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FROM THE REFLECTOR EDITOR

Every issue of The Reflector gets easier and easier. If everyone sends their report, it just falls into place. I want to encourage anyone with computer experience of any kind to think about putting their name forward to take over this position when we elect a new panel in October. The most difficult part of this job is getting the reports in and getting all the email addresses updated. Once you have that information, it all just flows together. I am looking forward to putting out the 2010 issues and finishing my term as editor. I would like to thank all of you who send their reports in a timely manner and I'd also like to thank my co-editor for her words of encouragement and eagle eye for typos!! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at assemblies and of course, the convention. **The next deadline is May 1st.**

Love in service,
Jan Rogerson, Editor

Membership Outreach Coordinator

In January, the Membership Outreach Action Committee revised the guidelines for that committee. Once the revisions have been approved by that committee they will be forwarded to Nancy B. for inclusion in the Area records. She, in turn, will send them to Mike M., our Area webmaster, in a pdf format to be posted on the member's website. This is the process used for Area World Service Committee documents and Area Assembly documents to insure the accuracy and authenticity of the information being posted and also prevents corruption of the data placed there. A detailed report of that meeting will be placed on the member's website for everyone to read after it is presented at the Area World Service Committee meeting in May, so I am not going to use this space to duplicate that report.

At the Assembly Membership Outreach held three breakout workshops—1) Group Representatives chaired by Susan O., 2) District Representatives chaired by Joyce H., and 3) Other Members chaired by Wes B. Discussion was lively in all of the sessions. A report on each session will be in the minutes for the Assembly as well as in *The Reflector*.

The business of reaching out to our members is an ongoing process which can be greatly strengthened by the effective use of Group, District, and Area inventories. The Area inventory was taken at the Assembly on January 23rd and will be scrutinized by the committee to see where communications can be improved. The World Service Office Guideline G8 (Taking Group Inventory) is available for Groups to use. As far as the districts are concerned, I have a copy of an inventory which was used in several districts.

LIS

Linda R., Chairperson

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CHATTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

2010

World Service
Conference

Wyndham in

Virginia Beach

April 11th-15th,

2010.

The conference
theme is to be

“Celebrate! Em-
brace

the group conscience

to expand

our circle

of hope. 50 years

of the World

Service Conference

It's unbelievable that we are now into the third and final year of Panel 48 with just two more Assemblies. I am encouraged by the forward movement of our Area. At our October Assembly and this past Assembly we tried rearranging the agenda. I have come to understand that with the time limitation we have, our agendas have been very ambitious and next to impossible to complete and be effective.

The agenda changes, which may or may not be continued, include:

1. Making the Treasurer's report as well as the Secretary's report a consent agenda item (read prior to meeting) with time for corrections and questions at Assembly and then voting.
2. Less time taken for Coordinator and officer reports as they are being posted on the newly created password-protected AWSC webpage and the member's password-protected website. Information should be available all the time, anytime. This is a work in progress.
3. Separate breakout sessions for Group Representatives and District Representatives and a General session for all other attendees. All sessions are open to anyone.
4. Providing a brief preview of the agenda for the Action Committee sessions prior to the lunch break.
5. I know it had been a practice of Area 50 in the past to do an inventory. At the recommendation of several members, the AWSC completed one with the results reported at the AWSC meeting this January. The next step was to do an Area inventory which we completed at this Assembly. It is my intent that these results will be posted on the Area website.

Our new webmaster Mike M. has been working diligently to update, revise and

bring new features to our Area website. I am amazed at the amount of information literally at our finger tips. We can be working on projects all throughout the year, not just at the Assembly. Of course, the Reflector remains an essential vehicle of communication for our fellowship. In an effort to provide another means of communication, the AWSC is looking into the Area's use of conference calling. It's just being investigated at this time. What an advantage to be able to have conference calling to work on Action Committee or Area projects between Assembly.

This is an exciting time for us. Change can be intimidating to us. In Al-Anon we learn we don't have to do anything alone, help is there if we humble ourselves and ask. If you are new in service, a Service Sponsor may be helpful. If you know someone who is challenged by using the computer, encourage them to find a Tech Sponsor to help them. When I started out in Area service positions my computer skills were extremely limited. I have learned by doing and by asking for help. It didn't happen overnight but I know more now and I can pass it on just as I pass on my experience, strength and hope in my personal recovery. I speak for our Area World Service Committee officers when I say that we are available to help you in any way possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention.

Fellowship Love,
Susan L.

Membership Outreach Continued:

P.S. Please use the following email address when sending Al-Anon information to me:

catsmeow2747@sc.rr.com.

My Hotmail address mixes Al-Anon information and my other online business. I may or may not find material you send to Hotmail because of the volume of mail and the infrequency with which it is checked.

NEWS FROM OUR AREA SECRETARY

Are you enthusiastic about doing Service Work in your Group, District, Area or do you sit back and let others take on these necessary positions and responsibilities? Do you take part in your Home Group's - Group Conscience with enthusiasm or dread? Area 50 will be electing new Group Representatives, District Representative, Area Officers are you willing to take risks to grow and become enthusiastic this coming Fall? Has your enthusiasm become complacent?

Attending last weekend's Area Assembly made me reflect back over the years when I attended my first Area Assembly. I was very new to the program, but the enthusiasm I saw that day was something I wanted back in my life. I had become willing to carry this message when I became a Group Representative, then following that Area Assembly I began sharing with my Home Group, Tuesday/Friday Night AFG in West Columbia what I saw and learned that day. The seed had been planted for me to become willing when I was elected Group Representative and the enthusiasm began filling in me. I found all I had to do was to become willing with my Higher Power and he would walk with me through my fears of not knowing how, and he continued to be with me as a stood for District Representative, Convention Chair, Alternate Delegate, Public Outreach Co-coordinator, Delegate, Area Chairman, Area Secretary, and now serve as an Alateen Sponsor. I learned that SERVICE IS FUN!!

I remain very enthusiastic for this program in carrying the message, by arriving early at my Home Group, setting up literature, being there for newcomers before and after a meeting, participating in group consciences and other activities my group is involved with in District Three; as well as attend District Meetings on a regular basis taking part in their activities.

This past Fall I became willing with enthusiasm to be an Alateen Sponsor and what a wonderful way to be reenergized in be there watching, listening, and learning from our young Al-Anons.

Hope you will consider some of my questions by becoming willing to share your enthusiasm with us. I have learned that this program certainly begins with me with my Higher Power, and the gratitude for those who served before me with zeal and enthusiasm.

See you in about three weeks in Myrtle Beach at our 35th SC Al-Anon/Alateen Convention. Fellowship Love,
Nancy Bommer, Area Secretary



Calendar of Events

SC Convention — February 18-21, 2010

Lois' Birthday — March 4th

District 3 Mtg — March 6

District 6 Mtg — March 13

District 7 Mtg — March 20

District 2 Mtg — March 28

District 5 All Day — April 24

AWSC — May 1st

Reflector Deadline — May 1st

District 6 Mtg — May 8

District 3 All Day — May 15

District 7 Mtg — May 15

District 8 Mtg — May 15

Area Assembly — June 5

OUR DELEGATE SPEAKS OUT

Everything I know about being a sponsor today, I learned from being a sponsee—the most important of which is that attitude is everything. Hard lessons were made even harder when my attitude was negative (and that is still true today). As a sponsee, I've had the opportunity to use The Legacies as vehicles to learn to live life on life's terms. *The Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, district meetings, All Days, Area Assemblies, conventions, and Regional Service Seminars (now TEAM events) have all provided me with opportunities to learn and grow. In the beginning I didn't understand the need for business meetings; however my sponsors were patient with me. Gradually, with the help of my sponsor I began to understand what they were talking about. My sponsor's enthusiasm rubbed off on me, and soon my curiosity took over. I wanted to know what they were talking about, but I still had grave doubts about my abilities; however the turning point came when I heard a speaker share about her learning disabilities. She gave me hope.

My first venture into sponsorship was as an Alateen sponsor at a time when Alateens were seen only at the Alateen Conference. The only role model I had for sponsorship was what I had learned from my sponsors; consequently that was what I used. They accompanied me to the same events my sponsor had taken me to. I shared with them as my sponsor shared with me. I had been told to "Keep an open mind; because the 'yeah buts' were hazardous to my growth." The question of my loyalty to them was never an issue, as long as they based their decisions on sound Al-Anon principles which meant among other things they had to learn to use *The Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. If I wasn't positive, they weren't going to be either.

In my Home Group I was a service sponsor before I was a personal sponsor. When I was elected Group Representative my sponsor informed me that I had just become the service sponsor for the Group. It was my job to get people involved. I didn't know anything about Concept 4, but I was practicing it. I was reluctant to serve as a personal sponsor because of my learning disabilities (It has taken me 18 years of working on a gratitude list to be grateful for my learning disabilities instead of whining about them.) Today I try to impart to those I sponsor the lessons I learned from my sponsors. I listen when someone complains about the spiritual business of Al-Anon and suggest that study of a particular Tradition or Concept might bring about a change in perspective. They also know that I still work on having a positive mental attitude especially when an issue bends me out of shape.

ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS!!! IS YOURS WORTH CATCHING?

Love and fellowship,
Linda R.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There is a lot to share first timed item is Al Anon Faces Alcoholism's next deadline is Feb. 10TH. at 5 P.M. It is a great PSA for Al Anon to share with professionals and new comers. Members continue to get the word out going to treatment centers, Dr's offices, back to School events, community outreach programs, and getting literature to your local ministers can be helpful. Remember it can start with you. There are many out there troubled by someones drinking.

The Crying House poster was placed on a CD for each District to use. The hope is that it will save each District on the cost of setting up the poster at the Copy Shop of your choice. Local meeting info can be added on at the bottom. Remember to ask to post and keep it current.

March 4TH is Lois Wilson the co- founder of Al Anon birthday. In honor of her we have the Leave Hope Campaign. Again this year we are having District contest. The most teams leaving literature in a public place will win a prize for their District. A seasoned Al anon member and a new to service member team up and leave hope and report back to your GR and then back to DR. Prize will be awarded at June area meeting. Whether you leave hope as a team or alone we can all do this. Let it begin with you.

We also have a drawing at every Area Meeting \$50.00 and \$35.00 for Districts that turn in a report on outreach done in each District. Reports need to be sent to me by June 1ST and Sept. 1ST. Most Districts have members who work very hard keeping information out there for others hurting. This money is to help with the cost of Outreach.

The next thing I would like to share if not done else where in this Reflector. The story of Lois Wilson has been made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame moving Airing April 25TH 2010 at 9 P.M. EST on CBS. The title is "When Love Is Not Enough". Starring Winona Ryder as Lois and Berry Pepper as Bill Wilson. We all need to mark our calenders for this great event. Would it not be great to see people come in to our rooms after seeing this movie. It is my understanding that the WSO has been involved with this project but not necessarily CAL.

You may E mail me at jr_dian@yahoo.com

Membership Outreach Challenge
Place a website business card in every
newcomer's packet.

WORDS FROM OUR ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Group Change Forms are coming in then changes sent to the SC website where those changes are quickly done thanks to our Area Website coordinator, Mike; then the information is sent onto to WSO Group Records as well.

Alateens are looking at the possibility of having an All Day. They shared this information with two new Alateens who were in attendance at their first Area Assembly. Recognition of two newly formed Alateen Groups in South Carolina as well as their registration forms were submitted to WSO.

Questions and answers regarding Group Change Forms were discussed. Discussion included how to complete a Group Change Form even when a group adds a new meeting time in addition to their existing meetings, change in meeting locations, as well as time changes for their meetings.

Those attending were also given information on how to enter the SC Area 50 website as well as how to access the member's only section. Instructions were also discussed on how to enter the member's only section of the WSO website. Some discussion and concerns regarding the Alateen chat page, which WSO is developing, were heard and reassurances relayed that there would be proper security protecting the Alateens.

The guideline for Group Services was discussed with short-term as well as long-term goals. Group Services is developing a bookmark with bullets on how to utilize the SC website and the WSO website. Short-term and Long-term goals will be evaluated at the breakout session of the Group Services Action Committee at the June 2010 Area Assembly as to what the committee has accomplished to date. New goals will be considered.

Group Services Action Committee – chaired by Wes B.

Prior to breaking for lunch each chairman of the four action committees shared a brief summary of what they would be discussing. Group Services chaired by Wes B., met in the Red Room and would be summarizing what was discussed at the October Area Assembly; discussing the guideline established for Group Services of their short-term and long-term goals; discussing the Group Change Form, how to use to SC Area 50 website and World Service Office website; and Alateen. **Group Services – Wes B.** – Handed out a handout covering how to entering of the SC Area 50 website, a summary of the items discussed at the October Area Assembly; and information about the Group Change Forms. They covered forms for Alateens needed for conventions; discussed the suggestions received during the Group Services breakout at the October Area Assembly; how to get into the SC website and WSO website; how to get the guidelines for recertification for Alateen Sponsors, the value of group histories; looking at making sure information about District All Days to Mike to place on the Calendar of Events on the SC Area 50 website. They also discussed making a bookmark describing how to access the SC website and WSO website for the fellowship.

What's happening in your area? Are you planning any events? Having any speakers? Doing any workshops? Let The Reflector know and I'll put them on the calendar! A lot of us will "get in the car and go" if we know when and where.



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4/15, 2010)

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and love gifts to arrive
after April 7, 2010.

BREAKOUT SESSION REPORTS

DR Breakout Session
Chair: Joyce H

The Meeting was opened by Joyce H with a suggestion that the open discussion by DRs sharing what is going on in their district with a focus on both concerns AND solutions.

The meeting was opened with discussion about planning, attendance and content of District meetings.

Bee shared that District 7 will be having a panel of speakers at their all day discussing transition of leadership since this will be an election year.

Jan H shared a Dist 6 established a goal (in 2009) to encourage more participation of their GRs. The members decided to have some fun with the problem & send "Get Well" cards to GRs that had not attended the last 2 district meetings. It was noted that at least one GR surfaced at the next meeting. The group continues to send out notices – the last being a Christmas card for the November holiday meeting – but too soon to tell if the added contact is increasing participation or just more fun by those participating.

Linda R shared note card samples that she sent out to members when she was DR at District 6– to remind/nudge GRs the week prior. The postcards said, "I'm going to District meeting are you?"

Bee noted that she has 100% participation of GRs that she attributes to her personal contact w/GRs. She does not rely only on her e-mail (because many members still do not have that access,) she also calls or speaks in person with GRs prior to meetings.

Joyce H noted that she visits all of her groups. Joyce H said she does not notify groups when she is coming. She starts planning District meetings 3wks ahead. E-mails GRs to ask for agenda items, reminder of host & asks for any changes. She also prints out all materials - agenda, minutes - and follows up by mailing information to those who do not come.

One DR mentioned that she use to call all her GRs in advance of district meetings – but was advised by her Service sponsor that she did not need to do that. It is the GRs responsibility to know when the meetings are to attend.

Linda R shared about a telephone tree was used when she was DR (pre e-mail) & no one had to call more than 5 members nor was there burden with long distance calls.

Jan H shared that another effort by Dist 6 to reach out to GRs and other group members resulted in the initiation of "Road Trips" encouraging members to visit each other's group between the bi-monthly district meetings. At each district meeting the members decide on a group to visit. It began by choosing a group that either had no GR or an inactive one. A question from the floor was asked if Jan notifies groups in advance of the visit to which she responded yes - she does coordinate her visits with a GR or regular attendee. Currently, the groups being selected are coming from GRs asking for added support.

General concern was brought up that some groups simply refuse to contribute outside their group.

Another DR mentioned that she was dragged into service – and it worked. Mary W reported that District 4 is having a "Meet your Pals in Service" at their next district meeting.

District 1 and District 7 passed around copies of the meeting lists they prepare and pass on to GRs. District 7 e-mails their list wider than their own district. A request was made for copies of each other's lists be shared with all DRs. It was noted that District 7 has a message addressed to Spanish-speaking audience. Jan H mentioned that Dist 6 produces a Trusted Servants List for all GRs, officers and coordinators that include meetings with GR and Alateen Sponsor contact information, a calendar and other related contact information at the Area and WSO level. It was requested that we (DRs) establish an e-mail list to be able to communicate & share more among each other.

BREAKOUT SESSION REPORTS

(cont'd)

GR's Meeting/Workshop

Facilitator: Susan Outen

Role of GR

- Communicator (up and down)
- Voice
- Represent Forum
- Attend district and area meetings
- Reach out to other groups
- The Glue ?
- Invite others to service

How does your group utilize CAL in your meetings?

- Use in step meetings
- Forum
- One meeting per month using CAL
- Stay on topic
- Pamphlets?

Good meeting topics

- Sponsorship
- Draw from box
- Sex and Money
- Fears
- Service
- Group conscience/inventory

Rotation of Service, attraction

How do you share district, area information?

- Announcements
- Email
- Invite members to come with me to other meetings
- Regular group consciences

Submitted by Bob C.

The Workshop today titled "Sharing Solutions"

Summary of Workshop Other Attendees Portion chaired by Wes B. – Suggest groups do a Group Inventory. The way that this group inventory can be done is autonomous; some do it yearly; three groups break it down into three sections; could make copies of the Group Inventory Sheet (G-8) and use as a meeting topic; one group does this inventory in one night; one group does the inventory and then compiles results. Doing a Group Inventory keeps a group on track; can stop others from bringing in other sources of literature; read 3 Obstacles to Success. Go to member's portion WSO website then go under Group Services and printout Group Inventory Sheet (G-8). Discussion took place on how to deal with an unhealthy group who only uses the three daily readers – inform them of the other Al-Anon books we have such as Discovering Choices, the Forum. Talked about getting the flow of information through email including the AWSC information. How do you deal with a group who doesn't want to hear any information from the District, AWSC, or Area Assembly? Instead of taking time reporting in the meeting print out and give out handouts containing the information. What does a group do when no one wants to chair – place the book in the center of the table so everyone will become willing to step up to the plate; offer to sit by a newcomer chairing their first meeting; use the book on grief which discusses the loss of dreams and hopes; study the steps, the traditions, and the concepts. Use a God Box and open it after three months; do a book study; use group conscience meetings; get the meeting back on top when the focus is no longer there; be kind to person and complement leader; use the SC Area 50 as well as the WSO website for new information to improve problems which may exist in a meeting.

CONVENTION 2010 REPORT

Seeking a Balanced Life

February 18th is just around the corner and Districts 6, 7 & 8 are ready to be your host and enjoy with you the fellowship and fun at the 35th SC Al-anon/Alateen Convention. We are excitedly anticipating inspiration and opportunity for growth from listening to the speakers and participating in the workshops. There will be shopping for home crafted and art items in the Country Store and a chance to try your luck by buying a ticket for the beautiful butterfly quilt or a great theme basket. The hospitality room will be an inviting place to grab a snack and visit with old and new friends. Don't miss the entertainment Saturday night as it promises to be great fun.

Please take a few minutes to visit the Area web site (www.al-anon-sc.org) where you will find the pre-registration form, convention updates and the convention program including workshops. A map of Springmaid Beach Resort can be downloaded from the site to help you find your way on arrival. Registration, the main conference room and the country store will be in the Robert L. Reid Conference Center. The guestrooms, workshops and the hospitality room will be in the Palmetto Dunes Building.

Have you registered yet? Don't miss all the fun, fellowship and opportunity for spiritual growth and renewed balance. Hope to see you February 18th at Myrtle Beach.

DISTRICT ONE

Hello Everyone,

Well, the holidays are over and Convention 2010 is just around the corner, it's hard to believe. Districts 1, 2, and 9 met on Saturday January 09 to elect officers for the 2011 Convention. The theme of the convention will be "Focus On U" with an arrow on the top of the U.

District 1 has 3 members so far who will be helping with the 2011 Convention, good going gang.

District 1 had their first Area Meeting on January 17th, we had a good turnout. I did however neglect to inform 2 of our GR's, sorry guys, it wont happen again.

District 1 is still struggling to get their Alateen program off the ground, so far no takers. We have moved the meeting site as well as the day and time; TBA. We are getting the message out via hospital ER's, schools, churches and even radio/newspaper. If any one has any ideas what else we can do, PLEASE e-mail me or call.

We will be seeing you all at the convention.

Karen L. DR District 1

District Two

District 2 has met twice since last report. Our November District meeting was the beginning of focusing on Group Representative responsibilities . With voting coming in October , hopefully these next District Meetings will help members prepare for Group, District and State voting of officers.

District 2 has also now begun to contribute to Fundraising and also Hospitality with baskets and food that will be taken in February.

We met again January 24th, Convention 2011 was the focus. Each Group Representative was ask to go back to their groups and get ideas for Entertainment and also Fundraising . Also mentioned was the discussion of raising District Contributions by \$1.00. The vote for that motion will take place in March. More workshops on Service at all levels will also be held again in March

In Service
Joyce Hord District 2 Representative

DISTRICT THREE

District 3 met on January 16th with about half of the groups in the district represented. Good fellowship and some detailed work ensued. We had a fun game and a good workshop on the "tools" of Al-Anon.

District 3's P O coordinator, Susan E., will be working on a new public outreach project for the district in getting Forum subscriptions for doctors, therapists, etc. We hope to have at least 16 subscriptions done.

We are planning our district ALL Day for May 15th. It will be held this year at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in their gymnasium. Look for flyers about the All Day. This year's theme is "Doing the Footwork." We plan to have a pot luck dinner with workshops and a speaker and a Chinese auction – so don't forget your unwrapped gift. The All Day registration is \$5 for Al-Anon's and \$1 for Alateens. The time frame is 10 am to 4 pm with a district meeting to follow. Hope to see everyone there.

LIS,
Jan Rogerson, Alt. DR

District Four

District 4 had a great turn-out for our 2009 Holiday dinner in December. We had three inspirational speakers, Janet L., a former District Rep, and two wonderful Alateen speakers, Stacy G. from Camden and Delia C. from Columbia, if you attended you got to shed a few tears, laugh and gain some hope and strength from each one of their stories, if you did not attend, you sure missed out on a good thing!

Taylor S. You go girl !!!, thanks for stepping up to the GR position for the "Open Door Alateen" group, your service is needed and appreciated, we also thank Hannah B. for passing on this service work, you did a great job as GR getting the "Open Door" group started 4 years ago.

We thank Sam for his great job in improving the appearance of our new meeting schedule, a tough job trying to cram more meetings into the already filled schedule. You have been a trooper in this project Sam with your effort and time.

Our schedule now has Richland, Lexington and Kershaw County meetings listed.. We have added two Kershaw County meetings to it;

Kershaw Co AFG
Tuesday 8:00 PM
1104 Church St, Camden, 29054

The Bright Side of The Street
Monday 7:00 PM (Rowan Presb Church, AA Bldg)
818 Ridgeway Rd, Lugoff, 29078

This year is the last year of our three-year term for District officers as well as many GR's, we are in early planning and discussion on this so that District 4 will have the **courage to change** and prepare for Fall elections.

Part of this will include a "get to know your pals in service" by having a district meeting that will encourage all members to attend and hear how service works aids in recovery, and to join in some fellowship and fun.

Last time District 4 met was January 10, 2010, our next District meeting will be March 14, 2010, Virginia Wingard at 3pm. If you have never attended a meeting, please plan to join us for this is the year of transition and passing on the service for all to gain in recovery. Unity + Service = Recovery

Friends and Fellowship,
Mary C. Warden

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District Six

Several holiday Al-Anon parties took place ending 2009 with a bang including a guitar strumming and singing Alternate DR John C at the November district meeting. Several groups invited special out-of-town guest speakers to their holiday gatherings including Summerville's Oakbrook Courage to Change, Summerville AFG and Beaufort's Monday Brown Baggers. General holiday celebrations did not by-pass the Alateens – as they attended some of the parties while teens & sponsors at Bluffton's Ultimate Alateen and Beaufort's Easy Does It Alateens had their own celebrations including wings & root beer floats.

District 6 kicked off 2010 with two new officers. Edna S (former Delegate) and current GR of Sunshine AFG in Walterboro, will be finishing out Susan L's 3rd year of her term as Literature/Communications Coordinator due to a new work schedule. Also Area Chair, Susan has been a dedicated communications reporter at each district meeting keeping us in the light on new literature and area projects as well as provider of literature samples for GRs to take back to our home meetings. And, Carolyn D, GR of H Friday Luncheon AFG and Chair of ABC, District 6's sole information service group, will be our new Group Services Coordinator. She will be finishing out Julie H's 3-year term (from Sunday Serenity in Summerville) who has been doing double duty as District 6 Secretary. Julie will be passing on a Group Services effort for the district establishing up-to-date WSO records on all groups.

Our District 6 Public Outreach Project springs into action beginning 2010 with "Forum Subscriptions" provided by District 6 & delivered to approximately 10 different civic organizations agreeing to partner with local Al-Anon and Alateen groups. Among our partners are representatives from hospital programs, drug & alcohol abuse programs, after-school activity center, homes & services for abused women and children, free and low-cost health facilities, libraries and United Way.

District 6 Alateens continue to show their enthusiasm for service. Their attendance and contributions is growing not only at their own home groups, but they are visiting other meetings, attend district and Area assembly meetings with vital contributions at the action committee break out sessions. Current plans include over a dozen of our teens are headed for the 35th 2010 Al-Anon /Alateen Convention in Myrtle Beach. Easy Does It Teens will be bringing a colorful collection of God boxes they have made and will be for sale in the country store. Bring some extra cash as they are priceless.

Many District 6 members will be at the 2010 convention looking forward to the culmination of a year-long planning: (Mary V) on the country store making and attracting artwork from all parts of the state; (Mary Lynn B) coordinating the quilt raffle & leading a workshop; Becky B coordinating fundraising with souvenir T-shirts & hats; Susan L and Linda R on the Speaker committee and leading a workshop. Many of our members are making plans to be there helping or just enjoying the experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan H, DR , District 6

District Five

No Report submitted

District Seven

Before I begin the report, I would like to say how very much I enjoyed the State Assembly Meeting today, and came home feeling the same as I did many years ago, when I first began my service in Al-Anon. Thank you, everyone, for creating such a memorably fruitful, busy, and just downright pleasant day!

I sent out an agenda for our January meeting that roughly outlined plans by way of 'dates to remember' for helping members to know what's coming up in this last year for the current district members. I am mailing this to all the state DR's at their request. My suggestion in that meeting was that communication among the members was very important – mostly in providing encouragement to the newer members. I have tried to keep very personal with everyone – as was done for me in the beginning.

Jean B, our treasurer, will form a team with Kevin B (Friday Night Hope GR) to prepare a spreadsheet in order to make our district budget more useable.

Pam C presented her PI calendar for us to share with the groups in carrying the message. By the way, I will thank Dian R for the check that she gave me to give Pam – who once again was rewarded for her diligent work in this area. (hee, hee - - I haven't told her this yet!)

The Phone/AIS service is working smoothly, with 2 groups doing the phone-checking on a rotation basis. The meeting list contains our District website, with links to the State Assembly, and WSO, along with the district calendar of events. Elizabeth W has worked very hard on this service for over a year; the District website is accurate, with much information. The latest meeting list dated 17 January 2010 can be found there, also.

Michele Mc is going to present a workshop next meeting on Alateen Sponsor/qualification! Yep – you guessed it! We will ALL be qualified! This is very exciting.

Sharon, Judy and Nancy have done a great job in helping out with registration for the 2010 convention. I hope we have great attendance, so that all this hard work (by the other districts, too) – can be appreciated and enjoyed.

We have also had 3 meeting changes – one in District 6 – the other 2 in District 7 - - - the current list shows the correct new information.

Since this is my last year in the 3-year term as DR, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve. It has been an on-going growing experience for me. I especially enjoy the company of every one else trying to do their best!

Respectfully submitted ,

Bee Lindfors, District 7 Representative

DISTRICT 8

Greetings from District 8.... with the start of the new year, District 8 is jumping right into business. We had our first 2010 District Meeting on Saturday, January 16th. I was so proud that all the chairs at the tables were full. We are off to a great start and we reviewed the following:

- * We welcomed our new District Treasurer, SueAnn S. She took over for Jim B. who did a wonderful job for us. We thank her for jumping in to help us. She is an asset to the district.
 - * We got new Meeting Lists with our newest meeting on it. We want to welcome "Serenity on Hwy 90." Their GR has been attending district meetings and is very excited about the group and we're excited for them.
 - * We have decided that the money made from the last fundraiser for Public Outreach will go toward information for the Police Departments in our district. We are in the process of seeing exactly what works best in this situation. We will keep you posted.
 - * We also are planning our next Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Sunday, June 13th. We have someone making us a quilt and Al-Anon books, subscriptions for the Forum and Grapevines will be raffled off along with other goodies. Look for our flyer soon on the SC website.
 - * We are trying to get the groups ready for election time in October (it will be here before we know it) and have sent DR/GR Guidelines to the groups. We are encouraging the members to look at the different service positions available and talk about how service work makes us grow and improves our program.
 - * We are looking at different crafts from different groups for love gifts for Linda R. for Conference and I think we have come up with some cute ideas.
 - * We passed out a Lois Remembers team work form. The form explains getting the team together, distributing CAL literature, filling in the form with the name of the place visited and the literature left, and getting it to me so I can turn them in for the contest. GO DISTRICT 8!!!!
- All of our groups are doing really well with the exception of our Alateen group. There are 2 faithful Alateen that come and keep that meeting going, but attendance doesn't seem to build. We will keep plugging away at it, you never know when one night the room might start filling up.

Love in Unity & Service
Melanie Martin

DISTRICT 9

Happy New Year to all from District 9, We held our first District meeting of 2010 on Jan. 19th with good attendance. The new answering service and monthly speaker meeting lists were handed out and discussed. We continue to have great attendance and great speakers at our monthly open speaker meetings at the Al-Ano club. This meeting is hosted by a different group each month. They are responsible for getting the speaker, chairing the meeting and refreshments. This is a great time to meet members from other groups. Group Reps. were reminded of the 2010 convention coming up in Feb. and registration forms were available. They were asked to contact me if they had any crafts to be taken to the country store. Joanna L. volunteered to fix our basket for the raffle. All involved with the holiday dinner in Dec. were thanked. Our speaker was Christie Ann, a fairly new member to our Traditional group. She moved back to Greenville from Chicago where she started attending Al-Anon. Her talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all as was the delicious meal and the fellowship. We had 75+ in attendance. The new business discussed was our participation in the 2011 convention. Our District will be in charge of fundraising. G.R.'s were asked to take this back to their groups for ideas. My hope for District 9 for 2010 is to continue to share the gift of Al-Anon to all who suffer from the family disease of alcoholism in our area. Yours in Service, Vickie L. District 9 Rep.

District 10

District 10 held their last meeting on October 18, 2009. Ideas for the upcoming year were discussed. District 10 assisted District 4 with answering service in January. Our next meeting will be February 7.

Thanks
Marie Juhl

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Panel 01*	South Carolina did not have a delegate for panel 1.*		
Panel 03 1963	Henry Townsend	Greenville	(deceased 02/04/80)
Panel 06 1966	Julia Stork	Cayce	(deceased 04/01)
Panel 09 1969	Douglas Graham	Spartanburg	(deceased 10/86)
Panel 12 1972	Margaret Harbin	(deceased 09/03) She was the first newsletter editor and one of the SC Pioneers.	
Panel 15 1975	Ruby C. Dodd	7105 Cottageville Hwy., Round O 29474	(843)835-5477 rubydee@lowcountry.com
Panel 18 1978	Bessie Long	178 Edgewood Road, Easley 29642	(864)295-4425
Panel 21 1981	Winnie Blount	3401 Concord Rd., Amarillo, TX 79109-4719	
Panel 24 1984	Ginger Bowers	Lancaster, SC	(deceased 01/19/04)
Panel 27 1987	Betty Sue Wilkie	514 E. Home St., Hartsville 29550	(843)332-3995 BSWilkie@aol.com
Panel 30 1990	Edna Smoak	117 Edwards St., St. George 29477	(843)563-3506 EkSMOAK@edistoelectric.net
Panel 33 1993	Shirley Shuler	18 Atkinson Rd., Chester 29706	(803)385-3518 Sshuler@infoave.net
Panel 36 1996	Bobby Strange	409 Willow Winds Dr., Columbia 29210	(803)772-9638 BobbyStr@aol.com
Panel 39 1999	Barbara Ann McKinnon	605 W. Barr Street, Lancaster 29720	(803)286-0050 blmckinnon@comporium.net
Panel 42 2002	Nancy Bommer	403 Edisto Lake Rd., Wagener 29164	(803)564-6487 scflutter@aol.com
Panel 45 2005	Susan Lebhar	108 Alwyn Blvd., Summerville 29485	(843)875-0784 Sueleb@sc.rr.com
Panel 48 2008	Linda Ruthven	9506 Raven Drive, Ladson, SC 29456	(843) 871-8202 catsmeow2747@sc.rr.com
Panel 23	Alma Cromer	West Virginia delegate now SC resident	717 East Butternut Rd. Summerville, SC 29483

2011 Convention Committee

Our first Convention Planning Meeting was held on January 9, 2010 in Spartanburg.

Districts 1, 2, and 9 will be once again joining forces to bring you a Program based Convention.

We had received from our different groups 15 different Theme ideas. The vote was taken and the winner was 'Focus On U'. Each District Representative was asked to take back to their groups at District Meetings notes and ask for help and ideas.

Officers also were set into place and also most all various Committee Chairman. The Officers are as follows:

- Convention 2011 Chairman : Joyce Hord
- Co-Chairman : Karen Lenderman
- Voice : Sheryl Arthur
- Treasurer : Dory Davis
- Secretary : Connie McDaniel

Our Committees have already begun working on projects and the quilt has been decided upon and started. Our next Convention Planning Meeting will take place at Convention 2010 in Myrtle Beach in February.

Respectfully in Service
Joyce Hord
Convention 2011 Chairman

FROM OUR LITERATURE COORDINATOR

Thanks to all who attended the Communication Action Committee at the Assembly on Jan. the 23rd. I received a lot of ideas and help for preparation for the 2010 Convention. With your help I'm ordering a number of Alateen books and a selection of Al-Anon books for sale at the Convention in Feb. It will be good to see everyone in a few weeks.

Fellowship Love,
Dawn
Literature Coordinator

FROM OUR AREA TREASURER

Dear Al-Anon / Alateen Groups,

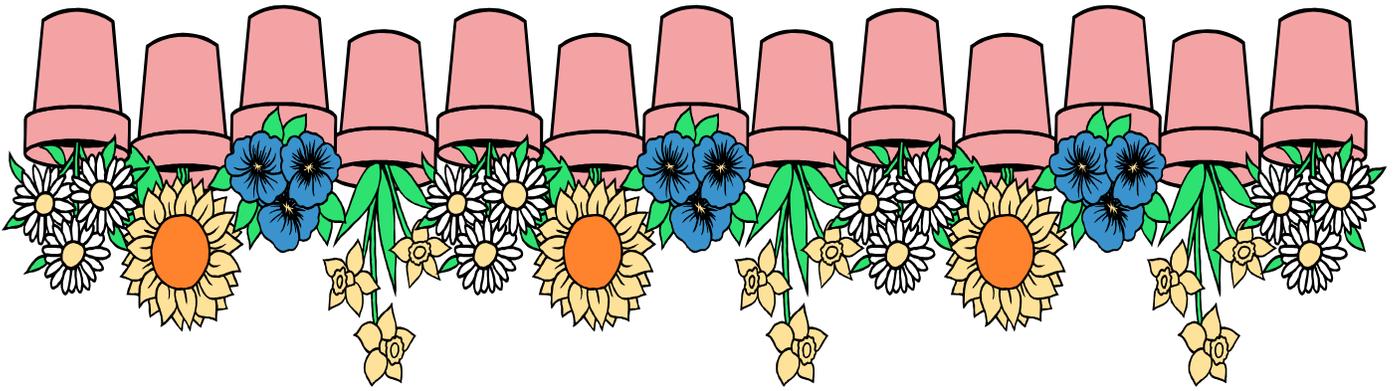
In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of self-support and in accordance with our Service Manual it is my duty and honor to submit, to you, this Annual Letter of Appeal and Encouragement for your generous financial support.

We pass the basket at each meeting, we read quarterly letters of appeal from WSO, we conduct fund-raisers for important special events and we mail in our birthday envelopes. "Where does it all go?" Ultimately, our contributions work in our Twelfth Step: to carry, to others, the message of recovery through our program and fellowship.

Your contributions to Area 50 (South Carolina) insure that your voice, vote and adherence to our Traditions is carried and expressed at the Area, Conference and World Service levels. Your financial support provides the Area Assembly with rent money for its meeting place, literature, information for all of us. Your monetary contributions also support the links of service, which ensure the continuity and accuracy of communication throughout our structure. Your financial strength pays office expenses, publishes our Area documents, posts our website, performs public outreach services and sends our Delegate to the annual World Service Conference (Al-Anon's worldwide group conscience meeting).

Your monetary contribution is a most important part of Area 50's effectiveness: a direct result of your Al-Anon/Alateen program.

Love and Service,
Mary Ellen R., Treasurer – Area 50



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