

Area Assembly Minutes for October 5, 2019

10AM Assembly meeting Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center Meeting Room - Lexington A

- Started meeting with – Serenity Prayer – The Twelve Concepts - Welcome Newcomers
- GR voting count - 50
- Approval of Assembly Minutes, June 7, 2019, 1st by Ian, 2nd by Clara, approved (unanimous)
- Treasurer's Report – Sara Keller
 - Prior to vote, added that she was assured at AWSC, in re-guard to finances that Alateen would provide money today to come into compliance with what was discussed at AWSC. The Alateen finances must be a part of Area and will insist on it before she will sign and file the necessary Area documents with the IRS.
 - Minutes, 1st by Ian, 2nd by Jan approved (49 yes, 1 abstain)
- Group Records Coordinator and Alternate Delegate's Report – Bob Colborn
 - Old paper GR-1 form, slow and inefficient. The new on-line method allows communication and changes within a few hours.
 - Any group changes made on the WSO website will first be confirmed with Bob. Then, Bob will check with the DR and group contact to confirm.
 - New GR's – important to update group information on the WSO website soon after January 1, so that the new GR's will receive the most up to date information. In order to receive up to date information from Area, this will need to be completed after Jan. 1.
 - Where to find the place to update on the WSO website – Bob has send **many** emails with the link. In addition flyers were passed around at this assembly with the link to the specific place in the WSO website to update group records.
 - Benefits and Qualifications of this position
 - Must have been a District Rep or Area Coordinator for a full term
 - Assumption that qualifications will include a full term as a GR prior to Area work
 - Some computer literacy is required
 - WSO conducts training, will set you up to access WSO level records (which can be exported and printed for Area use)
 - Recommends reading of the World Service Conference Summary, Conference Summary is free to download or a print version is available for \$5.
 - Keeps in regular communication with the Delegate
 - The position allows regular communication with AI-anon members, which is a positive
 - Area 50 has 126 groups and 152 meetings
- Delegate's Report – David Bryant
 - It's been an honor and privilege to serve as Delegate
 - Team event in June
 - Financial success
 - Trustees presented, area officers did programs and Dave presented on the international
 - Over 75 people attended
 - 2nd to last Team event ever, will be replace with a new style out-reach
 - Searching for Trustees
 - 5 Regional
 - 3 At-large
 - Apply for At-large position at any time
 - Application can be made on-line, get with Dave if you are interested
 - 2019 Southeastern Regional Delegates – Myrtle Beach hosted
 - 2020 Southeastern Regional Delegates – Puerto Rico
 - Planning an eventful weekend
 - Good place for delegates to learn what was expected

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- Theme: 'Dreaming Big with 2020 Vision'
- Chariman of the Board letter on WSO website
- Board doing a roadtrip after conference
 - Area 50 can apply to be part of the roadtrip, team up with other Areas.
- AA International
 - July 2-5, 2020
 - Detroit, MI
 - Registration is open
 - Al-anon convention, runs concurrently and comes together in the Big Meetings.
 - Attendance almost as large as Al-anon International
 - Big Meetings emphasize Al-anon a bit
 - Well worth going
- Al-anon International
 - 2013
 - New Mexico
- Hybrid meetings, meetings with a physical component and an on-line broadcast component (allows members who cannot come physically be a part of)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Affirmation of Officers for Panel 60 including Delegate, Chair, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary
 - Votes must be 2/3rds%
 - 54 voting members – 36 persons is 66%
 - Position of Delegate
 - Bob C. - 46
 - Tom C. – 7
 - Bob is the new Delegate
 - Alternate Delegate
 - Clara
 - Does not qualify with sufficient experience as a GR and Area position combined
 - Nan Moore
 - 1st vote 32
 - 2nd vote 35
 - Mike
 - 1st vote 21
 - 2nd vote 18
 - Nan is the new Alternate Delegate
 - Area Chair
 - David Bryant
 - 49 yes
 - 5 no confidence
 - David is the new Area Chair
 - Treasurer – Dawn Chase set up and exceptional system that works, everything is set up in Excel, you don't have to be an accountant.
 - Linda Flohr
 - 52 yes (52 now voting – new count)
 - Linda is the new Treasurer
 - Secretary – laptop belongs to Area for secretary, reports are emailed, responsible for e-mailing
 - Janet Lockhart
 - 52 yes (52 voting – new count)

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- Janet is the new Secretary
- Budget for 2020 presentation by Sara Keller
 - Motion #3: To accept the proposed 2020 SC Area 50 Budget as presented
 - Rationale: To meet current and increased expenses incurred in doing business of SCAFG Area 50 in 2020.
 - Budget, 1st by Ian, 2nd by Diane L, approved (unanimous)

Coordinators' Reports (2 minutes each)

- **Web Site (Amanda Childers)**
- **Literature (Tom Cassidy) –**

Literature Updates!

It seems to me that I began my abbreviated tenure as literature coordinator by telling you about the need for additional sharings for the new daily reader, and so, because consistency is a virtue, let me continue in that vein:

NEW DAILY READER: WSO is in the process of hiring a professional freelance writer/editor who is an Al-Anon member to analyze all sharings received and submit drafts of daily readings to the Literature Committee for review. Once evaluated, WSO will notify the fellowship of any topics for which additional writings are needed. In the meantime, please continue to submit sharings about any of the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service, as well as ones that exemplify the wide variety of relationships and backgrounds of members today.

THE BEST OF THE FORUM: Does anyone else remember the series of books called *Forum Favorites*? Something similar is in development, though it will not be published in book form. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions of what they consider the best of *Forum* articles, especially from the last few years

"CAL Corner" Topics: This department is featured each month in *The Forum* magazine. It contains members' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. Please urge members to write about Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33), *As We Understood...* (B-11), the *Just for Today* (M-12) and *Just for Tonight* (M-81) Bookmarks, and *Blueprint for Progress* (P-5 and P-91). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community. --Some of us have can trace our recovery by remembering where we were when we first read some of these books, and perhaps we remember how we received them then and how we read them now!

2020 CAL Catalog (S-15) was widely distributed last month as an insert in the September issue of *The Forum* and of course is available as a free download at al-anon.org/cal-catalog.

Just for Tonight Bookmark (M-81), introduced this March, has been printed 350,000 times, yet still, not everyone or every group is aware! Please continue to talk about and use this wonderful little tool!

Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33) is now a year old. As sometimes happens with new books in their second year, sales are starting to slow down. Please encourage members and groups to continue to use and support this wonderful book!

Conference Approved Literature is a vital part of our program's life's blood! It allows us to keep our message both consistent and adaptive! We as a fellowship have done a wonderful job supporting it, so let's keep that flame burning bright!

Love in service,

Tom C.

- **Archives (Nancy Bommer) –**

To start my report, I am so excited to convey to you that I have received two of the missing Reflector issues that I have mentioned throughout my term. The two issues are No. 4 – the June/July issue of 1979 and No. 4 – the June/July 1979 issue. So the two issues we are still looking to obtain are Issue #6 – November/December 1982; and Issue # 4 July/August 1983. Thus, we are getting closer.

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Continue to send your group histories and Longtimer forms to me at Nancy Bommer, 403 Edisto Lake Road, Wagener, SC 29164 or to my email – scflutter@aol.com. Encourage your groups to place a copy of their group history in your group notebooks so that group's past will continue to be passed on. Following group elections, it is suggested that you update your group histories by sending me a copy and keeping a copy for your group notebooks. This would also apply to District Elections in addition to your minutes and reports so that they will be preserved.

So many facts about our area being compiled, scanned and readied to be used for display at conventions, districts, anniversaries, etc. Utilize what is available for you to learn about your area. At present, I am working on compiling information from the reflectors and minutes about each district. It is exciting learning the activities of each district with their growth spreading the message of Al-Anon/Alateen.

Thanks for your enthusiasm as I know this is exciting for me to have this opportunity to compile and share with you.

Fellowship Love,
Nancy Bommer
Area Archivist

FACTS FROM ARCHIVES:

In What year was the first Alateen Conference Held? Where was it held?

What year was districting begun in South Carolina?

What year was the last time South Carolina redistricted?

Who was the second editor of the Reflector?

- **Newsletter Editor (Charlotte Hogue)**

Hello everyone. Regretfully I'm not able to attend the final Assembly for this Panel. I am grateful that an Al-Anon friend, Jan, [REDACTED] is reading my report for me. Asking for help is something that I have grown more comfortable with because of Al-Anon. Serving as The Reflector Editor has been a rewarding experience. I am inspired to have met and to have served with others who want to carry Al-Anon's and Alateen's message forward for our current generation and our generations to come.

The Reflector is a compilation of news provided particularly by the Area World Service Committee, the Districts and the Groups. It is a great source for meeting ideas and all-day events. Stay in the know by reading *The Reflector*! Each registered Al-Anon group in SC receives a copy of *The Reflector* by email and members can access a copy online for free at the website: al-anon.sc.org. Password is: **SCAREA50**. To receive three-paper issues by US Postal service, send your info and a \$12 check payable to SCAFG c/o **Sara Keller, P O Box 6631 Columbia, SC 29260-6631**. The Reflector is a great source of our Area 50 happenings!

Are you feeling the nudge to serve as the next Reflector Editor? If so, have faith and step up! Al-Anon trusted servants will be with you. Al-Anon also has Guideline G-21 which is titled: Guidelines for Newsletter Editors. Additionally, this position has a budget to cover your travel to and from Area World Service and Assembly, also needed materials to produce the newsletter. I will be available to answer any questions you might have. This service position has been enjoyable, exciting and fun. I am grateful to have served Al-Anon Area 50, Panel 57. Finally, thank you everyone, who has stepped me through my journey in Al-Anon.

- **Forum (Jan Salvato)**

- **Area Alateen Coordinator (Shannon Smith)**

Alateen Finances

All funds in the Alateen savings account have been transferred to the Alateen checking account and the savings account has been closed. We are still waiting on final activity to clear the checking account before it can be closed. Once this occurs, we will perform a final reconciliation and write a check to the Area Treasurer for the balance remaining in the Alateen checking account, which will then be closed. We anticipate this amount to be approximately \$4,500. A complete detail of all

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Alateen account activity during Panel 57 will be emailed the Area Chair distribution list once the final reconciliation has been completed. It is anticipated that this will occur within the next 30 days. The Area 50 Alateen program looks forward to being in compliance with Area 50 guidelines and motions, as well as IRS 501(c)(4) requirements. It is our hope that these actions will bring unity and harmony, as well as accuracy, efficiency, and transparency. We also hope that these decisions will foster a presumption of goodwill and an atmosphere of trust that the good people in this fellowship will make excellent informed decisions under this new unified financial structure.

Alateen Conference 2019

The 43rd annual Alateen Conference (aka, Camp) was held August 23-25 at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville. The theme was "Keep an Open Mind". We all had a wonderful time celebrating 62 years of Alateen, with open discussion meetings, speaker meetings (including several Alateens who shared their story for the first time and a few Alateen Sponsors), workshops, an ice cream party, a night hike/trust walk, and of course, lots of time in the swimming pool. We created a Conference banner and made Thank You cards for those who provided donations.

Marissa M. (Alateen State Representative) and Mike J. (Alternate State Representative) spent countless hours brainstorming, planning, coordinating, delegating, and leading this event, with Jennifer M. (Past Alternate State Representative) serving as the mentor in planning the Conference. As a result, the Alateens took ownership of their recovery through service, and there was just the right balance of activities/down time. The respect everyone showed each other created an atmosphere of emotional safety and serenity, which was challenging at times because the schedule was constantly changing due to weather.

Many thanks to the team of Sponsors/AMIAS who provided resources to help make this year's Conference a huge success:

- Lindi and Shawn S., for providing prayer support, even though they could not attend this year
- Tina W., who served as my administrative assistant, coordinating with the Alateens on the Conference Planning Committee to keep the schedule flowing smoothly
- Mike M., for being the friendly face at the registration table and keeping the attendance and financial figures up to date on our spreadsheet. Mike also conducted a Safety and Behavior briefing at the beginning of Conference to create a fun and safe environment for the entire weekend
- Melissa A. for graphic design and photography
- Judy R., who once again set up an amazing arts and crafts room where we decorated the hula hoops from the "Staying in Your Hula Hoop" workshop.
- Margaret L. for being our primary "Conference Shopper", purchasing decorations, workshop materials, snacks and making photocopies
- Bob C., Brandon W., and Rachel S. for making sure we always had fresh coffee
- Jeffrey B. and Sandy L. for helping everyone have fun and safe pool time
- Sue J. for being our primary Sponsor speaker

South Carolina Alateen elections have resulted in Mike J. from Myrtle Beach being the new Alateen State Representative, and Melissa B. and Erica H. (both from Summerville) being the Co-Alternate Representatives. These wonderful Alateens will assume their service positions in January 2020. Many thanks to Marissa M, Mike J, and Caroline N. for all your hard work in your service positions in 2019. The Conference ended with a touching tribute to Jennifer M., who was attending her last Conference and has already begun transitioning to Al-Anon.

The theme for the 2020 Conference will be "Togetherness Foreverness".

2019 SCAC attendance figures were as follows:

- 39 total in attendance (10 more than in 2018, despite the fact that Conference occurred in August after school had already started)
- 27 attended the entire weekend - 16 Alateens and 11 AMIAS/Sponsors (2 more than in 2018)

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- 12 Saturday only participants (6 Al-Anons, 1 AMIAS/Sponsor, and 5 Alateens) – (8 more than in 2018)
- 21 Alateens were able to experience Conference this year (5 more than in 2018)
- 6 Alateens attended their first Conference!
- 12 certified AMIAS were present to show their love and support (2 more than in 2018)
- Excellent ratio of certified AMIAS/Alateens for safety (requirement is one AMIAS for every 7 Alateens)
- 6 Al-/Anons supported the Conference on Saturday (3 more than in 2018).
- Please invite everyone in your groups to attend the next Alateen Conference, which will be held from August 21-23, 2020 at Camp Kinard again
- Participants came from 6 Alateen groups within 5 Districts (#4, 6,7,8, and 9)

Alateen Conference Finances

The cost per person for the entire weekend was \$110, and the cost for Saturday only attendance was \$15.

- Because of the generous contributions from individuals, groups, and districts, we are delighted to report that everyone who needed help paying for registration received it.
- Total cost for Camp Kinard, snacks, decorations, photocopies, and workshop supplies was \$4,164.52. Total incoming funds (donations and registration fees) was \$3,168. Thus expenses exceeded income by \$996.52. We had 3 cabins this year, which increased the cost, beyond projections. Therefore, all costs will be analyzed to determine the registration fees for the 2020 Alateen Conference.
- \$2,623 was received in donations from individuals, groups, and districts. \$2,605 of this was applied toward registrations. \$545 was collected in registration fees.

2020 Al-Anon/Alateen State Convention

As it currently stands, the 2020 Area Budget currently contains line items for the following Alateen expenses: travel expenses for the AAC, AAPP, and Alateen State Representative to attend Area level meetings, photocopies and postage, and a \$1,000 Advance for Alateen Conference at Camp Kinard. Therefore, if any individuals, groups, or districts would like to contribute toward snacks for Alateens at

the February 2020 AFG Convention, we ask that they give any donations directly to their District Alateen Coordinator or Alateen Group Sponsor.

We have already coordinated with the 2020 Convention Committee, and they would like to see the Alateens continue their “Best Seats in the House” drawing. It will be considered a Convention fundraiser, and the Convention Committee will have the final say regarding the use of any donations collected. Alateens will arrive 30 minutes prior to each Speaker meeting and will complete each drawing at least 5 minutes before the Speaker meeting begins.

As always, Alateens attending Convention will stay with either their parent/guardian or a certified AMIAS of the same gender. Because the parent/guardian/AMIAS are expected to pay for their own rooms, no Area, District, or Group funds have been or will be used for this purpose.

In closing, I would like to thank the Area for the opportunity to serve as the Area Alateen Coordinator

for these last 3 years. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or great ideas for Alateen.
Shannon S., Area 50 AAC, Panel 57

803-238-9464 or BeyondBlissSC@gmail.com

- **AAPP (Mike Melton)**

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- **Public Outreach (Jodi Macko)**

Thanks to the participation of many people on our Public Outreach Committee, much has been accomplished during the last three years! We have distributed professional packets, Alanon Faces Alcoholism magazines, bookmarks business cards and posters. We have continued library projects, participated in an all day TEAM event, and launched a billboard campaign. We continue to work on WSO approval of Alateen posters and have made many Public Outreach resources available on our SC Al-Anon website. Last, but not least, we have launched an awesome campaign to have new Public Service Announcements distributed to area TV and radio stations.

You, the members of Al-Anon and Alateen are making it easier and easier for those who still suffer to find us! I applaud you!!

All attendees at the 10/05/19 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly received a member survey to distribute at the group level. The survey is intended to obtain member feedback on ways Area Public Outreach may support group and district projects going forward in 2020. Please return the surveys to DRs for discussion at the next AWSC meeting.

All attendees also received a flyer with instructions regarding participation in a new campaign to boost radio and TV Public Service Announcements. Anyone may participate. Please distribute the flyer at group meetings. Instructions are also available on the SC Al-Anon website.

Each DR present at the assembly also received two copies of "The Best of Public Outreach". This is Al-Anon's "How To Do It" manual. It contains everything needed to launch and maintain public outreach projects. Districts may use these manuals as they see fit, hopefully in conjunction with district and group Public Outreach Coordinators (does every district have at least one? Mmmm...)

If anyone is interested in joining the Area Public Outreach Committee or the Billboard Campaign Task Force, you may do so by contacting me, at: scdistrict2public@gmail.com. I will ensure the new coordinator for 2020 has your contact information.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve this wonderful fellowship!

Sincerely,

Jodi M.

- **Convention 2020 Chairs (Lisa and Betty)**

I am happy to inform you that the planning for the Convention is on schedule! Mostly. We have most of the speakers confirmed and the work-shops planned. Judy R. has asked Erica and Alexander H. from Summerville to our Alateen speakers. I am excitedly waiting to see who our new Delegate will be who will be our kick off speaker Thursday night. You see a listing of all the speakers on the current flier. We had a meeting on August 17th at Hilton Greenville. At this meeting we toured the meeting spaces and rooms for hospitality. The hotel provided their wonderful coffee along with delicious cookies. It was a great planning session, we were able to come up with a working program and decide on the set up for the weekend. The hotel was wonderful and so hospitable and they are very excited to have us there. Shawn G. from the Greenville area along with other members from her home group made the quilt for us this year. It is a beautiful lap quilt. We will have the quilt along with two other offerings for the drawing at the convention along with the baskets. I do need to take this moment and ask everyone to check the expiration dates for items used in the baskets. There were comments made that people received items that had expired.

As we move forward please encourage people to register and remember you can go to our website www.al-anon-sc.org click on Convention 2020, there you will find all the information needed and a link for you to register online. Also, we did have the wrong phone number for the hotel on the flier which has been fixed already. The correct number for Hilton Greenville is 864-232-4747

The "mostly" is that we were not able to have the fliers for hospitality, drawings, and workshops ready for this meeting. I will have them for the Area Assembly in October. They will also be on our website

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soon. And speaking of hospitality, they are asking that we use the "keep it simple" suggestion regarding the food and keep it to finger foods, very limited hot stuff (or none). Fruit, breads, snack foods, etc. Thank you all for getting the word out about the Convention. Please feel free to invite any of your recovery friends to attend.

Love to all,
Lisa Ungefug

- **Convention Chairs 2021 (Joelyn and Lis)**

Joelyn M, Sparkleberry group

Joelyn M and Lis B volunteered as chair and co-chair.

- Working to build out the convention team, selecting a venue and theme

Reports from District Representatives:

- **District 2 (John Macko)**

We will hold our District Meeting on Sunday, October 20th. We will elect our district officers and welcome the new Group Reps. Then set the times for next years meetings.

A discussion is taking place about starting a new meeting in Fort Mill or Rock Hill.

Your is Service,

John Macko

- **District 3 (Nan Moorer)**

- **District 4 (Barbara O'Donnell)**

Our Archivist, Nancy B., verified that Al-Anon Family Groups began meeting in Spartanburg & Charleston, South Carolina in 1957; registered meetings first held in Cayce & Columbia in 1961.

We are fast approaching the 70th anniversary of AFG in 2021. Here in District 4, the Greater Columbia Area includes Richland, Newberry, Saluda and Lexington Counties. Presently, there are 20 Active AFG with one Alateen group; online group records suggest meeting attendance of 180 -240, probable that members attend multiple meetings.

- On September 8th 2019 @ the District Meeting, Group Representatives unanimously affirmed Secretary Ian Y., Happy Hour and Public Outreach Coordinator Lis B., Sparkleberry, will continue in their positions, they have served partial years. No was interested in serving as DR, DR ALT or Treasurer.

Successes 2017-2019

- 18 District Meetings were held Sunday afternoons every other month.
- Subcommittees were formed to plan 2 Holiday Dinners, Fellowship Day & Public Outreach efforts.
- Phone Answering service group rotation duty streamlined, Holiday Dinner rotation updated.
- Closed AIS Post Office Box; there is no active Columbia AREA INFORMATION SERVICE.
- Fellowship all day with food, speaker and workshops had 59 Attendees from Districts 2, 3, 4 & 5. The District seeded \$500, fundraised \$475.00, expenses \$371.47; surplus to District: \$103.53.

Fellowship Chair Joelyn M., Sparkleberry AFG inspired the committee with over a dozen members.

- Public Outreach Coordinator Lis B. of Sparkleberry AFG, held committee meetings & presented the SCAFG workshop for the TEAM event in June.

Lis and Maris ran the Public Outreach table at the annual Columbia Recovery on The River event September 27th. Professional packets were distributed, attendees picked up meeting schedules, business cards and pamphlets.

- Established emails: Public Outreach scafgd4.outreach@gmail.com; Events scafgd4.events@gmail.com

- Printed meeting schedule revised, open closed verbiage dropped, added District and Area Events.

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- Matched AFG online records with www.al-anon.org , www.al-anon-sc.org and District schedule.
- Created District Directory with Group Reps, CMA & Officer contact info.
- New Group Reps for Airport AFG, Pat and Sunday Serenity AFG Pam.

SERVICE @ AREA LEVEL:

- SCAFG 2018 Convention Chairs: Robin & Co-Chair Mary, SCAFG 2021: Chair Joelyn & Co-Chair Lis.
- Dozens of members serving on subcommittees with goodwill between Districts 3, 4 & 5.
- SCAFG Area Officers: Chair Diane F., Treasurer Sara K., Alateen Coordinator Shannon S. Area Insurance and Alateen Financial Audit Task Force Margaret L., Lis B. TEAM EVENT.

Challenges

- ALATEENS: with one certified AMIAS, no Alateen meetings can be held, no Representatives at District Meetings for two years, no accountability for money given to SCAFG AREA Alateens.
- Groups unfamiliar with Al-Anon Traditions, Service Manual, Guidelines, www.al-anon.org, www.al-anon-sc.org or current events in THE FORUM, AL-ANON IN THE LOOP NEWSLETTER, SCAFG THE REFELCTOR NEWSLETTER.
- Service options for Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A

District Four Report Greater Columbia Area

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- Broken Links of Service, I.E., groups that do not rotate service duties, groups without Group Reps or positions held by those who not attend meetings, or step down so that others may serve; groups that are not informed about Al-Anon changes or under consideration group conscience votes.
- Opened Blythewood Meeting, closed after one year due to lack of growth.

Upcoming 2019 Events

District Meeting Sunday November 10th 2:30-4PM
1500 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210

Positive Action AA Thanksgiving potluck Dinner with Speakers with SPARKLEBERRY Al-Anon Participation
Sat November 23rd 5PM-8PM

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church rear entrance
125 Sparkleberry Ln, Columbia, SC 29229

Families, Friends, Newcomers are invited to the annual District 4 Holiday Dinner

Sat Dec 7th 5:00PM- 8:00PM

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

1416 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210

SCAFGD4.Events@gmail.com

Host AFG's: Happy Hour: Ian Y., Chair, Back Door: Bonnie, Sunday Serenity: Janet & Pam.

Faithfully yours,

Barbara M. O'Donnell

District Four Representative

- **District 5 (Kathy Knight)**

Since I have been acting as temporary DR, we have had three District Meetings.

March 17, 2019 - Florence

May 19, 2019 – Camden

September 22, 2019 – Camden

At the September meeting we elected our officers the next term.

We held our All Day on April 6, 2019 with 45 attending.

We joined District 3, & 4 in getting the 2021 Convention planning meetings started.

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Some of us with New Beginnings, in Florence, went to Francis Marion to hold a meeting with the nursing students and will go again October 22nd for the Fall session.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Knight

- **District 6 (Teresa Hinnant)**
- **District 7 (Clara Tala)**
- **District 8 (Suzanne Jankovsky)**
- **District 9 (Zermah Dawes)**

Given by Karen S. filling in for Zermah D.

We had 99 registered for our all day "Seeking Serenity" with 85 in attendance. It was a very successful day of recovery, and our raffle helped raise close to \$1000 to help with expenses in the district.

We have a table at an upcoming Recovery Rally on October 12th.

We had one group, "Caring and Sharing", to close at the end of July.

A new meeting, "Came to Believe", started on Monday nights at 6 PM at First Baptist Church on Cleveland Street.

Plans for the upcoming convention in February in Greenville are going well. The theme is "Gratitude Aplenty in 2020".

District elections were held in September and all offices are filled for the next term

Dates to Remember:

January 11, 2020: AWSC at The Peanut Man 10AM – 1PM for the Area Committee

February 1, 2020: Area Assembly starting at 10AM (convention meeting room reserved for 9AM)

World Service Conference April 19-April 25, 2020. Virginia Beach

AA International with Al-Anon Participation July 2-5, 2020

www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020

Al-Anon International 2023 Albuquerque, NM

<https://al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/>

Web Site Address www.al-anon-sc.org – see events/calendar on "Members Area". Password is scarea50

If you are unable to attend as a GR, DR, or Coordinator, please advise Diane Faulkner, Area Chair, before the date of the meeting who is standing for you so that the links of service are not broken. Phone: 803-465-4012 email:

Diane_Anonymous@sc.rr.com