

Minutes of South Carolina Area Assembly

SC State Museum, 301 Gervais (Corner of Gervais and Huger Streets), Columbia, SC

Saturday, – October 6, 2012 10:00 A.M. Chairman – Jeri W

Welcome – Opened with the Serenity Prayer - The Concepts and General Warranties were read by Roger T.

Welcome to Newcomers – Jeri W. – Five (5) newcomers were identified and welcomed to their first ever assembly. An appreciative round of applause was given to them.

Approval of Area Assembly Minutes – Minutes for June 9, 2012 were presented for vote by Melanie M. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan E. and seconded by Janet L. and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report –Fran B. – Treasurer's report presented by Fran B., as follows: Beginning Balance is \$6,455.84. Income for the period was \$9,242.52 and total expenses were \$5,425.25 with an ending balance of \$10,273.11. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted was made by Jan H. and seconded by Dawn C. and unanimously approved.

Chairman - Jeri W. – Jeri went over the new dates for 2013 & 2014 which are as follows:

- January 5, 2013 AWSC
- February 2, 2013 Area Assembly
- May 4, 2013 AWSC
- June 8, 2013 Area Assembly
- August 24, 2013 AWSC
- September 28, 2013 Area Assembly
- January 4, 2014 AWSC
- January 25, 2014 Area Assembly
- May 3, 2014 AWSC
- June 14, 2014 Area Assembly

She also explained that next year the museum will be doing some reconstruction work. At times we may have to meet upstairs in the Palmetto Room. That information will be given out in advance so that everyone knows where to go.

This year has flown by. If only my recovery could be this fast. Alas, it's not, but it's important to look at what has been accomplished within our fellowship.

In 2012 we revamped our Assembly by implementing more workshops when the action committees other than Public Outreach were dissolved. Our Area Coordinators have been active in keeping our members informed about what is happening with their continued communication with WSO and their counterparts in other areas through the various e-communities. The 2012 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention was a smashing success. We had the pleasure and the tears of having Alateen do a fantastic presentation in January. The positive feedback from our members was remarkable. A Group

Representative Guide was developed and distributed within the GR/DR workshops. Our website format changed to make it easier to find meetings. The Alateen section on our website is new and improved to assist in making Alateen more accessible by having their meetings listed. Attendance at Assembly has been consistent. Public Outreach designed and distributed our new business cards. The Alateen Conference was well attended at Camp Kinnard.

As for today, I don't know what the results of our motions will be, but we may have new convention guidelines to work with plus a new and prudent budget. None of these tasks could have been accomplished without a lot of enthusiastic and dedicated trusted servants in South Carolina. Take a look around you right now! Who do you see? I see a vast array of differences all coming together for one reason – to keep Al-Anon and Alateen vibrant fellowships that have learned that “we” can do anything when we put our minds and hearts together in unity. I get to see your intensity, your passion, your caring towards one another when we are together. That is the blessing Al-Anon and Alateen have given each of us.

What's up for next year? We may be looking at developing job descriptions for our panel and coordinators that encompass their duties as well as the service qualifications needed to serve. Also, we could be looking at our districts and seeing if they are working well geographically.

But let's look forward to the coming months. Each group has elections in the near future. Our current panel & coordinators will be entering their last year of service in 2013. I am putting a bug in your ear – maybe YOU need to start thinking about where your service commitment may be headed. Do you know who to ask about a position you may be thinking about? If you are currently serving, have you considered talking to people about your service position and what it's done for your personal program? Maybe the person sitting next to you in your home group, at AWSC, or at Assembly is the member that can guide you through your service journey. And by the way, don't forget about your Higher Power. **He makes the willing person qualified.** In abundant love, willingness, & surrender!

Alternate Delegate - Joyce H. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* Not much has changed since the last report. I hope that all District Representatives are taking advantage of WSO E-community for on line sharing and chat with other District Representatives. This would be a great way to see how other Districts interact with each group within. If you need any info about this, please contact me.

Delegate's Report – Jan R. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* I am so happy to report that I am walking like a normal human being these days! I have successfully gone through my second hip replacement surgery and now feel better than I have in years! Thank you to everyone for their good thoughts, well wishes and prayers.

As of right now, I do not have a lot to report. I am continuing to serve on the Committee for Regional Trustee as alternate chair. We will start to review resumes in September and then submit our scores to the Chair.

The Theme for next year's conference has been announced. It will be “Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing “Me” to “We.” This theme will embody the essence of group conscience. As I work the Steps, join a home group and get a sponsor, I am no longer just “me” but “we.” We continue to connect with others until “we” become the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups. Conference is scheduled from Sunday, April 14, 2013 through Thursday, April 18, 2013 in Virginia Beach, VA.

This next year at conference we will be working on the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies" section of the Service Manual. The Manual is scheduled to be printed in the coming year.

The International in Vancouver is rapidly approaching. It is less than a year away. In mid-September we will be able to register and get additional info at the following website: www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org.

I hope you have all had the opportunity to see the new logo and name for the group newsletter. If you have not, please check with the person listed as the current mailing address (CMA) for your group. Your CMA can make copies and pass them out or email them to members of the group if they agree to receive them.

I have been to almost all of the districts in the Area this year. I have a couple more to visit this fall in the lowcountry. If I can be of any assistance to your district or group, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alateen - Jan H. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* Financials, elections and activities. Bottom lines are up in many areas including the positive checking balance, overall participants, workshops and activities presented. This year's conference was made successful with so many contributions in person and behind the scenes support from so many groups and members throughout the area. Additionally, we welcomed a group from Georgia and a guest Alateen Speaker from Georgia. These contacts were developed by the participation of our own State Alateen Rep, Gene W who with the support of Sponsor Brandon W was their guest Alateen speaker at their annual Alateen conference held this past June. Mark your calendar now for our 37th SC Alateen Conference scheduled for July 12-14, 2013 again at Camp Kinard.

2013 Convention – Area Alateen representatives participated in a 2013 convention overnight planning committee held at the Sea Mist Resort on August 11. This extended time on location provided an opportunity for first-hand experience to assess the new hotel arrangements for planning Alateen participation throughout the weekend. There are several areas to volunteer to enhance your experience at convention. Come to our area break out session in October or speak to an Alateen member to find out more. An Alateen Schedule of Events noting all Alateen open and closed activities will be made available with the registration materials and will also be posted online in advance – along with the Alateen travel/health permission packet required of all participating Alateens.

Alateen E-News - The Alateen E-News is a quarterly e-mail Alateen news alert distributed by your Area Alateen Coordinator. It is sent to all SC Alateen Sponsors and teens that have submitted their e-mail addresses to your AAC. Any information that you wish to be considered for inclusion can be sent to sc_alateen@yahoo.com.

SC Al-Anon/Alateen Website – Please visit the Alateen members' only pages for updates on Alateen news, opportunities to participate and access to Alateen resources. We will soon be posting all the necessary Alateen travel forms for upcoming 2013 events including the 2013 SC Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Feb 14-17-and the 2013 SC Alateen Conference July 12-14. There are many opportunities to participate and learn more about the Alateen program through service and practicing the Alateen principles including being a guest speaker, workshop leader and participating on a planning committee for Alateen events. Share your interest with an Alateen or Al-Anon trusted servant in your group or district or contact AAC at sc_alateen@yahoo.com.

sc_alateen@yahoo.com - A review of the public Alateen meeting inquiries received since the change to posting SC Alateen meeting information to the public has changed considerably. Inquiries coming in

are queries for more specific cities or regions --- in particular in those where we currently do not have active Alateen meetings -- Spartanburg, Fort Mill, Tega Cay, Florence and Myrtle Beach. Any Al-Anon member who has been a member for 2 years and has been regularly attending a SC AL-Anon meeting for the last year may be eligible to serve as SC Alateen sponsor. You are cordially invited to learn more at the next Area Assembly Oct 6.

Report on 36th SC Alateen Conference

2012	Elections	2011
Gene W	Current Area State Representative 2013 from Easy Does It Alateen, Beaufort/Pt Royal	Gene's 2 nd of 3 year term
Danny B	Current Alternate State Rep 2012 from Easy Does It Alateen, Beaufort /Pt Royal	Elected to Alt State Rep
Anna Lise B	Elected Alt Area Rep 2013 from Paths to Serenity, Mt Pleasant	Member of NC Alateen
	Financials	
\$6,634.00	Total Income	\$4,869.07
\$6,264.98	Total Expense	\$4,859.71
\$369.02	Balance	\$9.30
\$91.50	Cost per Weekend overnight	Same as last year
\$95.00	Fee charged per person	\$90.00
\$-	Overage costs covered by SCAC funds	\$60.00
	Other Interesting Numbers	2011
64	Total Participants	44
22	Full Scholarships Provided	14
43	Registered Alateens for weekend w/(2) overnights	30
13	Registered Sponsors for weekend w/ (2) overnights	12
8	Participating SC Alateen Groups	8
8	Registered Saturday Only /Adults	7
404	Meals Provided	304
5	Alateen Speakers	51
2	Al-Anon Speakers	1
7	Workshops	8 last year; 4 prior
1	Alateen Skit	Possible first?
12	Activities	9 last year; 6 prior
1	Sponsor Business Meeting	Same as last year
1	Raffle - 2 art banners and more given away; tickets awarded for service	1 art banner

Area Alateen Process Person - Susan O. -. Thanks to the 39 Alateen Sponsors and AMIAS who recertified timely!!! There are 7 newly certified this year with an additional 3 currently at WSO for certification, that is 49 sponsors! We have 15 Alateen groups in SC.

Alateen - Gene W. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* There will be two (2) new officers stepping up starting in January. Daniel B. will be the new State Alateen Representative and Annalise B. will be the State Alateen Alternate Representative. Gene is going to be a part of a World Service Office Podcast on Tuesday, August 28th, so be on the lookout for that Podcast on the WSO website in the future. WAY TO GO GENE!!!! The 2012 Alateen Conference was a big success and Gene said that everyone had a great time. They had a group from Georgia that came up for it, which was a result of Gene speaking at the Georgia State Alateen Convention. Again, big thanks to Gene! The Alateen's picked out next year's theme and it will be "Living in a Teenage Dream in 2013." Everyone is welcome to help or spend the day at the July 2013 Alateen Conference. More news to follow.

Group Records – Joyce H. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* This last period has been very light with changes. We do have a new group in District 5 and also a new Spanish group in District 10. There have been some changes within Districts 6 and 7 also. WSO conducted a community on-line program last month to better describe our new change form. This form is more user friendly than the old one that was used. If any District Representatives need these forms please let me know.

Archives – Linda R. – Linda was giving a workshop on Archives at the assembly. Learn more about this wonderful Coordinator's position and what they do.

Literature – Nan M. – Recent Literature Workshop: I recently attended a District All Day in Marietta, SC. With over 80 participants I lead a writing workshop on Intimacy which produced close to 50 writings that were submitted to WSO for potential publication in the upcoming Intimacy book. Fun and joy was had by all. Consider encouraging writing in your local area group or district.

2013 Convention: I am looking forward to our upcoming convention. My hope is to bring more literature than ever and come up with some creative avenues to win and get excited about our literature. Make sure to come in order to find out who will win. Maybe it will be you.

Thank you all for service and interest in Al-Anon. Protect the future of Al-Anon by supporting the LDC in Raleigh, NC and by writing and submitting all options to WSO for future literature or the Forum.

Web Page/2013 Convention Chair – Mike M. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.*

I'm happy to report everything at the moment continues to be on track and on schedule for our 2013 Convention. The theme for the 2013 Convention in "Keys to Success."

Suites for the convention site are available, and a list with a description will soon be up on the web. The convention will be at the Sea Mist Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. Most hotel room rates run from \$49.00 - \$74.00 (plus taxes,) with only a few special rooms running higher, such as the Penthouse on the oceanfront. Reminder, most of these rooms are in fact two and three bedroom suites with one or two double beds in each bedroom, so people can easily double up in the rooms, making this an extremely affordable convention for all attendees. All suites have kitchens, refrigerators, cooking and serving utensils. You will need to bring your own coffee and filters if you want to use the coffee maker in the room.

You must mention SCAFG when you call to make reservations, in order to get our discounted rates. They will not understand "Al-Anon", so this will not get you the discounted rates.

The Resort is working with us in so many ways. They are providing the entire Convention Center, which includes the main hall, three break-out session rooms, and a room for our country store at no cost to the convention. They are also providing the Hospitality house at no cost.

We have packets for each group that will be handed out today to each of the DRs to take back to their groups. These packets include a copy of the registration form, the fundraiser request letter (for baskets and country store items), the hospitality letter, a copy of the Alateen Travel Packet, and pictures and raffle tickets for the quilt. We ask the DRs to please get these to each of the GRs as soon as possible. Copies of most of these letters will be on the member's only side of the convention site, next week.

The registration flyer is on our Area website (www.al-anon-sc.org/Index.html) and available for download. We also have a map of the area, showing the location of most of the rooms and where the convention meetings will be.

I would like to thank each of the committee people, for their continued support and hard work. I have been amazed with the effort and coordination that goes into the planning, and thank each committee member for their work.

Our speakers have been contacted and lined up, and the room arrangements have been firmed up. If all goes well, we will have a surprise for Sunday with something new, that we will announce later, as we firm more of the arrangements up.

The announcement has already been sent to WSO for the convention, so we should start seeing something in correspondence from them for our convention. We have also contacted some of the neighboring Areas, and they have listed our convention on their website.

Our workshop chairperson, Susan L., is requesting anyone interested in running or leading a workshop, to get in touch with her. We are working to find a balance and incorporate as many workshops as we can into the schedule, but to still allow sometime between them. The current plan is to have approximately 10 workshops available at 20-24 different times, so if you have two workshops at the same time, you can catch it the next time it is presented.

Our country store/fundraising chair, Melanie M. has provided letters in the packets. We plan to continue with the tradition of the baskets, and we would like to request each group start planning to provide any baskets they can again. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the country store, raffle tickets and setting up the baskets.

Speaking of fundraising, we have additional choices on the shirts on sale for this year's convention. This year we will have Polo Shirts with collars, in addition to the t-shirts. Be sure to specify men's or women's, since the shirt company says they fit different! Our shirts will be a light blue in color this year.

The quilt will be finished and available at the Assembly (as least enough to put in on display). Pictures of the quilt should be in the packets.

We are still short some important positions, and again, I need people to step up and volunteer. I need someone to fill the following positions:

Co-Chair

Communications(have some volunteers, but no chair)

We will set up a registration table during Assembly, for those who would like to register. Reminder, Alateen's will need their travel packets completed and turned into their sponsors.

Otherwise, it looks like we are on track and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

2014 Convention Chair – Barbara Anne M. – Mark your calendars for February 20-23, 2014! Our annual Al-Anon convention is scheduled for those dates at the Bay Watch Hotel in North Myrtle Beach. The hotel has three towers, with available rooms in all three, varying in cost and size. There is a covered walkway from each of the outside towers to the middle one – that’s where we will have the entire second floor for our registration, meetings, workshops, baskets, and hospitality room. Within several miles around Bay Watch there is Barefoot Landing, many restaurants, and the Tanger Outlet stores.

If you choose to find out about the hotel, you can go online and find more information. We have worked out an agreement regarding the cost of rooms so what is online will not be our cost. That will be reported in the Reflector.

We are excited about a new location and hope each of you will be able to make your plans to see us in 2014 at North Myrtle Beach.

Reflector Editor – Diane F. – The next Reflector deadline will be, November 15, 2012.

Forum Coordinator – Susan E. – Susan did a drawing for a forum subscription for the newcomers to assembly and the winner was _____.

Public Outreach – Nancy G. – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* It’d been a busy summer but alcoholism continues to truly be a family disease and with all the District and members help a lot of Public Outreach information has gotten out to the public.

At Assembly in June, I encouraged the District Public Outreach Coordinators to go to the members section of WSO Website to the Public Outreach tools section to find the new Public outreach tool - The Best of Public Outreach, called a “How To Do it service tool for Public Outreach Activities”. And they did it!! I heard from several of the District Outreach Coordinators talked about it and showed the Group Representatives what it looked like at their District meeting. My District’s Public Outreach coordinator assigned an activity to each group. They were given the name of a library branch to research and see what Al-Anon books that library had and then decide which book to donate to that library. They are then to comeback to next District meeting and share with the group representatives what library branch has what book/s and what book or books they donated. And then at that District meeting, the GR’s will be given another assignment – send letters to MDs, counselors, schools and continue this throughout the year.

Besides that lots and lots of “How Al-Anon Works” paperback books are being given out – book mobiles in Greenville Country, MD offices, Greer Mental Health Clinic, Carolina Health and Behavioral Center, Doctor’s Care and Eastside Family therapy. Another District has given out literally hundreds of copies of “Al-Anon faces Alcoholism 2012”, left them at medical clinics, car dealerships, employee break rooms, VA Medical Center Mental health department...with local contact phone number and meeting lists. Other Districts are working on starting new Alateen groups and getting more sponsors to work with the kids. Charleston has a “First Day” which is for kids to get school supplies and lots and lots of Alateen bookmarks were given out by Al-Anon members and Alateens. Those volunteers got a free pass into the Aquarium and had a wonderful time. Districts are attending Drug/Alcohol treatment meetings and beginners meetings at Medical University.

From WSO, check out the new Contributions envelope availableS-16, there is a poster contest going on – submit your ideas, Public Outreach is working on their own newsletter and have had 450

submission for its name. Watch for the Membership survey coming out 9/10 – 10/21, more information will be in the next Forum.

Once again, we are going to be giving Public Outreach money to the District that got their report to me ahead of the Reflector deadline. \$50 and two \$35 will be given to be used to purchase Public Outreach materials for their districts.

Nancy did a Public Outreach drawing and the winners were: District 1 -\$50 and District 7 & 9 - \$35 each.

Business:

- Barbara Anne M. presented the following motion:

MOTION: We would like to ask that a \$20.00 registration fee (as designated by our guidelines) be used until January 20, 2014. Following this we request that registration be considered late, and be set at \$25.00.

RATIONALE: The rationale for this is to hope for registration to come in earlier than at times in earlier years. We also noticed that it appeared to be an asset for the 2012 Convention since there were so many early registrations.

After some discussion it was decided to change the motion to the following:

MOTION: We would like to ask that the Adult Multi-Day registration fee of \$20.00 (as designated by our guidelines) be used until January 20, 2014. Following this we request that it be considered late, and be set at \$25.00.

When motion was changed and re-read, Nan M. made a motion to accept motion as read, with a 2nd from Susan E. After voting, there was, 42 for, 4 against and 0 abstentions. Motion was passed.

- Jeri W. and Joyce H. present the motion to accept the proposed revised AI-Anon/Alateen Convention Guidelines which is:

MOTION: After many years of work, revising past convention guidelines, we request that the revised Convention Guidelines be accepted as presented.

RATIONALE: To have an approved guideline to work with for convention chairman.

There was some discussion about the guidelines. Marie J. made a motion to approved the motion as presented with a 2nd by Susan W. After voting, it was unanimous approval with 46 votes.

- Fran B. presented the motion to accept proposed 2013 Budget:

MOTION: To accept the 2013 Budget as presented.

After Fran answered some questions, Marie J. made a motion to approve the 2013 Budget with a 2nd from Cheryl B. After voting, it was unanimously approved with 47 votes. GR number change with the arrival of another GR.

- Jeri asked what the interest would be if she set up some type of accommodations to order from the museum cafeteria for lunch. After a vote only 7 showed interest. At this time lunch will remain as is.

Breakout Sessions - Alateen - **Present (17):** Susan O & Staci S/Just for Today Alateen-Camden, Nancy W/Together We Can Make It-Summerville, Valerie D, Wanda D, Jan S & Judy R /SPAM Alateen-Wade Hampton & Greenville, Shannon S, Barb H/Open Door Alateen-Columbia, Brandon W & Bob C/Ultimate Alateen-Bluffton, Charles, H, Mary K & Lisa S/Under The Bridge & Awesome Aiken AFGs-Aiken/N Augusta, Danno B, Ashley C & Jan H/Easy Does It Alateen-Beaufort

AGENDA

- 2013 Alateen plans /opportunities for Al-Anon/Alateen Convention
- 2013 Alateen Camp plans / opportunities for Alateen Conference (Camp)
- Long-term & short term goals - Area Alateen Focus 2013

DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions revealed (6) newcomer Alateen Sponsors and (1) interest in becoming an Alateen Sponsor.

Question: Where do we want to put our Alateen energy and attention in 2013?

Achievements referenced from 2012 include: A change from a decrease to an increase in Alateen Sponsors and Groups; Upgrade website for sharing reports, communications and resources; Voted in posting of Alateen meeting and contact information online and on printed meeting schedules (!); Build Alateen fellowship communications through electronic Alateen E-News; Establish Area Alateen break-out sessions for Alateen business at Area Assembly; (Notes added here): Create first teen district Coordinator position; Establish conference call account and host first meetings by phone; Provide Conference, Convention flyers and registration paperwork earlier.

Question: Do we want to build Alateen planning committees for Area Events (Convention & Conference) to model Al-Anon convention planning committee? **Rationale:** Jan referenced realization after planning 2 of each, she cannot do alone. Duh.

Decision 1: Yes. 2013 Convention committee forming. Positions include Registration, Agenda (Jan H, Danny B & Anna L); Decorations (Alateen Suite) – Judy R/...reference to bat cave and super heroes; Sat Night Program (Karaoke – Staci S and Susan O) SEARCH for karaoke. Jan will check with convention committee for projector and mike; Alateen Speaker – Gabby; Alateen Workshop – Together We Can Make It (Rainmaker workshop from camp.) More thoughts and suggestions are still needed to manage new

Alateen Fundraiser 'Best Seat in House' where raffle tickets will be sold for special, front row seats on sofas for each speaker meeting with all proceeds going to Alateen.

NOTE: Alateen committee will not be adults planning for teens but rather teens and sponsors working together nurturing teen leadership.

Forming 2013 Alateen Camp committee tabled until Feb Area Assembly;

Decision 2: Alateen Focus in 2013 will be making a formal review of SC Area Requirements for Alateen Sponsor Certification.

Rationale: Susan O, AAPP, shared at August AWSC that a review of SC Area requirements had begun by our Alateen Sponsor fellowship at the July Alateen Conference that there is a concern the SC requirements for Alateen Sponsor certification, in particular the mandatory attendance at all links of service meetings, might be too restrictive, resulting in the net result of discouraging many members from stepping up to Alateen Sponsor service. The active sponsor fellowship is asking if there might be alternative safety measures (affordable and time conscious) that could better meet the same goals of safety and provide more support for the needs and growth of the Alateen fellowship. A report back to AWSC in early January is planned.

Discussion: What is the best way to manage this discussion to ensure comprehensive input from sponsors actively serving in this capacity? It was suggested this could be done via e-mail and conference calling. Channels of communication referenced – for both Alateen planning committees and sponsor certification included video conferencing (Susan O & Judy R resources...but may include fees); Face book (**Staci S offered to serve as liaison & will invite participation**) E-mail to sponsors (Susan O is liaison w/most current listing & will provide as needed); Texting groups Shannon S referenced that this works like e-mail & adults can ask teens how it works; Conference call (**Jan H serve as liaison**); Susan O was asked to provide current e-mail list to Jan & Staci (& any planning committee member...i.e. Judy R requested a copy) for communicating with Alateen fellowship, AND last suggestion was to check with webmaster (**Jan H will do**) to see if we might have access to a blog or bulletin board option at our website to build this dialogue.

Alateen Business for Feb 2, 2013 Assembly:

- Finalize plans for Alateen Schedule of Events at 2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention
- Planning for 2013 Alateen Conference / Establish Committees & Review Guidelines & WSO e- communities notes.
- Update on SC Area Requirements for Alateen Sponsor Certification & review of all communication channels
- Alateen Chat – Consideration of non-group affiliated AMIAS to start SC Alateen Chat meeting.

Literature Drawing – Nan M. –Winner for the book _____ was _____.

Motion to Adjourn Area Assembly –

Close with Lord's Prayer and Al-Anon/Alateen 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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie M.

Area Secretary/Area 50/Panel 51

Please Check the South Carolina Al-Anon/Alateen Website for all future events and meetings.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1 -

DISTRICT 2 – Gayle E. - How did we get into November sooooo fast!

Happy 30th Year Anniversary to Lancaster Co-Ed! They celebrated November 8, 2012, with 35 in attendance. Dinner was served at 7:00 P.M. with the Group history read followed by a Speaker Meeting. Barbara Anne Mc. was the speaker for the night. It seemed appropriate to have her speak, since she helped start the Lancaster Co-Ed group 30 years ago.

District 2 has had officer changes. Kathy Prete has stepped-up to be District 2 Treasurer and Joan Hughes has stepped-up to be our District 2 Public Outreach Coordinator.

Within our groups, Hope for Today AFG, Boiling Springs, SC, has announced that Nancy M. is their Group Representative. Last Resort AFG, Spartanburg, SC, has announced that Tim K. is their Group Representative, and Hope for Tomorrow, Rock Hill, SC, has announced that Kathy H. is their treasurer! Many thanks to our Group members who are willing to stand for positions within our groups and district!

Barbara Ann Mc. has been meeting with the 2014 Convention Committee as plans shape-up for the convention. Lots of exciting things are happening!

DISTRICT 3 - *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* District three will be having their next district meeting on September 8, 2012 in Wagener, where Jan R will give her delegates report. We will also be planning our annual Attitude of Gratitude which will be on October 20 from 10am til 3(?) at 900 Kerr Drive and is hosted by the Awesome Aiken group.

DISTRICT 4 – Margaret L. - At our November 4 District 4 Meeting, we were delighted to welcome the Area Delegate, Jan R, for her report. The Alateens presented a short program on Step 6, and then the Delegate gave her report from her Conference in the Spring. We learned how WSO is a huge support to the individual groups and heard all that Jan has worked on. Nothing connects our groups like a District Meeting, and nothing connects the District to the world like a report from the Delegate. We enjoyed refreshments and celebrated Bobby S' 80th

birthday that very day. Happy B-day, Bobby! We left feeling the world-wide fellowship of Al-Anon recovery working in our lives.

We celebrate the holidays on December 8 at our annual Holiday Dinner. We will gather at 6 PM at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in downtown Columbia to share fellowship, followed by dinner of the dishes we will all bring, speakers and gift raffle of the wrapped gifts that groups and members will bring. What a great evening this event always is, and we look forward to another special night again this year. We hope you can join us!

District 4 Public Outreach Coordinator, Maris B, submitted the following:

District 4 has some very hard working Al-Anon members who are committed to sharing what they have with others. Our group members have been distributing *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2013* in institutions, banks, doctors' waiting rooms, libraries, and laundromats. We ordered additional copies of *How Al-Anon Works* to be handed out for free to newcomers and used as CAL in meetings. Our members report that they carry extra schedules to share with people when asked about Al-Anon. Members have seen the PSAs on television and written and called the stations to say thank you.

Thanks for all your service. As the Steps tell us, we don't really get it until we give it away.

DISTRICT 5 –

DISTRICT 6 – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* District 6 has a new alternate DR, Sherry Weber from Walterboro AFG. District All Day scheduled for Nov 10, 2012, 10 - 3p.m.

DISTRICT 7 -

DISTRICT 8 –

DISTRICT 9 – *Reposted from AWSC Minutes of August 25, 2012.* Greetings from Greenville. We've been busy with outreach to professionals. We have distributed over 300 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcohol, hundreds of schedules, and 20 copies of How Al-Anon Works to counselors, doctors and schools in the past few months. We are now holding monthly meetings for family members at two rehab centers. We have also donated several books to the Greenville Library System that are now in circulation. We are also continuing our planning for the all day, Seeking Serenity, to be held on Saturday, September 15, at Pleasant Ridge (same place as last year). Registration for this exciting day is \$20. This fee includes workshops, speakers, skit, lunch, raffles, and lots of fellowship. We would love for all of you to come.

On a personal level, I'd like to thank all of you who responded with calls, prayers, visits, and cards when my beloved husband passed away. I am even more grateful to be a part of the world-wide fellowship of Al-Anon.

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