

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia SC

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Welcome — Jan R. — Area Chair — The meeting opened at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by a tribute to Barbara Ann M. by Bobbie S. The tribute was followed by the reading of “The Twelve Concepts of Service” by K. Dale W. and a welcome to the newcomers to Area Assembly by Jan R., Area Chair.

Assembly Minutes — Linda R.— Area Secretary —The minutes of the January 31,2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Jeri W. and a second by Blake S. respectively.

Treasurer’s Report — Dawn C. — Please check your Group numbers on your receipts to make sure they are correct. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously on a motion by Michele with a second by Mary Elaine. (The complete report follows these minutes.)

Alternate Delegate’s Report & Group Records Report — Diane F. — South Carolina, Area 50, has 122 groups having 149 meetings. Only 3 groups have no current email address. We have 16 groups with no Group Representative. I see several Current Mailing Address people are the CMA for more than one group.

In a very special way,
Diane Faulkner

Delegate’s Report – Joyce H. — Good Morning Everyone , this is my 2015 Conference Report.

As I boarded my flight on Saturday Morning to Virginia Beach , my mind went back a to the year before . remembering how confused , scared and overwhelmed I was. The unknowing of what I was facing for the next six days . and then I remembered how welcome and loved I was. I was sure it would be the same . an hour later my plane had landed and immediately I saw those same Conference members that I spent the week with also arriving . After the shuttle dropped us off at the hotel , we all joined up and went to lunch. The rest of the day was free time to do what was needed to be well prepared for first day of Conference . Having been before, I knew that meant a long day . The first day started with breakfast , then going to the Meeting Room to find your appointed seat . this is where you would sit every day . Soon after everyone was seated the 93 Delegates were invited to share a two minute Area Highlights from their as to successes and Challenges. Next the 55th World Service Conference was opened by the Conference Chairman Tina Barna . she opened with the theme “ Living our Spiritual Principals , Expanding our Vision , flowed by the a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer . She continued her remarks until she rapped the gavel and concluded “ Please Join Me in opening the 55th World Service Conference . The room came alive with applause and celebration . Then it was time to get down to business . There were Task Force assignments , orientation for new Conference Members, thought force assignments. This carried on until the end , each day a different mission . I was assigned task force for practices that demonstrate a healthy Thriving Group . some of those are : show up early/and or stay late , commit to weekly attendance, encourage all members , including new comers and long-timers to return , encourage use of sponsors, willing to be available to new comers. Use a structured weekly format, Use the preamble, Opening , and Closing from the Al-Anon Alateen groups at work , Remember that Al-Anon-is spoken here, members of other Twelve Step programs leave that at the door. Maintain the anonymity of group members at all times . Has regular business meetings at times chosen by the group , Practice Tradition Four. Suggest a Sponsor or Temporary Sponsor. By the end of the Conference , unfortunately I has become very ill and was unable to participate . 2016 will be my last Conference as my term ends, I hope that the next S.C. Delegate enjoys the time she spends at Conference as much as I did , I am sure she will get lots of hugs , make as many friends, and grow in her program as I have .

In Gratitude in Service

Joyce Hord Panel 54 S.C. Delegate

Chairman’s Report – Jan R. — Area Chair — All of us who are here today are involved in Service to Al-Anon in one way or another. Do you remember why you stood for the position you currently hold? Did you know what the responsibilities for that position entailed? Did someone work with you to learn your position? Are there any responsibilities of your position you find difficult to accomplish? Have you talked with your sponsor or any other person in Service about these difficulties?> Are you grooming someone to stand for your position when your term is over? All of these questions are important to consider.

Service in and for Al-Anon is an important responsibility. Someone did the work we are doing in order for the rooms of Al-Anon continue to be open for that newcomer to walk in the door. An informed group functions better and makes a healthier group. Support from the Area to the groups is essential. Group participation in the Area business helps them to see their part in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon. Participation guarantees the flow of information from WSO to groups and from groups to WSO.

Standing for a position/accepting a position comes with the responsibility to your group, your district, your area to show up at meetings, make reports of the information from our area of responsibility and bring information to the group, district and area. Only Group Representatives can vote at Assembly. They are the decision making body. Would you want less than 30% of the Area making the decision for the entire Area? If we are lucky, that is about the highest percentage of participation we get at Assembly. What is keeping your group from being represented at Assembly? I realize that I am preaching to choir today. You are here. Bring someone new with you to the Fall Assembly. Start getting that person you think can fill your position involved in the process. The more they know, the better they will serve.

Today we are looking at a motion before Assembly. We will discuss it and take a vote. We are also deciding whether the SC Area will be putting forth a nomination for SE Regional Trustee candidate. The rest of our time here, I am opening up the floor for discussion about future conventions. Whether you've been to every convention or never been, we are soliciting your input. 2016's convention planning is underway. Any future vote on conventions this year will affect conventions after that. I am looking forward to a comprehensive, informed discussion to give the Area World Service Committee ideas to take back and form a motion to put forth in the fall.

Thank you all for your service!

Jan Rogerson, Area Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

The following proposed motion passed with 1 opposed on a motion by Sharon D. with a second by Elizabeth D.:

Motion: To publish the Reflector Newsletter three times a year starting in 2016, instead of 4 times; eliminating the November edition.

Rationale: To reflect the same annual schedule as our AWSC and Assembly meetings.

The following proposed motion passed unanimously:

Motion: To put forth a nomination for Jan Rogerson as a candidate from South Carolina for Southeast Regional Trustee. The Trustee position will be determined at WSC in 2016.

My apologies to the winner of *The Forum* subscription. I failed to get contact information.

Coordinators' Reports:

Alateen Area Coordinator — Elizabeth W — Hi fellow Alateen Sponsors, I hope everyone is doing well! And enjoying the first day of June :)

I want to remind everyone that Area Assembly is this Saturday in Columbia. ACTION: Please let me know if you're planning to go so we can have an Alateen Sponsor 'meeting' to catch up.

ACTION: I also wanted to ask you to start encouraging your Alateens to come to Camp (July 24-26)!! Attached is the flyer. I'm still working on costs and will get that to you asap. Just a little under 2 months away! (Flyer follows financial information.)

*if you think you'll have kids coming to camp (even if you're not sure) please let me know. I think it'll be a small group this year as a lot of our regular meetings are having trouble with participation. But trust me - small groups at Camp can also be SO MUCH FUN!!!

(K Dale - can you please forward to your group of Columbia Sponsors - I didn't have them in my laptop)

Thanks so much
Elizabeth
Cell 504-231-5594

AAPP Coordinator — Bob C. — By now, all current South Carolina AMIASs who wish to recertify should have given me their paperwork. If there is anyone who brought it today, I will be glad to accept it. Beginning July 1st, there will be approximately 42 AMIAS going forward for the next year.

We have three groups, Gratitude Alateen and Paths to Serenity Alateen, in the Charleston area, and Open Door Alateen in Columbia which must be inactivated as the Sponsors did not recertify. That leaves 12 active Alateen groups in the state. If there are any currently certified AMIASs in Charleston or Columbia who would like to step into those groups please let me know. Otherwise, please consider starting a new group.

I am currently working on the registration form for the South Carolina Alateen Conference at Camp Kinard July 24th through the 26th, and will email them shortly. As you may remember, the Alateen travel permission and medical release forms were revised earlier this year and I will send those as well.

Now that I am halfway through my term as the area Alateen process person, I am beginning to get a handle on the record keeping that WSO requires on behalf of AMIASs. They have been very patient and supportive while I learn how to use the e-communities webpage for Alateen and the online group records page where the Sponsor database is kept. WSO considers the area Alateen process person as the "Mailman". If this sounds like a service position which you might like, please consider it for the next panel beginning in 2017.

Thank you to all the current AMIAS who have recertified, and to all the AMIAS who chose not to recertify this year. Your participation was most welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob C.

Area Alateen Representative — Blake Switzer — Hey! For convention, we had around 11 teenagers, and we had much fun, enjoying hosting a speaker meeting, a workshop (which was fantastic!), and 2 private Alateen meetings. We also got to watch some amazing sunrises!!! Now, camp is July 24-26, and although we're not expecting a huge turnout, we will have the greatest time possible!

On another note, Alateen attendance statewide has been very low, and if you could just send your teens this way, so they can get to know the awesome kids that are already in Alateen(me)

Finally, you can like the Alateen WSO on Facebook!! I follow the page, and honestly, there's a lot of inspirational stuff that makes me smile, and I think you would too. And to not break tradition 11, you can change the audience of who you share to, so just your friends in alateen and alanon can see it!

Thank you very much and have a great day!!!
Blake Switzer

Area 50 Literature Coordinator — Linda F. — Since my last report in January, we sold \$488 worth of literature at the 2015 Convention back in February. I still have a large supply of literature, including 4 copies of Reaching for Personal Freedom which I have with me today. Also, I have some old Forum magazines donated by Dawn Chase, and those are available at no charge. They are a great resource for sharing with others when chairing meetings and to have them available in your Group for all members, especially newcomers.

Today, we will be donating a Daily Reader to the member with the least amount of time in Al-Anon and another piece of literature for 3 "first time" Assembly attendees.

As always, please encourage your groups to send their sharings to WSO for publication in a new daily reader or the Forum and please use multiple literature resources for chairing your meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Flohr

Public Outreach Coordinator — David T. — “If Al-Anon is to continue to exist, it must continue to grow” – Lois Wilson

MARKETING includes all business activity involved in the movement of product from producer to consumer. **Promotion** is to bring about the growth of or further the popularity of by selling or advertising. **Attraction** is to invite, to draw to. **PUBLIC OUTREACH** is a marketing activity of attraction: Why, who, what, when, and where.

At Your Meeting: This is often the first opportunity you have to OUTREACH directly to a potential new member. Is your group welcoming to first time visitors? *The “Newcomers Welcome”, which a number of groups use, is NOT CAL.* Each group is encouraged to welcome new prospective members in a way that is comfortable for the group. Some techniques that groups use are: have a member designated as “Greeter” who is responsible for the newcomer; switching the meeting to a 123 step meeting; having a separate meeting for the newcomer and more (see Service Manual page 41).

Having some or all of the following available at your meeting is essential. The tent cards and welcome packet gives assurance of safety, spells out our OUTREACH mission and provides the essentials of the program to the newcomer. The **Meeting Directory** (usually produced by your District) helps to guide new members to other local meetings. Wherever possible it is suggested that the Directory include the Serenity Prayer, Steps, Traditions and Twenty Questions.

Welcoming Newcomers at Your Meeting Free		
Anonymity Card/Declaration Card	.35	(some groups print, frame, and post the Declaration)
Welcome Packets	1.40	
Meeting Directory	.05	(print plenty and distribute!)

Whenever possible, it is helpful that your District have at least one **“Beginner Meeting”**. This series of six meetings helps the newcomer become familiar with the principals of the program. Seasoned members are encouraged to attend.

Another OUTREACH tool is the **Alateen** meeting. Each District is encouraged to have one or more of these. Marketing of groups to AA groups, guidance counselors, psychologists and others of the helping community is essential.

The following materials can be used as handouts, drop offs, and introductions as needed. The Al-Anon **“Business Card”** (*available soon in either business of announcement format*) can be used as a contact card or as a drop piece for doctors, dentists, police departments and more at a cost of only about .04. The OUTREACH **Poster** (*also available soon*) can be used by each group in locations of public interest (stores, libraries, professional offices) or by Districts as a general information piece for about 5 cents. Various items of Al-Anon **Literature** can also be used as drop-off materials.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (cost ranges by quantity 25/.72, 25/.50, 100/.40, 200/.40, 300/.375, 400/.35).
Wherever possible Districts could order by case lot and have groups purchase (at reduced cost) from the District.

Outreach Bookmark	FREE	(why not order lots???????)
Are you Concerned About Someone's Drinking	.03	
Are You Troubled By Someone's Drinking	.03	
Has your Life Been Affected by Someone Else's Drinking	.03	
Did you Grow Up With a Problem Drinker?	.03	(all very inexpensive marketing tools)
The Forum	11/.90	(drop off old copies!)

Finally, **THE BEST OF PUBLIC OUTREACH** is available **FREE** as a download from the Al-Anon website. Each group is encouraged have its' own copy and a member as group outreach chair! *Let's spread the message!*

During the last month we have followed up on a request from a local public library for copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (*another reason for Districts to buy in bulk*) and with a church group near Augusta who wanted Al-Anon participation in a Health Fair.

David Taylor,
SC Area Outreach Coordinator
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Webmaster (no coordinator at this time)

Reflector Editor — Jeri W. — The deadlines for the next 2 Reflectors are: September 14th and November 16th. I will send out a reminder before each deadline to all AWSC members. This information as well as current Reflector issues are on the website.

Since the January Reflector, there have been 24 email changes. Three groups do not have email addresses at this time (in Districts 3 & 7). Two email addresses came back as being undeliverable from Districts 7 & 9. May these DRs get back with me today so that we can get more up to date information.

Hopefully, more groups will begin using a "generic" email addresses in the future.

The Reflector is for communication.....so if there is something YOU would like to submit, please do so.

I love this job!

Jeri Wesner

Forum Coordinator — Lynn Edwards— Greetings! Here it is May already! We celebrated Al-Anon/Alateen at a Funderful! Convention in February – seems like yesterday! Your Forum Coordinator had a great time (and some great steamed oysters!)

As always WSO is looking for sharings for the Forum – Write On!! Or share online at the WSO website – if you are having trouble finding the 'spot' to submit – call or – better yet - email me at forum@al-anon-sc.org and I can remind you how to find that space. Share especially on CAL publications [Discovering Choices](#), [Al-Anon's Twelve Steps and Traditions](#), or [So You Love an Alcoholic?](#) - it is the 50th anniversary of that particular publication!

This Forum Coordinator is looking forward to leading a writing workshop at District 3's All-Day on May 16th!! Check the SC website for details and plan to attend for workshops, singing, give-aways and FOOD! And as always – fellowship! You can entice me to attend and present at any district or group function – if you have food, FUN and Writing On! planned!

So!...Write On! Today - And have a wonderful summer – with serenity in service as always...

Lynn Edwards

Archives (no coordinator at this time)

Convention 2015 — Margaret Lattimore —

The 40th SC AFG Convention, themed "Serenity Starts Today," was held at Ocean Dunes Resort in Myrtle Beach February 19 - 22, 2015, hosted by Districts 3, 4 and 5. It was quite an experience from beginning to end; we used every Step, every Tradition and almost all of the Concepts of Service! Believe it when we say Service IS recovery!

What a great Committee we had, too, with lots of great ideas and participation, flexibility, discussion, accepting the decisions of the group conscience, it was fabulous. We didn't think we'd have a quilt, and then Diane F suggested an idea from the past and members from all over three Districts found themselves sewing up squares for not just one quilt, but TWO. People who had never touched a needle before came up with contributions to a true recovery quilt. The results were spectacular. Thank you, Diane, for not accepting "No" from anyone.

Nan M was an absolute perfect Co-Chair to my Chair, the yin to my yang. We made almost every decision together after discussion and reasoning it out. I wish for every Convention Chair a Co-Chair like Nan.

We budgeted income over expenses of \$800, but actually income exceeded expenses by \$2,886.78, most of which has already been sent to Area 50. As soon as the last check clears, our Treasurer will write the final check to the Area and shut down the checking account when that check is cashed.

Registration	\$6,250.00
T-Shirts	1,068.00
Other fundraising	<u>5957.07</u>
Total income	\$13,275.07

Total registrations were 302, including 197 paid pre-registrations. There were 170 people who pre-registered by the January 30 deadline before the \$5 increase for the total weekend, but the 170 included Alateens and one-day registrants as well as those for the full four days. Our thorough and thoughtful Registration Chair, Mary Elaine L, worked hand-in-hand, so to speak, with our Treasurer, her husband, Joseph L, to ensure that all who wanted to come to Convention were properly registered. There were challenges as we tried for the first time to register people at the Area web site, and we know that it should be better in the future, but Mary Elaine worked through all the issues and ran the Registration desk in an organized manner despite any web site issues. Joseph did a terrific job as Treasurer, and I know he looks forward to the day very soon when he can close the checking account once and for all.

We had 252 room-nights with the hotel, and that earned us 6 room nights back in refund. There were 80 - 88 paid rooms/night throughout the weekend.

The speaker meeting attendance was as follows:

Thursday – 101 – Diane F
Friday – 187 – Madeline H
Saturday AA – 137 – Ellen R
Saturday Alateen – 155 – Claire L
Saturday AI-Anon – 226 – Norm W
Sunday – 156 – Jeri W

Thanks to Jan R, Bobbie S and Nan M for the work putting the speakers together. The speaker meetings are the anchor of Convention and we are grateful to those who travel to us to share their stories of recovery.

Workshop attendance was as follows (Atlantic A / Atlantic B on 3rd floor / Pacific on 2nd floor):

Thursday - 21 / N/A / N/A
Friday 9:30 am - 49 / 21 / 26 (Total 96)
Friday 11 am - 30 / 15 / 74 (Total 119)
Friday 1:30 pm - 55 / 27 / 23 (Total 105)
Friday 3 pm - 49 / 24 / 47 (Total 120)
Saturday 1:30 pm - 50 / 45 / 70 (Total 165)
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We debated about the number of workshops to hold, but it is hard to argue with the fact that total attendance in all but the first time slot was close to or exceeding 100; the Saturday time slot just after lunch included more than half of the paid registrants for all of Convention. There were some problems and suggestions in the feedback forms on the workshops, but I believe they continue to be an extremely strong recovery component of the weekend. Joelyn M and her team put together an ambitious schedule and the participation shows it was well worth it. Thanks to all the presenters who volunteered; you really make it happen.

Our Fundraising Team, Sara K on T-shirts, Shirley G on baskets, and Kathleen S on quilts, along with our lively volunteer ticket sellers helped us raise funds to return to the Area for the important work of recovery. We were blessed with two quilts and baskets from all over. We did pull the names of the basket winners before the Saturday evening meeting so as not to take up so much time after the speaker, but in retrospect, we would have read the winners' names on the board at the microphone so that all could enjoy in the winning. That suggestion has already been passed on to 2016.

The Hospitality rooms were decked out with palm tree serenity everywhere and members from all over the Area contributed food and money so that all could share in food and fellowship between the other activities. The entrance did prove a challenge to wheelchairs and we passed this information on to the 2016 Committee immediately after Convention. The terrace off Hospitality was a real treat and would have been even better had the weather cooperated with warmer temperatures and less rain. Thanks to Sharon B chairing Hospitality and to all the volunteers who donated time and energy into keeping the rooms open all day long. All were truly fantastic in serving this very important function at Convention.

We had several people serving as Secretary during our almost two years of planning. Jane K served first through several meetings, and then we had volunteers (Lynn E, Diane F, Joelyn M, Celina A, Sara K) for individual meetings until Sara K took the job for the last three meetings. We appreciate everyone's helping out to make sure we recorded our decisions each meeting.

We received 72 feedback forms, very much appreciated. The feedback is at the end of the supporting documents to this report and is organized by section. This entire report is being passed along to Teresa H and her 2016 Committee.

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Jeri W, as Meeting Coordinator, provided an organized notebook for the podium and counted the number of attendees at each speaker meeting. She is passing along the book to the next Committee to use, if they so wish. Way to go, Jeri!

Our Entertainment team, Tom C, Maris B & Sharla K, assisted by Nan and Joelyn, got the entire room talking about how serenity can start today, and ended with a song for us all to sing.

Thanks also to Kris K for her many hours working on flyers and signs. Yes, Kris, you CAN use Excel instead of Word, if that's what you want!

Alateen participated with their Best Seat in the House fundraiser and everyone liked it. We were lucky this year to have very comfortable sofas and chairs we placed up front for those who wished to buy a ticket from the Alateens to sit in the best spots. Good job, Alateen!

There were rooms available for exclusive use by AA and Alateen. Both were used and I believe well-received by participants. This was the first time providing a room for AA and there were two meetings held there, that I know of.

Thanks to Jerry and Jill Wills from Florida who recorded our speakers. They are professionals and I know they enjoyed hearing the speakers at our Convention. They will be back, I believe, in 2016.

This has been an incredible service position for me to chair such a great group of people on this Committee: lots of fun, lots of love, and lots of opportunity for recovery. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 50 in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,

Margaret Lattimore
2015 Convention Chair

Convention 2016 — Teresa Hinnant — The 2016 convention committee met April 18, 2015 to discuss the arrangements that have been made and decide on what needs to be done. The meeting was held at the chosen site for the convention, Ocean Creek Resort and Conference Center located at 10600 North King's Hwy. in Myrtle Beach. The site is very nice and has such a feeling of serenity. The committee felt that this resort will be a wonderful setting for the 2016 convention.

A pre-registration form will be coming out soon. We plan to blast it out through emails and the website. We plan to have access to PayPal on the web so that we can accept payment when registering online.

There are no restaurants on the property, but they do serve a breakfast buffet that is available for \$10. Convention attendees will be able to pre-order tickets for the breakfast on the registration form. Also box lunches will be available for \$12-\$14 on Friday and Saturday and also will need to be pre-ordered on the registration form. All rooms have kitchens, so attendees may want to make use of their own facilities. Also, our hospitality room will be able to use crockpots and a microwave oven. There should be a lot of food available during hospitality hours.

The format for Speaker meetings and workshops will follow a similar schedule as last year's convention. The committee plans to have six speaker sessions and six to seven time slots for workshops with three workshops scheduled during most time slots. The committee has tried very hard to come up with relevant and entertaining topics for the workshops. Most of the planned speakers have been confirmed.

The Fund-raising Committee is well on the way with their plans. The basket tradition will continue and the convention quilt has been started. We will have a room dedicated to the baskets and other home-made items member plan to bring. There are also plans for a smoothie bar for the members' enjoyment.

Something new for this year is a Breakfast/Speaker meeting. The resort has agreed to cater a breakfast buffet to start off the Saturday morning speaker meeting which will be a panel discussion. The breakfast will cost \$12.00 a person and can be pre-ordered on the registration form. We will have to pre-order so that we can let the resort know the expected number. They can serve up to 220 in the designated room.

Another planned activity is a dinner for the speakers and committee members on Friday night before the Friday night speaker session. Once again the resort will cater the meal at their restaurant. (The one that is used for their breakfast buffet.)

Entertainment is being planned to take place either before or after the Saturday night speaker session. And we may have some musical entertainment for Saturday night.

All in all, the convention planning is going forth with gusto! Even though we got a late start, we believe 2016 will be the best ever!

Respectfully submitted
Teresa O. Hinnant
2016 Convention Chairperson

DR Reports:

District 2 — Pam P. — Things are going very well in district 2. Almost two years ago, district conscience decided to try a two year trial of four district meetings a year. Our attendance in regards to GRs has improved. I see this as being continued. Our last district meeting we had nine out of twelve groups represented. There was approximately 23 people in attendance.

District 2 has a new group that has formed in Spartanburg. It is called the Thursday Evening AFG. They meet Thursday evening at 7pm at Second Presbyterian church at 438 N. Church St. They do not have a GR yet.

District 2 discussed financial matters due to an abundance of district funds. It was voted to increase district public outreach budget to \$200 a year. A lengthy discussion was held regarding district 2 starting an answering service for our district. Several members were given the task to research answering service vs. other options. They are to report back their findings at the October meeting. The treasurer is to put together an analysis of the district finances over the last couple of years to make sure this is financially feasible. The district did agree to send \$100 to the Raleigh literature distribution center, but decided to hold off on other contributions until a decision was made on the other above pending matters.

Although Kathy P. of Lancaster Co-Ed had been filling in for Barbara Anne as district treasurer. She was officially elected to this position. Ellen H. of Fort Mill AFG has agreed to be Alt DR for district 2. At this time all service positions are filled at the district level.

District 2 discussed convention planning for 2017. District 2 is in agreement that all can pull together to make it happen.

I am so grateful for all the willingness and recovery in district 2. They keep suiting up and showing up.

Pam P.
District 2 DR

District 3 — Susan E. — Our District has started something new. We have asked each group to host a Traditions workshop, either during a regular meeting or at some other time. Members from the entire district are invited to come. We have had our first workshop at No Where But Up and it was very well attended and seemed to go well. A special thank you to a large number of AFG members from Entirely Ready who attended and added a great deal to the workshop. Hoping the other groups in the district will be sending me requests for their workshops. I understand that Entirely Ready has picked the Tradition that they want but has not chosen a date as yet

We held our District All-Day on May 16th and it was well attended. Our Area Forum Co-ordinator Lynn E. organized a Forum Workshop and we had great fun playing Monopoly organized by one of our members with lots of questions on all Three Legacies. Fun and informative.

Susan English
District 3 District Representative

District 4 — K. Dale W. — On May 3, 2015 District 4 held their 1/4 ly business meeting. All group donations should be made out to Greater Columbia AFG and include the Group Name and Group # on the check.

Note: Treasurer contact information for Barbara E.
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Convention 2016

The convention will be Feb 18, 19, 20, 21 2016 at Ocean Creek Resort. Have to pre-register due it being at a gated community.

June Area Assembly important votes.

1st one will be the Reflector – A vote to change from 4 to 3 publications a year.

2nd will be sending Jan R, our Area 50 Chair up for Trustee of WSO.

Alateen

KDale presented information. About 11 new Alateen Sponsors. Thank you Elizabeth for providing the training.

Alateen needs a district 4 alateen coordinator. Elections for this position will be held at the next district meeting.

Public Information and Outreach Report – Jason reported that institutions will be visited. Looking for different activities to present information.

Group Reports

WSO spends \$213 for every group every year regardless if the group contributes or not.

Kris – The new schedules were distributed. Alateens groups were not included.

Happy Hour – lots of newcomers have been coming.

We are never alone – Kris – The group is struggling. Get the work out Thursday at 5:30pm

Voice Mail 2015

Jan - Lexington groups (Former District 10)

Feb – Sunday Serenity (1st half, Joanna C) / New Hope (2nd half Susan N.)

Mar - In Good Hands

Apr - Spring Lake / Sparkleberry

May - Dutch Square / Saturday Night Live

Jun - Kershaw County

Jul - Love Bunch

Aug - Caring / Back Door

Sep - Happy Hour

Oct - We Are Never Alone (1st half, Lindsey) / Journey toward Serenity (2nd half, Rosa)

Nov - Hope for Today / Parkview

Dec - Friday Friends / Courage to Change (Columbia)/ Mid-Week Southeast

Holiday Dinner

Sparkleberry and Springlake groups will host the 2015 Holiday Dinner. Barbara put in a request to the church to have the dinner. They were not able to meet the need. The group wanted to wait until September. Janet and Barbara will work on securing another location.

New Business

Our delegate will attend the September meeting.

AA International – 4 July 2015 in Atlanta GA our very own Diane F. will be a speaker.

Group Reference Coordinator- GR1. District 4 has six groups without GRs and two without mailing addresses. The six groups will be visited.

Journey Toward Serenity will provide new contact information.

'How AIAnon works' should always be given away to a new comer. The District has given free to each group.

Motion by Heather, Sara second to pre-order 500 copies AI-Anon faces Alcoholism 2016. How AI-Anon works will be ordered (1 case). Motion by Heather and seconded by Kris.

Mark your calendars:

District 4 Meetings for 2015 @ 2:30-4 pm at Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church:, Jul 12, Sept 13 and Nov 8

Pass the Basket / Adjourn with Serenity Prayer / AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration

Rosa Figueroa took the meeting minutes. Thank you for your service!

Submitted for distribution by your humble servant

K. Dale W.

District 4 Representative.

District 5 — Eileen C. — Our last meeting was held May 17th, in Camden. We reviewed the topics up for discussion and voting on at Area Assembly.

We are voting at our July 21st meeting whether to drop to four district meetings a year. We only have a few active groups and feel the need to step back at this time.

Our All Day “Spring Into Recovery” was fantastic. We had 45 people in attendance with several from outside our district. We had two workshops and two speakers. Everyone helped by participating in the workshops. We had a potluck lunch which we all enjoyed.

The New Beginnings Group in Hartsville has closed and joined the other Hartsville group. They have all decided to change their meeting to Thursday’s at 8. They have an old set of banners (Steps and Traditions) if anyone is interested. Please let me know if you are.

Sincerely,
Eileen C.
District 5 Representative

District 6 — Carolyn O. — Our district meeting, May 9th, in Walterboro, SC, had a low attendance—but—we got a lot done.

Linda R, my e-buddy (catsmeow2747@sc.rr.com), was away at her high school reunion, having a grand ole time. So some one else agreed to be a fill in for her—(tweiss6311@hotmail.com.) Now I have two e-buddies. When corresponding with me, please prefix all e-mail with Attn: CO.

Linda R. has also graciously stepped up to take over the district’s Alateen Coordinator’s position. She really does an excellent job with the meetings, district, and area positions she holds. We really do need examples “in service” as she is. Thanks Linda!

We got the email that our district secretary resigned due to health problems. A service call to Jan H., and she graciously agreed to accept the position. By she did a wonderful job on the notes that she took for our meeting in May. Thanks, Jan!

Teresa H. gave her report on Convention 2016. What a fantastic job she is doing. Thanks for your hard work, Teresa!

All of our groups seem to be doing okay. One group did bring up the subject of “who qualifies as a sponsor?” This, by the way, turned out to be a very good unplanned workshop — everyone participated.

We voted to order 400 copies of “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016”.

We’ve renamed our All Day to Al-anon Gratitude Fest. This will be November 14th, 2015, in Walterboro, SC. Angie M. agreed to chair with Teresa H., co-chair. As of now they have the speaker, workshop, and games already to make it a great get together. Hope you all will, come join us to celebrate.

My closing notes included:

1. That groups be encouraged to use the booklet (p-78) “When I Got Busy I Got Better” as some of their meeting topics.
2. To be committed to your service position and to always invite others to come with you to the different service business meetings we have, whether they hold any kind of service position or not. Traveling as a group in the car is great fellowship time.
3. I encouraged everyone to keep it simple as we live and grow in service to Al-anon.

Summerville AFG is 44 this year. Carolyn F. will be our guest speaker. Please come and join us.

Alateen Conference – July 17-19. We’re encouraging all adults of al-Anon to attend the Saturday’s fun with them. A great way to see how important Alateen sponsorship is.

In fellowship love and service,
Carolyn O.
District 6 Representative

District 7 — Kathy G. —

District 7 is hosting an all day on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00 - 2:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 604 Pitt Street (cross street Queen Street), Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. The Fall Festival and Conference's theme is Courage to Change. There will be an Al-Anon, AA, and hopefully, an Alateen speaker. Two musicians will provide us with some terrific entertainment. A White Elephant Sale, which was a great success last year, will be held again. Anyone can contribute a gently used item to be priced by the donor. Al-Anon literature will be available for purchase. Food will be provided for a light breakfast and lunch. All are welcome!! We'd love to see other districts visit us!

Kathy Gutowski
DR District 7



District 8 — David B. — It is with great joy that I am able to serve as the District Representative for the “Best District” in the state of South Carolina. District 8 is a very lively place to be. We have had many wonderful things happening so far this year.

The District 8 Alateen program has started with two meetings.

The “Courage to be Me” group is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm at Serenity Hall in Conway and the “Wave Riders” are meeting at the Alano Club on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. The meeting at the Alano Club is held simultaneously with both AA and Alanon meetings. The meetings started in February with average attendance being 6 active Alateens. The sponsors have been very responsible and supportive. Our district Alateen Coordinator, Judy J. has offered guidance and encouragement. We plan to have Alateen involvement in the Area Assembly and in the District 8 All Day Event in September.

The District 8 “All Day Event” has been scheduled for September 19th at Shelter 1 in Market Commons. The event is scheduled to start at 9am with casual fellowship and events, meetings, speakers, games etc. to continue through the day till 3pm. Glenda T. Is the Chairperson for the event. A schedule will be posted very soon with lots of opportunities for service. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share for the 12 noon “pot luck” lunch.

Participation at the district 8 meeting is holding very strong. New GRs and experienced GRs along with group members and officers are attending on a regular basis. Many of the Committees are functioning to encourage those in need to seek the Alanon program. Our Outreach committee has been distributing “CAL” to many churches, schools, community organizations and recovery facilities. Our Phone Service has been the best *first voice of Alanon* for families in need.

I and other District 8 members are working with the Convention 2016 committee to help create the most exciting and rewarding convention possible. The Ocean Creek Resort is the chosen site for the event. The resort staff are very cooperative and accommodating. The convention Chairperson, Theresa H. has shown leadership and confidence, to encourage everyone to create an atmosphere of learning and fellowship for this, “Living Day By Day” South Carolina State Alanon and Alateen Convention 2016. District 8 is proud to be the location for this wonderful weekend in February.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful groups and meetings in this district. The spirit of autonomy and diversity and spirituality are alive and strong, within the members of District 8.

In Service,
David Bryant
District 8 Representative
Alanon Family Groups

District 9 — Jan S. —

Hello everyone from the Upstate and western Carolina's!

Our District has been busy!

The 2 Alateen Groups have settled into their permanent locations:

- 1) Monday at 7-8pm at Greer 1st Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651. There is an Al-Anon meeting at the same time. There is an Al-Anon sign on the door, which faces Randall Street. This location is close to Wade Hampton (Hwy29) and 14.
- 2) Friday at 8 pm at St Giles Presbyterian Church, 1021 Hudson Rd, Greenville, SC 29615 . There is AA, Al-Anon, Alateen, and Nursery at this location.

We have added one new Alateen Sponsor, so now we are up to 4!!

At the January 31, 2015, Assembly in Columbia, I was thrilled that 9 attended from our District.

Our District has monthly Open Al-anon Speaker Meetings at the Greenville Alano Club, 111 Catalina Drive, Greenville, SC 29609. The next one is June is Sunday, June 7 at 2 pm., and July 12 at 7pm. Snacks are served afterwards. There is usually about 30 people attending. It is a good mix of Al-anon folks. We love visiting with each other and welcoming a new comer!

Our next District 9 Meeting is May 19th in Greenville at 6pm. I hope to encourage all members to come to the Assembly meeting on June 6, 2015.

I have been reaching out with "email" to connect with more al-anon members, so that they can stay informed of what is happening in our District.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Salvato, District 9 Representative

Workshop Topic: The future of conventions in South Carolina. The comments were many and varied ranging from eliminating them in favor of online meetings to reducing the frequency to every two years. The overall preference was for face to face conventions but reworking the way we plan them including reducing or eliminating guidelines, better sharing between committees including the notebook, piggy backing with AA, allowing anyone who is interested work on a given convention regardless of the district they are from. One idea which was stressed was to get in the car and doing our part rather than worrying about what others are doing.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration following a motion to adjourn.

Future Dates: **SC AFG Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC, February 19-22, 2015,**
 AWSC, — May 2, 2015
 Area Assembly – June 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R.
Secretary

(The attendance report for 6/6/15 is attached.)

South Carolina Area 50 Area Assembly Attendance June 6, 2015

DISTRICT	NAME	GROUP	POSITION		
2	Lana Hendrix	Hope For Today	GR	1	
2	PJ Morrow	Spartan AFG	GR	2	
2	Joyce	Delegate			
2	Sheila Quinn	Mid-Day Serenity	GR	3	
2	Suzanne Bledsoe	Hope For Tomorrow	GR	4	
2	Gayle Esarove	Tega Cay	Member		
2	Kim Blanchard	Fort Mill	Member		
2	Pam Phillips	Lancaster Co-Ed	DR		
2	Peggy Band	Lancaster Co-Ed	Alt. GR	5	
3	Jeri Wesner	Entirely Ready Reflector	Editor		
3	Michele Smith	Nowhere But Up	GR	6	
3	Mary Lyons	Entirely Ready Member			
3	Verna Smith	Nowhere But Up	Member		
3	Gloria Sloan	Entirely Ready Member			
3	Joseph Lyons	Entirely Ready Member			
3	Jan Rogerson	Entirely Ready Chairperson			
3	Nan				
3	Maureen B	Entirely Ready	GR	7	
3	Susan English	Nowhere But Up	DR		
4	Bobby Strange	Hope For Today	Past Delegate		
4	K. Dale White	DR			
4	Janette Nathan	Springlake	GR	8	
4	Diane Faulkner	Friday Friends	Alt. Del.		
4	Sara Keller	Happy Hour	GR	9	
4	Barbara O'Donnell	Sparkleberry	GR	10	
4	Paul Sterne	Tuesday Friday	GR	11	
4	Nancy R.	There Is Hope	GR	12	
4	Betty Sullivan	Love Bunch	Alt. GR	13	
5	Craig Lynn	Camden	GR	14	
5	Eileen Cannon	Kershaw County	DR		
6	Teresa Hinnant	Sunday Serenity	GR	15	
6	Carolyn Odle	Summerville	DR		
6	Linda Ruthven	Summerville	GR & Area Secretary	16	
6	Madelaine Gauthier	Beaufort	GR	17	
6	Ray Horn	New Beginning	GR	18	
6	Adrienne LaMantia	May Sunset	GR	19	
6	Bob Colburn	Principles Above Personalities			Alateen
7	Mary Symulesta	Trident	GR	20	
7	Connie Zimmerman	How It Works	GR	21	
7	Kathy Gutowski	DR			
7	Trish Roberts	GR	22		
7	Rita Muir	GR	23		
7	Elizabeth Whitaker	Friday Night Hope	AAC		
7	Sally Pittman	Begin	GR	24	
7	Judy R Hollywood	Stepping Stones	GR	25	
8	David Taylor	New Hope	Area Outreach		
8	Scott Gunga	Grace	GR	26	
8	Sharon Dumont	Georgetown	GR	27	
8	Alex Glenka	Wave Riders	GR	28	
8	Glenda Tarry	Midway	GR	29	
8	Linda Flohr	Unity	Alt GR & Area Literature	30	
9	Jan Salvato	Caring & Sharing	GR & DR	31	
9	Judy R Easley	Does It	Alateen		
9	Blake Switzer	SPAM	Alateen State Rep		

AWSC AND AREA ASSEMBLY

May 1 -Aug.26, 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$20,379.36
Income	
Group Contributions	\$2,658.67
District Contributions	\$68.52
Group Records	\$200.00
Donations	\$25.00
Convention 2015	\$416.78
Literature	\$120.00
Total Income	\$3,488.97
Expenses	
Alt. Delegate/Group Records	\$0.00
Alateen Coordinator	\$98.56
Archivist	
Area Treasurer	\$260.54
Chairperson	\$52.80
Delegate	\$662.20
Forum Coordinator	\$0.00
Delegates Equalized Expense	
Website Maint.	\$82.15
Literature Coordinator	\$15.00
Literature Purchase	\$0.00
Public Outreach	
Rent for Area Assembly	\$95.00
Rent for AWSC	\$398.00
Webmaster Coordinator	\$0.00
AAPP	\$129.36
Area Secretary	\$180.00
Reflector Coordinator	\$63.12
Convention 2016	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$4,536.73
ENDING BALANCE	\$19,331.60

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

May 1- Aug.26, 2015

DISTRICT TWO		Group #
Chester AFG		12509
Fort Mill	\$36.00	65154
Hope for Today		30576592
Hope for Tomorrow	\$11.00	43859
Lake Wylie AFG	\$30.00	24368
Lancaster Co-Ed AFG	\$30.00	12564
Last Resort		28753
Mid-day Serenity	\$45.00	40844
Spartan Al-Anon		12597
Stepping Stones	\$15.00	12599
Tega Cay AFG		12534
Hope for Adult Child & You Too	\$45.00	30638585
TOTAL		\$212.00

DISTRICT THREE		
Awesome Aiken		12487
No Where But Up AFG	\$100.00	61447
Entirely Ready	\$75.00	30565097
Noon Serenity		64672
TOTAL		\$175.00

DISTRICT FOUR		
Back Door		45579
Courage to Change		66523
Dutch Square		12517
New Hope	\$50.00	30514080
Happy Hour AFG	\$200.00	12518
Hope for Today		501930
In Good Hands		60960
Love Bunch AFG	\$98.00	47109
Parkview AFG	\$15.00	28070
Saturday Nite Live		33013
Sparkleberry AFG	\$40.00	501648
Springlake		65004
WANA		52189
Gilbert Main St. AFG	\$25.00	61673
Airport AFG		25550
Tues. Fri. Night AFG	\$30.00	12496
Friday Friends		64341
There is Hope		30510265
Journey Toward Serenity	\$50.00	30638685
Caring AFG	\$50.00	12511
TOTAL		\$558.00

DISTRICT FIVE		
Cottonmouth AFG	\$80.00	12533
Kershaw County AFG	\$30.00	12495
Lugoff Bright Side Rd		30514832
New Beginnings AFG		30575567
TOTAL		\$110.00

DISTRICT SIX

<i>Bridge to Recovery</i>		30507128
<i>Harmony AFG</i>	\$15.00	81721
<i>Hilton Head AFG (FROG)</i>		12553
<i>Hilton Head Friday Luncheon</i>		42889
<i>May River</i>		502926
<i>Monday Brown Baggers</i>	\$30.00	40914
<i>Monday Night Serenity AFG</i>		61405
<i>New Beginnings AFG</i>	\$60.00	30579326
<i>Oakbrook CTC</i>		30502277
<i>Principles Above Personalities</i>		49212
<i>Steps & Traditions</i>		30584523
<i>Summerville AFG</i>	\$6.25	12601
<i>Sunday Night Serenity</i>		52166
<i>Sunshine AFG</i>		51576
<i>Thursday Noon Gratitude</i>	\$23.22	30596802
<i>Walterboro AFG</i>		12608
<i>Friday Fellowship AFG</i>	\$21.11	30629124
TOTAL		\$155.58

DISTRICT SEVEN

<i>Begin With Me</i>	\$37.00	30575197
<i>Berkley AFG</i>		12570
<i>Bohicket AFG</i>		41407
<i>Harborlights AFG</i>		53948
<i>How It Works</i>		30530500
<i>Cherokee Family Group</i>		12507
<i>Friday Night Hope AFG</i>	\$44.00	48148
<i>Goose Creek AFG</i>		30593434
<i>Gratitude</i>		45393
<i>Hollywood Stepping Stones</i>		44120
<i>Old Central</i>	\$25.00	12502
<i>Old Village</i>	\$75.00	47581
<i>Serenity AFG</i>		30513570
<i>Tuesday Morning AFG</i>	\$169.00	12571
<i>Tuesday Night Trident</i>	\$15.00	37411
<i>Sat, Night Serenity</i>		30634182
<i>W. Ashley Parent/Family</i>	\$52.35	39225
<i>Wisdom to Know the Difference</i>		30508126
<i>Johns Is. Primary Purpose</i>	\$30.00	30575943
TOTAL		\$447.35

DISTRICT EIGHT

<i>Conway Listen & Learn</i>		30813795
<i>Recovery</i>		30575191
<i>Experience Strength & Hope</i>	\$30.00	30815913
<i>Conway AFG</i>		30809634
<i>The Daily Readers AFG</i>	\$60.00	30807163
<i>Conway Friendship</i>	\$20.00	12526
<i>Georgetown AFG</i>		12535
<i>High Noon AFG</i>	\$22.74	87140
<i>Hope For Today</i>	\$25.00	501107
<i>Island Serenity AFG</i>	\$150.00	65813
<i>Lunch Bunch</i>		48504
<i>Midway Al-Anon AFG</i>	\$20.00	12604
<i>Grace AFG</i>		54184
<i>Murrells Inlet AFG</i>	\$30.00	12572
<i>Myrtle Beach Parents AFG</i>	\$50.00	30581119
<i>New Beginnings of NMB</i>	\$20.00	30526
<i>New Hope</i>		500344
<i>Serenity Seekers</i>		25148
<i>Unity AFG</i>	\$50.00	47891
<i>Wednesday night</i>		65882
<i>Serenity on Hwy 90</i>		30545939
TOTAL	\$477.74	

DISTRICT NINE

<i>Caring & Sharing</i>	\$18.00	28216
<i>Central AFG</i>	\$20.00	12539
<i>C to C Anderson</i>	\$20.00	30585477
<i>Easley Does It AFG</i>		83706
<i>Fewell Step Study AFG</i>	\$30.00	12541
<i>Greer Gratitude AFG</i>	\$35.00	65257
<i>Laid Back AFG</i>	\$50.00	51412
<i>Live & Let Live</i>	\$75.00	42213
<i>Laurens AFG</i>		12565
<i>Serenity AFG</i>	\$70.00	12543
<i>Summit Al-Anon</i>	\$15.00	28217
<i>Think Al-Anon</i>	\$15.00	47569
<i>Traditional AFG</i>	\$30.00	25549
<i>Wade Hampton</i>	\$20.00	12547
<i>Greenwood Serenity</i>	\$30.00	12550
<i>Seneca Serenity</i>	\$75.00	35417
<i>Walhalla Hope for Today</i>	\$20.00	87349
<i>C to C Greenville</i>		30551739
TOTAL	\$523.00	

GROUP GRAND TOTAL**\$2,658.67**

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

TOTAL **\$0.00**

DONATIONS

Memorial (Barbara Ann) Eileen C \$25.00

TOTAL **\$25.00**

LITERATURE CONTRIBUTIONS

Literature Sales \$120.00

TOTAL **\$120.00**

Misc.

Group Records \$200.00

TOTAL **\$200.00**

REFLECTOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscript 2015

TOTAL **\$0.00**

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

District 3 68.52

District 4

TOTAL **\$68.52**

2015 Convention

416.78

TOTAL **\$416.78**

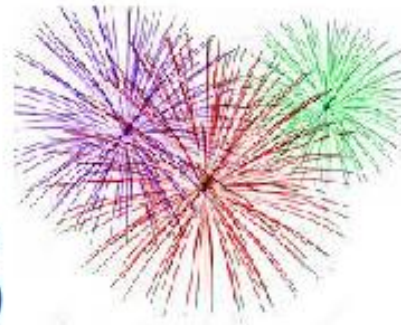


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July 24 – July 26, 2015

Friday – Sunday

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All Alanons are welcome to join us!