

Area Assembly Minutes

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia SC
Congaree Room
Saturday, September 26, 2015

10:00 am **Welcome** – Serenity Prayer – The 12 Concepts was read by Jan. Newcomers were asked to introduce themselves and were welcomed by the Area Chair.

Approval of Assembly Minutes – Linda R. – Minutes from the June Assembly were approved unanimously on a motion by Jeri W. and a second by Eileen C.

Treasurer's Report – Dawn C. – In Dawn's absence, Jan presented the report. It was approved unanimously on a motion by David B. with a second by Lana H. (See the pages following the 2016 SCAFG budget.)

Alternate Delegate's Report & Group Records Report – Diane F. – Diane is still receiving changes for the web site. Remember if it is a group change a GR1 form must be submitted to change the WSO data base. The changes on the GR1 flow through to Area Treasured Servants – including the web site change.

Area 50 has 123 groups holding 150 meetings.

No Email Status:

Myrtle Beach Lunch Bunch AFG nquihan27@hotmail.com Myrtle Beach , District 8
Principles Above Personalities AFG verna375@aol.com Hilton Head, District 6

No Current Mailing Address:

Noon Day Serenity, Orangeburg, District 3
Cherokee AFG, North Charleston, District 7
New Hope AFG, Orangeburg, District 3

Groups with no Group Representative: District

Cherokee AFG	0007
Caring AFG	0004
Tega Cay AFG	0002
Mason St AFG	0009
Hilton Head AFG Fully Rely On God	0006
Lake Wylie AFG	0002
New Hope AFG	0004
Courage To Change AFG	0009
Goose Creek AFG	0007
Cheraw AFG	0005
Sunday Serenity AFG	0004
Spartanburg Thursday Evening AFG	0002
Hope For Today AFG	0006
Gratitude AFG	0007
Newberry Serenity AFG	0004
Harmony AFG	0006

Courage To Change AFG 0004

Beaufort Thursday Night Serenity AFG 0006

In a very special way,

Diane Faulkner

(See the pages following the Motion to Adjourn for SCAFG attendance.)

Delegate's Report – Joyce H. – Spring has passed us , Summer has passed us and now we, are into fall where everything around us is changing . the leaves are turning, the air is crisp and renewing . It reminds me of sometimes how we are in our program . There are times that I find my self in different seasons . In spring when flowers are blooming and the grass is green I feel renewed, excited therefore I grasp at all areas of A-Anon. Then comes Summer. The lazy days, I tend to slack off and my mind shifts , I skip doing what I need to do and then find myself dehydrated, lacking from the nourishment my reading give me each morning. Then we have fall, waking up to a rainbow of colors reds, greens, beautiful maple trees blooming just brilliant reminding me of all the colors that AI-Anon has blessed me with .The hugs and smiles that I am blessed with in this fellowship. And then we have winter, once again once again Ole Man Winter brings me down and complacent . But just when I need it My Higher Power replaces that cold lonely day with beautiful Red Cardinals feeding out of a feeder just as a beautiful blanket of snow begins to fall. I hope that each and everyone uses this program with all its tools. Such as our new communications device we have , AFG Connects . If you are not acquainted with this new feature , Ask me and I will help . Serving as your Delegate has been quite a ride, so many friends , so much knowledge , so much love

Love In Service

Joyce Hord

Panel 54

S.C. Delegate

Chairman's Report – Jan R. – Well, we have made it through our second year of this panel. I, for one, think it has been a pretty good year for SC AI-Anon. We've had a few hiccups, but we've made it through.

Over the next year, we will be concentrating on getting members interested in Service. We will be holding elections this time next year, and it is my hope that we will have several people standing for each position at the Area level. I am also interested in hearing about anyone wanting to serve as a coordinator for our next panel. The new Area Chair and new Delegate will be appointing those positions after the Fall elections. I hope our current coordinators are busy finding people to replace them!

Please remember that as a coordinator, the position is to coordinate members in the districts and groups to carry on the information and projects that you, as a coordinator, put forth. You don't have to do all the work yourself. Each district should have a counterpart – for example, a district Public Outreach coordinator, to work with the groups in that district to accomplish projects that the Area Public Outreach coordinator develops. Today we will be having a Public Outreach workshop to assist with that.

You will be hearing from all the coordinators today as well as the District Representatives letting us know what is going on in their districts. Please take this information back to your groups. Remember, participation is the key to harmony and participation requires information.

We are also voting on the proposed budget today. I hope you have all had an opportunity to review it and are ready for discussion regarding the budget. We are lucky as an Area that we always seem to stay well within our budget and I am grateful that our trusted servants keep this in mind.

am hoping we will have the time today to address any questions or concerns that you would like to bring up to the Area. If we can stay on the agenda, we should have some time at the end. There is a basket up here if you would like to submit written questions.

LIS,
Jan Rogerson
Area Chair

BUSINESS:

Coordinators' Reports:

Alateen – Elizabeth D. – Thanks everybody for supporting Alateen! We are in the midst of our Alateen Task Force – working to the Grow SC Alateen program.

Would all the parents in the room please stand up? Please take a flyer – it's information for parents about Alateen. If you don't want it – please pass it on to another Al-Anon parent that you know. We have more flyers in the back table – our Alateen Task Force table. Please come visit and learn more about the Task Force and what we're doing!! We have found that the #1 place to find Alateens is through Al-Anons and AAs. You know how much Al-Anon has helped you; Think about how much Alateen can help the kids you know! Share that opportunity for them to get the same support that means so much to you! Thanks so much for your support

We had a great time at Alateen Camp in July. We had 9 Alateens, 8 Sponsors, 3 Speakers, 3 Workshops, 3 days of awesome weather, and 1 truly wonderful impactful terrific camp! It was really a great sharing of program, love, and support. And I'm so thankful for these sponsors who came and helped! Bob B, Brandon, Jan H, Judy R, Judy J, Lisa V, and KDale. And a Big thanks to everyone who sent donations to support the camp and Alateen! Next year is our 40th anniversary of SC's camp. That's right – oh lordy we're forty – we're working on big plans to make it an awesome experience – including inviting all previous Alateens to join us for the weekend.

If anyone has any questions regarding Alateen, please email or call me.

Thanks!

Yours in service
Elizabeth

AAPP – Bob C – As of today, 9-26-15, there are 12 active Alateen groups in South Carolina. Active means there are Certified Sponsors willing to open the door and be present for a meeting. Alateen attendance is fluid, it can vary from week to week. I have found that in the group that Brandon and I sponsor, the Ultimate Alateen group in Bluffton, once school starts we seem to have more regular attendance. This is encouraging. I hope that is the trend in the rest of the state.

The current active groups are:

Caring and Nurturing All Determined Alateens, Aiken
The Ultimate Alateen Group, Bluffton
Finding Me Again Alateen, Florence
Spam Alateen, Greenville

Monday Night Alateen, Greer
Open Door Alateen, Irmo
Berkley Alateen, Moncks Corner
Courage to be Me Alateen, Myrtle Beach
Wave Riders Alateen, Myrtle Beach
Easy Does It Alateen, Port Royal/Beaufort
Together We Can Make It Alateen, Summerville
Keep it Simple Alateen, Walhalla

If there is anyone in the room who has questions about these groups, please see me sometime during this Assembly. If any changes need to be made, please fill out a GR-3 form and get it to me. My email address is AAPP@al-anon-sc.org.

I recently had a wonderful conversation with Barbara O., Director of Member Services at WSO in response to questions here in South Carolina about our current recertification process. To put it as simply as I can, World Service requires all areas to have a certification/recertification process in place, and to communicate to them no later than July 1 of every year the status of our Certified AMIAS, whether they be active or inactive. The rest is up to us. We as an area developed guidelines in response to the 2003 WSO Alateen Motion. Those guidelines have been in place for the past 12 years or so, and now that AI-anon and Alateen as a fellowship have lived with these initial guidelines this long, perhaps it is time to revisit and/or update them. To that end, I would be an enthusiastic participant in the conversation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve SC AI-anon/Alateen. If there is anyone who enjoys record keeping and communication with other trusted servants, both here in South Carolina and at World Service, in person and online, consider stepping into this position in the next panel, beginning January 2017. I has been a very beneficial and grateful education, to say the least.

Yours in Service,
Bob C
AAPP

Area Alateen Representative –Blake – Alateen Conference had nine teens this year with great workshops and speakers. A task force was set up to increase attendance with monthly conference calls. Drawings for Alateen literature were held. The winners were as follows:

Michele S – *Courage To Be Me*
Susan E. – *Living Today in Alateen*
Tina W. – *Living Today in Alateen*
Carol D – *A Day At A Time in Alateen*

Alternate Area Alateen Representative – Caroline N. – Next year the Alateen Conference will celebrate its 40th anniversary making it one of the oldest Alateen Conferences in the United States and Canada. The Alateen Conference will be an alumni reunion July 23-24, We are in the process of planning workshops and activities for the 2016 SCAFG Convention.

Literature – Linda F. – There isn't much going on right now, and my computer problems do not help.

Linda Flohr
Area Literature Coordinator

Public Outreach – David T – “Camera ready” copies of the South Carolina Al-Anon poster were sent to all DR’s, coordinators, state officers and others. Two samples were included, on that each group can add its meeting information to and one that can be adapted as a generic informational poster.

It is suggested that each district and group print out copies and each member distribute 10 copies to offices, stores, churches and so on, checking occasionally to be sure they remain. If each member does this minimum we will have over 13,000 meeting/information notices posted.

We will have another poster in the late fall as possibly one for Alateen.

We are currently working on a new “business” card and presentations for Assembly and 2016 Convention.

David Taylor
Outreach Coordinator

Web site – Diane F. – (See Website Task Force Report for further information.)

Reflector Editor – Jeri W. – The next deadline for the Reflector Newsletter is November 16th. I will send out a reminder a week beforehand. This will be the last November issue of the Reflector since the Assembly voted that it would be published on the same schedule as AWSC and Assembly - three times a year.

As always, I love my job!

In Service,
Jeri Wesner

Forum – Lynn E – Hello! to all from your Forum Coordinator - I really don't have a lot to 'coordinate' this 'cycle' but, **as always**, would remind you to **RUSH** to the Forum (**Read it...Use it in a meeting... Share it with a friend...Have it in your pocket!**) and submit 'for FUN and for FREE!' at the Members section of the awesome WSO website! or just snail-mail - Forum is always accepting written **AND** photo sharings!

I am pleased to announce that I received a nice 'thank you' letter from WSO for all the sharings that we sent to the Forum from the Forum workshop at Convention 2015 - y'all done GOOD! They were appreciated - and if something you sent is published you will receive a special notice and copy of that Forum! Write on!!
...with love and serenity always growing in service...

Keep Giving Back!
Lynn Edwards

The winner of a subscription to *The Forum* was Dawn T. from District 8, and Bruce G. from District 7 was the recipient of a 2015 *World Service Conference Summary*.

2017 Convention Chair –Pam P. – Our first meeting is today in the conference room upstairs. The best thing going for us at the moment is a lot of enthusiasm.

2016 Convention – Teresa H. – The 2016 convention committee met for the third time on July 18, 2015 to discuss the arrangements that have been made and decide on what needs to be done next. The meeting was held at the Step-Up Club in Summerville.

A Save-the-Date flyer was emailed to all GRs last month.

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 \$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 speakers and workshop facilitators have been confirmed. There will be a variety of topics offered as well as a little change in presentation. There will be six speaker sessions and seven time-slots for workshops. The Saturday morning speaker session will be in the format of a breakfast meeting with a panel discussion. There will be a fee of \$12 for breakfast which will be optional. The breakfast ticket will need to be pre-ordered on the registration form. Participants can attend the meeting only, if they wish, and will be allowed entry just prior to the session.

The Fund-raising Committee is right on track with their plans. The basket tradition will continue and the convention quilt has been completed. We will have a room dedicated to the baskets and other home-made items member plan to bring. We are also raffling off a 3-day/2-night stay at Ocean Creek Resort (the site of the convention). There are also plans for a smoothie bar for the members' enjoyment on Friday and Saturday afternoon. There will be a nominal charge for the smoothies.

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.) Reminder, this is a closed dinner and is only available to attendees from WSO, AWSC, the speakers and family, and the committee members. This meal is at a cost of \$28 per person.

We will have some musical entertainment for Saturday night prior to the speaker session, and the Entertainment Committee is planning an activity after the speaker session.

The only aspect that is left to do with our planning is our web exposure. This has been a set-back for the committee, but we hope that it will soon be rectified. We had hoped to be able to have a link to PayPal so that members could register and pay online all in one step. We believe that this would highly facilitate our attendance, especially since we had a late start in planning the convention.

Our next meeting will be September 26th at the Area Assembly Meeting in Columbia.

All in all, the convention planning process is right on track! Even though we got a late start, we believe 2016 will be the best ever!

Respectfully submitted
Teresa O. Hinnant
2016 Convention Chairperson

SCAFG Budget – Jan R. presented in Dawn's absence. – The proposed motion which follows passed unanimously on a motion by Susan E. and a second by Jeri W.

Motion: To accept the proposed 2016 budget

Rationale: To meet increased expenses in doing business of Area 50 - South Carolina

Web Site Task Force Report:

Mission:

“The AWSC (in August of 2015) set up this task force to get the website up to speed in its current form (1) regarding information on meetings, (2) getting the convention info on, (2) setup the PayPal for the

2016 convention, and then, come to a decision regarding whether we stay with the (4) web host we are on currently, or change. During this time the task force needs to determine the following: What info our area fellowship feels needs to be on the website. What our area can afford. Making a choice on a host that can easily be managed by two or more member to keep up to date What the website management structure should look like (webmaster, assistant(s)?)”

Task Force Members: Diane, Elizabeth, Heidi, Mike M.

To Date:

Mike and Heidi were to set up the Convention registration using PayPal with a web page announcing the convention registration and accommodations. While working on that they would be able to analyze Ecommerce to see if that is the appropriate platform for the SC web site.

Their reports concerning these items:

From Mike - Here are my inputs:

1. I have made several efforts to make updates to the site. Upon reviewing the makeup and configuration of the site, this is much more complicated than what we need. The eCommerce portion does nothing for us. In addition, we can NOT edit the web pages online. We must use an interface (they recommend Cyberduck Tool) to pull the pages down and edit them. I'm still figuring out part of this interface.
2. The 2016 Convention page has been renamed. It didn't work, because we could not edit it. So I have started building from scratch a page to get the information posted. I still don't know if we will be able to get the PayPal portion to work, because of the BigCommerce interface and front end, which is part of the major issue.
3. I can tell you, the password protected area is NOT secure. Heidi and I tested the site, and we can gain access to the member's only area without a password. So, we have now gone backwards in the security of the site, and another reason why the current host should be changed. I can't find anywhere to change or configure the security with this host to fix this issue.
4. The PayPal portion is actually Heidi's expertise. She has been attempting to get this online, BUT, without an actual page to work from, this has been a delay.
5. In looking at the meeting lists and the multiple pages involved with this process, I think we are going about the updates all wrong, but I understand why Diane is doing it the way she is. I would have originally taken the same approach. It appears, we are not updating the source of the original meeting data, but rather, manually updating individual pages. There are a total of 100 pages of information about meetings that require updates. 59 Meetings by City pages, 28 Meetings by County, 8 Meetings by District, and 5 other pages (including 1 Alateen page). For a single meeting, if we edit the pages, we must edit three different pages for EACH meeting change, to keep the data current. This is way too complicated and time consuming.
6. After doing some reading, and again, I'm still researching this portion, it appears there was a central CSV file the data was being pulled from. I think, and again, not sure yet (way too complicated process), the pages pull from a central CSV file. I don't know, because I have not found this file yet, if when a meeting is updated on a page (and there are 59 pages just for listings by city), if that updates the CSV file, or disconnects the page from it and goes static. This requires much more research, but more than is necessary.
7. Without a doubt, from my years of being a webmaster, and my current role in maintaining three other websites, the Bigcommerce host offers nothing special that we can utilize, and really, complicates our process of maintaining the web as an informational site. The edits and changes are far too complicated. The Blog portion has never been enabled, and honestly, I'm not seeing how to enable and control it, because of the security issues that I'm still trying to figure out.

8. The charges reported during AWSC are repulsive. We should NEVER be charged maintenance charges for the website. A good host would charge a flat fee for the hosting, a small fee for renewing our current domain(s), and a fee for any additional options we choose, of which we should have some.
9. My summation. I would like to see the Bigcommerce (Ecommerce) site shut down.

And Heidi adds –

I could not have said it better Mike, there are multiple issues involved and we certainly don't need a more complicated and unnecessary features of an 'ecommerce' site as we do not sell items on a regular basis.

The beauty of WordPress is just as Mike mentioned - you make one update and it automatically updates in all tables/pages needed.

PayPal has been a challenge this time - I plan to contact them tomorrow when I'm home - never had this much trouble with them in the past - and as Mike mentioned - the setup of the ecommerce site may not allow us to even use it.

Elizabeth and Diane

contacted other Areas and were pleased to receive great cooperation in sharing how other areas are managing their web sites. These enthusiastic areas include Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Mississippi and a few more – plus some Districts with web sites have reported back.

The task force agrees with unanimity that we should change from the Ecommerce platform to a different platform. In a month's time we have gathered the aforementioned info so you know the right people are on the task force. However, we are open to adding more – there is lots more work to do.

Participation is the key to harmony.

Elizabeth has set us up with a Drop Box account for files and to share emails, and she set up video conference as well.

Between now and the first of the year we hope to find willing treasured servants to care for the web site. We hope to select the best platform available. And we hope to walk this path using AI-Anon spiritual principles. The journey is just as important than the destination.

A reminder - Diane is still receiving changes for the web site. Remember if it is a group change a GR1 form must be submitted to change the WSO data base. The changes on the GR1 flow through to Area Treasured Servants – including the web site change.

In a very special way,
Diane Faulkner

District Representative 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 evenings at 7pm. And 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

District3 – Susan E. – Our groups are reporting attendance is about the same. A few newcomers are staying and we are losing a few so numbers remain constant.

Awesome Aiken celebrated their 50th anniversary in July. What an achievement. They must be doing something right!

We had limited response to the idea of having Traditions workshops at each group. No Where But Up in Aiken had a well attended workshop that was well supported by Entirely Ready Members (also in Aiken).

Entirely Ready have their Traditions workshop scheduled on November 30th at their regular meeting at 6.30.

At a recent District Meeting we had a very productive discussion about Service at the District level. Our District is very small (numbers wise) and this makes true rotation of service difficult to achieve. Although we all recognized that this is an issue in any volunteer organizations (organized or not!) there were some ideas brought forward that the GR's will be taking back to their groups for further discussion. This issue will be revisited at a special District meeting at the end of November.

Susan English

District 3 Representative

District 4 – K. Dale W. – 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.

Alateen is doing well in District 4, and I am grateful for its influence.

District 5 – Eileen C. – We voted at our July 21st meeting 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.

District 6 – Carolyn O. – We held our meeting in Walterboro, Sc on September 9th, 2015.

Carol D. volunteered to be our new literature person as Linda R. has accepted the Alateen Coordinator position.

Teresa H. gave us a report of Convention 2016. It does appear that things are in place and on track. This convention is going to be ONE great time. Don't miss it.

We had 12 groups and 1 Alateen group present. Oakbrook Courage to Change celebrated their 9th anniversary with an eating meeting with speaker.

Most of the groups have their regular core number of members along with newcomers, staying or passing on to another group.

Getting people to step up to do service work is an issue with most groups.

Angie M., our treasurer, is laid up at Life Care Rehab Center due to a broken hip. The footwork has already begun on a motion and seconded that we remove the former DR, Julie H's name, add mine, along with our secretary Jan H. We will have three signers.

Since we missed the date to order "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" and most of our groups have extra "old" ones, we will be using these at this time. We will make sure not to miss the January deadline.

Our Gratitude Fest will follow a short district meeting. For discussion will be the finalizing of the Hilton Head/Beaufort area meeting place. St. George will be the upper district location.

Don't miss our Gratitude Fest, November 14, 2015 from 10 am until 2 pm. We're having prizes, fun, games, along with a workshop and speaker. Don't miss thjis fun day of fellowship.

In fellowship love
Carolyn O. DR

District 7 – Kathy G. – District 7 is holding a Fall Festival and Conference on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00 - 2:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant. There will be Al-Anon, Alateen, and AA speakers. Anyone who wishes to contribute a nice item to our White Elephant Sale is welcome to do so. Lunch will be served. Dan, our chairman, resigned recently so Nancy G. and Bonnie G. are co-chairing. Dan had everything in place for the day before his resignation, and we are all grateful for his work to make this day successful.

I have been traveling all over District 7 and have attended the 17 regular meetings. I have enjoyed every meeting and can report that Al- Anon is alive and well in District 7! Each meeting that I attended greeted me warmly, and the GRs were in attendance except for one meeting. It is gratifying to see the program at work everywhere that I go.

Our district currently has two meetings without GRs but they both have CMAs. I am hoping that those that meetings will soon have a GR as there are members working to make happen. All but one meeting has an e- mail address at this time.

Our district is working hard to make our AIS successful. We have a new webmaster who will be making

changes to bring us up to WSO guidelines. Our AIS is bringing information to members and newcomers via website, e-mail, and telephone service. We have had 152 phone calls from January through August and approximately 67 e-mail requests for information in the same time period. Our AIS Liaison and I have WSO contacted Member Services to get help in providing the best service. Once we have completed some changes, we will be linked with WSO to better serve the membership. We are also looking at our budget for the AIS which constitutes about a third of the total district budget. We hope to continue to spend our money efficiently and maintain our current services.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gutowski
District Representative, 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. — 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 4 Alateen Sponsors, but usually no teens. Judy R. wrote a 'short 'note for the AA Alano Monthly Newsletter to bring awareness to all who attend AA and Al-Anon meetings at that location.

I am encouraging all GR's and members to attend Assembly in Columbia on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Our District has monthly Open Al-Anon Speaker Meetings at the Greenville Alano Club, 111 Catalina Drive, Greenville, SC 29609. The next one is: Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 pm., Oct. 4 at 2 pm, and Nov. 1 at 7pm. Snacks are served afterwards. There are 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 Business Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15 in Greenville at 6pm. We have strong attendance and much lively discussions.

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.

Our Public Outreach has stepped up to commit all the Greenville Groups to participate to bring an Al-Anon meeting once a month to the Holmesview Treatment Center in Greenville. Also, on Sept. 25, many Al-Anon members will be at the SE Conference on Addiction & Behavioral Health representing Al-Anon to Licensed Professional Counselors, Therapists, Nurses and Social Workers. They will provide Meeting Schedules and Al-Anon literature.

What great TEAM , we have in all of District 9!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Salvato,
District 9 Representative

PUBLIC OUTREACH Workshop – David T. – As members of the human race, each of us wears different hats; however as Al-Anon members, the biggest hat is carrying the message. Al-Anon practices anonymity but not invisibility. Reaching out can take the form of meeting directories and altering the basic flyer. For the Al-Anon and Alateen programs to flourish, our message of hope must reach prospective members. Membership outreach is needed to keep the newcomer coming back.

Motion to adjourn, close with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

Future Dates: AWSC –Jan 9th; ASSEMBLY – Jan 16 2016

SCAFG Attendance

9.26.15

District	Name	Group	Position
2	Joyce Hord	Lancaster	Delegate
2	Pam Phillips	Lancaster	DR/Conv. 2017 Chair
2	Pat D.	Lancaster	member
2	Peggy B.	Lancaster	Alt. GR
2	Lana H.	Boiling Springs	GR
2	Ellen H.	Fort Mill	Alt. DR
2	Barbara C.	Fort Mill	GR
2	Gayle E.	Tega Cay	member
3	Jan Rogerson	Entirely Ready	Area Chair
3	Nan M.	Entirely Ready	member
3	Michele S.	No Where But Up	GR
3	Jeri Wesner	Entirely Ready	Reflector Editor
3	Lynn Edwards		Forum Coordinator
3	Maureen B.	Entirely Ready	GR
3	Susan English	No Where But Up	GR/DR
3	Mark S.	Awesome Aiken	GR
4	Heather B.	Dutch Square	GR
4	Sara K.	Happy Hour	GR
4	K. Dale White		DR
4	Barbara O.	Sparkleberry	GR
4	Diane Faulkner		Alt. Delegate
4	Lindsey S.	WANA	GR
4	Jennifer H.	Journey to Serenity	GR
4	Betty S.	Love Bunch	Alt. GR
4	Tambra P.	Midweek	GR
4	Marie J.	North Church	GR
4	Margaret L.	Saturday Night Live	standing in for GR
5	Eileen Cannon	Kershaw County	DR
5	Barbara N.	Kershaw County	member
5	Kathleen S.	Kershaw County	GR
5	Patti F.	Lugoff	Treasurer
6	Carolyn Odle	Bridge to Recovery	DR
6	Tina W.	Bridge to Recovery	GR
6	Linda Ruthven	Summerville	GR/Area Secretary
6	Madeline G.	Beaufort Brown Bag	GR
6	Kathy P.	Thursday Serenity	GR
6	Mike M.	Oakbrook C.T.C.	GR
6	Anne S.		member
6	Teresa Hinnant	Sunday Serenity	GR/Conv. 2016 Chair
6	Carol D.	Monday Night Serenity	member
6	Adrienne L.	May River Sunset	GR
6	Julie H.	Friday Fellowship	GR
6	Caroline N.	Ultimate Alateen	Alt. State Rep.
6	Bob Colborn	Prin. Above Personalities	Alt. DR/AAPP

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7	Elizabeth D.	Friday Night Hope	Area Alateen Coord.
7	Bruce G.	Serenity	GR
7	Judy R.	Hollywood Stepping Stones	GR
7	Kathy Gutowski	Old Central	DR
7	Trish R.	Old Central	GR
7	Nancy G.	Primary Purpose	Alt. GR
8	David Bryant	Grace	DR
8	Scott G.	Grace	GR
8	David Taylor	New Hope	Dist. Sect./Area P.O.
8	Linda Flohr	Midway	Alt. GR/Area Lit. Coord.
8	Glenda T.	Unity	Alt. GR
8	Dawn T.	New Beginnings	fill in for GR
8	Lisa V.	New Hope	GR
9	Blake Switzer	SPAM Alateen	Alateen State Rep.
9	Judy R.	Easley Does It	Dist. Alateen Coord.
9	Ellen G.	Traditional	GR
9	Jan Salvato	Caring & Sharing	GR/DR

Proposed Budget 2016					
		1/1/14-12/30/14		1/2-8/12/15	
	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016
Delegate	\$2,100.00	\$2,389.03	\$2,100.00	\$2,054.28	\$2,100.00
Alternate Delegate\Group Records	\$400.00	\$445.92	\$750.00	\$128.67	\$750.00
Chairman	\$500.00	\$427.45	\$600.00	\$158.40	\$600.00
Secretary	\$400.00	\$528.00	\$700.00	\$356.00	\$700.00
Treasurer	\$600.00	\$549.55	\$600.00	\$522.04	\$700.00
Alateen Coordinator	\$500.00	\$98.56	\$500.00	\$197.12	\$500.00
Alateen Process Person	\$500.00	\$326.48	\$500.00	\$190.30	\$500.00
Alateen Representative	\$300.00	\$84.58	\$300.00		\$300.00
Archives	\$700.00		\$700.00		\$700.00
Public Outreach	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Website Coordinator	\$750.00	\$496.32	\$750.00	\$130.24	\$750.00
Literature Purchases	\$700.00	\$3.75	\$700.00	\$334.94	\$700.00
Literature Coordinator	\$500.00	\$327.80	\$500.00	\$163.72	\$500.00
Reflector Editor	\$300.00	\$137.10	\$250.00	\$71.12	\$200.00
Alateen Conference Advance	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Website Maintenance		\$389.97	\$750.00	\$395.58	\$750.00
Forum Coordinator	\$300.00	\$119.24	\$300.00	\$115.61	\$300.00
Convention Advance 2015			\$2,500.00		
Convention Advance 2016	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Rent for Assembly	\$2,500.00	\$2,037.40	\$2,500.00	\$2,183.90	\$2,500.00
Rent for AWSC	\$600.00	\$1,140.00	\$600.00	\$998.00	\$1,200.00
AWSC Travel - District Reps	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00
AWSC Travel - Past Delegate	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00
AWSC Delegate - Equalized Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,447.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$250.00	\$40.04	\$200.00		\$200.00
2013 International Convention	1000.00				
Team Expense			\$500.00		\$500.00
Convention Advance 2017					\$2,500.00
Convention Advance 2018					\$2,500.00
Computer Purchase					\$2,000.00
Total	\$20,600.00	\$11,988.19	\$24,500.00	\$10,499.92	\$27,150.00

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	40644
Spartan Al-Anon		12597
Stepping Stones	\$15.00	12599
Tega Cay AFG		12534
Hope for Adult Child & You Too	\$45.00	30636585
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	30638665
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

Bridge to Recovery		30507128
Harmony AFG	\$15.00	61721
Hilton Head AFG (FROG)		12553
Hilton Head Friday Luncheon		42889
May River		502926
Monday Brown Baggers	\$30.00	40914
Monday Night Serenity AFG		61405
New Beginnings AFG	\$60.00	30579326
Oakbrook CTC		30502277
Principles Above Personalities		49212
Steps & Traditions		30584523
Summerville AFG	\$6.25	12601
Sunday Night Serenity		52166
Sunshine AFG		51576
Thursday Noon Gratitude	\$23.22	30596802
Walterboro AFG		12608
Friday Fellowship AFG	\$21.11	30629124
TOTAL		\$155.58

DISTRICT SEVEN

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

DISTRICT EIGHT

Conway Listen & Learn		30613795
Recovery		30575191
Experience Strength & Hope	\$30.00	30615913
Conway AFG		30609634
The Daily Readers AFG	\$60.00	30607163
Conway Friendship	\$20.00	12526
Georgetown AFG		12535
High Noon AFG	\$22.74	67140
Hope For Today	\$25.00	501107
Island Serenity AFG	\$150.00	65613
Lunch Bunch		46504
Midway Al-Anon AFG	\$20.00	12604
Grace AFG		54184
Murrells Inlet AFG	\$30.00	12572
Myrtle Beach Parents AFG	\$50.00	30581119
New Beginnings of NMB	\$20.00	30526
New Hope		500344
Serenity Seekers		25148
Unity AFG	\$50.00	47691
Wednesday night		65882
Serenity on Hwy 90		30545939
TOTAL	\$477.74	

DISTRICT NINE

Caring & Sharing	\$18.00	28216
Central AFG	\$20.00	12539
C to C Anderson	\$20.00	30565477
Easley Does It AFG		63706
Fewell Step Study AFG	\$30.00	12541
Greer Gratitude AFG	\$35.00	65257
Laid Back AFG	\$50.00	51412
Live & Let Live	\$75.00	42213
Laurens AFG		12565
Serenity AFG	\$70.00	12543
Summit Al-Anon	\$15.00	28217
Think Al-Anon	\$15.00	47569
Traditional AFG	\$30.00	25549
Wade Hampton	\$20.00	12547
Greenwood Serenity	\$30.00	12550
Seneca Serenity	\$75.00	35417
Walhalla Hope for Today	\$20.00	67349
C to C Greenville		30551739
TOTAL	\$523.00	