



# GEORGIA ON TRACK

July 2012

## AREA OFFICER REPORTS

### Delegate's Report

"When I lend a hand setting up, cleaning up, or doing anything else, I support a program that has supported me. By giving something back, I give thanks for what I've received, and in giving thanks for what I've received, I make room to receive more."\* There will be opportunities to give something back at our upcoming election Assembly in September. Please prayerfully consider positions to be filled for our next 3-year panel. Educate yourself about what the positions require and speak with outgoing trusted servants. Remember, "Service helps me stretch my boundaries. Taking risks helps me grow, and Al-Anon is a safe place to do just that: take a risk and grow."\*

The enthusiastic members of our 2012 Area Convention Committee have been hard at work planning for a unique opportunity for us all to share in Al-Anon's Gifts that Transform our Lives. I hope to see you August 10-12 at the Crown Plaza near the Atlanta airport. It's a great location for many of you to attend during the day if that's your best option. See the Area website for more details.

The Alateen Conference in June was once again a remarkable weekend of recovery. The financial support that the committee received from fundraisers throughout the year was \$ well spent to help create a welcoming environment that was filled with laughter, humility, creativity, gratitude, and SO much spiritual growth. Groups & parents, consider ways you can help make it possible for your Alateens to participate next year.

The 2012 World Service Conference Summary is now available on the WSO members' website. Please go to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and click on the icon on the home page to "read all about it!"

Delegates recently received information from the WSO Policy Committee regarding its decision to move forward in providing CAL electronically. Here is the memo from the Chairperson in its entirety, FYI:

"At the 2012 World Service Conference there were multiple discussions on the impact of electronic literature sales on our Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) offices, literature distribution centers (LDC), the World Service Office (WSO), and international structures. The Policy Committee continued this discussion in May as related to using additional companies for the distribution of our literature—specifically in the form of electronic literature and commonly referred to as a "third party vendor." The discussion focused on the potential appearance of affiliation as well as considering Al-Anon's primary focus of helping families and friends of alcoholics.

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The WSO currently sells our books to bookstores who in turn sell to other interested parties. The fellowship has understood that this practice has not implied endorsement on the part of Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG), Inc. The Policy Committee's goal was to ensure that the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service were upheld. The Policy Committee's extensive discussion included the following:

The "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" states:

"affiliation: association or close connection; a uniting (implies lending one's name, endorsement, legal or financial association)". (page 107)

However, AFG, Inc. is not signing a contract saying the third party vendor can use Al-Anon's name. Therefore, agreeing to sell literature through a third party vendor does not constitute lending the Al-Anon name or affiliation.

The "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" states:

"Al-Anon is *cooperating* when it works with others,\* rather than alone. In working with others, our scope and contacts are broadened and we reach many more of those in need." (\* see page 107 for reference.)

The use of e-literature makes the literature available to more people who have been affected by a loved one's drinking problem.

TV stations carry our public service announcements. The Yellow Pages carry the WSO phone number and AIS listings. Both of these mediums carry other advertisements and being mentioned/ listed on TV or the Yellow Pages does not imply endorsement.

Although AFG, Inc. would pay a royalty fee per book for the use of a third party vendor's service, AFG, Inc. does not give up ownership of the book / manuscript. AFG, Inc. creates and owns the product and would continue to vigorously protect our copyright and trademarks.

Using a third party vendor to sell the book means the vendor collects the payment, maintains the Web site and all technological advancements, and provides 24/7 customer service. Al-Anon's obligation would be to pay a royalty fee to the vendor.

The use of electronic distribution makes our literature more available as it is an additional delivery system. Internet vendors are big stores and members and the public should be allowed choices on how and where they purchase Al-Anon literature.

The recognition that technology is constantly changing, and the costs associated with continually updating our own technology to publish are significant and not in the best use of member donations.

**The Policy Committee concluded that using a third party vendor to sell electronic CAL is not a violation of the Traditions or Policy. Therefore, the Executive Director may proceed with the project of electronically publishing *The Forum* and *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (B-25)* as granted by the Board of Trustees in October 2011."**

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information.

I continue to be grateful for the supportive teamwork and shared leadership that our Area trusted servants have exhibited and which have contributed to the unity that has been so characteristic of this panel. It has been a pleasure to be a part of it.

Love in Service,

Vicki L.

Delegate, Panel 50

*\*When I Got Busy, I Got Better*, pp 20 & 18.

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

Dear Area 11,

In some ways, it is hard to believe that Panel 50 is about to complete their term of service to our great state of GA. Jeff and Vicki have done a superb job of leading our Area forward. They have tackled many projects that were long overdue and they've done it well by asking qualified people to serve.

I want to thank our Area for electing me to serve as your Alternate Delegate for the last three years. I leave this position feeling that I've served the position well and have done my best to move our Area forward. "Thank you, GA, for helping me grow in recovery."

For those of you who have completed this term with us, "thank you" for staying on the journey with us. I truly feel that I am blessed to have walked the path by your side.

Love,

Cathy O, Alternate Delegate  
Panel 50

### **Chairperson's Report**

There is important information I need to share as we prepare for AWSC and Assembly:

Schedule changes for September's Assembly due to elections.

New Georgia state laws affecting Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and Alateens.

There are changes in the schedule on Assembly Saturday as this is an election Assembly. All business, with the exception of elections, will be conducted Saturday afternoon. The business session will be the only activity Saturday afternoon until it concludes at or before 5:00PM. There will be no workshops or other meetings until after the business session. Al-Anon and Alateen discussion meetings, as well as an Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor workshop, are tentatively scheduled for 5:15PM after the business meeting.

On Sunday morning, we will elect Area officers for our next panel (Panel 53) which will serve 2013-2015. This will be one of our most important Area Group Consciences and fulfills one of our primary purposes as an Assembly. The qualifications for these positions are: 1) that you have served as a District Representative, and 2) remained active at the Area level. The service positions that we will elect, in order, are:

Delegate  
Alternate Delegate  
Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Area Office Chairperson

Georgia's mandatory child abuse reporting statute has been expanded, effective 7/1/2012, to include volunteers. This specifically impacts AFG of Georgia, Inc. as AMAIS now fall under this provision. Work is currently underway to review, and update as appropriate, our Area Alateen requirements in light of the expanded coverage. It is imperative that we inform both our Alateen groups so that they are aware of the potential implications of their group sharing and our AMIAS so they understand their liability should they fail to report suspected child abuse. Additional communication will be forthcoming and this will be a topic at both AWSC and Assembly. In the interim, please contact me directly with any questions.

As you plan to attend September Area Assembly (September 15-16, 2012) at the [Central Georgia Convention Center](#) (CGCC), please make your room reservations at the Ramada Inn ONLY. Room reservations may be made by calling (478) 994-5691. Let them know you are with Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia for preferred group room rates. Rates are \$65 for a double and \$70 for a king (rates do not include taxes).

With love and gratitude to and for each of you in Service,

Jeff G., Area Chairperson

### **Treasurer's Report**

Greetings My Al-Anon Family,

It is hard to believe we are coming to the close of this three year term. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in Area 11 with so many wonderful people. I have come to know you and forged many special friendships through the process of growing in service.

Thank you so much for bearing with me as I learned this new service position. You were so kind and understanding through all the resend of reports. You demonstrated patience as I explained reports and requested amendments to the budgets. Your questions were valued and inspired me to dig deeper to understand the Area financials; helping Area 11 grow in our commitment to be fully self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions and researching options for cost savings.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Area Treasurer. I hope to continue to serve Al-Anon and look forward to seeing your smiling faces at meetings, workshops, conventions, and other activities where we come together to share our experience, strength, and hope. May the God of our understanding continue to guide each of us on this remarkable journey called life.

I look forward to seeing each of you at AWSC and Assembly. Until then remember your contributions to the Area are what keep us financially healthy and self-supporting.

All good wishes to you in Al-Anon and in service,

Renelle M.  
Area Treasurer

## **Area Secretary's Report**

What commitment am I willing to make? How can I express my gratitude today? What part can I play in this fellowship? Have I been involved in service without knowing it? Am I ready to learn something new about myself? What are my special talents?

These are just a few of the questions posed in the booklet, *When I Got Busy I Got Better*. Whether you are holding elections in your groups, districts or you are considering standing for a position at the Area level in the upcoming September election, I encourage you to consider them as you prayerfully consider the direction to take.

It's hard to believe we are coming to a close of this 3 year term! I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Area Secretary. I have learned a lot about myself, some I like and some I don't but I have grown through the process as is the essence of service. I have recently been reminded that service is gratitude in action and I know I could certainly never repay all that has been so freely given to me. I am available to talk with you should this position be of interest and can be contacted at [gr82serve@gmail.com](mailto:gr82serve@gmail.com) Thanks again for the gift of service. With love and gratitude,

Linda G. Area Secretary

## **Area Office Chair**

GA. Al-Anon Central Services,

Please share with all your groups that the email for the Office has changed. The new addresses are on our Area website. Mail from the old address is being forwarded to the new address so that we don't miss any messages. The new addresses are as follows: [officearea11@gmail.com](mailto:officearea11@gmail.com) and [orderlit1@gmail.com](mailto:orderlit1@gmail.com).

We now have the birthday and memorial envelopes in stock. These are complementary (no charge).

**Your Area Office needs you!!!** Now that we are operating on a volunteer basis we need your support. At your district and group meetings please talk about and consider volunteering for your Area Office. The ways you can volunteer besides contributions are adopting a day to volunteer to work. This could be once a month, once every 3 months or once a quarter. Get some buddies and carpool. Some of my best meetings have been in a car with other members. Phone retrieval is another way to volunteer. Consider volunteering your group and pick a day and rotate it between group members each week. That way no one person has to do it every week. Any group or district that would like to be of service please contact me by email [dfleming234@gmail.com](mailto:dfleming234@gmail.com) or by phone 478-290-1424. There are so many people out there in pain and feeling hopeless and when they reach out for help "let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen be there and let it begin with me".

Since moving and no longer having a paid employee the responsibilities of the Office Chair have changed considerably. September is election Assembly and if anyone is considering standing for Office Chair I would be more than glad to talk with you and answer any questions you may have.

It is with much gratitude and appreciation we thank you for all your support.

With love & gratitude in service,  
Debbie F.

## **Area Coordinator Reports**

### **AAPP Report**

The rush of recertifying AMIAS is now over. We currently have 77 willing AMIAS to serve the Alateens in the Georgia Area. Thanks to all of you who give of your time and talent.

Since the assembly passed the motion to pursue the recommendations of the Thought Force to examine and amend the recertification process for AMIAS, the Task Force has been busy working on requirements for recertification and the simplification of permission forms.

By the September Assembly, these processes should be presented for approval after review of the AWSC. The goal has always been the safety of Alateens. Hopefully, the September assembly will be well attended for this important vote.

As always, I want to thank everyone for the support of Alateen. In September, as new officers are being voted into office for the next three year term, prayerfully consider whether the AAPP position is one that may interest you. I can always be reached to answer any questions you may have. All of my contact information is on-line and in the directory.  
In service,

Moni S., AAPP

### **Alateen Report**

Dear Georgia A.F.G,

With my Alateen Coordinator term nearing an end, I want to share with you some of the thoughts and feelings that were shared with me at the Alateen Conference in June. We asked the teens to write about what Alateen meant to them and how they feel if they can't have a meeting. Here is some of what they shared. I will be bringing their messages to AWSC and the September Assembly, but please share them with your groups.

*"I think Alateen is the greatest program ever, and it's helped me to turn my life around so much. By using the Twelve Steps and the Serenity Prayer, it has made a difference in not only my life, but other people's as well. I have improved my conscious contact with God, and made my life happier and not as stressful. Without Alateen, I would've continued to drag my life into a downward spiral, and eventually getting hurt and probably worse. I love Alateen. I love the program, and most of all, I love the connection and unity between the people."*

*"To me, Alateen is the soul of true friendship in my life. I have close friends who I could never tell things I can share with my fellow Alateens. When I cannot have a meeting because I am the only one there, and I have just had a very bad day or a rough interaction with my qualifier, it can really hurt. It can be difficult to get up and go to school the next day.*

*"If you have a child who has lived in a house with alcoholism, please take them to an Alateen meeting. It will make a difference. P.S. My mom got me to my first meeting with ice cream. "*

*"Alateen means a lot to me. It is a place where I feel safe to share my personal experiences. I have made a lot of friends. It is one of the best things that has ever happened to me.*

*When there is no one else at an Alateen meeting, except from me, I feel sad. Not much for me, but to the people whom couldn't make it. They are missing a lot, and maybe when they most need it."*

*"My heart breaks when I think of all the teenagers who are not getting the gifts of the Alateen program.*

*Alateen has changed my life in every possible way. The biggest way is to show me that I am never alone again. I have a Higher Power of my own understanding who loves me and sends me angels in the faces of other Alateen members.*

*How would you feel if no one showed up to your Al-Anon meeting? Or if no one told you about Al-Anon because they thought you were not affected or you have too many activities to go to Al-Anon?"*

*"In a family affected by alcohol, it is said to be a family disease. To heal is a family effort.*

*My biggest issue growing up at the core of my being was not feeling heard. I felt like my words didn't matter. I felt invisible. I didn't feel worthy of love. Being in Alateen was a place where I felt seen and my worth and thoughts were appreciated.*

*I want anyone who has ever felt the pain of a broken family to also feel the love of an Alateen family.*

*I invite you to find ways to give back, because trust me, it'll change someone's life. Someone chose to give back by starting my Alateen meeting and it changed my life. Life happens in a different way for me today and for that, I am forever grateful."*

Humbly in Service,

Elyse G. Alateen Coordinator

### **Archivist's Report**

Happy Summer Everyone! Again I would like to encourage all Group Representatives and District Representatives to send in group/district histories. Only one district has responded to the request of a cover sheet introducing the district. The notebooks will be on display at the new area office after September Assembly. If I can be of service to you or your group please contact me, my information is listed in the current directory. Hope everyone continues to enjoy the lazy days of summer, try to stay cool and will see you in September.

In Service,

Donna M.

### **CPC Report**

I am honored to participate on the Public Outreach Task Force. We are honing the guidelines for the new structure of the Area Public Outreach. It is humbling and challenging to be part of this process and it continues to give me opportunities to expand my life. Interestingly it appears that several of the guidelines the Area will have in place will be innovative additions to service structures in general. I am grateful to be of Service.

Marie N.

CPC Coordinator

## **Institutions Report**

It is hard to believe my term as Institutions Coordinator will be ending in just six months. Time truly flies. The recommendation from the Thought Force for Public Outreach was accepted at the May Assembly, so we can all look forward to a new organizational strategy for AI-anon Outreach in the next 3 years come January 2013.

In starting my research to continue setting up a data base for institutions in Georgia I was very fortunate, along with the rest of the Thought Force to get some wonderful information from a former Coordinator, Barbara A. from District 15. She shared with us a link to a search engine for drug and alcohol related agencies all over Georgia. This link is very user friendly. You can search by city or by zip code. It lists facilities and programs along with their addresses, websites and phone numbers. I would like to share the link with you in hopes that you will use it at the local level for outreach:

<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/addressSearch.jspx?state=GA>

Finally, I want to ask individuals, groups, and districts who are willing to participate in an outreach project involving Murphy Harpst in Cedartown, Georgia. Murphy Harpst is an independent, not-for-profit residential treatment center. Murphy Harpst's residents are some of Georgia's most viciously abused children. This institution works to help children and teens re-engage with society so they can lead healthy, productive lives. Their services are offered regardless of the sex, race, color, or creed of the children. District 17 is initiating this project and will be providing a donation of pamphlets and literature both for the residents' library and for a community service program that Murphy Harpst offers to the local community. We would like to be able to provide a donation of either *How AI-anon Works* or *Alateen-A Day at a Time* to each of the approximately 60 teen residents at Murphy Harpst. If you are interested in donating to this project, please send your literature or monetary donations to 1203 Primrose Lane, Woodstock, GA 30189. Checks should be made out to District 17 AFG and should be designated for the Murphy Harpst Project. Your donations will be gratefully appreciated. Having an awareness of AI-anon and Alateen should make it easier for residents to find us when they leave to re-engage with society.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M.

Institutions Coordinator

## **Newsletter Coordinator's Report**

Happy Reading GA AI-Anons! Since our terms of service will be up in September, I would be more than happy to share my ESH with anyone who think they might have an interest in this job! It's been loads of FUN and I've learned a lot about myself and Microsoft Publisher (gaining another skill that can be used in my work life—a bonus!) My journey with service as truly proven to me that AI-Anon's 3 tenants are equally as important...Steps, Traditions and Concepts **OF SERVICE**.

In service,

Beth B.

Newsletter Coordinator



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

*The Central Services of Georgia Office (Area Office) has moved. The new address is:*

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS)  
2713 Sheraton Drive Ste. B-120  
Macon, GA 31204  
Toll free: (855-254-3414)  
478-254-3414

**There are new email addresses also.**

For general business:

[officearea11@gmail.com](mailto:officearea11@gmail.com)

For literature:

[orderlit1@gmail.com](mailto:orderlit1@gmail.com)

**When your group or District is having an event, please send a flyer to**

[webmaster@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:webmaster@ga-al-anon.org). Flyers should be sent in the following formats: .doc, .ppt, or .pdf. Your event will be posted to the website as soon as received. They can be seen on the Area Events page.

Thank you for your support.

Yours in service,

David B

Website Coordinator

<p>~~~~~</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p><b>Just for today</b> I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.</p> <p><b>Just for today</b> I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."</p> <p><b>Just for today</b> I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>~~~~~</p>
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## **DISTRICT REPORTS—AREA 11**

### **District One**

District 1: As I am writing this, I am still high on the picnic we had in April. District 1 put into place the three F's, fun, food and fellowship. And HP provided us with a beautiful day and a beautiful setting. Our GR's and our groups all work together to pull this picnic together and I am grateful that I have had the support I have got from all of the people in this District. Back to the picnic, several people were there from other Districts and their comments were very favorable. Vickie, our Delegate, Cathy O., our Alternate Delegate were there.

Our Al-Anon speaker was our Trustee at Large, Char, she had a very powerful story. I could not believe she said yes. We had a lot of AA participation with Steve S., from Jasper speaking. We also had some AA guys to sing for us and the name of the group was the "Booze Brothers ". District 1 voted, before the picnic that any money we received would be used for Public Outreach. We plan to buy several "How Al-Anon Works" and drop them off at jails, libraries, treatment centers, and women's abuse centers.

We hope to reach more people who need Al-Anon, to step up our Public Outreach a couple of notches. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way; monetary or otherwise towards our effort. To me, this picnic is our way of celebrating our recovery and we know how to celebrate. We are planning a Workshop for November the 3rd on "Traditions in the Home". Cathy O., our Alternate Delegate, will be speaking at this event. So, mark your calendars. Also there is a flyer in this edition of the Newsletter. And of course we are still carrying the message.

Diane P. District 1 DR

### **District Four**

Recovery Rocks AFG in Macon is celebrating our seventh anniversary this year! Come help us celebrate.

WHEN: Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m.

WHAT: Terry J. of Milledgeville will tell her story

WHERE: Northminster Presbyterian Church, Room 108, 565 Wimbish Rd., Macon, GA 31210

QUESTIONS: Please call Sulata at (478) 741 0013 or Cheryl K. at (478) 731 2635.

Please pass this message along to everyone in your groups. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

Cheryl K. District 4 DR

## District Eleven

One of our oldest groups in the district was really struggling with attendance. We are very happy to report that this group, "What About Me" that meets on Thursday nights is alive and well and a very vibrant group currently. When it was mentioned that this group may have to become inactive for awhile, willing servants came forward and it is once again averaging 7-12 each Thursday. This group loves welcoming new faces!

We now have several groups that are having open speaker meetings on the fifth Tuesday and Saturday of the month. These meetings are being well attended. A lot of experience, strength, and hope is being felt in these meetings.

Our District is planning a workshop on July 28 from 10:30a.m.-1:30P.M. to be held at our Under the Bridge Location. This workshop will be Alcoholism and Relationships with our topic being Detachment with Love (Letting Go) and if we have enough time we will also include Choosing Happiness (Working the Program). This is a guideline for workshops using Discovering Choices (B-30). This will be a covered dish event and we are looking forward to much recovery happening at this event. We will have a flyer soon. Be looking out for it and please try to come and enjoy this fellowship with us.

We have had two willing servants to start the process for becoming Alateen sponsors. We are very excited about the possibility of this group becoming active again in District 11. Several other willing servants have shown interest in helping with Alateen as well in our district. We are hoping and praying by the next newsletter that Alateen will be up and running in District 11. Pray for us!

In a cooperative effort, some AA and Al-Anon faithful members cooperated with The Hale Foundation, a living sober community, in recognition of Jeff Stafford Day on June 16, 2012. In this effort, all monies contributed went toward the Hale Foundation working in our community, as well as helping Jeff, who is a longtime Al-Anon supporter, with his recovery process during cancer treatment. This was a wonderful day of fun and fellowship.

As a district, we are most grateful for all of our willing servants who help share the Al-Anon message.

In Service,

Pam P.

District 11 DR

## District Thirteen

Embry Hills Pathfinders AFG would like to spread the word about our childcare service that we have available during our meetings. We meet Tuesday's at 10:30 a.m.

The address is:

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2601 Henderson Mill Rd., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30345

## District Seventeen

District 17 has continued to grow and enjoy service as part of the Al-anon Family Groups the past few months. Our new meeting in Canton has submitted paperwork to become official. This group is called Downtown Canton Step Study AFG. They meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 at Studio 121, 121 Brown Street, Canton, Georgia. Their location is handicapped accessible and AA meets at the same time at the studio. We are excited to have a new group in our district!

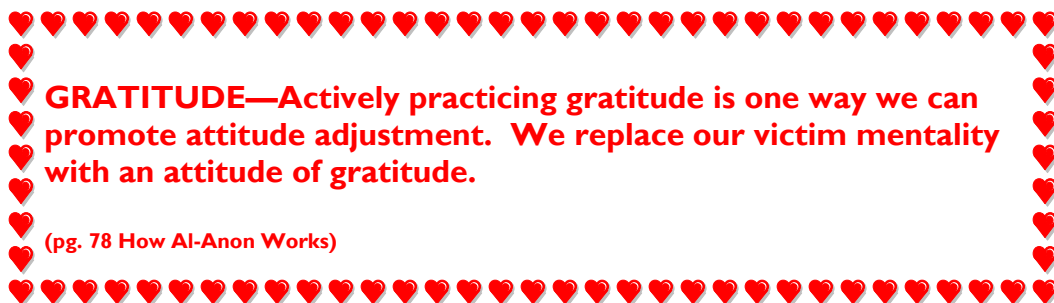
We had our district workshop back in June. The workshop theme was Summer Bummer Busters—H.O.W. to Have Fun. Deborah N. did a great job of chairing the planning committee for the workshop and everyone who attended the event at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Rome had a great time! We are grateful to all who helped out and participated in the workshop.

District 17 has continued to do outreach to the local jail in Cherokee County and several local agencies in Floyd, Bartow, and Cherokee Counties. In addition we are initiating a project to help provide literature to a local institution in Polk County for teens from troubled homes.

The Canton AFG group has tackled learning how to use KBDM in their group conscience meetings. KBDM has been working out well for us at the district level.

We are sad to say that one of our Group Representatives has broken her hip and had a stroke recently. Please join us in prayers for Jeanette B from New Life AFG in Cartersville and also for continued prayers for one of our former DRs, Bonnie R, who still is dealing with cancer. Respectfully submitted,

Anne M.  
Alternate DR District 17



## **District Eighteen**

District 18 had a great day of recovery on May 5 with our District workshop - Mountain Miracles. We had record attendance again this year. Thank you to Susan D and Becky T for leading workshops and to Beth B from District 19 for sharing your story with us!

In Service, Kari M.

District 18 DR

## **District Twenty-One**

We are pleased to announce that our SECOND Alateen Meeting is now up and running on Mondays at 8:00 pm at Ridgeview on South Cobb Drive in Smyrna. Please invite any teenagers to come and join this new opportunity of recovery sponsored by New View AFG. Chuck A. is our District 21 Alateen Coordinator and he will be working with this new group and our Together We Can Make It Alateen group on Mondays at 8:00 at Covenant Presbyterian in Marietta. District 21 is very grateful to our Higher Power and all members in service who have made this wonderful addition a reality. Now we have an option for our young people on the south and west side of Cobb County who been affected by someone else's drinking.

The Blueprint For Progress Meeting is offering childcare to families. Childcare is available for One year olds up to five-year olds for \$2 per child and a maximum of \$5 per family. Please see the flyer on the website and here in the Newsletter. We now have one daytime meeting and one evening meeting with childcare in District 21. The evening meeting is at Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday nights.

Sherry A. stood to fill for our vacant Public Outreach position and is researching the possible Step 12 options in our area. The Group Conscience requested that she focus on libraries, courts and health care professionals. As a part of our District Inventory we will continue to work together to strengthen our attraction not promotion and encourage all groups to become more involved in service to carry the message.

Our District Newcomer's Coordinator, Michelle G. reported that the Newcomers group is fully self-supporting now. Much thanks goes to Market Square AFG for their years of service to supplement this outreach opportunity.

Terri S. our District Anniversary chair is spending the summer preparing all the exciting details of our District Anniversary Celebration that will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Tillman United Methodist Church in Smyrna from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Save the date for lots of experience, strength and hope.

Looking forward to AWSC in August!

In service,

Barbara D.

District 21DR



# Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Area Assembly September 15-16, 2012

**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 relationships 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 – January 21, 2012

11:00AM Registration Opens – Host: Districts) 21

Literature Opens

12:00PM – 5:00PM Business Meeting – Part I (Business)

5:15PM – 6:15PM Al-Anon Discussion Meeting

Alateen Discussion Meeting

Alateen Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop

8:00PM Al-Anon Speaker Meeting—Speaker Jeff G.

Pallet 1

Peach Room

Monet Room

Renoir Room

Pecan Room

Degas Room

Monet Room

## Sunday – January 22, 2012

8:00AM Registration – Host: District's) 21

Literature

9:00AM – 1:00PM Business Meeting – Part II (Elections)

Pallet 1

Peach Room

Monet Room

## Reminders

1. Sign-in Sheets: **DRs, deliver sign-in sheets to Alternate Delegate (Cathy O'.) by noon Saturday and by 9:00AM Sunday.**

2. Contributions: Provide contributions to Treasurer (Renelle M.) by 9:00AM or during breaks.

3. Check-out time: All hotel check-out times are **11:00AM.**

4. Meeting Times: Meeting end time is approximate. Please plan to stay until the meeting is adjourned. There will be periodic breaks throughout the meetings.

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**Meeting and Hotel Facilities Information**  
**Central Georgia Convention Center 175, Exit 186**  
**480 Holiday Circle, Forsyth, GA 31029**  
**<http://centralgeorgiaconventioncenter.com/>**  
**Hotel Reservations: 478-994-5691**  
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# Harmony and Unity:

## One Journey, Many Voices

**Saturday, October 13th**  
**11:00 – 3:00**

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2881 Canton Road, Marietta, GA 30066

*Bring your favorite covered dish to share!*

**Fun, Food and Fellowship**

Speaker: Cathy O.,

Alternate Delegate



**WORKSHOP ON ALCOHOLICS AND  
RELATIONSHIPS  
JULY 28, 2012  
10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
UNDER THE BRIDGE  
RIVERSIDE BLVD.  
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC 29841**

**TOPIC: DETACHMENT WITH LOVE (LETTING GO)**

**There will be a raffle and food to follow**





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## AREA CONVENTION CHAIR

The Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen (with AA participation) Convention 2012 will be held on August 10 – 12, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1325 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA 30344. The theme is “Al-Anon’s Gifts That Transform our Lives”. There will be a Spanish speaking workshop on that Saturday. The speakers will be:

Michelle B. – Dingman Ferry, Pennsylvania – Al-Anon  
Rosie M. – Humble, Texas – Al-Anon  
Craig M. – Lincoln, Nebraska – Al-Anon  
Kayleigh L. – Dunwoody, Georgia – Alateen  
Bobbie C. – Tallahassee, Florida – AA

For further information, inquiries may be made to: [Dorothy.an@hotmail.com](mailto:Dorothy.an@hotmail.com) or H 770-969-2234, or C 678-634-2515. The registration forms, both in English and Spanish, may be found on [ga-al-anon.org](http://ga-al-anon.org), “area events”.

Thank you,  
Lois B  
Co-Chair for the 2012 GA Al-Anon/Alateen Convention

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## AL-ANON DECLARATION

### LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,  
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen  
always be there, and - ***Let It Begin With Me!***



**Come Celebrate with Us!**

October 01, 2012

**Dalton Fellowship AFG**

**47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**District 1**


St Marks Episcopal Church  
901 West Emery Street  
Dalton Georgia 30720

**7pm-9pm ~ Fellowship, Dinner & Speaker**  
**Speaker: Cynthia S.**

Dinner will be potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Contact: Kathy W @ [kathywhite@comcast.net](mailto:kathywhite@comcast.net) 706-217-5953





# TRADITIONS IN THE HOME

November 03, 2012

## District 1 Workshop

Cherry Log Christian Church  
1149 Cherry Log Street  
Cherry Log, Georgia 30522

(Between Ellijay & Blue Ridge off Hwy 515 between mile markers 19 & 20)

10am-2pm

Workshop, Lunch and Speaker

Speaker: Cathy O., GA Alternate Delegate

Lunch will be potluck  
Please bring a dish to share.

Contact: Diane P @ [laceyloo@ellijay.com](mailto:laceyloo@ellijay.com)  
706-669-7020

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# Tools @ 16<sup>th</sup> Street Needs You!

Please support our new and growing meeting.

## Midtown Midday Meeting

Conveniently located near the MARTA Arts Center Station  
directly across from the High Museum.

## Tools @ 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00PM

First Presbyterian Church, room 332

1328 Peachtree St. NE @ 16<sup>th</sup> Street

**FREE PARKING!**

Each week we discuss a different Al-Anon Tool:

Step

Slogan or Sponsorship

Tradition

Conference-Approved Literature

Concept (when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month)

Enter on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. One block east of MARTA Arts Center Station.

FREE PARKING available in the LAZ parking deck located directly across  
Peachtree St. from the church. Ask for a parking voucher at the church  
security desk.

For more information please visit:

[www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org); [www.ga-al-anon.org](http://www.ga-al-anon.org); or call 404-687-0467.





# **Celebrating Worldwide Unity**

**Al-Anon Family Groups**

## **Save the Date!**

**2013 Al-Anon  
International Convention**

**July 5-7, 2013**

**Vancouver, British Columbia,  
Canada**

Registration and housing information will be available  
In the fall of 2012.

Please note: There is a possibility that the World Service  
Office will hold a Day of Service in Vancouver on July 4th  
before the Convention begins on the 5th.