

### AREA 11 NEWSLETTER

# GEORGIA ON TRACK

November 2012

### **AREA OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Delegate's Report**

Thank you for the kindness and understanding that so many of you have extended to me as I redirect my focus and energy from Area-wide service during this next panel. As difficult as it was for me to step aside from the possibility of service at our September election Assembly, I watched with gratitude as an enthusiastic slate of very capable new officers was selected whose devotion to service and to our fellowship will undoubtedly have a long-lasting and positive impact on our Area far beyond the next 3 years.

"We all have a purpose for our life, a unique gift or special talent which when used in service to others, allows us to find joy and peace."\* I would like to express my gratitude to the incoming panel of GRs, DRs, liaisons, coordinators and officers for your willingness to be of service, to use your unique gifts or special talents to the benefit of our fellowship. Your roles are vital in providing links of information to our members. GA Al-Anon will continue to be healthy and dynamic because of your service.

GRs, there is a deceptively easy way to keep members of your groups informed of the efforts of your World Service Office: during your report, open the group's copy of the *Forum* to guide them to the "Inside Al-Anon" section; it serves as the WSO's main mode of communication to every member of our worldwide fellowship. WSO receives on average 700 calls/week for meeting information. Please help these callers find their way through the door of your meeting by keeping the details of your location and contact information current.

I hope many of you are picturing yourself in Vancouver for our 2013 International Convention over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. It promises to be a memorable time for fellowship and spiritual growth among thousands of other members from around the world eager for recovery at an event that only takes place once every 5 years. To register on-line, go to

www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org

Love in the fellowship, Vicki L. Panel 50 Delegate \*2012 WSC Summary, p 85.

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### **Alternate Delegate's Report**

Dear Area 11,

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to you and to God for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your next Delegate. I am humbled by your trust. Thank you, thank you for giving me this great opportunity to grow in my recovery program. I am truly looking forward to serving all of you during the next three years on Panel 53.

I am looking forward to serving with Renelle M, Cheryl K, Donna M, Levon C, and Debbie F as fellow Officers. Our panel is made of strong leaders once again.

Please let me introduce to you our next group of Coordinators:

- David B-- Group Records
- Patrick B-- Webmaster
- Erica L-- Literature
- Essie N-- Newsletter
- Marie N-- Public Outreach
- Jenny L-- Alateen
- lennifer T-- AAPP

Sulata L-- Archives

These eight people are really going to help move GA forward. I've asked them to communicate with you on a regular basis and keep you informed with what is happening with WSO in their particular area of service.

We have everything in place to move the Assembly meeting from Forsyth to Macon next year. Cheryl and I have been to the new Macon Marriott several times and we are getting really excited about the possibilities that we will have. Please make your reservation early and remember to tell them that you are with Al-Anon Family Groups or AFG. If you choose to stay elsewhere, please let Candlewood Suites know that you want to stay with the AFG group, too. Both places are accommodating us. You can find the information about both hotels on our web site.

See you all in January! Join us in the fun, fellowship, business, growth, and recovery! Love,

Cathy O, "Delegate in Waiting" or In-coming Delegate

### **Chairperson's Report**

I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you for this past Assembly in September. I am particularly grateful for the continued spiritual tone throughout our Assembly weekend. It was present in our marathon business meeting on Saturday and most prevalent during our elections on Sunday. The elections were, for me, affirmation of our Higher Power's work through us as we fulfilled one of our primary purposes as an Assembly.

### **Chairperson's Report (cont)**

Thank you to each of you who were willing to stand and be considered. Thank you to each who was elected to serve our Area for the next three years. As I prepare to stand down after three terms as a trusted Area servant, I could not be more confident that our Area and Assembly are in very qualified and capable hands. Georgia is very blessed to have such leadership at both the Area and World Service levels.

It is a high privilege to have been asked to serve this Area over the past dozen years. I am grateful for the trust that was bestowed and humbled by the growth I've experienced. I wish you the same as you travel your path of Service.

With much love and gratitude,

Jeff G., Area Chairperson (Outgoing)

### Treasurer's Report

Three years ago you bestowed upon me the honor of being your Area Treasurer. You reassured me I could do the job and that I would grow from the experience. At that time I had no idea of the many blessings that were to come my way by simply being willing to serve in this capacity. You entrusted me with your funds, and showed respect as I presented reports and motions. I am grateful for all the words of encouragement that you gave me. The notes you enclosed with your contributions helped to lift my spirits. Your questions required me to research and learn new things. I enjoyed getting to know you, and looked forward to each Assembly when I would once again get to see your smiling faces and receive a hug. Your patience helped to instill in me a new confidence as I began to learn new things.

As we move forward into a new term I encourage you to continue to show your love and support to our new Area Treasurer Levon. Let her know how much she is appreciated for her willingness to serve.

Finally, the most important lesson I learned is that my Higher Power is present and a part of everything I do, to the extent I allow Him to guide me. I look forward to serving the next 3 years as your Alternate Delegate. I am so grateful to each one of you for giving me the opportunity for this incredible Spiritual experience. With love and blessings and wishing you all the Love the Universe has waiting for you.

Yours in service,

Renelle

### **Area Office Chair**

Greetings All,

I'm very excited about the next 3 years and very grateful for your trust in allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Area Office Chair.

Although Christmas is still a little way off just wanted to let you know that the Office will be closed from Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Dec. 31 for the holidays and the year end inventory. We will take and mail orders through Dec. 21. We will take orders after Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> but they won't be mailed until Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

### **Area Office Chair (cont)**

The Office has a new executive committee of very dedicated Al-Anons and I feel very grateful to have Shirley Y. from District I as our new treasurer and Donna M. from Dist. 4 as our new secretary. There are a number of goals we would like to work toward during the next 3 years and will keep you posted as these develop.

As always we thank all the groups, districts and individuals for contributions so far this year to your Area Office in keeping with our Seventh Tradition. We appreciate you all. If you ever have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to call or email me. Your input is always welcome.

I feel very blessed to be a part of the new panel of Officers and know the next 3 years will hold many positive changes as Georgia Al-Anon continues to grow. Thank you for the privilege to be a part of this.

With much love and gratitude in Service,

Debbie F.

Area Office Chair

## **Area Coordinator Reports**

### **AAPP Report**

There is not a great deal of new news to report from the Alateen processing arena. I am still getting a few new applications from Al-Anons who are interested in becoming certified to work with Alateens. Thanks for you continuing interest.

I need to correct an error which I submitted to the newsletter, Georgia on Track. I reported that the Oak Road Alateen meeting in Snellville closed at that location and moved to Loganville. The Oak Road meeting did close but the group that moved to Loganville was Let's Grow Together. That meeting is meeting in Loganville at 8:00 on Thursday nights. It is listed on the website.

The second item I want to bring up is to be sure to update me is you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses. I will be sending out the recertification packets about the time of the next assembly and I need current information if you are to receive your letter. There may be some minor changes at that time. WSO has already contacted me about sending their updated information to me.

If you have any questions or comments, please see me after the meeting or sometime this weekend.

In service,

Moni Sauter, AAPP

### **Alateen Report**

GA Alateen has a lot of things going on right now. There are the recently adopted changes to the AMIAS requirements. A new AMIAS handbook should be upon the GA Al-Anon website soon.

We are also still looking at forming a process for reviewing AMIAS compliance with the minimum safety and behavioral guidelines. I expect this will be discussed at AWSC and may come before Assembly for a vote in January.

AWSC is also still reviewing the GA Bill 1176 law that went into effect on July 1st which extended mandatory reporting laws to all volunteers that work with minors. GA AMIAS can expect some direct communication from the Area regarding this law in the near future.

As I said at the last Assembly, I want to extend a profound Thank You to GA Al-Anon, Alateen and AWSC for this life changing opportunity. I never thought the I could be of service in this capacity and I learned a lot about myself and how to have better relationships with others. Thank you so much for letting me be of service to the program that saved my life! I carry a lot of hope for the future of GA Alateen and I look forward to watching the program continue to grow and change over the years!

With Love and Service,

Elyse G.

### **Archivist's Report**

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you for the past 3 years as your Area Archivist. It has been a learning experience and I appreciate the opportunity that you have afforded me to grow in so many ways. It has been my pleasure to serve each of you.

In Humble Service,

Donna M.

### **CPC Report**

As G-d would have it: There was an opportunity to participate in a Community Resource Fair for the Gwinnett County School System. As it turned out the Resource Fair was cancelled, however, there would be a meeting and we did provide Information Packets for Professionals and a few Alateen Information Packets along with "Al-Anon Alateen Prescription" pads for Counselors who would be attending. Any left over Packets or pads were left for the Social Workers who serve as a resource for the School System.

As this Panels term draws to a close, it is with a grateful heart that I again say thank you for your trust in me. It has been a humbling experience, participating in both the Public Outreach Thought Force and Task Force. I am really excited about the new structure for Public Outreach that the Area has adopted. It will stretch us out of our comfort zone as an Area and put us on a path to continue making the ideal of the Al-Anon Declaration a reality in Georgia.

With Love in Service,

Marie N.

Coordinator Public Outreach - Cooperating with the Professional Community

### **Group Records Report**

I can't tell you what a pleasure, and growing experience, being the Area Group Records Coordinator has been. It's a challenging job and very complex. It means truly embracing Progress not Perfection. It also means contact with a wide swath of the Worldwide Fellowship of Al-Anon. It's been a blast and I now hand the job over to David B who will embrace this job as I have.

As has been announced at the last few AWSC and Assemblies, we will no longer be printing a hard copy of the directory. Printing costs, and the fact that the document is out of date the day it is printed, have led us to distributing the directory in electronic format. At the end of my term I will be sending out PDFs of the directory and will also make the directory available in Microsoft Word and Excel for those who want to update their directories as updates are released. Directories will be distributed to the AWSC and through the District Reps, following the links of service.

Please be sure to continue to send Group updates to me until the end of the year. The best way to do so is through your District Representative. If you would like to send any changes directly they can be forwarded to areagrouprecords@ga-al-anon.org.

In Love and Service,

Tom M.

### **Institutions Report**

In my final newsletter submission as the Georgia Area Institutions Coordinator I have very little news to share. I do, however, wish to offer my gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity that was given to me to serve Georgia Area Al-Anon in this position. I have learned so much, about myself and about service. I thank everyone for their support. We all share in getting Al-Anon's message of hope to the people who need it. The men and women in treatment facilities, jail, and shelters especially need to find hope and learn that they have choices that can make their lives better. Continue to share the Al-Anon story!

Gratefully submitted,

Anne M.

Institutions Coordinator

### **Newsletter Coordinator's Report**

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as the Area II Newsletter Coordinator! I have learned so much, grown outside of my comfort zone, developed some fantastic relationships and watched with awe again and again how our Higher Power has used us all to guide us at Assemblies in some important decisions that will affect our Area long past our current Area commitments! It's been an experience I'm so glad I didn't miss!

With deep gratitude,

Beth B.

### **Literature Coordinator's Report**

- I) In 2013, WSO will showcase Many Voices, One Journey in the CAL corner of the Forum on the back flap to give it an extra push. It's experienced lower sales than a lot of other books in its 1st year, and it is doing 80% less than in the 1st year. They always expect book sales to drop off in 2nd year, but this is more so than normal. Encourage members to send in sharings for the CAL corner about Many Voices, One Journey. Note that there is typically a 3-month delay from receipt of a sharing to print.
- 2) Legacies workbook has been approved by the lit committee, policy reviewers and Ric. It is now in the translations department and will be available in all 3 languages at the int'l convention in July. It is a powerful workbook on all 3 Legacies. Members can still submit sharings on the blog thru the end of the year, but they won't be in the book.
- 3) Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships. 525 submissions so far. Need many more. Hope for Today and Discovering Choices had 1200 to draw from. WSO wants as many submissions as they can to draw from. No deadline is set because WSO needs more sharings. Guessing deadline won't be for another year or more.
- 4) Lit sales are down from 2011, but this is natural since sales in 2011 spiked with the introduction of Many Voices, One Journey and soft cover How Al-Anon Works. Sales are the same as in 2010. Top 5 books are: #1 is Courage to Change; 2 is Paths to Recovery; 3 How Al-Anon Works; 4) ODAT; 5) Opening our Hearts.
- 5) E-books: The Board of Trustees gave the WSO permission to develop a trial pilot project for electronic lit. There is no proposed release date, but expect a date early in 2013. WSO plans on selling the Forum and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening electronically. Details will be coming as we know more.

Barbara W.

### **Public Information Coordinator's Report**

A great big THANK YOU to Radio Station Q106 Macon, 106.3, for playing Al-Anon's Radio Public Service announcement. Remember our campaign of gratitude to radio stations and TV stations who play our Public Service Announcements.

If you hear our see our PSI, take the time to write them a note, letting them know how much you appreciate them playing it. Public Information begins with me.

Have you checked out the new Public Outreach service tool? The 'Best o Public Outreach' is the new online service tool on the members' website, <a href="www.al-anon.org/members">www.al-anon.org/members</a>. See the drop down menu under Public Outreach.

'THE BEST OF PUBLIC OUTREACH' has a comprehensive table of contents that members can easily navigate to find the top of interest they want. Suggestions help members understand way to use TV and Radio PSAs, the internet, the "Al-Anon and Alateen's role in Family Recovery DVD (AV-31) and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine to reach more families and friends of alcoholics.

All members who participate in Public Outreach are encouraged to work with their Area Public Outreach coordinators. Don't forget to celebrate every activity that you do!

I want to thank Vicki and all of you for allowing me to be your Public Information Coordinator for this past year+. I have learned so much and it was a privilege to be able to pass this along to you.

Love in Service,

Terry J.

### **Area Web Master's Report**

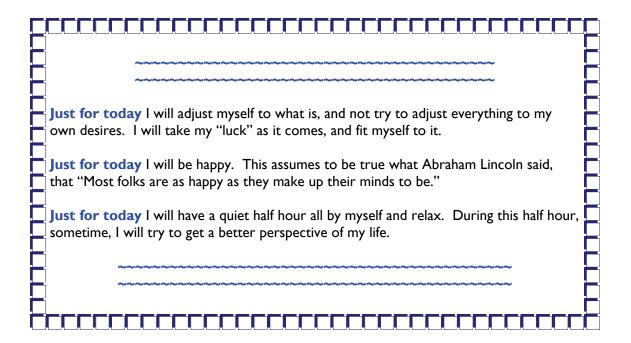
I wish to thank Vicki for selecting me to be your website coordinator for the last three years. It has been a rewarding experience. Once again, I ask you to avail yourselves of the information contained on the website that can help you in your service work.

There is a new men's meeting in District 18. It needs your support. Also, there is a new Alateen group in Area 11. It is an online meeting. Information about can be found on the Meeting Info, Area Events, and Members pages.

Patrick B is going to be the new website coordinator. Please give him the encouragement and support that you extended to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to the Area.

David B.



### **DISTRICT REPORTS—AREA 11**

### **District One**

My term as District Representative is soon coming to a close. It has been a remarkable journey for me both as DR and personally. Our district has done really well. All the GR's and I worked really well together to help our district to be more involved. We have elected new GR's and a DR so the district will still be active in Area 11.

We held a successful workshop on November,3, 2012. Cathy O., our newly elected Delegate, told her story. The title of our workshop wass "Using the Traditions in the Home ". We held this workshop years ago and it was amazing to me, at the time, that I could use the Traditions in my home.

Diane P. District 1 DR

### **District Three**

WOW! What a spiritual experience I have had these past 3 years. It has been amazing for me to see the program in action in such a large group and to share my recovery!

I am pleased and excited to communicate that Al-Anon is thriving in District 3. As of today, we now have 18 Active meetings in our District. The exciting part is we have started in the past year a Beginners meeting, an Adult Children's meeting, and currently have two Alateen meetings. We had 9 members at the September Assembly and I believe that was a record for our District. We still have a long ways to go but I am our incoming DR will keep the momentum going.

Our Public Outreach projects continue. The District mailed each Middle School, High School, and Recovery related institution in our District a combination of CAL to educate these facilities about Al-Anon and Alateen and we have already started to distribute "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism-2013" throughout our area. I am excited to report that we participated in a National Recovery Day event and had a great response and interest in the program. We have been asked to return again next year.

District 3 hosted a workshop on October 27th with lunch being provided to all participants. The Theme was "Taking Care of Ourselves". Renelle M. our outgoing Area Treasurer was our speaker and a spiritual day was had by all. There were 3 breakout sessions entitled "Improving Our Conscious Contact", "Self-Love - Sponsorship and the 12 Steps", and "Al-Anon's Tool Box". We had attendees from other surrounding districts and even a few members from South Carolina. We received a lot of positive feedback and are anxious to plan the next one.

### **District Three (cont.)**

I want to personally thank District 3 for allowing me to serve for the past 3 years in this unique service opportunity. I truly have been humbled by this experience.

Please welcome Kathleen S. as the new District Rep in January! I know she will do a great job and keep the momentum going.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in January and excited about what may await as I continue my journey!

Grateful In Service,

Levon C District 3 DR

### **District Six**

Lightkeepers Anniversary

The Lightkeepers AFG on St. Simons Island celebrated its 11th anniversary in October. Laura E. of St. Simons shared her experience, strength, and hope with members and visitors gathered for the annual event. Food and fellowship followed the meeting, which has become a Fall tradition.

The Lightkeepers encourage anyone vacationing on the Georgia coast to drop in for a meeting. Lightkeepers gather Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:15 p.m. at St. Simons United Methodist Church, 624 Ocean Boulevard. Beginning in November, meetings will be held in the Thorpe Building, which can be entered from the church's back parking lot.

Gratefully,

Thea J.

### District Eleven

District II has been very active in the past few months. Our workshop at the end of July "Discovering Choices: Detachment with Love" was a huge success with lots of participation and recovery. We have also had several speaker meetings in the district recently including Forest Hils AFG Anniversary Celebration Dinner/Speaker meeting in October. This was a special meeting and we were very fortunate to have our new Area Delegate Cathy O. as our speaker and Cheryl K., our new Area Chairperson, in attendance as well.

Our most recent event was the participation in a Health and Wellness Expo that was held at Savannah Rapids Pavilion on October 27, 2012. Our goal was to help make people aware of the Al-Anon program and to be able to do some outreach. The Expo was a huge success and a very humbling and gratifying experience. We were approached by several people that were interested in the program as well as being approached by several professional organizations wanting us to meet with them, give a short presentation as well as give literature and copies of meeting schedules so they could pass them out.

### **District Eleven (cont)**

We gave out bookmarks and we attached our district project for this event (ribbon paper clip bookmarks) to the bookmarks. These were made by several members in our district. It was amazing to see how creative and how many of our members took the time and talent to participate in this project. A lot of 12 step work was done here and much participation with setting up booth, working the booth, and breaking down, etc. It was an awesome experience!

We have all been busy in this transition phase of out going DRs and GRs and newly elected DRs and GRs. In our district, we feel this transition is going smoothly. One of our big goals for this coming year is to step up our outreach program and we feel we are off to a good start.

We are very happy to announce that we have several people who are in the process now of getting certified to be al-ateen sponsors. We are looking forward to getting al-ateen back in our district with an active group.

We have a new group that has just started in our district on Saturday mornings at 10a.m. at the Westside Club in Augusta. The first meeting in October had 18 people present.

We have had some sad news in our District with the passing away of our beloved Lionel O. Lionel was 84 years old and had health problems, but he was still a very active member right up to his death. He will be greatly missed by all in District 11.

In Service, Pam P. Outgoing DR for District 11

### **District Seventeen**

District 17 recently completed a District Inventory with the help of a former DR, Amy G. Also, we are pleased to welcome a new group to our district. Paths to Serenity AFG is meeting in the Equal Time Building in Rockmart on Mondays at 7:00. Finally, we are planning a winter event scheduled for February 23, in Rome, Georgia at the Ryan' Steakhouse. Please join us for a shared story from and Al-anon and AA couple, as well as for door prizes and a meal. Flyers will be available at the January assembly.

Gratefully submitted,

Anne M.

Alternate DR, District 17

### **District Twenty-One**

We had a fantastic day of recovery at our annual District Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme of Unity and Harmony: One Voice Many Journeys.

As requested, we started at 11:00 to give people who want to come and need time to travel the opportunity to participate. After all, "Participation is the Key to Harmony".

Over 11 Districts from Area 11 were represented! The event was held at Covenant Presbyterian in Marietta. Our groups sponsored tables and decorated them according to group autonomy. The overall effect was gorgeous. Each group also donated prizes for our raffle which was, as always, a huge success. We started the day with a workshop led by Beth M. and John F. on Unity. Beth and John are planning a Forum article describing what we did. Arminda W., GR for Solo Por Hoy, prayed the Lord's Prayer in Spanish and blessed us all. After a delicious covered dish lunch, another opportunity for unity and harmony, Cathy O., Area 11 Alternate Delegate, shared her story. Then, Paulette and Mike L. showed us all how to make a Gratitude Journal and then we each actually made one with all the supplies like lined paper, beautiful printed covers, markers, stickers, etc. Lots of interactive fun and a practical way to focus on the good things that recovery bring. District 21 is very grateful to the staff and member of Covenant Presbyterian for sharing their fellowship hall with us.

District 21 has elected three new service positions for the next three year term. Katherine M. who is currently our District Treasurer is our upcoming District Representative and Lucille S. is our Alternate District Representative. As Alternate DR, Lucille will also be our MAIS representative. Jaxie F. will be our new Treasurer. As current DR, I am so very grateful for the rotation of service and these trusted servants who were open to their Higher Power's guidance.

In service,

Barbara D. District 21 DR



# Change, Exciting or Scary?

A new term begins in January with so many new changes coming to Area 11. We have a new panel of officers and coordinators and a new Assembly location and two new accommodations in Macon now. The Task Force did the leg work for this site change but then our members did their homework over several months and voted to make this move. In planning at our new location the level of excitement has been almost off the charts. The Marriott City Center in Macon is just a beautiful facility and the staff there is working with all of our requests to make our first Assembly a pleasure for all of us.

The Marriott is located at 240 Coliseum Drive in Macon, right off exit 2 of I-16. If you are coming from the north you turn left after your exit, from south turn right. You will immediately see the hotel on your left. Parking is free for us anywhere around the facility. The room rate for us is \$105.00 plus I4% tax. To make a reservation please call 866-882-4465 and tell them you are with GA Al-Anon. The rate is good for either a king room or two queens.

We also have another exciting choice for rooms at Candlewood Suites, located at 3957 Riverplace Drive in Macon. The rate there is \$64.95 plus 14% tax for either a studio queen suite or two double beds. Candlewood is located off I-75 at exit 169. Coming from the north turn left off the exit, from the south exit right. Riverplace Drive will be immediately to your right between Outback Steakhouse and Carraba's. Candlewood is at the very end of this dead end road. Candlewood is 6.8 miles from the Marriott where all Assembly meetings will be held. It is approximately ten minutes between the two locations. To make reservations at Candlewood call 478-254-3530 and again mention GA Al-Anon.

The cut off dates for the special rate at both hotels is January 4, 2013. Reservation links to both hotels are listed on the Area website.

Our new panel is hard at work to make this transition as smooth as possible and to assure that each of you have an outstanding Assembly experience in January and each one that follows. We probably all could admit to a little bit of fear as we get our feet wet in new service positions but we also have already experience the love and support you have all sent our way and know you will continue to offer those Al-Anon hugs. If I can assist you or your group in anyway with arrangements to attend Assembly in January and each time please let me know your needs. Panel 53 looks forward to so many positive changes as we continue the work of carrying the message.

In Service,

Cheryl K., In-coming Chair

### Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Area Assembly January 19-20, 2013

### **Purpose of Assembly:**

- 1) Elect a Delegate, Alternate, and other Assembly officers.
- 2) Receive and distribute reports on Area and world service affairs.
- 3) Review and approve interim reports of Area World Service Committee (AWSC).

**Goal:** The spiritual tone of Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct as its members presume goodwill.

**Goal:** Assembly members will understand the purpose of the Assembly and the relationship within the structure. **Goal:** Knowing that our Higher Power is present in the expression of our group conscience, Assembly members will be able to support and communicate Assembly decisions.

Saturday- Janu	uary 19, 2013	
I I:00 a.m.	Registration Opens- Host District(s) 1&2	Hallway
	Literature Opens	Magnolia D
	Hospitality- Districts 3 & 4	Boardroom
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Business Meeting- Part I	Magnolia A-B
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Break- Literature and	Magnolia D
	Hospitality Open	Boardroom
1:30-2:30 p.m.	GR Workshop- "I'm a GR, Now What?" Tom M.	Magnolia A-B
	DR Workshop-"I'm a Link in the Chain" Jeff G	Grand Salon B
	Alateen AMAIS Certification Training	Grand Salon A
	Alateens Workshop (AMAIS & Alateens)	Magnolia C
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Break/Literature & Hospitality Open	Magnolia D
	, ,	Boardroom
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Workshop Tangibles/ Intangibles- Jeff G.	Magnolia A-B
	Alateen AMAIS Certification Training Part II	Grand Salon A
	Alateen FUN! (AMAIS & Alateens)	Magnolia C
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Break- Literature and Hospitality Open	Magnolia D
		Boardroom
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Discussion Meeting- Districts 1&2	Magnolia A-B
	Alateen Discussion Meeting (Closed)	Magnolia C
	Alateen Sponsor to Sponsor (Open)	Grand Salon A
	Delegate meeting with Coordinators	Grand Salon B
8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Speaker Meeting	Magnolia A-B
	Speaker- Cathy O.	Ç
Sunday- Janua	ry 20, 2013	
8:00 a.m.	Registration- Host District(s) 1&2	Hallway
	Literature Opens	Magnolia D
	Hospitality	Boardroom
9:00-1:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Part II	Magnolia A & B
Reminders: Si	gn-in Sheets: DRs deliver sign-in sheets to Alternate Delegate,	

Check out time: Marriott- noon Meeting Times: Meeting and ending times are approximate. Please plan

Contributions: Provide contributions to Treasurer, Levon C., by 9:00 a.m. or during breaks

to stay until the meeting is adjourned. There will be periodic breaks throughout the meetings.

# 2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention with AA participation Our committee is continuing to move forward in our plans for the August Convention. We have our speakers selected, one workshop leader signed up and fun entertainment planned for both nights. Our Boutique Chair is asking for donations, preferably home-made, so start working on those to be ready to give to her. We'll have our t-shirts and totes for sale again at \$10.00 each at the Assembly in January. Plan on purchasing them before we run out. We're excited to have 150 registered so far, including speakers and committee members. The registration form is on our Georgia Al-Anon website. Our Registration Chair checks her mailbox every day looking for YOUR registration. You need to send it in now with your \$30.00 registration fee to be sure you won't forget and miss out on this wonderful event.

The Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service (MAIS) will celebrate 44 years with an Anniversary Potluck Dinner at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a covered dish dinner and raffle at 6:30. Our speaker, Dave S will share his story with us at 7:30. Information and directions are available on the Area Website on the Events Page. This is a wonderful opportunity for Al-Anon Fellowship!

Some of the ways MAIS connects and serves Al-Anon and Alateen groups and districts in The Metro Atlanta Area are:

Maintaining a Literature Distribution Center

Lois Bradford 2013 Convention Committee Chair

Providing printed meeting schedules

A volunteer answering service to provide meeting information to anyone in need

Assist groups and districts with Public Outreach

Maintains a website www.alanonatl.com with conference approved events and information

Publishes a bi-monthly newsletter titled the CenterPoint

Holds bi-monthly meetings with participation from groups and districts to encourage group cooperation and open communication

I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity of serving as the MAIS Liaison to the Area Assembly for the past three years! It has been a wonderful and humbling experience.

