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WELCOME PANEL 49

A complete contact list of our new panel 49 members will be available soon. Contact information is not placed in the on-line issues of the Sunshiner. Please see the list (below) of our new Officers and Coordinators and their District numbers.

Panel 49 Officers

Delegate.....Linda S. (170)
 Alt. Delegate..... Juliette L. (159)
 Chairperson.....Jennifer D. (180)
 Secretary.....Kathy D. (140)
 Treasurer.....Shirley W. (159)

Panel 49 Coordinators

Alateen.....Kris A. (200)
 Archives.....Rachael C. (200)
 Group Records.....Betsy R. (189)
 Literature.....Dorothy C. (150)
 Newsletter.....Cheryl A. (169)
 Public Outreach.....Sean E. (190)
 Spanish.....Sonia P. (169)
 Web.....Mary J. (189)

Panel 49 AISLs, DRs, & Alternates

List not yet available.

STEPPING INTO PARADISE 20th Annual FL South Convention

Attention DRs

The 12 Committees for the 12 Districts

1. Alateen
2. AI-Anon Program
3. Boutique
4. Decorations
5. Entertainment
6. Hospitality
7. Literature
8. Printing and Publicity
9. Raffle
10. Registration
11. Security & Information
12. Spanish

DRs have been given a sheet that shows which Convention Committee their District is responsible for. Please provide me with the contact information for your Chair & Co-Chairs. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning in Jan.

Kathy D.
 2009 Convention Chair
 Paradise2009@comcast.net

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Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS - 2009

Jan 30 - Feb 1 SERENITY WEEKEND

Morning Star Renewal Center

7275 SW 124 Street

Miami, FL 33156-5324

A weekend study of Al-Anon's 12 Steps

Call Isabel (305) or Mickey (561)

Feb. 6-8 DELEGATES GET TOGETHER

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Feb. 28-29 AWSC MEETING

Clewiston Inn

108 Royal Palm Avenue

Clewiston, Florida

April 4 or 5 ABUNDANCE WORKSHOP

Location to be announced in North Miami District 190. Panels & breakout sessions plus Ric B. (Executive Director) as Keynote Speaker. Registration opens after 1/1/09....Group donations welcome after 1/1/09. For registration information, call Carol, Rachael or call Suzie to help.

April 19-24 WS CONFERENCE

Virginia Beach, VA

May 29-31 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Holiday Inn, Sunrise, Florida

August 7-9 AWSC MEETING

To be announced

August 21-23 20th ANNUAL AFG CON-

VENTION "Stepping Into Paradise"

Hilton Palm Beach Airport, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

561-684-9400 or 800-445-8667.

Room rate \$99 (Single or Double Occupancy) Valet parking \$10 overnight.

Registration \$25 (until 12/31/08) See Registration flyers for further information.

October 23-25 FALL ASSEMBLY

Holiday Inn, Sunrise, FL

Florida South, Area 10 Map



Southeast Region

Alabama
Bermuda
Florida North
Florida South
Georgia
Kentucky
Mississippi
North Carolina
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR AREA

2010 July 4th weekend

San Antonio, TX

AA International Convention: with Al-Anon participation

2013

International Al-Anon Convention Vancouver, British Columbia

STEP 12/ TRADITION 12/ CONCEPT 12

The Three Twelve's Service, Love & Spirituality.

[Service] Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

My spiritual awakening was a combination of small attitude-changing awakenings throughout the Steps. As I began to change, I was also given a strong desire to share this message with others. Having the desire didn't mean that I necessarily had the ability to do that yet. Step 12 says "tried" and in the beginning I tried too hard. I promoted Al-Anon more than simply being an example that would attract people to our program. I needed more than willingness & desire to carry my spiritual awakening to others. I needed to learn how to be a living example of the message I wanted to carry. Moving on to the Traditions gave me better tools for practicing these principles in all my affairs.

[Love] Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.

To me Anonymity is about unconditional love. It is the ability to be humble and to be on equal ground with every other human being. Power and Prestige are non-existent in anonymity. The only power is the Higher

Power that I have guiding me. Anonymity is an expression of true Humility & Love. How do I keep learning to practice these principles in my life so that I can carry this message of love to others? Moving on to the Concepts gave me the tools to practice Anonymity in my life.

[Spirituality] Concept 12: The spiritual foundation for Al-Anon's world services is contained in the General Warranties of the Conference, Article 12 of the Charter.

The Warranties express the wisdom learned from past mistakes and protect us against those same errors and the natural human temptations of wealth, prestige, and power. The Warranties give us guidelines to handle these five main temptations that could become obstacles to living a spiritual life:

1. Money
2. Authority
3. Decisions
4. Discipline
5. Governing

I have found that the suggested guidelines in the Five Warranties are the ultimate expression of unconditional love. By working all three legacies, I believe I am becoming better able to carry this message to others, as the 12th Step suggests.

Mary W—District 200

36 Principles found in the Steps, Traditions & Concepts

12 STEPS	12 TRADITIONS	12 CONCEPTS
1. HONESTY	1. UNITY	1. RESPONSIBILITY
2. HOPE	2. AUTHORITY	2. ACCOUNTABILITY
3. FAITH	3. COMMUNITY	3. TRUST
4. COURAGE	4. FLEXIBILITY	4. BELONGING
5. INTEGRITY	5. PURPOSE	5. CONSIDERATION
6. WILLINGNESS	6. COOPERATION	6. REALISM
7. HUMILITY	7. SELF-SUPPORTING	7. BALANCE
8. JUSTICE	8. EQUALITY	8. CONSISTENCY
9. DISCIPLINE	9. COMPLIANCE	9. VISION
10. PERSISTENCE	10. INCLUSIVENESS	10. CLARITY
11. AWARENESS	11. ATTRACTION	11. RESPECT
12. SERVICE	12. LOVE	12. SPIRITUALITY

"I Love You"
Period!

Unconditional Love
Has no If or Buts

Ask-It-Basket

Question #1:

1.) Is it okay for any Al-Anon/Alateen Group, District or Area to pay for a member's professional certification with the stipulation that the member agrees to be available to provide these professional services to our Fellowship when needed?

Answer #1 Our 6th tradition states in part "Our Family Groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise." In keeping with this tradition I believe we should not contribute to the certification or licensing of any profession with the hopes that that profession would be available to us at a later date. An example might be a notary's license fee, because we need to have forms notarized for Alateen activities.

D.B. District 150

Answer #1 I have found no exact quote in our literature that says we cannot pay for someone's professional certification but there are a few pointers throughout the Service Manual that lead me to believe that this is not done. References:

The 2006-09 Service Manual has the following guidelines:

- 1.) Page 40: The group does not provide financial aid to members in need.
- 2.) Page 88: Group funds are used for group purposes only, not for personal gifts to members. Contributions to any outside agency, activity, or program are not to be made from group funds, which are to be used for Al-Anon purposes only
- 3.) Tradition 8: Al-Anon Twelfth-Step work should remain forever

nonprofessional but our service centers may employ special workers.

Our fellowship can hire professionals for events when needed such as: cooks, lifeguards, nurses, and DJs . We always pay a fair wage for these services. These jobs are filled by people who are already professionals. We do not pay them to become certified professionals as this would break Tradition 8. Also see page 90 in the 2006-09 Service Manual (Employees in Al-Anon Services)

There are NO professional positions available for 12th Step work. Twelfth Step work is forever non-professional. In our program, there is a big difference between 12th Step work and Professional work. Paying someone to become a certified professional so that they are obligated to serve us is wrong according to Traditions 7 and 8.

- anonymous -

Question #2:

Would the right of Group autonomy, District autonomy, or Area autonomy override the suggested guidelines of our Traditions in this matter (paying for a professional's certification)?

Answer #2 :

Tradition 4 - Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole.

Check page 90 in the 2006-09 Service Manual (Autonomy of Groups). It is my understanding that this particular matter would hurt Al-Anon as a whole.

If my group paid for a member's professional certification this would go against Tradition 7 and 8, which stresses the necessity of separation of 12 Step service work from professional work. Our program and our personal recovery depends on our 12th Step work. Paying someone to become a professional that would then owe us service, would reinforce the idea that saving money is more important than supporting our spiritual principles. These behaviors would harm our Al-Anon ideals as a whole.

We do have a few rules in Al-Anon however, most of our guidelines are only suggestions. With suggestions, we are free to try things differently. Before making important decisions though it is always wise to check our motives and to remember that we have a moral obligation to follow Al-Anon's Traditions—to be Obedient to the Unenforceable. When our motive for an action is based solely on monetary gain, then we may have lost our spiritual aim. We have a choice to be obedient to the Traditions or a choice to try something different. The choice is always ours, as long as it doesn't affect us negatively as a whole.

- anonymous -

Sometimes the best
Question
is the one I don't have an
answer for.



That way I get to
look it up!

Coordinator Summary

Literature Coordinator—Judy N.

Al-Anon's newest piece of literature is called Discovering Choices. It deals with our recovery in relationships and sells for \$16.00 plus tax.

Our Al-Anon, Alateen Service Manual is a very special piece of literature. Anyone in service should have a copy of this very important tool. Every group receives a copy usually through their GR. However, that copy is the group's to keep within the group's meeting room. Therefore, I am strongly recommending that each GR, DR, Coordinator & Officer have their own copy. The price is \$4.25 plus tax.

I received permission for a one-time reprint of an essay on "Leadership" written by Bill W. for a 1959 issue of the AA, Grapevine and attached it to my report for this Election Assembly. This essay is found on page 186 under Concept 9 in the Al-Anon, Alateen Service Manual reference 2006-2009 edition.

CONFLICT

I have learned that conflict is not bad. When conflict keeps coming up it is usually because I need to learn how to deal with it in a peaceful way.



I attend meetings
for Serenity but
my growth comes
from Service!



Seven Qualities of Leadership

Vision

Responsibility

Tolerance

Stability

Flexibility

Good Judgment

Enthusiasm

NOVEMBER WAS FLORIDA SOUTH AREA 10's SPONSORSHIP MONTH

1. Did you remember to thank your sponsor for the help he/she has given you?
2. Did you ask someone to be your sponsor?
3. Do you have a service sponsor?
4. Can you be a service sponsor?
5. What CAL can you read to learn more about sponsorship?

Please send your shares for the next issue of the Sunshiner to
Cheryl:
Sunshiner49@att.net

Good Shares Include:

Humility

Acceptance

Action

Love

Invitation to Members to Serve on the Literature Committee

The WSO Executive Committee last month approved a request for a trial structure for the Literature Committee. Instead of five at-large members who needed to live within 300 miles of Virginia Beach, the trial structure will include five members who reside throughout the U.S. and Canada, but not in Areas where there are already Delegates on the Committee.

The intent of the trial structure is to draw input from a wider cross section of the fellowship. By conducting Committee business via conference calls, e-mail, and the Internet, more people will have an opportunity to participate. At-large members will no longer need to travel to Virginia Beach for quarterly meetings. Delegate members will be able to communicate with the rest of the Committee on a regular basis.

As soon as possible, we need your help to attract candidates who have been active in Al-Anon continuously for at least the past five years, and who are not also members of A. A. Please invite members to apply who are energetic, dependable, and adept at using e-mail and the Internet.

Committee terms run from the first of May until the end of April each year. Resume forms are available on the file exchange under Conference Mailing; click Forms across from Sub-Folder Files; then click Resumes doc, dated Jul 05, 2006. Ask applicants to check the eligibility requirements on the form and to limit their information to the first page of the resume/application.

Committee work involves discussing ways to encourage the use of existing literature among members, evaluating suggestions from the membership for new literature or changes to existing material, and providing guidance in the development of pieces given conceptual approval by the World Service Conference. Its reviews are to determine whether or not a piece meets CAL criteria—that it is "identifiably Al-Anon in content, responsive to identified needs, factually accurate, timely, and understandable by a broad based reading audience." The value of the Committee members is not based on their awareness of the correct use of the English language, but on their knowledge of the Al-Anon program. A copy editor will proof manuscripts for any grammar, spelling, or punctuation problems after the Literature Committee's approval.

MOTION SUMMARY

FL S. Area 10 Assembly

June 13-15, 2008

Fort Myers, Florida

Motion #1-motion withdrawn I move that the Fall Assembly be on the east coast in Boca Raton (we will find a cost effective hotel with an appropriate meeting room).

Motion #2-motion passed To approve minutes as corrected

Motion #3-motion passed I move that we allocate a line for interest income on the Treasurer's Report & that the interest earned stays in the reserve interest-bearing account.

Motion #4-motion passed To approve Treasurer's Report

Motion #5-motion did not pass I move to leave our interest income in the interest-bearing reserve account until the end of each panel, then move it to the operating budget for the next panel.

Motion #6-motion did not pass I move that section IV E be changed to all outgoing representatives vote on paper ballots.

Motion #7-motion did not pass I move that each candidate will be asked to make a brief statement prior to the voting procedure.

Motion #8-motion did not pass I move that Section VII/ A Sentence 2 read: Anyone who puts their name in the box has served at the Assembly level for a full 3 year term in FL S. by the end of the panel.

Motion #9-motion did not pass I move that all coordinators (Public Outreach, Alateen, Newsletter, Literature, Archives, Group Records, Webmaster & Spanish) should be elected by majority vote.

Motion #10-motion passed I move that the Election Procedures be accepted as presented.

Motion #11-motion did not pass I move that the "Our Father" be re-instated as the closing at the FL S. Area assemblies.

Motion #12-motion passed I move that we pass a basket now to collect money to be used for the Alateen Conference. These funds will be used for scholarships for Alateens & Alateen Sponsors who have financial hardships. Any remaining funds will go towards next years Alateen Conference.

BITS OF INFORMATION

A NOTE FROM OUR DELEGATE Service Manual Changes

Hi Everyone,
I talked about the changes to the Service Manual at the AWSC meeting and that the pages were now on the web-site. If you go to http://alanon.org/members/pdf/p2427/P24_changes.pdf you can print out the corrected pages so you can insert them in your Service Manual.

There are 10 pages, first one is the instructions and the rest go into the Manual. You will have to do some trimming so they will fit.

Please pass along the information to the GRs so they will be able to update their Manuals.

Love and Hugs,
Georgia

Members Website

www.al-anon.alateen.org/members

*password ... type in the name of
your group & then
follow that with the letters ____?
(ask your DR)*

Alateen Conference

There will be no Alateen Conference in 2009 unless a chairperson is found and ratified by the Area Assembly in May 2009.

Is anyone willing & able?

- REQUEST -

Area Web Coordinator has asked that one person **ONLY** in each District be assigned to send the District's information to the Area website.

When more than one person in the District sends information there are sometimes conflicting information and the Webmaster doesn't know which to use.

Send Information to:
Webcoordinator49FS@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

This address will remain the same
for Panel 49

Send Area checks to:
Al-Anon Family Groups FL So. (area 10)
or use the abbreviated version:

AFG FL South (area 10)
P.O. BOX 112256
NAPLES, FLORIDA 34108

Write Group ID # on check

When your Worry is too
Big

Reliance on your HP is too Small!

DELEGATE'S REPORT
FALL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 10-12, 2008
FLORIDA SOUTH AREA 10

TO ALL FLORIDA SOUTH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS,

As I sit down and write my final report to the Assembly members, there are so many emotions going through my head. First I was relieved that I wouldn't have to do this again and then I was a little sad that Panel 46 is coming to a close. We all know that rotation of service in Al-Anon gives all of us the chance to continue learning about this wonderful program. I want someone else to experience the Joys of Service that I have been able to experience.

We welcome Panel 49 to the Fall Election Assembly. If this is your first Assembly, you are in for an exciting journey and you will learn along the way just like we have. You have a big responsibility ahead of you later on in the day, and that is electing the incoming Panel 49 Officers. Just remember to rely on your Higher Power and it will all work out the way it is supposed to.

As you know, I attended the forty-eighth annual World Service Conference in April. At Conference we have a few rules that we go by and since they are similar to what we do in Florida South, I am going to show them to you again.

Now that we have that out of the way, here is the latest information.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TRUSTEE:

At the Spring Assembly I was so thrilled to announce that we had a Southeast Regional Trustee. Vickie L. had been elected at the April Conference. Due to medical reasons and career changes, Vickie had to resign after the International Convention.

I have contacted Mary Ann R. and the rest of the Southeast Regional Delegates with Florida South's concerns on this issue. I will have an update after the October Board Meeting and will forward that information to the World Service Panel.

SERVICE MANUAL:

The *Policy Digest* section of the **2006-2009 Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual** has been updated in all three languages to include the motions passed at the 2008 WSC. The updates, located on the members' web site, are formatted so that the pages with changes can be downloaded, printed and inserted on the appropriate page in the **Service Manual**.

KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING:

This format of conducting business at the World Service Conference was reintroduced at my first Conference. It is somewhat different than what we were used to in using 'Robert's Rules of Order.' KBDM has worked very well at the Conference and is filtering down to the Areas and Districts. Let's take a look at how it works.

EXCESS BEQUEST FUNDS:

At the 2008 Conference there was a motion to change the way WSO receives bequests.

Members may give more than the ten percent; however, the portion of the bequest above ten percent will be reported separately on the financial statements. The World Service Conference will authorize the use of these excess amounts and the authorized expenditures will be administered by the Board of Trustees. These excess amounts are not available for general purposes, unless further authorized by the Conference.

The World Service Office would like the process for managing the excess bequest funds. If you have any thoughts on this issue, please send them to me so I can relate them to the World Service Office by December 15, 2008.

APPEAL LETTER:

Some of you may have noticed a new look to our appeal letters. Frank R. is our new Treasurer at the World Service Office. He is encouraging the groups to read the letters in their meetings.

CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS:

There were four chosen agenda sessions at the Conference this year.

- 1) Creating and maintaining healthy groups focused on our spiritual principles and free from program dilution.
- 2) Are we adequately preparing our future trusted servants for their positions?
- 3) How can the Al-Anon/Alateen message reach families of active A.A. members and attract those family members to our Al-Anon/Alateen meetings?
- 4) The Future of chosen Agenda Items.

These are sessions that affect Al-Anon as a whole with no definite answers. We had some lively discussions and could take what we liked and leave the rest.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

“PITTSBURGH WAS GREAT IN 2008” We had around forty members from Florida South attend the International Convention in Pittsburgh on July 4th weekend 2008. Some of us were crazy enough to dress up in wacky costumes and take part in the opening parade. Whenever you get a bunch of Al-Anon members together there is fun, food and fellowship. The next International is in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2013. Some have already started to save their change for this trip. There is also an Alaskan cruise in the works.

Before that takes place the A.A. International Convention will be in San Antonio, Texas, July 4th weekend, 2010. More information will follow on these two events.

We will be electing an incoming Delegate today, who will attend the 2009 World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The theme will be *Embrace Our Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future*.

This Panel has moved forward with *Confidence, Collaboration and Clarity* while using *Shared Leadership*. We have waded through our tax issues after our Incorporation was completed. I think we all have more clarity on the tax issues now. We have gained more confidence in our positions and were able to use shared leadership.

Then we used our *New Thinking and New Energy* to find ways to use our *Abundant Resources* in all of our Public Outreach projects. We have used the *Crying* bookmark on a billboard, we have posters in buses in three different languages, English, Spanish and Creole and we have bustail ads on many buses in the Florida South Area.

We celebrated fifty-five years of Al-Anon and fifty years of Alateen with various celebrations around the world. It truly is a worldwide fellowship.

Now we are *Building Bridges---Energizing Our Spiritual Quest*. Wow!!!! What a journey this three years has been. I will be forever grateful to the Assembly members for having faith in me to serve as your Area Delegate. It has been an honor and a joy to represent Florida South.

Panel 46, you have done an awesome job and have achieved many accomplishments. Thank you for letting me be a part of it. I love you all.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Love and Hugs to All,

Georgia C
Florida South Delegate
Panel 46

Delegate46fls@aol.com

**DELEGATE'S REPORT
FLORIDA SOUTH TURNOVER WORLD SERVICE MEETING
CLEWISTON, FLORIDA**

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

To all Panel 46 and 49 Members,

WOW!!! The Assembly was so exciting; to see so many members stand for positions was heart warming. To be able to finish our business and wrap up our Adhoc committee's recommendations from Panel 46 was awesome. We had shared leadership throughout the weekend with out Power Point presentations and the Coordinator's reports. This has been a great panel to work with. All I had to do was ask, and the help was there. I didn't think I was going to do a report today but I received some new information this week from the World Service Office.

REGIONAL SERVICE SEMINAR'S:

The Task Force that is developing an action plan to create an innovative RSS by the year 2009 is working diligently to present this plan to Conference members at the 2009 World Service Conference.

ADMISSIONS HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:

The Board approved a motion from the Admissions/Handbook Task fore to move the admissions process for the World Service Conference to the Conference Leadership Team for a three-year trial period.

There will be an ongoing conversation at the Conference on the dividing or consolidation of Areas. The big question for them to discuss is "How can we use the resources and technology we have to better serve the Areas through the links of service, to grow the fellowship and address its diversity?"

CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS:

There has been some discussion whether we want to continue the Chosen Agenda sessions at the Conference. After the annual Board meeting, the Delegate's received a letter from the Chairman of the Board with a question for us to answer when our Trustee contact calls us. This is the question I will answer this time. "What is the value of the current Chosen Agenda Items process to the AI-Anon fellowship worldwide?"

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TRUSTEE:

We have been waiting on a response from the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee regarding the vacancy of the Southeast Regional Trustee position.

- The Board of Trustees will consider a potential appointment for the last (3rd) year of the current term for the Southeast Region.
- The review and selection process will not follow the trial Regional Trustee process due to the lack of time.
- We, as part of the Southeast Regional Committee on Trustees, will not participate in scoring submitted resumes.
- There will not be an additional question from the Board of Trustees for the candidates to answer.
- The deadline for resumes to be submitted to World Service Office (or postmarked) is March 1, 2009.

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MOTION SUMMERY
Florida South AWSC Meeting
Aug. 29-31, 2008
Bonita Springs, Florida

Motion #1-motion passed

To adopt the minutes as amended

Motion #2-motion passed

To accept the Treasurer's report as amended.

Motion #3- amended motion passed

I move that under Officer Expenses that we separate out the Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate expenses line items. \$1,500 Delegate and \$500 Immediate Past Delegate.

Motion was amended-I move that under Officer Expenses that we separate out the Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate expenses line items. \$1, 500 Delegate and \$500 Immediate Past Delegate for the first year of the panel

Motion #4-amend motion passed

I move that a line item be added under expenses for seed money and or expense for the Area Service Seminar.

Motion was amended-I move that a line item be added under expenses for the Area Service Seminar and the amount be \$350.

Motion #5 motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that we accept the 2008 budget as amended.

Motion #6-amended motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that FL S. Area 10 pays the expenses for our Panel 49 chairperson to attend the SERSS in the amount of up to \$600 and re-address this issue for Panel 52 if need be.

Motion was amended by originator and individual who seconded the motion to read—I move that FL S. Area 10 pays the expenses for our Panel 49 Chairperson to attend the SERSS in the amount of up to \$600; Budget \$200 per year cumulative.

Motion #7-motion passed (Motion mto be presented to Assembly)

I move that we accept adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy, from the IRS Publication, as recommended by our CPA, as a Policy with changes as it applies to our Area—Remove hospital sections.

Motion #8-motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that we change our registered agent to our CPA when we file our annual report

Motion #9-motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that we approve the ad-hoc committees suggested guidelines and job descriptions as presented at this time.

Motion #10-motion did not pass

I move that Area FL S. adopt a policy that says "If an AMIAS is found to be 'ineligible' for service, that 2 or more district or area level representatives, go to the sponsor and tell them they are removed from service."

Motion #11-withdrawn I move that Area 10 institute immediately background checks for all AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service and annually recertify all AMIAS. All new applicants to have background checks at time of certification.

Motion #12 motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that this Area perform background checks on all current & interested AMIAS. Before background checks are done, the current AMIAS be asked if they are active & still willing to continue to be and only those willing to continue to be active have background checks done.

Motion #13—motion withdrawn

I move that the Alateen Ad Hoc Committee be charged with reviewing the Alateen Guidelines that are currently in place & bringing recommendations back to AWSC for chances to those guidelines. Until that can be accomplished, we ask that Alateen Ad Hoc Committee to bring to the Fall 2008 Assembly interim guidelines for removal of an ineligible AMIAS.

Motion #14-motion passed (Motion to be presented to Assembly)

I move that the AFG FL S. Area 10 be responsible for payment on all background checks done on AMIAS.

Motion #15-motion did not pass

I move that the Area purchase an LCD projector & screen for presentations at Area events.

Motion #16-motion passed

I move that we rent equipment for showing presentations at the Fall Assembly.

Motion #17-motion did not pass

I move that the Alateen Coordinator & APP be separate positions

- Delegate Report continued from page 10 -

- Any resumes submitted must follow the respective Area's approval process.
- If affirmed and appointed, the nominee will serve only the one remaining year. If they desire to serve an additional 3-year term, they must resubmit their resume for consideration during the normal Southeast Regional Trustee process. They will also be limited to a maximum of four total years as a Trustee rather than the potential 6 years.

As we turn over The Florida South Area to Panel 49 today I am feeling deep gratitude for the past three years. It has been a rewarding experience that I will never forget. Thank you for letting me serve as your Florida South Delegate. What a journey!

Love and Hugs,
 Georgia C
 Florida South Delegate
 Panel 46

District News—DR's & AISL's Summarized Reports

District 140

DR: Kathy D.

We have a total of 31 groups and hold our District meetings the 2nd Saturday of every odd month. We meet in a college and we are able to use the computer & projector to show Al-Anon websites. We generally have 16 GRs at the meetings. Our incoming DR is Birdie W & Alternate DR/AISL is Marta M. Our Calendar fundraiser allows our District to send A GIP to the AWSC meetings. The Calendar has Al-Anon events listed. We print 100 copies and sell them for \$6 each. We enjoyed our Closed Gratitude Dinner on Nov. 7th and had more than 70 people.

District 150

DR: Patte W.

I am glad to announce Diane B is our new DR. All officers positions are filled and a good percentage of Chair positions as well. We still need new GRs. We purchased 7 cases of CAL which were placed in local libraries, rehab centers and stockades. We renewed our billboard contract for another 12 months. We never did get any Public Outreach positions filled this panel but by appointing Project Chairs & nibbling away, project by project, we got it done.

District 159

AISL: Mary B.- No report

DR: Judy - No report

District 160

DR: Liz—No report

Districts 160 & 169

AISL: Jeanie C.- No report

DR: Cheryl A.

We have started an annual Speaker's Marathon that has been well received. Our Movie Night and our Comedy night were great fun as well as great fundraisers. Having done the Area Service Seminar helped our District grow.

District 180

AISL: Becky R.

Our new AISL will be Luanne. ALATEEN: We've certified around 12-15 new Alateen sponsors, have one new meeting started & a second ready to start. Chris will be chairing for the new panel. ARCHIVES: Carolyn has done a wonderful job and Velia will be taking over. CPC: Both CPC chairs moved during this panel so our District accomplished the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism project on their own, Bob will be our new chairperson. GROUP RECORDS: Several people have worked on this but have moved. I have tried to keep them as current as possible. Jo B has accepted this position for panel 49. INFORMATION SERVICE: Lisa and various team members have done a wonderful job with Information services and the phone service in 180 & 189. Kim has stepped up to take the Chair position for Panel 49 with Lisa as Co-Chair. INSTITUTIONS: Martha will be working with the county jail

System next panel and Becky B. is staying with the BARC facility. LITERATURE: Jo and Harvey have put the LDC back on solid ground. They have learned the key to success is teamwork & buying books by the case. They will carry on for panel 49. NEWSLETTER: Chris designed our newsletter to be a good source of information to use in making announcements at our group meetings. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Kim's enthusiasm with the bus ads spread throughout our District and the response was amazing. This is the only position still open going into the new panel. SPEAKERS: Several speaker meetings have started up and most, if not all, of the available speakers in Mike's database have been asked to speak. Ann D will be our new chair. WHERE & WHEN: Norma, Deanna, and Erica have worked together to keep our W&W up to date. Patty E will be taking on this position.

District 180

DR: Jennifer D.

We have two new meetings, one of which is an Alateen meeting. This is our only teen meeting in 180 so we are really excited about it. All of our District positions are filled for panel 49. DR-Becky R: Alt. DR-Pat K; AISL-Louanne V; Treasurer-Carolyn N; and Secretary-Linda B. Our District Calendar Project is in the making and we hope to have them available to members in December. We will be holding our Annual Holiday in the Park District Meeting at Kester Park in Pompano Beach. There will be a short business/turnover meeting followed by a picnic.

District 189

AISL: Mary J.

ALATEEN: Gretchen has done a fantastic job. We were able to sponsor several Alateens for the 2008 Conference, as well as Alateen sponsors to attend. CPC/PI: Volunteers throughout District 189 stepped up to the plate to make sure we did our part to keep the Bus campaign. GROUP RECORDS: Carol has done an outstanding job maintaining this position. TELEPHONE SERVICE: Donna & Pam— District 180 & 189 share the Telephone Information Service costs. They have done a fantastic job of coordinating this service. They provide a type-written template with detailed instructions for those covering the phone lines. INSTITUTIONS: District 189 has an Al-Anon meeting at Broward Correctional Institution for Women every 4th Monday of the month, attend by Joan and any other members who have been cleared in advance by the institution. We have supplied the literature for the institution. LDC & LITERATURE: Robert & Lynn have done an outstanding job. WORKSHOPS: Marianne has hosted several

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workshops at District meeting and chaired various Committees supporting the Conventions.

WEBMASTER: We are currently recruiting a new "Webmaster Liaison" position that will start with the next panel. A special thanks to Kelly G, District Representative, who collaborated with Robert (Literature) to initiate and post on the WWW, the first Al-Anon District website: www.alanondistrict189.org

District 190

DR: Sean E. - No report

District 190 & 200

AISL: Barbara H. - No report

District 200

DR: Juanita C. - No report

District 209

DR: Katie S.- No report

ALT. DR/AISL: Hank H.- No report

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED ON PANEL 46

Georgia C Debbie V Juliette L Carol M. Shirley W Stu M

Lita B Becky E Alina V Mary W. Patte W Judy N Lynn
Sonia P Margot Nan W Gary D Kathy D Marian S Marian H
Mary B Barbara M Liz G Cheryl D Jeannie C
Stephanie D Jackie C Michael Sue Lisa M Kelly G
Cheryl A Karenjean S Sacha K Earl O Becky R Kelly G Mary J
Sean E Juanita C Wynn H J. Patrick H
Nan A Barbara H Katie S Hank H Corey K

And all the wonderful GRs and Alternates in the FL South Area

A note from your Outgoing Sunshiner Coordinator



Hi Florida South,

It has been such fun serving as your Sunshiner Coordinator; working with the incredible members of our Area and making so many wonderful new friends. I am very sad to see panel 46 come to an end.

Some of us are fortunate to be able to continue to serve our Area on panel 49. Others will be missed terribly when Assemblies roll around.

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Area Newsletter Coordinator these past three years & thanks to all who helped me along the way.

Welcome Cheryl (our new Sunshiner Coordinator) ! May you enjoy this position as much as I have. I guess I'm off now to learn something new (smile).

Love & Hugs to all,
Mary W.

Panel 46 Area 10 Sunshiner Coordinator

Motion Summary
AWSC Turnover Meeting
November 15, 2008
Clewiston, FL

Panel 46 Motion

Motion 1 - made by Jennifer D., District 180 and seconded by Alina V., District 200

I move we accept the minutes as corrected.

Motion passed unanimously.

MTG. TURNED OVER TO PANEL 49 SECRETARY

Panel 49 Motions

Motion 1- made by Nanda P., District 159, and seconded by Sean E., District 200

I move that the max for 2 nights food expenses for \$80.

19 For, 2 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Motion 2 – made by Mary J., District 189, and seconded by Betsy R., District 189

I move that food expenses up to \$60 for one-night meeting.

20 For, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Motion 3 – made by Kathy D., District 140 and seconded by Mary W., District 200

I move that FL S Area 10 have a Traditions & Concepts Workshop in Year 1 of Panel 49. Discussion followed.

14 For, 5 Opposed, 1 Abstain. Motion passed.

Motion 4 – made by Marianne D., District 189, and seconded by Mary W., District 200

I move that we call our Service Seminar "How Al-Anon Works." Discussion followed. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion 5 – made by Mary J., District 189, was not seconded.

Motion 6 – made by Dorothy C., District 150, was not seconded.

Motion 7 – made by Betsy R., District 189, and seconded by Mary J., District 189

I move that we send e-mail copy of the Secretary's Minutes to all panel members and still provide a copy for meetings. Discussion followed. Motion was withdrawn.



TO: Literature Distribution Centers
FROM: Customer Services, Camille P.
DATE: November 2008
RE: LDC Update
CC: Conference Members

Notice of Change in shipping charges:

Due to the increased shipping charges the WSO is paying to carriers, we are increasing the minimum shipping charge for literature orders in the U.S. and Canada from \$7 to \$8, effective January 1, 2009.

This should not impact LDC cost, because this will only affect orders under \$100.00. If you don't increase your shipping charges, individuals and groups could be encouraged to place small orders with the local LDC rather than through the WSO. You may wish to inform local members of this additional reason to buy through your LDC.

It is not cost effective for the WSO to fulfill small orders, and whenever possible we encourage members to support local services by purchasing literature through the LDC.

Orders Forms:

New order forms and Catalogs will be available in January to reflect the new shipping charges and will also be printed annually from now on.

Non Profit Status:

Remember if you have received non-profit status from IRS, you are **now** required to file a tax return. In the past you did not have to file, if your revenues were less than \$25,000. If your revenues are generally \$25,000 or less, you need to file on-line using form 990-N.

You can get instructions and other information on-line at the IRS web site (<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>). If you are not sure you are classified as a charity, you should check with the professional that assisted you with your incorporation process. If you did not incorporate, you would not be listed with IRS as a charity.

You can also review publication 78 on the IRS Web site. If you are a non-profit you should be listed in this publication.

New!

The new **Al-Anon Poster** (M-79) is now available. This 8 1/2" x 11" poster, with the heading "Do you wish the drinking would stop?" provides WSO contact information and space for local contact information. Posters are 5/\$4.00 US and available in English, French, and Spanish. Not sold individually.

Also Available:

The latest printing of *How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics* (B-22) includes a new chapter on the Twelve Concepts of Service, as well as revised wording in the Twelve Traditions chapter to also apply to our personal lives. This is in accordance with motions from the 2003 and 2007 World Service Conferences. The book is now 416 pages. The price remains the same, at \$13.50 US.

A Reminder:

As you know, *Discovering Choices* (B-30) was introduced at the 2008 Al-Anon International Convention in July, and prior to that, was made available to LDCs via the LDC Priority Notice Order Form. Al-Anon members have been receiving the book with great interest and enthusiasm.

We've posted a .pdf of the B-30 Order Form, with mailing information left blank, at http://al-anon.org/B30_LDCform.pdf. You can use this as a template for creating forms for your LDC by adding in your LDC address.

We've also posted a .jpeg of the cover of the book at http://al-anon.org/images/B_30cvr.jpg for your use in newsletters, Web sites, order forms, or other materials used to notify local members about the availability of the book at your LDC.

Don't forget that we have a Six Month Consignment Policy available on all new books (for the first six months that you order them). This can be used in ordering *Discovering Choices* (B-30), as well as the Spanish and French translations of *Opening Our Hearts*, *Transforming Our Losses* (BF-29, BS-29). Contact the Customer Service Department for more information. The final consignment date for these books is January 4th, 2009.

While Supplies Last:

Courage to Change (B-16 CD-ROM, \$15.00 US)
Update, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009 (AFA 2009) second printing

- Downloadable English, Spanish, and French AFA 2009 order forms are now available on the WSO's Members' Web site, www.al-anon.alateen.org/members.
- Please include photocopies of the AFA 2009 second printing order forms in
 - 1) Your literature orders.
 - 2) Newsletters.
 - 3) Information distributed to GRs, ISRs or members at AIS/LDC, District, or Area meetings.
- Orders can now be placed on-line from the WSO's Web site shopping cart, www.al-anon.alateen.org.
- Your AIS/LDC Web site can link to the AFA 2009 order form, <http://www.al-anon.org/pdf/OrderFormAFA.pdf>.
- The deadline for orders is Thursday, 5 pm ET, February 12, 2009.

FYI:

When describing Al-Anon/Alateen literature in the CAL Catalog (S-15), Order Form (S-16), on-line shopping cart, or newsletters, the WSO accompanies this information with the following statement: **Remember—when you buy from your local literature distribution center, you support your local services.**



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