

**Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Area Assembly Business Meeting**  
Opening Session, January 19, 2013

**Welcome:** Chairperson Cheryl K. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read and the purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed. The opening session recognized 2013 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Al-Anon Assembly in Georgia. Everyone was welcomed.

**Coordinator/ Liaison/Representatives:**

- **Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)**, Jennifer T. (absent) Cathy O. read the report. Last week two new AMIAS and one new institutional group were registered. AMIAS will need to be educated on recertification requirements. DRs are requested to e-mail Jennifer their District Alateen person contact information. Jennifer will place updated Alateen forms and handbook on website. Her E-mail address: [jnnfrthmpsn1@gmail.com](mailto:jnnfrthmpsn1@gmail.com).
- **Alateen**, Jenny L. The Assembly schedules will offer a Sponsor-to-Sponsor meeting, for current and potential sponsors. Patrick is offering a workshop this weekend to any sponsors interested in the Alateen online meeting.
- **Archivist**, Sulata L. read the History Of The Assembly from the Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Information and Archives Booklet. Each year the Area is accumulating a collection of Alateen quilts from the Alateen Conferences and displaying them at the Area Office. To properly preserve these quilts they need to be hung with loops and dowels or be rolled and stored in acid free paper. In order to use photos within our archives we need to know how to use them and still maintain anonymity. WSO has been contacted for guidance regarding this issue. Future ideas and projects are to get a cabinet in which to display historical pieces, scanning of paper archives, and creating an inventory list of archived content.
- **Group Records**, David B. This is the 1st time the Area Directory has been available electronically and it was e-mailed to all AWSC members. Updates will be E-mailed at the end of each month with changes highlighted in yellow. Submit changes for the directory using the Group Record Form (available online). GR's give the changes to the DR who will forward them to the Group Records Coordinator for changes to be made in the directory and then forwarded to WSO.
- **Literature**, Erica L. Many Voices One Journey will be highlighted in Forum this year. Legacies workbook has been approved at WSO and will be released at the International Convention this summer in Spanish, French, and English. Submit writings for newest piece of literature, Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships--No deadline for submissions. WSO will release some E-literature (no proposed start date)—read Page 36 of 2012 conference summary for more information.
- **Newsletter**, Essie N. Submit articles for the newsletter including information about special celebrations, Anniversaries, Service projects, or anything newsworthy. The deadline for newsletter submissions is 2/23.
- **Public Outreach**, Marie N. Goals: develop and maintain databases for public outreach commitments in many types of communities. DRs provide your Districts Public Outreach contact information to [moneese@bellsouth.net](mailto:moneese@bellsouth.net). The Public Outreach Committee Members are: **Christina L., District 10**, and Barbara M., Atlanta.
- **Webmaster**, Patrick B. Registered AFG of GA Inc. with a nonprofit software clearinghouse so that we can get software at a discounted rate. The hosting of our website has been moved to a free hosting for nonprofits. The Webmaster goal is friendly website usability. The website address for Georgia Al-Anon is [www.ga-al-anon.org](http://www.ga-al-anon.org). To access the Member section at WSO website go to [Al-Anon.org/members](http://Al-Anon.org/members): put in group name followed by afg. There are many resources available at this website.
- **MAIS**, Karlyn. MAIS new hours are Tuesday-Friday 12-6 and Sat 12-4. The MAIS chair position was filled. They are still looking for Archives and Alateen Chairpersons.

**Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Area Assembly Business Meeting**  
Business Meeting, Sunday, January 20, 2013

**Welcome:** Chairperson Cheryl K. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Concepts were read and the purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed. The definition of General Unanimous Consent or General Consent was explained. General consent was approved to be used for approval of routine documents in lieu of motions and voting. Voice and Vote procedures were reviewed. KDBM (Knowledge Based Decision Making Overview) was read. Cheryl asked if there were any objections to using KDBM to facilitate business at Assembly as a lead up to Roberts Rules of order for this panel. There were no objections. KDBM will be used for this panel only. The Policy Committee will make recommendations to Assembly to be incorporated into the Assembly Policy and Procedure Manual for use going forward. Any changes made to the Assembly Policy and Procedure Manual would be approved by the assembly body.

Roll Call was taken by Donna M., Secretary. Twenty one Districts were represented with 135 voting members.

The Assembly Minutes of September 19-20, 2012 were accepted by general consent.

**The following Reports were given:**

**Delegate,** Cathy O. WSO Policy has a pending motion for WSC recommending proposed changes to the Service Manual regarding public outreach. Anyone interested in more information may go to the WSO website and inside WSO link to Board of Trustee and click on letter reference Board of Trustee Policy. Any comments you have need to be turned in to Cathy by Feb. 9. March 15-17 I will attend the Southeastern Regional Delegates get-together in Raleigh, NC which began in 1975 to share and discuss topics of interest and concern among current and past Delegates. April 14-18, I will attend WSC. The Theme of the Conference is "Our Legacies - The Spiritual Journey of Changing Me to We": The essence of an informed group conscience. Cathy extended a request and appreciation for Love Gifts to be sent to her for the 100 attendees at the Conference. Love Gifts are to be sent to the WSC for the Delegate to share with other conference members. Love Gifts may be shipped to: Cathy O'Dillon (hold for WSC, April 14-18, 2013), Wyndham Virginia Beach Ocean Front, 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Check the WSO webpage and read about registering for the International, July 4-7 in Vancouver, Canada. Thanks to everyone for volunteering to serve one of the grandest organizations in the world.

Recognition of all Past Delegates:

Deceased: Mary Carter, Ruth Fristoe, Ferris Lester, Dot Hubbard, Vernie Strain, and Ruth Chester.

Not Present: Carol Hendrickson, Sharon Batchel, Gregg Abbott, and Barbara Anderson.

Present: Vickie Ledet (2010-2012), Jeff Graham (2007-2009), Debbie Flemming (2004-2006), Sarajayne Beck (2001-2003), Linda Smith (1998-2000), and Valerie Rouse (1991-1994).

Each of the Past Delegates in attendance discussed their favorite experience during their term as delegate:

- Vickie Ledet: Walking into WSC and seeing that familiar face of JP serving as trustee as well as Char being elected as trustee during my term.
- Jeff Graham: Approval of the Traditions for Alateen which had not been incorporated at that point. Working on a thought force to update the Charter and finalize wording to protect Alateen and Al-Anon legacies.
- Debbie Flemming: visiting Stepping Stones, it seemed as if Lois was still there. Having the realization of the dedication to the fellowship for individuals to get to a meeting in Alaska. They travel for 1 to 2 hours by sled or canoe. Using KDBM at WSO and bringing that information back to Georgia.
- Sarajayne Beck: At Stepping Stones I saw Lois' ODAT laying on table with a cross-stitch cover that read *One Day At a Time* and her name, I picked up her powder container, and had my picture taken sitting at Lois' desk. I was a nervous wreck at my 1st WSC. Everyone there was wonderful. It was a real life-altering experience.

- Linda Smith: Visiting Stepping Stones was a privilege and honor. We Implemented Action committees at Assembly. I served on the Literature Committee. We went through ODAT and recommended changes to present at WSC and it was voted to leave as is.
- Valerie Rouse: Stepping Stones is the most spiritual awakening—no words to describe it. My first year I was at microphone more than I should have been, 2<sup>nd</sup> year I calmed down, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year I wasn't at the microphone at all. Georgia Al-Anon saved my life. In order to get more people here you have to let it shine. If you don't see that it's worth doing, you won't get participation at the area level.

### Reports:

**Alternate Delegate**, Renelle M: In 2012 Forum subscriptions decreased by 1.4 percent from 2011. Encourage members to share the Al-Anon monthly magazine The Forum within their groups and the value of ordering a yearly subscription. Speakers List: An updated speakers list has been distributed to all the DR's.

Registration/Hospitality May Assembly-Registration: Districts 5 and 6, and Hospitality: Districts 7, 8, and 9.

**Treasurer**, Levon C: Introduced the Finance Committee: Treasurer, Levon C. (Chair), Cheryl K., Assembly Chair, Cathy O., Delegate, Jeff G., Renelle M., Alternate Delegate, Lauren M, District 16 DR, Jennifer T, AAPP Coordinator.

Levon gave the Financial Report for the first time as an overhead presentation. **Budget Summary 2012:** Budget vs. Actual: Income: Actuals--\$17,429.92, Budgeted--\$12,769. Expenses: Actuals--\$15,881.46, Budgeted--\$23,965. Total Income--\$17,429.92 vs. Total Expenses: \$15,881.46. Net Operating Income of \$1,548.46. 2011 Funds Carried Forward \$11,196.43 plus 2012 Net Operating Income of \$1,548.46 equal Checking Account Balance of \$12,744.89. Balance Sheet: Checking Account--\$12,744.89, 1-year CD--\$10,614.27, 6-month CD--\$2,529.14, Total Bank Accounts/Current Assets--\$25,888.30. Report approved by general consent. **Budget Summary 2013:** Total Income--\$9,863, Expenses are the same as presented in the 2013 budget approved at the September Assembly except for the adjustment to Meeting Room line item as a result of the move to the Macon Marriott which makes total Expense Budget \$22,608. Net Operating Income—(\$12,745) which is covered by 2012 Funds Brought Forward. Area Assembly Contributions: make checks payable to AFG of GA, Inc., P. O. Box 7644, Macon GA 31209-7644. There is a form on Georgia Website where you can put group name and WSO number when submitting contributions. Information has been sent out to the DR's regarding groups opening bank accounts. Report accepted by general consent.

**GA Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office**, Debbie F.: A Committee meeting is scheduled for February and we will be looking at our goals for this term. We are continuing to look at ways to improve services to the fellowship. Address for Donations: GACS (Georgia Al-Anon Central Services), 2713 Sheraton Drive, Suite B120, Macon GA 31204.

Shirley, GACS Treasurer, Shirley, gave the following financial report: **Budget Report 1/1/12- 10/31/12:** Income--\$33,035.61, Cost of Goods—\$20,120.48, Gross Profit--\$12,915, Expenses--\$13,191.11, Net Income (-\$275.98). Assets: Current Operating Account--\$10,000, Business Money Market Account--\$12,000, Total--\$36,191.04. Sales Tax Liability--\$86, Final Balance--\$36,191.04. A final 2012 report will be given at the April AWSC and May Assembly. Report accepted by general consent.

### New Business:

- A. The Finance Committee Task Force report on Corporate Insurance was presented and motion was made to accept the report and adopt the recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously *Motion 2*.
- B. The AWSC Task Force on Alateen Effectiveness Report recommendations A & C were presented and a motion was made to accept the reports and adopt the recommendations as presented. Motions passed *Motion 3*.

### Business Items

**Motion 1:** Funds carried forward at year end 2012 in excess of \$10,000 be moved into a money market account for anticipated expenses. **126 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain—Motion passed**

**Motion 2:** That AFG of Georgia, Inc. purchase one insurance policy with Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 which includes Employees Practices Policy inclusive of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability, General Liability Insurance, Business Personal Property Liability, not to exceed \$3,000.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion 3:** That the AWSC Task Force on Alateen Effectiveness Report recommendations A & C be accepted and the recommendations for AMIAS Compliance Review Process be implemented. **124 yes, 2 opposed, 1 abstain—Motion passed**

**Other Reports:**

**Al-Anon/Alateen Convention**, August 9-11, 2012, Lois B. Registration forms are available here this weekend and on the website under events. There is a need for items to be donated for the boutique and silent auction. We also need food contributions for hospitality. Currently we have 155 individuals registered.

**Alateen Conference**, June 7-9, at Rock Eagle.

**2013 60<sup>th</sup> Georgia A.A. Prepaid Convention**, October 17-20., Dorothy N. Recognizing Georgia Al-Anon's 50th Anniversary. There will be 2 Al-Anon Speakers--Friday at 4 pm and Saturday at 10 am. There is a link to Registration forms available on Georgia Al-Anon website.

**Announcements:**

- May 3, cutoff for Assembly hotel reservations
- 2014 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Co-Chair/2015 Chair will be elected in May from Zone 5 members..
- 2014 Alateen Conference Chair elected in May from qualified AMIAS or Al-Anon member willing to qualify as an AMIAS.
- At the May Assembly a decision will need to be made regarding where to hold Assembly for 2014. Please give input.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Martin, Area Secretary

AMENDED