

## **AWSC Minutes, Sept. 14, 2019, Approved 11 Jan 2020**

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Twelve Concepts read by John M.

Minutes from last meeting were approved; Zermah, Jan

Treasurer's Report, Sara K. was approved; Bob-Nan

### **Alt. Delegate Report, Sept. 14,2019**

First of all, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve South Carolina Al-anon these past three years as your Alternate Delegate and Group Records Coordinator.

As the Alternate Delegate, I was privileged to attend two Southeastern Regional Delegates Get Togethers, one in Altamonte Springs, Fl, and one in Myrtle Beach. At both of these events, I got to see in large part how business is conducted at the World Service Conference. They were definitely learning experiences!

As the Group Records Coordinator, it is my job to keep up with the many changes that Al-anon groups go through, including meeting locations and times, current mailing addresses and group representatives to name a few. All this information needs to be kept current to help make sure newcomers and members can find a meeting, or keep in communication with other members. And not only do our records stay current, my program stays current by giving me an avenue for continuing service to our fellowship. I also get to communicate with many of you by email and get to know you, so we already have a relationship when we meet each other face to face at Assembly or Convention.

Thanks to our forward looking World Service Office, a new online application was developed to make this record keeping process very easy. If you can turn on your computer, tablet or phone, have email and internet access, you can perform this valuable service for our fellowship. Please consider this position for your next service opportunity!

As of Friday, September 13, 2019, there are 126 Al-anon groups with 153 meetings in South Carolina. 28 meetings have no GR.

Respectfully submitted,  
BobC

## Delegates Report

AWSC scafg

David Bryant | Panel 57 | September 14, 2019

### Opening Statement

My how summer has flown by so quickly. It is with gratitude that I am issuing my final Delegates Report to AWSC for 2019. Since WSC in April I have been busy with the other delegates in my panel along with fellow members of area 50. As your delegate I will be serving on the WSC Public Outreach Committee long after my term expires. We are currently evaluating submissions for the new public outreach tools that are in conceptual creation. I along with WSO staff and 5 other delegates are tasked with creating the very best tools we can for the fellowship.

I have also had the pleasure to be the Chairman for the TEAM Event in June 2019. This was a very successful event for the area. We had participants from many other states. They brought with them their enthusiasm for the fellowship. We were fortunate to be the next to last TEAM Event for 2019. The event will be reinvented by the coming WSC 2020. The theme for this past WSC was—all about getting out of your comfort zone. The theme for the WSC 2020 will be: *Dreaming Big With 2020 Vision*. The delegates in panels 58-59-60 will have the task of creating a visionary fellowship in 2020. It is their work to carry the message forward, I for one will totally support that vision. We must look forward to the great things to come.

### Team Event 2019

South Carolina was pleased to be the next to last TEAM Event in 2019. The event was held June 7, 2019 with an estimated attendance of approx. 75 members. Area Assembly was held Friday 4 pm to 9 pm with TEAM on Saturday 9 am to 6 pm. Both events were held at the Courtyard by Marriott.

Suzanne Martin, WSO Dr of Conference, Lynette Krantz, Cheré Fields, WSC Trustees, Bob Coburn, Liz Bleasdale and David Bryant were the presenters, I also served as chairman for the event. We had programs on

- How WSO Works—Digital Strategy
- How WSO Works—CAL Process Handout
- How WSO Works—Matching Game Handout
- How WSO Works—International

- How WSO Works—Group Services

The basic income from the event was 1895.00 with expenses of - 904.97 which left the Area with + 990.97.

### **Regional Committee on Trustees**

The process for becoming a trustee is an ongoing process. You can apply for a Trustee at Large position anytime you wish. The Openings for Regional Trustee is a bit different in that there are deadlines for submission of a application. The final deadline was August 15, 2019. As a member of RCT our next step is to evaluate and score each applicants application. This process will start at the end of September. After the scoring process is completed the BOT will decide based upon our scoring and take the applicant to WSC in April 2020 for traditional approval by the delegates. Currently the South Eastern Region does not have an applicant for the position of Regional Trustee.

In keeping with our new Strategic Plan, the Trustee résumé form has been reformatted into a web form which will be posted on August 16, 2019. All Trustee résumés going forward must be completed using the new online form. It is hoped this new fillable form will provide ease of access, uniformity creating equality, and will do away with the confusion around “old” and “new” editions of the forms.

### ***SERDGT***

The location for the next SERDGT was announced for 2020. The location will be San Juan Puerto Rico, March 13 to 15, 2020. I have already made my reservations to attend this event. The Area will be sending its new delegate to this conference which will help prepare them for the work at WSC and beyond.

### **WSC 2020**

World Service Conference Site Announcement (2020)

The dates selected for the 2020 World Service Conference are Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2020. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Sunday, April 19 and depart on Saturday, April 25. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

In searching for a site to hold the Conference, the availability of adequate meeting space, hotel room costs, meal costs, and dates of religious holidays were factors in the selection of the dates and location.

The Board passed a motion of note regarding the WSC. Beginning in 2020, the Open Policy Meeting will now occur once per panel during Conference rather than once a year and will be set to occur the year when Conference members are not visiting Stepping Stones or the World Service Office (WSO). Please refer to the CLT update on the AI-Anon website.

### **Chairman of the Board Letter**

The chairman of the BOT letter was issued in July. The letter has many interesting points for the fellowship. Some of these points are shared within other parts of my report. Below are just a few of the issues that have been discussed within the Area. Be sure to read the COB letter for more information about other subjects.

**Board Events: TEAM & Road Trip!** The whole Board participated in a lively Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) gallery walk exercise on replacing Together Empowering AI-Anon Members (TEAM) Events, as our TEAM Events will conclude in 2019. A task force will now be created to come up with the next exciting, engaging, and energizing mode of connecting WSO Staff and Volunteers with other AI-Anon members. Stay tuned!

**A.A. International Convention** Another date to mark on your AI-Anon calendar is the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) International Convention with AI-Anon participation being held in Detroit, Michigan on July 2–5, 2020. Registration opens September 9, 2019. The AI-Anon program at this Convention is very similar to the AI-Anon International Convention program, with the exception that AI-Anon members join with A.A. for the Big Meetings held Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. The number of AI-Anon members registering at the A.A. International Conventions have typically also been very similar to those attending the AI-Anon International Convention in past years.

**Exploring Hybrid Board Meetings** Following along the lines of the Mega Issue discussed at the April 2019 WSC regarding a hybrid World Service Conference, the Board took part in an exercise and discussion exploring the concept of a hybrid Board meeting. Our objective was to see how we could utilize technology to shorten our Board week by one calendar day without working extreme hours. Taking into consideration all the ideas put forth during our exercise, the Board agreed to look at a draft agenda option at the October Board meeting so we could make an informed decision on how to go forward.

#### **As We Go Forward Into 2020**

The coming months we will see the election of new officers for the Area 50 Panel 60. It is my sincere hope that we have more candidates than positions to fill. I encourage everyone to confer with your HP, sponsor, service sponsor and your home group family and your immediate family while thinking of standing for a position as a trusted servant for South Carolina AFG Area 50 Panel 60.

I have been blessed with a very supportive group of people behind me. I have grown more than I had ever expected, I have met some of the most talented and insightful AFG members. I have truly taken into me—Action is Attraction, there is no growth in the comfort zone. I now look forward to Dreaming with 2020 Vision and beyond.

Submitted in service,

David A. Bryant

Panel 57

Area 50 WSC Delegate

New Business:

**2021 Convention:** Barb O. reported 25 attended the initial planning meeting which was held after District 4 recent meeting, no chairman was elected. The second meeting will be held following this AWSC meeting. Hoping to set a location by 1/1/2020 as per SCAFG Guidelines

**Officer Affirmation for Panel 60.** Profile sheets for candidates for AWSC officers for Panel 60 are available on SC Area Website in the Members Area under Area Coordinator Duties and Responsibilities .These profile sheets are helpful to voting members to make an informed group conscience when voting, and to prospective candidates to outline the qualifications and responsibilities for service at the Area level.

**Budget:**

Thank you Sara for your preparation of the budget. After discussion a few tweaks were made; the Alternate Delegate's budget was raised \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 to cover SERDGT expenses in Puerto Rico next April, and the Literature Coordinator's budget was raised \$150.00 to \$850.00 to make the proposed total \$29,420.00. The new budget was passed 18 to 2, with Zermah in favor and John seconding.

**Old Business:**

**Area Liability Insurance:** Our new Liability Insurance Policy (Thank you Margaret et al!) now covers all Area activities including the SC Al-anon/Alateen Convention, the SC Alateen Conference, Area Assemblies, Area World Service Committee meetings, and the 5 Area Officers (Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer). District functions/meetings and local meetings are NOT covered.

**501c4 status:** Our new legal status as a 501c4 corporation (Thank you Linda, Diane et al!) has some major impacts on SCAFG; our accounting system must be under a single bank account, so we have no choice but to combine the Al-anon and Alateen checking accounts. (Please see Shannon S, AAC report). We also now are able to purchase the above Liability Insurance Policy and conduct background checks for Alateen Sponsor Certification. (Please see Mike M. AAPP report) As a 501c4 entity we are a social organization which is fully self-supporting (not a charity) so contributions to SCAFG are NOT deductible. Contributions to Al-anon/Alateen Family Groups Inc. (World Service) are tax deductible as they are a 501c3 not for profit corporation.

**Coordinator Reports:**

Forum – Jan Salvato

Hi Everyone!! I am finishing up my 3-year term as the SC Area Forum Coordinator. It has been a joy!

At every meeting I attend, I talk about the use of the Forum. I make it a point to chair the meeting and then use a Forum article as a topic for our meeting. The stories bring to life, the importance of: sharing our experience, strength and hope. Nothing more and nothing less. I can relate. Please remember to use this valuable resource for your

meetings and fellowship. You can submit a writing at any time, even on line thru the WSO website.

I attend the District 9 monthly Al-Anon open Speaker meeting, at 2pm, on the 2nd Sunday at the Alano Club. I hand out past issues of the Forum to anyone, who has not read one. I hand out subscription forms. An annual subscription is \$11. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum.

I attend our District 9 Business meeting to bring awareness to the GR's of the 20 Groups that the Forum is an important resource for our weekly meetings. I hand out subscription forms. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum. It is very helpful. Pass it on.

Please see me and I will be happy to give you this information. The Forum is a valuable resource for our daily Recovery. It truly, is the 'Meeting in your Pocket', when you cannot get to a meeting.

I have given out Forum magazines at every opportunity and speak about the importance of the Forum.

If you think you are interested in serving in this position, tell someone. Remember, next year everybody starts anew, and we are all learning a new job.

Thank you everyone for my success over that past 3 years!

#### Webpage – Amanda Childers – Absent

#### Literature – Tom Cassidy

Literature updates!

- **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 week 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](http://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!

#### Convention Report 2020 – Lisa via Zermah

I am sorry I could not be with you today. I have appointments with clients. Zermah has graciously agreed to read my report, as well as bring the updated registration fliers for everyone to take back to their district. Thank you, Zermah!

I am happy to inform you that the planning for the Convention is on track. We are making great progress. We have all the speakers confirm with the exception of the Alateen and Delegate speakers. Judy R. has asked an Alateen and is awaiting her response. She has two alternative Alateen speakers in mind. I am excitedly waiting to see who our new Delegate will be so I can ask them to be our kick-off speaker on the first night of the Convention. We also have 9 different workshops confirmed and many will be offered on multiple days and times, in order to give the attendees opportunities to enjoy most of the workshops.

We had a meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Greenville. We had over 20 members attend. At this meeting we met Andrew who is our Hilton Conference Service Manager, toured the meeting spaces and rooms for hospitality. It was a great planning session. We were able to decide on the set up for the weekend and a good working program. The hotel was wonderful, and the staff was very hospitable. They are excited to have us and are willing to work with us on room set-up, signage, etc.

Shawn G. from the Greenville area, along with other members from her home group made the Quilt that will be used for fundraising. It is a beautiful and colorful lap quilt. In addition to baskets, there will be a custom portrait and Hilton weekend package for the fundraiser drawings. I do need to take a moment and ask everyone to please check the expiration dates for items used in your baskets. There were comments made last year that people received items that had expired.

As we move forward, please encourage people to register. Remember you can go to our website [www.al-anon-sc.org](http://www.al-anon-sc.org), click on Convention 2020 and there you will find all of the information needed, plus a link for your to register on-line.

We are not able to provide the flyers for hospitality, drawings or workshops at this time. They will be ready for the Area Assembly in October. They will also be on our website soon. And speaking of hospitality, it has been suggested and we are using the slogan “keep it simple” regarding the food. So, think finger foods, cold sandwiches, snack food, fruit, etc. In the past there has been some issues with hot items that require heating elements such as crock pots, hot plates, etc. The cords and clean-up can be issues.

Thank you all for getting the word out about the Convention. We are very excited! Please feel free to invite any of your recovery

### Reflector – Charlotte Hogue

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as The Reflector Editor for this panel. I have learned much from the service and with the help of other trusted servants, you in the room, and those who served before me. The Reflector contains thoughts, events, successes and ideas from our Delegate, the Chair, the Area World Service Committee and the District Representatives. The Reflector can be accessed online for free: [al-anon.sc.org / Members Area/Archives](http://al-anon.sc.org/MembersArea/Archives). If you prefer a three-paper copy subscription pay \$12 to our Treasurer, Sara.

The deadline is fast approaching for you trusted servants to submit your information to me for the next publication. The deadline is Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at midnight to allow processing time before the Oct meeting. Please forward your information to me at: [charlottewh@comporium.net](mailto:charlottewh@comporium.net)

Listen, if you are the next Reflector Editor, Al-Anon has published Guideline G-21 that is an excellent how-to resource. Also, I will gladly provide you with my checklists and tips. Thank you again, everyone, who has stepped me through my journey in Al-Anon.

### Alateen Process Person Report – Mike Melton

Currently, in Area 50, we have:

31 current AMIAS in Area 50 (SC). (Up by 6 AMIAS since my last report).

8 Alateen Groups in Area 50 (SC) listed as ACTIVE. (Down from 9 since my last report).  
(Bluffton, Greenville, Greer, Irmo, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, Myrtle Beach, and Summerville)

We were able to process our dual state members slightly differently this year, and it seemed to work very smoothly with all affected.

We had another fantastic Alateen Conference this year. Shannon can give you the numbers. Standing firm on the Safety and Behavioral Requirements seem to be a plus with the teens. We go over them, and they know exactly what we expect... but we do it in an informative way.

I would like to remind all Alateen Sponsors to keep the information about their groups current. That is what the GR3 form is for (you can NOT do it online). For the one whom someone went and did the update online, I got an email asking me to take care of this. So please... any changes to the group go through the AAPP.

Now that we have the 501c4 status, I'm waiting for the information I need to register and get approved to do the Verified Volunteers process.

On note of concern, as this panel comes to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve as the AAPP for Area 50 for the last three years. It has not always been easy. There have been issues, confrontations, and concerns in some areas of the Alateen process. The biggest concern I have is to protect the Alateens. If we were to have someone become an AMIAS, who has consistently had cooperation issues, it would seem to say they may have issues



with the Alateens also. If there was some bad behavior in an Alateen meeting by an AMIAS, we would most likely lose the Alateens as they would not feel safe there anymore. As said at Alateen Conference, AMIAS service is the highest service anyone can offer. Our AMIAS must be stable, understanding, respectful, caring but firm when needed. We have some great AMIAS serving now. I hope the integrity of this service will be maintained. I would also like to commend those Districts and Groups who supported the Alateen program so diligently over the last three years. Some have done very well ensuring our Alateens could actually attend conference. This is probably the warmest group of teenagers you will ever find anywhere, because they have an awesome recovery program. I just wish we could get all of our Districts onboard to help get Alateen meetings available in their area. Some struggle at times, because teens do age out. We just have to continue to utilize our Public Outreach and promote the Alateen program. Many are our future AI-Anoners.

#### Alateen Coordinator Report and Alateen Finance Report – Shannon Smith

##### **Alateen Finances**

By the October 2019 Area Assembly, all funds in the Alateen checking and savings accounts will be transferred to the Area Treasurer and the accounts will then be closed. We then look forward to writing up a process and motion to propose in 2020 to achieve the financial goals we set out for ourselves while still 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, transparency, and fair use of all donations received to date and beyond. This includes \$1,528.00 in unused/unapplied donations from individuals, Groups, and Districts from 2018 and 2019. We are still calculating the amount of unused/unapplied donations from 2017. This amount will be added to the \$1,528.00 to provide a complete accounting to the Area during Panel 57.

##### **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 scholarship 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. and 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

On the last day of the Conference, the Alateens elected a new Alateen State Representative (Melissa B. from Summerville) and two Alternate Representatives (Mike J. from Myrtle Beach and Erica H. from Summerville). 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 these positions in 2019. The Conference ended with a touching tribute to Jennifer M., who was attending her last Conference and will be transitioning to Al-Anon within the next several months.

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)
- 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, I am delighted to report that every Alateen, AMIAS, and Saturday parent who needed a scholarship received one.
- No “seed money” from the Area was needed this year to help pay for the Conference; however, it would be prudent to continue keeping it as a line item in the budget for future years
- Total cost for Camp Kindard, 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 Conference.
- \$2,623 was received in donations from individuals, groups, and districts. \$2,605 was applied toward scholarships. \$545 was collected in registration fees. The report for the October 2019 Assembly will include complete detail of Alateen account activity.

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

# Alateen State REP Report

9-14-19

First of all I would like to thank the districts, individuals + groups that helped get the teens scholarships to camp. At camp we had 5 workshops, each one led by a different teen. We had 4 speaker meetings, 3 alateen ones and 1 sponsor one, in total 6 teens and 3 sponsors spoke. My personal favorite workshop was the trust walk. This is when you have a partner and you have to trust that they will do a good job of leading you to safety for half the walk. I also liked the icebreaker. Our icebreakers are trying to make someone sitting down laugh and the other one is saying something true about yourself and whoever else that is true about has to move to a different spot.

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## Archivist – 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.

Once you have had elections, please update your group histories and submitting a copy to me at Nancy Bommer, 403 Edisto Lake Road, Wagener, SC 29164 or to my email – [scflutter@aol.com](mailto:scflutter@aol.com). Also 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. Please also encourage you longtime members to complete a Longtimer Form which is on the Area Website and return to me as well to be place in the Archives.

Districts please continue to send me a copy of your minutes and reports to be placed into the Area Archives. This information can certainly be helpful adding this to the area Archives.

For the next issue of the Reflector, I will place some information that has been compiled into the Area Archives and the goals we have to continue to gather information. Three districts have given me their records and all of these will be scanned electronically for preservation. Also, I have information I have compiled from Area Minutes, Reflectors, flyers, etc. for each district.

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

### FACTS FROM ARCHIVES:

Received a copy of the 1965 World Service Directory and found this information under South Carolina that I thought you might be interested in knowing.

- Henry Townsend was the Area Delegate  
SC had 20 Al-Anon groups and 2 Alateen Groups  
12 Groups contributed to WSO in the amount of \$230.00
- June 1978 Redistricting was approved at the Area Assembly
- The Statement of Purpose that is used by many Al-Anon groups appeared for the first time in the January/February 1981 issue of Inside Al-Anon
- From the January/February 1983 Issue of the Reflector – Winnie B. had this in her Delegate's Report she offered these questions

1. There are 4 of us?
2. We are sent to each new group when they register with WSO
3. We are one of the most important things each group should have
4. We should be visible at all meetings, but sometimes we are put away and forgotten
5. ALL Al-Anon and Alateens should know our contents

### Public Outreach – Jodi Macko via Mary Martin

All DRs present at the 5/4/19 AWSC meeting received Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazines, Al-Anon posters and business cards. All DRs present at the 6/7/19 Assembly received Professional Packets, Just for Today and Just for Tonight bookmarks. These purchases leave approximately \$400 in the Public Outreach budget for 2019.

A wonderful TEAM event was held in conjunction with the June Assembly. Many thanks to all who collaborated and attended to make this a true learning opportunity. To see details of the event, go to the Member's Area of the SC Al-Anon website. Special thanks to Lis B. for dedicating precious time to the Public Outreach presentation.

Two of our three goals for outreach in 2019 have made great strides: (1) all districts have been supplied with materials to distribute to our professional communities. (2) all districts have been supplied with posters, business cards, DVDs and bookmarks for distribution to area businesses and shelters or to newcomers to our meetings.

Our third goal is to secure billboard space. It is clear that a task force is needed to research available vendors and their policies for sales to non-profit organizations. If you would like to work on this task force please contact Jodi at [scdistrict2po@gmail.com](mailto:scdistrict2po@gmail.com).

Based on the 2019 SC Member Survey distributed at the first of this year and on recent PO communications, the Area Public Outreach Committee recommends spending the remainder of our current funds in such a way as to benefit all districts. Since we will lose these funds if they are not spent, we will hold a conference call on Sunday, 10/6/19 to come up with a way to benefit all districts.

Beautiful Alateen posters are still in the works. We will keep you posted! If any districts need more Al-Anon posters, they are available for download on our SC website Members' Area ([www.al-anon-sc.org](http://www.al-anon-sc.org)).

A new campaign to launch Public Service Announcements (PSAs) has begun. In order to have our WSO approved announcements played by stations that have already received the pre-recorded PSAs, we need to find out who to contact at those stations. Radio and TV stations won't play the announcements unless they get requests from the public to play them. The trick

is to find out which person at the station can actually get the announcements on the air. The first step in the campaign is to gather station contact information. Any member can do this:

- Please go to the SC Al-Anon Website at [www.al-anon-sc.org](http://www.al-anon-sc.org). Find the main menu. Click on Member's Area. In the member's area are two documents. One is a spreadsheet containing a list of all the radio and TV stations in SC that have already received PSAs from WSO. It also includes how many times those announcements have aired. We need volunteers to call those stations and find out who the contact person is. Also, please ask for the PSAs to be played!

- The second document is a script with instructions on what to say when calling a new station that has never received a PSA station. It provides step by step instructions on how to obtain the contact information from the station and what to do with the information once obtained.

-once you have the information, go to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and search for the PSA request form. Complete the form with the contact information. WSO will send the PSA to the stations.

Please ask your membership to consider calling a listed station in your area. If they follow the script, the contact information should be easy to obtain. If there are any questions, Jodi M. may be reached at [scdistrict2po@gmail.com](mailto:scdistrict2po@gmail.com).

Thank you for your service!

### **District Representatives Reports:**

#### District 2 – John Macko

We held our District Meeting on Sunday, July 21st. Jodi M. explained the latest changes made about PSA at WSO. We also reviewed the District and Group election process. We closed our meeting with an open discussion on how to help our groups grow.

Spartan Al-Anon held a group conscience meeting a few weeks ago, and decided to support District 9 "by helping out with Hospitality" bringing snacks and volunteering in the Hospitality Room.

Most groups are doing well, but three in Spartanburg are struggling with declining numbers.

All group detail sheets are up to date.

#### District 3 - Nan

District Three has been fairly quiet over the summer. I am aware that some groups have had their elections and have some if not all of their positions filled. Things look pretty positive in that light. There is a new meeting time for the NWBU AFGon Wednesdays at 1pm. They are studying the new Intimacy Book but also what is really cool is that the mixture of that meeting time almost evenly pulls from all three groups in Aiken SC.

What a nice mix of Unity!!!!!! Our next District Meeting will be held on the final Saturday of this month. We will eat breakfast together, share what comes out of AWSC and do some fun activities. Come join us at 10 AM.

## District 4 – Barbara O'Donnell

Groups records remain the same with 20 Active AFG, one Alateen AFG.

District Meetings were held Jan, March, May and Sept; final meeting is November 10th  
The usual July business meeting was not held in lieu of the Fellowship event. At Sept meeting,

no one stood for the DR, DR ALT, Treasurer or the vacant Alateen Coordinator positions. Two officers with less than 3 years will continue: Secretary Ian Y. and Public Outreach Coordinator Lis B. The Holiday Dinner and Events Chairpersons rotate yearly. Airport AFG has a new GR and Gail W will represent Sparkleberry.

- Public Outreach Coordinator Lis B. of Sparkleberry AFG, scafgd4.outreach@gmail.com represented SCAFG Area 50 at the TEAM event in June.

- Joelyn M. of Sparkleberry AFG, chaired the District fellowship all day July 13th, 9:30AM - 3:45PM.

Nan M., Margaret L. & Meg P. presented workshops & approx. 10 served on the committee.

Attendance was 59 people: District Two: 1; District Three: 4; District 5: 13, District Four: 41.

34 attendees completed surveys, w/ positive feedback, the consensus is to hold another all day.

District 4 seeded \$500; the committee used \$371.47, returned \$475, surplus \$103.53.

Income, drawings, registration & donations total: \$475.

registration & donations \$300; door prize drawings \$175.

Expense total: rent food & supplies, \$371.47.

- Districts 3, 4 & 5 called the first SCAFG 2021 Convention planning meeting on July 13th in Columbia following the District 4 event.

25 people attended from District Three: 3, District Four: 11, District Five: 11. Convention Guidelines were reviewed. Minutes and attendance attached, taken by District 4 Secretary Ian Y.

No one stood for Convention Chair and the next meeting is Sat Sept 14th @ 2PM, Virginia Wingard Church 1500 Broad River Rd Columbia SC.

- **District 4 Holiday Dinner** – Sat Dec 7th 5:00PM- 8:00PM

Host AFG: Happy Hour, Ian H., Chair, Back Door, Bonnie, Sunday Serenity Janet & Pam.  
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church  
1416 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210  
SCAFGD4.Events@gmail.com

District 5-Katherine Knight-Report given at AWSC but no electronic copy



District 6-Teresa Hinnant

AWSC

September 14, 2019

District Six has been busy in the past months working mostly on outreach. The district is very large geographically and finds it hard to get all members together. To help in this problem, the district has 2 intergroups – one in Summerville and one in the Beaufort area.

The Beaufort AIS is busy looking at radio spots for public outreach. They also sponsored an All-Day event in June which was very successful. A holiday event is being planned currently. They are also working on a pamphlet explain exactly what the intergroup is. They also have plans for an updated packet for new members.

The Summerville Intergroup has been working on public outreach also. Recently, they met with the Public Outreach Chair from District 7 to coordinate our events and opportunities. The two districts are intertwined geographically, and this joint venture will help to reduce duplicate endeavors.

Both intergroups have worked to get Alateen information in the local schools but have yet to receive permission to put the information in the schools. This is a work in progress.

We have lost a group in Walterboro due to lack of attendance. The group tried to hold on for over a year with only 2 members.

Our next District Six All-Day will be in Walterboro on September 28th from 10 am – 2 pm. There will be workshops on the topic of *What's in Your Hula-Hoop?* There will be a potluck lunch and a speaker, Kris K. There will be a short business meeting at the beginning of the event to collect district inventories and discuss elections of new officers.

One of our current goals is to have district meetings electronically. We have not worked out the bugs yet, but it would allow all district members to meet without having to travel so far.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the District Six Representative. I look forward to working with the next panel.

Submitted by,

Teresa O. Hinnant

District Six Representative

District 7 – Clara T. via Diane

Hello AWSC Team! Hope all is well with everyone. I so wish to make the meeting today, but I am helping a friend prepare for a wedding this coming Sunday. I asked our wonderful Area Chair, Diane, if she would be so kind as to deliver my report. I hope to see you in October.

**District activities:**

Rotation of Service: We reached the deadline for submitting the District Trusted Servant Profile (D-TSP) for serving as District Representative. I tweaked the ASWC-TSP form to fit our needs at the District level. We will vote-in our new District Representative at the next District Meeting on Saturday, September 21, 2019. We hope to fill all other Officer and Coordinator positions on that day. The idea is to begin transfer of information to the new Officers and Coordinators for the new term before December 31, 2019. We want to facilitate a smooth transition for all come January 1, 2020. At our July District meeting our Treasure announced that she is moving in October, her last meeting with us will be in September. We asked if anyone was willing to take on this position with the possibility of serving as Treasurer for the next term or until the end of the year. Someone stepped up and offered to complete this term.

I handed out the information packets for professionals and the Just for Today, Just for Tonight bookmarks gifts to the Group Representatives from the Area Public Outreach Committee. Thank you. I also passed out the report from WSC Delegate Thought Force Charge on Welcoming Potential Members that I learned about at the TEAM event. Thank you to our Area Delegate Dave for sending me the document.

The District voted to pay for the expenses of the District Representative to attend the AWSC TEAM event in June 2019 with the agreement that the DR give a full report on what she learned. I met my agreement and gave my report at the July District meeting.

Earlier this year we conducted a District inventory. Two separate audits were done, and reports submitted. The viewers agreed to maintain anonymity on what they read on the inventory sheets. Members asked to review the audit report and send their top three suggestions/concerns they want to address. I then compiled the submissions and sent them to the District. We are meeting an hour before the September's District meeting to discuss how to implement the suggestions made to help grow our District as well as how we will address the concerns stated.

Our Public Outreach Coordinator is ordering literature in Spanish to outreach to the Hispanic/Latin community, she is working on radio/tv PSAs and has information on directly contacting individuals at the radio and tv stations. She is also working on getting Al-Anon literature in the Sangaree and Otranto libraries and professional offices. Our local website continues to get consistent views averaging 250-260 a month. The meetings page is visited the most. She continues to update the open/close status of the meetings by using the information on the SC Area website. She asked that any changes made to the meetings be updated using the GS-1 form found on the Al-Anon website.

**Fall Festival:** Someone has volunteered to be the Coordinator. She presented a theme and the District voted a unanimous yes! ***“Celebrating Seasons of Serenity and Service Together”*** We are asking members to bring a covered dish. We are looking for Al-Anon, Alateen and AA speakers. There will be workshops and a fundraiser. The date is October

26, 2019, 10am to 2pm. We voted to move the location from Mount Pleasant to West Ashley. All are welcome!

#### District 8 – Sue J

1. I held my first District meeting in May. We voted to have a district meeting every other month. We also voted on sending money to Area, WSO, and the Literature Distribution Center.
2. 2nd District meeting was held in July. The District voted to pay for 3 Alateen sponsors at the Alateen Convention.
3. I had a District meeting on September 7th and we had elections. It was voted that I be the DR for Panel 60 and Elaine C. to be the Secretary. We are still looking for an Alternate DR and Treasurer. I heard several people are interested in both positions after the meeting so I am hopeful that they will be filled before the end of the year. Rachel S. will remain as our Alateen Coordinator and we had someone step up for our phone/answering service coordinator. I'll also be looking for a Public Out Reach Coordinator and a Literature Coordinator.
4. Our All Day was held immediately following the meeting. Our theme was Action is Attraction, there is no Growth in the comfort zone. Grace AFG hosted and did a great job. There were approximately 65 people who attended the all day. We had 2 workshops and 2 speakers. Our Alateens chaired one of the workshops and they had an Alateen Display set up. They also performed other service duties. We had 4 of our 5 Alateens present. We had a White Elephant and a 50/50 so there was no cost to the District.
5. We had 5 teens and 2 sponsors attend the Alateen Conference. Everybody had a great time. It was the first conference for 2 of the teens and they can't wait for next year.

District 9-Zermah D. Report given at AWSC , but no electronic copy

## AWSC SIGN IN

Name	DISTRICT	Position Held PANEL 54-
Suzanne Jankovsky	8	DR
Michael Jankovsky	8	co-Alternate Alateen State REP
Zermar JAWES	9	GR. & DR.
Jan S	9	Forum Coordinator
Kathryn K.	5	DR (temp)
BARBARA	5	GR
Mary M	2	reporting for Jodi M
JOHN MACKO	2	DR
Shannon S	4	AAC
Sara Kellor	4	Area Treasurer
Diane Faulkner	4	Chair
Barbara O'Donnell	4	D.R
Nan C. Moore	3	DR
Jan Rogers	3	asst delegate
Brendon Wafer	6	_____

## AWSC SIGN IN

Name	DISTRICT	Position Held PANEL 54-
SUSAN LEBHAR	Distr. 7	Past Delegate
Linda Ruthven	Dist 6	Past Delegate
Nancy Bommer	Dist 3	Area Director Past Delegate
Mike Melton	Dist 6	AAPP
Teresa Hinnant	Dist 6	DR
Charlotte Hogue	Dist 2	Reflector Editor
Bob Calhoun	Dist 6	ATGR
David Bryant	Dist 8	Delegate