous!
- A booklet of our groups' history was available to those that attended.
- Not only was our group well represented but we had many attending from District I and surrounding areas. There was also AA participation.
- We had the opportunity to hear Jeff G, our chairman, share his experience, strength and hope.
- Our former District Representative, Betty Jo O., was visiting from Newport, Ore and what a thrill it was for us to have her join in the celebration.
- The Dalton Fellowship is already planning their 47th Anniversary for October 2012.
- We hope you can join us then.



AL-ANON DECLARATION

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and - **Let It Begin With Me!**

