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A letter from the delegate:

Greetings Florida South!!

It's summer and things are very quiet - I guess everyone from WSO staff, Trustees and Al-Anon Members who attended Al-Anon's Fifth International Convention in Vancouver, BC - are still recovering from their trip, as many went on to an Alaskan cruise directly after the convention. I was truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to attend the International this year. I went with two great ladies (Pat K., our Public Outreach Coordinator & Loraine G., a member from my home group) and we had a great time! I'm pleased that so many from the Florida South Area were able to attend. I tried to get a head count but it was too hard a task. All I know is that we were too cute in the Language of Love Parade as many of us dressed as either tacky tourists, alligator hunters (I think that is what they were :)), to pink flamingos! I was honored to have carried in the Hungarian sign representing one of the languages that CAL has been translated into.

I wish I could give you numbers as to how many attended the convention, but they did not tell us in Vancouver, but promised an e-mail. I have not received it has yet, but will be sure to tell you when it arrives. In speaking with Ric B., our Executive Director, he seemed to think that it was roughly 3,700 people - which is very low.

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Perhaps it was the economy or the passport issue, but we did not get the attendance that was hoped for. Ric B. suggested that the WSO and the WS Conference may have to discuss whether the fellowship can sustain having a International Convention every 5 years, or even as a stand alone event, especially since more Al-Anon members support the Alcoholics Anonymous International Conventions than they do their own International. Attendance at Al-Anon's 6th International in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018 may be a deciding factor - so start planning now if you want us to continue to have an International - you have five years to save!!!

Delegate report (cont)

And... to get some lucky member off to a good start - there was a special raffle basket at the Big Easy Does It Convention which contained a piggy bank, and.....a copy of our newest workbook "Reaching for Personal Freedom" (P-92), which was released at the convention. The girls and I tried to get as many WSO staff and Trustees that we ran into at the Convention sign autograph the book, so it is quite special.

WSO Committees -

I received the news that several from our Area sent in the resume for the open position for an At Large member on the Forum Advisory Committee. I hope that someone from Florida South is given the opportunity to serve.

There will be three open positions for an At Large Member on the Literature Committee in May, 2014. The World Service Office is beginning the search now. They are asking members in the US North Central, US Northeast, US Northwest, US Southeast, US Southwest, Canada East, and Canada West to submit resumes. I will send the DR's a .pdf of the resume form. There are eligibility requirements, namely that you must be a member of Al-Anon for the past five years, are not also a member of A.A. Also, since there are already Delegates on the Committee, only one of the At Large Members can be a Past Delegate. There is also the requirement to give up any current AIS or AWSC position.

As always, please let me know if I can assist in any way - large or small - I am available to you. I'm looking forward to participating in District 159's Day of Workshops in November, 2013, and hope to be invited to visit more of the Districts.

Jennifer D.



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Calendar of Events

2013

October 4-6

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Florida South Fall Assembly
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

2014

February 22-23

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Florida South Winter AWSC Meeting
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

March 15-16

Delegates Get Together
Raleigh, NC

April

World Service Conference
Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA



April 5-6

TEAM Event
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

June 6-8

Florida South Spring Assembly
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

June

2014 Florida South Alateen Conference

July

2014 Florida State AA Convention

August 1-3

Florida South Summer AWSC Meeting
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

August

25th Annual Florida South Convention
East Coast of Florida

October 24-26

Florida South Fall Election Assembly
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

November 22

AWSC Turn Over Meeting
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

***3rd Saturday of every Month through July is Convention Committee Meetings

FALL ASSEMBLY TENTATIVE AGENDA

October 4-6, 2013

EVERYONE ATTENDING THIS ASSEMBLY MUST BE REGISTERED
AS AN AL-ANON OR ALATEEN MEMBER

Friday, October 4th, 2013 / REGISTRATION is Open 6:45-8:00pm

8:00 PM ASSEMBLY OPENS Open Assembly with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Read Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties
- 3) Break Out Meetings Chaired by Coordinators and Officers Meeting
- 4) Workshop

Saturday, October 5th, 2013 / REGISTRATION is Open 8:00-9:30am

9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES

- 5) Open Meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 6) Coordinators Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports
- 7) *******9:30 AM REGISTRATION CLOSES******* Thanks to District 150 for Volunteering
- 8) *****BREAK 15 MINUTES***** (DR's Prepare for Roll Call / Registration counts and turns over money to Treasurer)
- 9) Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- 10) Read and Approve Minutes
- 11) Read and Approve Treasurers Report
- 12) Delegates Report
- 13) Alternate Delegates Report
- 14) Information Highway Skit
- 15) AAPP Report
- 16) Alateen Conference Wrap Up Report 2013
- 17) Alateen Conference 2014
- 18) Area TEAM2014 Report
- 19) Convention Wrap Up Report 2013
- 20) 2014 Budget
- 21) Convention 2014 Report
- 22) Convention 2015 Election Procedures
- 23) Task Force Reports
- 24) Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle

Sunday, October 6th, 2013

9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES

- 25) Other Business
- 26) Announcements and Calendar of Events / AWSC Members check bins for additional information
- 27) Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns
- 28) Closing
- 29) Spiritual Meeting

We will break for Lunch and Dinner. If all business is not concluded on Saturday, we will continue with Business on Sunday morning. If time permits we will have a Spiritual Meeting on Sunday morning.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

A letter from the Chair

I hope everyone is as excited about Fall Assembly as I am. It's coming up fast and I look forward to seeing all of you there. It's hard to believe that this is the last Area 10 meeting of the second year of Panel 52 already. Only one more year to complete so many projects that are in process and more that we would like to accomplish. It's amazing how much we can accomplish when we all work together.

The Area Group Inventory was shared at the AWSC meeting and it went so well that the AWSC has suggested having it for each Assembly. As per their suggestion I will be bringing the inventory sheets once again to Fall Assembly. There was lots of good feedback with very few negatives. I have personally read each and every one of the 66 inventories turned in. A special thank you goes to everyone that participated and for all of your sharing.

Our reservation date for the hotel was extended to the September 16th. I hope everyone has their reservations. It takes all of you participating to be able to do the business of AI-Anon. It's so amazing to watch the growth of everyone doing service. I am so honored to have been chosen to be your Chair for this panel. Yes, it's a lot of work and yes, it's hard sometimes to stand up there and stay impartial and to attempt to always do what's best for AI-Anon as a whole, but the growth rewards are absolutely amazing. Thanks for putting your trust in me to serve Area 10 in this capacity. See you all at Assembly!

Love in Service,
Becky R, Chair

Alternate Delegate

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe our Fall Assembly is around the corner. This past month has been a busy month with the AWSC Meeting at the beginning of August and the AI-Anon Convention at the end of August. Both AI-Anon events were great and each allowed me opportunities to do service and to also have fun.

As Alternate Delegate, you may have heard me ring the 'bell' as the Timekeeper. This is to ensure that all members speaking on their reports, or on a motion, are complying with the guidelines that have been voted on by members of the Assembly. In my Parliamentarian role, I am sometimes asked during meetings to look up information for clarification on a particular subject.

Between meetings, I am responsible for filing our Annual Report by 5/1; sending documentation to the CPA so that our Annual Taxes are filed; and renewing our Local Business Tax by 9/30. I am pleased to report that all of these items have been completed.

As always, if I can be of service to you in any way, please feel free to contact me, any time.

Love in Service,

Kathy D.

Alternate Delegate, Panel 52

Secretary

AFG FLORIDA SOUTH (AREA 10), INC. SPRING ASSEMBLY MINUTES Panel 52 - May 31- June 2, 2013

Friday, May 31, 2013

1. **Chairperson** Becky R.#180 opened the meeting at 8:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** of Panel 52 Officers and Coordinators were made.
3. **Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties** were read. Becky R.#189, Chairperson reviewed our Assembly Protocol, as there were numerous new Group Representatives.
4. **Break Out Meetings** Chaired by Coordinators and Officers Meeting – 8:30 pm to 9:13pm
5. **KDBM - Thought/Task Force Workshop - Jennifer D.#180, Delegate** facilitated.

Meeting closed at 10:15pm with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Saturday, June 1, 2013

8. **Chairperson**, Becky R.#180 *resumed meeting at 9am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.*

Coordinators Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports:

Alateen Breakout Report: Paul D.#209, Discussion of the following: numbers of sponsors is incorrect, re-fingerprinting, Non AMIAS reported leading Alateen groups, only certified sponsors can attend an Alateen meeting, and the process and costs of certification.

Alateen Coordinator Report, Paul D. #209 visited 200 for Alateen training, thanking Nadine A. #180 for Thought Force for “Alateen Training Guidelines”. He is requesting a task force be set up for the training. He can go ahead and start training. Kathy H.#200 held an Alateen training workshop using modules 1 and 2. He is requesting that one AMIAS be trained from every district to be a trainer, using the modules to train all AMIAS in their district. Paul submitted an Alateen Newsletter with Alateen Group Inventory Questions, all Assembly Attendants received a copy.

Archives Breakout Report: Jen R. #159, Reported group history form is available for groups to fill out and return, what do we store our archives in and how they are stored, what districts should save for their Archives and what should they give to Area, and access to Archives.

Archives Report: (no written report) renewed the storage facility. G-30 is a new Archives Guideline available, she will be sending them out. She is organizing the correspondence and catalog the information for ease of access.

Group Records Breakout Report: Nadine A. #180, the difference between a closed and open meeting was discussed, change form was reviewed, and all changes must be sent to Nadine on the form and it must be entirely filled out.

Group Records Report: If you did not get a Sunshiner, you need to make sure your mailing address is correct and turn in a change form. If you did not list whether the meeting is closed or open, it is automatically listed as closed. She makes the changes online from the change forms you fill out and send her. She has contact sheets for the following: AWSC Attendees and chairpersons for all districts. She is working with the Web Coordinator to make sure all meeting information is congruent and up to date.

Literature Breakout meeting: Betsy M.#160:, she was not here, so no breakout meeting. Literature Report: A total of 18 boxes of excess literature had been returned via U.S. Postal Service Book Rate costing \$211.82 (\$11.77 per box) to WSO. WSO credited FLS Area 10 with \$2,445.34. The current balance due to WSO for the literature purchased last year is \$2,409.12. There will be a full selection of CAL available at our 2013 Convention. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism orders must be received by July 10, 2014, order forms are on the reverse side of her report that was issued to all Assembly Attendants.

Sunshiner Newsletter Breakout Report: Marianne D. #189, share experiences about your first Assembly (give it to her and she can put it in the newsletter), how many GR's bring the Sunshiner back to the groups and how many read it to their groups? The minutes in the Sunshiner were overwhelming, and advised to reduce white space by using column formatting.

Sunshiner Newsletter Report: She gets the reports from the coordinators and sharings to put in the Sunshiner. She got a lot that were “returned” and will make them available. She was able to get a half price for the printing. Putting it on the website takes half the work as the printed edition. There are no district announcements in it, only Area Announcements. The next articles for the Newsletter need to be submitted by July 25, 2013, this includes any fliers from Districts. To submit information please contact Marianne D.#189 at Sunshinerpanel52@tt.net.

Public Outreach Breakout Report: Pat K.#180, Discussed “the Best of Public Outreach” a service manual for Public Outreach, downloadable, how to get people to step up to serve as Public Outreach, different types of Public Outreach being done, giving away “How Al-Anon Works” to newcomers, WSO Survey mentioned in May’s Forum about 12th Step Work/Service, What does Area Public Outreach Chairperson do, and DVD and PO#5.

Public Outreach Report: Alanon Faces Alcoholism is one of the most popular campaigns and seems to be picked up by general population and not just professionals. WSO is looking for Al-Anon Groups who would like to host a 10-20 minute podcast meeting on any one of the twelve steps, you must use a corded landline for hosting. The Sketches IV Campaign generated 90,000 airplays on TV and 90,000 on the radio, the Public Outreach Web Site has contributed to this increase. The Public Outreach website is on the member site, enter your group name followed by the letters “afg”.

Spanish Liaison Breakout Report: Claudio A.#180: Discussed about meetings that might be closed, how to close the gap between AA and Al-Anon, how to keep new people coming back.

Spanish Liaison Report: They had their first Spanish workshop in South Florida about Concepts. Eleven Spanish Groups participated. About 50 members attended and made a profit of \$135 which will go to their next workshop. There is a new Spanish Group in East Broward, Alegria Y Gratiud at 2190 SE Sixth Street., Pompano, FL 33062. She visited the Belle Glade group for their first anniversary. She was contacted by WSO to help with the Step Podcast and recorded it in Spanish.

Webmaster Breakout Report: Diane B.#150: spoke about taking notes on I pads during assemblies, sanctioned groups only on Web as a listing, Clarifying procedures regarding changes cooperation, Web meetings need Al-Anon heading, Mapquest in progress, Kudos to website efficiency.

Webmaster Report: The information on the web is only as good as it is submitted. If someone is looking for a meeting they can go to www.southfloridaal-anon.org. District meetings, speaker meetings, gratitude dinners, workshop flyers are submitted for the web without personal information on them. Include district #, Event, date, time & place with a complete address and a generic email contact. Please designate only one person in your district to communicate any changes for the web site. Submissions are sent to:

Webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com

Officer’s Report: Discussed visit to N.FL Area Assembly and their procedures, Area possibly going paperless, AMIAS going from active to inactive AAPP, and communication within panel.

9:30 AM REGISTRATION CLOSSES***** Thanks to District 200 for Volunteering

9. BREAK* 10:13am(DR’s Prepare for Roll Call / Registration counts and turns over money to Treasurer) Returned at: 10:33am. Chair, Becky R. #180 Reviewed Assembly Protocol.**

18. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

District #	District Rep Name	# of Group Reps (Panel 52)	# of Non-Voting Members	Total Members
140	Bonnie	18	12	30
150	Betty	9	2	11
159	Patricia	9	3	12
160	Gail	6	2	8
169	Peter	7	1	8
170	Earl	17	2	19
180	Pat	18	8	26

District #	District Rep Name	# of Group Reps (Panel 52)	# of Non-Voting Members	Total Members
189	Bob	12	3	15
190	Paula	6	4	10
200	Alina	14	1	15
209	Paul	0	1	1
Other				
TOTAL				
		116	39	155

Number of registered GR's - 116

Quorum: 2/3 of registrations - 78

Count was taken and a quorum of 78 was established

11. **Secretary's Report** – Betsy R.#140, Fall Assembly Minutes were read and corrections were made. Approval was tabled until Secretary could check on motions and agenda numbers.

12. **Treasurer's Report** – Louanne V. #180

Treasurer's Report included starting balance, Income, Expenses and Ending Balance: report reflects Prudent Reserve plus Interest Earned Reserve.

Motion #1– Cheryl A.#169 and seconded by Danielle S.#170

I move that 1/1/12 thru 12/31/12 be accepted Treasurer's Report as corrected.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion #2- Rebecca W. #159 and seconded by Rachelle W. #160

I move that 1/1/2013 thru 5/28/13 be accepted Treasurer's Report as corrected.

Vote:Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

19. Secretary's Report – Betsy R.#140 reviewed the corrections.

Motion #3 - Maira P. #200 and seconded by Dickie S. #200

I move that we accept the 2012 Fall Assembly Minutes as revised.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

20. **2013 Convention Report:** Juliette L. #159: THE BIG EASY August 23-25, 2013, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. French Quarter Registration has 233registered (204 English Al-Anon, 22 Spanish Al-Anon, 7 AA, 0 Alateen) emails sent to: brattafamily@yahoo.com. 500 English registration forms in the DR bins and 300 Spanish registration forms have been printed and given to the Spanish Committee Chair. Razzie Jazzie Raffle Room is going to have a staggered raffle where they will raffle baskets after the speakers on Friday, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night. Also they are requesting completed baskets be brought to convention, contact: razzieraffle@yahoo.com. Speakers are set, Friday night speaker is from the west coast, Saturday night speaker is from Texas, Sunday Speaker is from the East Coast, the AA speaker is from North Carolina, and the Spanish Al-Anon Speaker is from the East Coast. The Beignet Cafe', Hospitality, is requesting items(see the separate flyer). Contact Cheri at HospitalityNaples@gmail.com if your group/district has donations. The Red Light District, Literature will have literature for purchase. Spanish need people to sign up to help with the spanish workshops, contact maryusa1974@yahoo.com. Alateen is looking for AMIAs to chair meetings, contact Karen at ktserrell@earthlink.net. Banquet Buffet is \$39 (menu in written report). The Ice Cream Social is \$10. Lisa from #159 is chairing Information and Security and needs help from all districts, please contact her at bigeasysecinfo@gmail.com. Debbie V. #140 took over as Entertainment Chair. The theme for the AA Program is a hurricane. The Can Can Boutique is

looking for donations of handmade items and they are selling water bottle covers with logos on them for \$6 plus tax. The Al-Anon program has 64 workshops planned and as requesting that each DR take 6 workshops for their members to chair. A full written report issued to all Assembly Attendants.

Lunch Break 1:05pm and the meeting resumed at 2:30pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Quorum re-established with 87 voting members present.

Delegate's Report: Jennifer D. #180:

*53rd World Service Conference (WSC) was held this year in Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 14-18, 2013

*67 Delegates from the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico, the Board of Trustees, the members of the Executive Committee and members of the WS Office administrative staff with 98 voting members.

*Attended workshops on Shared Leadership and Knowledge Based Decision Making

*Rotated off the Public Outreach Committee and was assigned to the Literature Committee

*The Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT) had these 3 items: Anonymity - a major revision to the Anonymity section of the Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies (Service Manual pg.88-91) was proposed to the WSC

*The proposed text was adopted by a unanimous 98 votes. These changes clarify maintaining anonymity on websites, confidential mailing lists, not using company e-mail, postal correspondence, WSO Publications, flyers and speaking engagements. Public Outreach changes included clarifying Al-Anon's philosophy on Public Outreach and who can carry the message and how. There is a new section on Social Networking as individuals, groups and service arms.

*Discussions on topics included keeping these 3 questions in mind: Is it correct? Does it provide clarity? Can you live with it?

*The Policy Committee presented a time line with key dates in regards to the history of contributions by Family Members and Friends of a Deceased Al-Anon Member.

*Open Policy Committee Meeting had 2 topics for discussion: Contributions from Alcoholics Anonymous Conferences/Conventions and Abundance and Reserve Funds. The chosen agenda items were Improving the retention of newcomers and experienced Al-Anon members, and How can we get districts with DR's and few GR's to become re-involved in participating in assemblies and SWSC. How do we reach out to registered groups that do not attend Area Events. Structures regarding realignment were addressed and the following changes were voted on (97 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain): Alabama to Alabama/Northwest Florida, Mexico to New Mexico/El Paso, Manitoba to Manitoba/Northwest Ontario, Wisconsin to Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

*Structures were discussed and no proposals so far. The following names were changed: from Alabama to Alabama/Northwest Florida, New Mexico, to New Mexico/El Paso, Manitoba to Manitoba/Northwest Ontario, Wisconsin to Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

*Regional Trustees/Trustees at Large plan was reviewed. The regions selecting Trustees are US Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and South Central.

*Literature: the Legacy Workbook (P-92) will be available July 7, 2013 for \$15. Intimacy Book is still in the works, continue to send in sharings, WSO is extending "How Al-Anon Works" (soft cover) for 3 more years. "Having Had a Spiritual Awakening" is in E-book form and is being sold for \$9.99. "How Al-Anon Works" will be coming out as an E-Book in the summer after International Convention for \$11.99 per copy, it will be available in digital audio as well by the end of the summer for \$24.99. There is a new pamphlet for parents and grandparents of young alcoholics and problem drinkers. The Forum held steady at 20,300 subscriptions.

*In 2012 357,000 copies of "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" were distributed. The Best of Public Outreach Website is now in French and Spanish.

*The new PSA's "Portraits III" are out and can be posted on websites. Last year's PSA's reached an audience of more than 620 million people across the U.S. and Canada.

*The WSO began a new initiative to bring the message to on-line news sources such as bloggers and RSS feeds. WSO's Facebook page generated 8,536 views and 1,631 likes.

*Membership outreach 24 hour automated telephone service for meeting information. The member's website is easier to navigate. 30% decrease in returned mail from groups, more groups are updating their information in a timely manner.

*There are new Conflict Resolution using the 12 Traditions (S-72) are now available for \$4.00. There were 13 TEAM Events in 2012.

*2013 AI-Anon 5th International Convention will be in Vancouver, British Columbia, July 5-7, 2013, 3,100 people registered.

*Business Services Disaster Recovery in the cloud and virtual servers, New telephone system cost \$25,000, and replaced 3 rooftop HVAC units \$201,289.

*Assets (General Fund, Reserve Fund, and Building Fund) of \$9,960,631, liabilities of \$1,912,000, leaving \$8,048,631 in net assets. We experienced a \$300,000.00 loss last year.

*Budget 2013 expected expenses to be \$3,000 more than revenue for the year. Several actions to reduce expenses are considered and in written report.

*KDBM - Thought/Task Force Workshop results from Friday night

*A 9 page Delegates report was issued to all Assembly Attendants

Alateen Conference Report 2013, Denise D. #150 and Patrick D. #150: 2013 The Rhythm of Recovery, 60 plus registered/46 Alateens, the Alateens have been involved in the planning. They have spoken at Gratitude Dinners, chaired AI-Anon Meetings, sold candy bars and hotdogs, held bake sales and helped carry their message of how much the Alateen Program means to them. North Florida Area has 15 Alateens, 8 AMIA's and the North Florida AAPP is attending the conference. The North Florida Area 12 has successfully voted to make fingerprinting, national and local background checks as a requirement for their AMIAS certification, congruent to our Area's requirements.

16. Information Highway, Pat K.#180: A Skit on the Service Manual was presented.

15. Alternate Delegates Report: Kathy D., #140: As Parliamentarian and Timekeeper & Bell Ringer, she keeps the Assembly orderly and timely. The Annual Report was renewed online by 5/1/13. The Area Sales Exempt Certificate is effective until 2017, this allows the area not to pay sales tax for hotels during the AWSC meetings and other Area events. The Miami-Dade County Local Business Tax renewal will be due 9/30/13.

24. **AAPP Report - Kathy D., #140** Interim AAPP, she cannot access any prior (to her taking over) fingerprinting transactions, a permanent generic email address for fingerprinting has been established so that transitions from one AAPP to the next is accessible and seamless. The Recertification Process for WSO had a 5/15/13 deadline to send in current information. 5/26/13 emails were sent to all District Alateen Chairs, AISL's and DR's in Florida South. Any AMIAS that have not turned in the forms by 7/1/13 will no longer be allowed in Alateen meetings. The current AMIA Recertification Status as to interest in recertification:

Yes/33 No/12/ ?/48 Total/93

The Recertification Forms are sent to Kathy D no later than 6/15/13 so that there is time to process them. The 2013 Alateen Annual Update Sheet at the end of March/beginning of April to all Alateen Groups. The groups were to verify their Current Mailing Address (CMA) the location the meeting, and Sponsor information. To date only 10/29 Alateen groups from Florida South has sent in this verification. On 6/30/13 Kathy D. #140 will be turning over all AAPP paperwork to Linda S. #169. AAPP. Linda S. #169 thanked Kathy D.#140 for her service. Questions were addressed. A full written report issued to all Assembly Attendants.

18. **Area TEAM Event:** Diane P., AISL#159 and Bob H., DR#189, will be on the east coast of Florida on one of these dates April 5-6, May 3-4, or My 22-23. Currently investigating locations.

Task Force - Alateen AMIAS Procedures: Linda S. #169: committee has met via conference calls. Tasked with: revise the Application Process of becoming an AMIAS including all forms where applicable, Create a

Recertification Form and to come up with a process to remove an AMIAs who is in violation of the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements of the AFG Florida South Area 10. It is recommended that Area 10 hire legal counsel as to the changes that need to occur to be congruent with Florida Laws. It was suggested that the WSO Alateen Chairperson give guidance in regard to this.

20. Thought Force - Alateen Training Suggestions, Nadine A. #180 reported the following Suggestions:

*Use of WSO module training in second year of panel, there are 4 modules, Alateen Coordinator would present on Friday night at Spring Assembly followed with Q & A's

*Step by step training on how to become a certified sponsor at Spring Assembly: a handout to go along with this, AAPP makes this presentation with availability of Q & A's

*Area provide yearly round-up(workshop) for all sponsors and Alateen Chairs: centrally located, both Alateen Coordinator and AAPP host, items discussed would be issues from sponsors, new information from WSO, review of WSO Modules(and other WSO info), sponsors connecting with each other, funding comes from Area similar to Service Seminars.

*Area provide workshops for all sponsors and Alateen Chairs at the annual Alateen Conference: several workshops at Conference, Alateen coordinator hosts the workshop, information to include issues by sponsors, WSO new information, review of the Modules that WSO provide and other items that may come up, sponsors connecting with each other

*each district to provide a workshop for the Alateen sponsors twice a year, giving all sponsors in a district to work closely together: a day and half event in a district's central location, the district Alateen Chair will host the workshop, items discussed would be issues from sponsors, new information from WSO, review of WSO Modules (and other WSO info), sponsors connecting with each other, and time for Q & A.

*New Sponsor gets trained by an experienced sponsor: the new sponsor attends 3 meetings with this sponsor so that they can see how a meeting is run, the new sponsor and experienced Sponsor have a service sponsorship relationship that the new Sponsor will feel comfortable to go to someone for guidance. A full written report issued to all Assembly Attendants.

KBDM on Alateen Training, discussion was held.

Motion #4 - Barbara B. #140 and seconded by Diane C. #140

I move that the Alateen AMIA's Procedures Task Force hire legal counsel, at area 10's expense, to review their documents prior to bringing them to a future Assembly.

Vote: 23 For 62 Opposed 19 Abstained Motion did not pass

21. Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle – \$468.00 was collected. Thanks for your generous contributions.

Motion #5 - Kathleen L #150 and seconded by Betty D. #150 seconded it.

I move that the registration fee for Assembly for each attendee continue to be \$15.00 from this point forward.

Vote: 51 For 51 Opposed 6 Abstain Did not pass

Break: 6:24pm, resumed meeting at 8:34pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jennifer D. #180 Delegate shared that she had love gifts for the GR's to take home.

Quorum re-established, 86 voting members present.

Becky R. #180, chair thanked Nadine for heading the Thought Force and closed the Thought Force.

Motion #6 - Judy N. #159 and seconded by Dianne P. #159

I move that all Florida South area 10 Coordinators be allowed a total of 7 minutes to give the Breakout Report and the Coordinator's Report. The coordinators can decide how much of that time will be allocated to each report.

I amend the motion to read: *I move that all Florida South area 10 Coordinators be allowed a total of 7 minutes to give the Breakout Report and the Coordinator's Report at Assembly. The coordinators can decide how much of that time will be allocated to each report.*

Vote: 92 For 4 Opposed 0 Abstain Motion passed

Motion #7 - Carole D.#170 and seconded by Christina F.#170 seconded

I move that AFGFL South Area 10, Inc. allocate up to \$1500 for legal counsel to review and advise on the Alateen Procedure Documents to assure that what is presented to AWSCM and Fall Assembly is legally sound.

Vote: 63 For 32 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion Passed

Motion #8- Cynthia Z #140 and seconded by Laurie E. #140

I move that we table motion #7 until Fall Assembly.

Vote: 44 For 52 Opposed 0 Abstain Did Not Pass

Motion #9 - Margaret P. #180 and seconded by Kathy H. #200

I move that this 2013 Spring Assembly create a task force to create area 10 training guidelines for Alateen AMIAS Sponsors based on the Alateen training suggestions for Area 10 report.

Vote: 94 For 1 Opposed 0 Abstain Motion Passed

Break 9:35pm resumed meeting at 9:48pm

22. **Delegate Part 2:** Reports from Thought Forces Workshop from the perspective of Groups, Districts, Area and WSO (all tables submitted their ESH) at the microphone, and submitted to WSO via the Delegate.

24. **Other Business:** KBDM on Alateen Fingerprinting and Background Checks and possibly changing the requirements.

The meeting ended for the evening at 10:30pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the Alanon Declaration.

Sunday, June 1, 2012

Opened this morning at 9:02 am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Quorum re-established, 78 voting members present.

24. **Other Business continued:** Louanne V. #180, Treasurer gave an update on the Area Expenses that will be forthcoming, giving a better financial picture for all.

Motion # 10- Lori E. #140 and seconded by Cynthia Z. #140

I move that we reduce the registration fee to \$10.00 for members doing service without a title so that members can have a voice.

Vote: 17 For 66 Opposed 0 Abstain Motion Did Not Pass

Motion #11 - Lee C. #170 and seconded by Christina F. #170

I move that the Florida South Assembly Spring 2013, passes the basket on Sunday, this motion is intended to provide more needed money for the area today.

Vote: 10 For 71 Opposed 3 Abstain Motion Did Not Pass

Motion #12- Kathy H.#200 and seconded by Lori Ann P. #200

I move that Area create and send appeal letter to groups which specifically communicate our financial needs.

Amended to read: I move that Area create and send appeal letter to groups.

Amended to read: I move that Area create and send financial appeal.

Motion withdrawn.

Chairperson Becky R. #180 asked for a Thought Force for to look at area expenses with regard to Assemblies and AWSC Meetings and how to reduce expenses. Juliette L. #159 was appointed to chair this Thought Force.

24. Announcements and Calendar of Events/Everyone check bins for additional information (calendar of events were placed in each folder and is available on our website). Love gifts are available to each member, please help yourself to them.

Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns were read without comment or judgment.

Chair reminded Assembly to turn in their Group Inventory Papers.

Motion#12 - Bob H.#189 and seconded by Andy M. #189

I move that we adjourn the spring 2013 FL. South Assembly.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

26. Closing - Meeting was closed at 10:20 am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon's Declaration.

27. Spiritual Meeting Followed

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy R.

Area 10 Secretary, Panel 52

Panel52secretary@yahoo.com



COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Alateen

Dear Al-Anon /Alateen Family:

The 2013 Florida South Alateen Conference, "The Rhythm of Recovery" was very successful! The Conference Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Florida South Area 10 and also North Florida Area 9 for all the support in helping the Alateen's vision become a reality.

This year there were 50 Alateens, 28 AMIAS and 7 Parents in attendance from North and South Florida. The Florida South Alateen Coordinator and the North Florida AAPP were also in attendance. All AMIAS passed the background and fingerprinting requirements. The parents were housed separately from the Conference dorms and were clearly identified with name tags for the safety and security of all Alateens at the Conference.

The Musical theme was fun and allowed for interesting topics and sharing for meetings and workshops. Wonderful musical talent was performed by the Alateens at "Alateen's Got Talent". AMIAS also had fun in the Group Musical portion. The Friday night Luau and Bon Fire sharings including S'mores was great. The weather didn't allow for swimming on Saturday but the Slip and Slide was a thrilling activity on Sunday morning. Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to see the principles and tools of the Al-Anon/Alateen program at work. All headed for home with a lot of shared experience, strength and hope.

Although the purpose of the Alateen Conference was not to make a profit, we had a surplus.

Florida North District 5 stood to Chair the 2014 Alateen Conference. "Sands of Serenity" the 2014 Alateen Conference will be June 27-29, 2014 at Daytona Beach. There will be more information to follow.

If Florida South Area 10 approves of our Alateens and AMIASs being able to attend the North Florida Alateen Conference there may not be a need to have a Florida South Alateen Conference in 2014. There is ongoing communication between Florida North Area 9 and Florida South Area 10 about having one Alateen Conference and each area hosting the Conference every other year.

Thank you again for your support in helping to plant the seeds of recovery in our young members in Al-Anon/Alateen.

Together We Can Make It!
2013 Florida South Alateen Conference Committee

Denise D. /Patrick D. Chairs/ Mary B. /Sam M. Co Chairs

Archives

"One of the best ways to protect the future of the Al-Anon fellowship in an Area is to look to the past." G-30

Area Archives Guidelines G-30: WSO has issued a revised guideline for area archivists. There have been some edits and to existing sections and the addition of new sections such as

- How to identify Material
- Interview
- Document Search
- Anonymity
- Etc

Copies in AISL's folders to take back to chairs, electronic available on Al-Anon.com website or I can email a copies as requested.

60th Anniversary Project: Area 10's group registration dates have been sent to WSO and we received the following heartfelt thank you to our entire area 10. Thanks for your help!

Dear Jen,

We received the list of registration dates from your Area.

Taking the time to research and prepare such a precise eight page document with Districts, identification numbers, meeting day-times, and registration dates makes Al-Anon...Al-Anon.

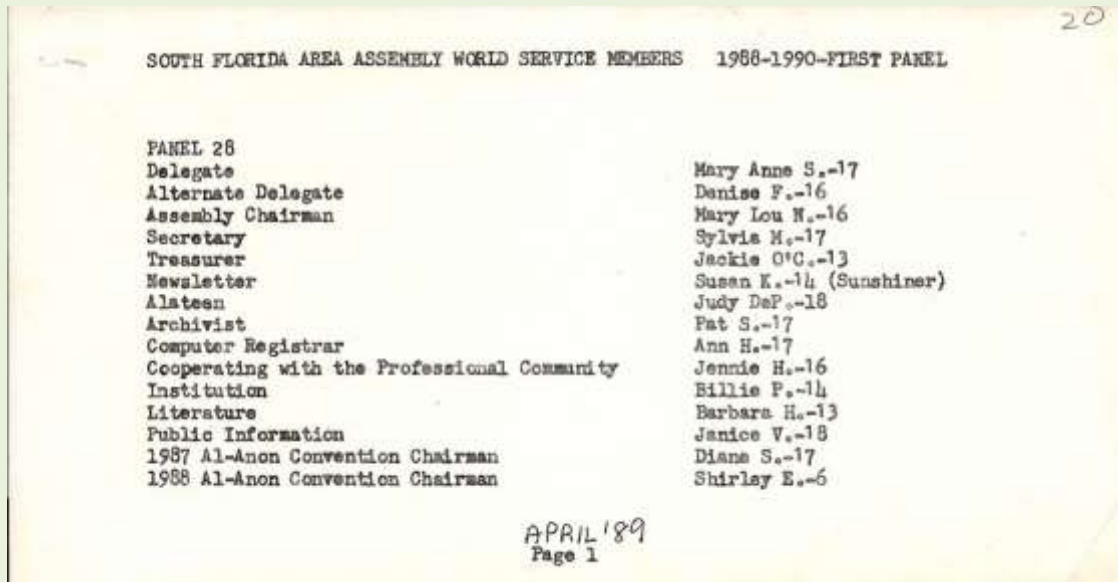
Although the hard work makes it possible to record the missing registration dates, the Florida South's contribution to the 60th Anniversary is an Al-Anon gift that not even an archives can record.

From all of us at the World Service Office, thank you and all of the Florida members for making this possible.

Sincerely,

*Joe Tanory
WSO Archives Coordinator*

South Florida Area Assembly World Service Members – First Panel 1988-1990



As always I am grateful for the opportunity to grow in service!

Jen R. Archives52FLS@gmail.com

Group Records

A member came up to me and gave me an idea for the group records which I would like to share with you. The recommendation was for the groups to keep a clear photocopy of the latest group records change form in their meeting binder or folder. This can facilitate ease of completing the new form when needed.

I have received many change forms but am still missing some. I have passed out a copy of WSO no mail status, updated list of meetings from WSO and from Area to the DR's. Please review them and let me know if there are any errors so I can fix it. Easiest way is to fill out a new change form.

The Sunshiner was mailed out this month, if you didn't receive one that means that either I do not have your group's current mailing address or there is an error. Again the easiest way to fix this is by providing me with a change form.

Just to recap on how I decided to handle the group records this panel:

- 1) I will be keeping a contact sheet for everyone attending the AWSC meetings – please make sure I have all of your info
- 2) I will be keeping a contact sheet for all the coordinators for each district – please provide these to me. I would like to do this because this will be easier for the area coordinators to get into contact with each district.
- 3) I will be updating the WSO website with all our Area's meeting information. This means that all forms are to come to me only please. I don't care if this gets emailed or mailed, just please get this to me.
- 4) To work with Web Coordinator to get the group info correct. Just a reminder that if the info that you send Diane doesn't match what I have, it will not be update on the website. This is a joint effort to have all our Area Information correct and matching everywhere.

My goal is to get all groups and districts updated by the end of the panel. Please help me accomplish this providing me the info in a change form

If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my cell or email me. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible

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Literature

There will be conference approved literature (CAL) for sale at the Fall Assembly. If you have specific items you want at the COST + TAX price you can PRE-ORDER with Betsy M., the Literature Coordinator for Florida South, Area 10, by emailing her literature52FLS@gmail.com

Remember these sales help to financially support Florida South Area 10.

Newsletter

I am so grateful for service as a GR, DR, and the Newsletter Coordinator, along with getting to understand the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. This experience has helped me to have a voice and be who I am today. Tom H. Dist. 189, GR and District Group Records and his commitment service has helped me to bring this Newsletter to you. This is the 4th edition of the Sunshiner posted for your viewing on our Area 10 Website. It is also mailed to all Group Representatives who have sent in their Area Change Forms to our Group Records Person, Nadine, A. Group Representatives, please consider highlighting the motions in the minutes at Announcements along with other outstanding areas and pass the Newsletter around at your groups. Thank you Betsy R. for your outstanding Minutes! Our Area Panel, Past Delegates, and those who subscribe to the Sunshiner also receive mailings of the Hard Copy.

Jennifer D. Our Area Delegate, has provided us with an article on the latest information coming to us from WSO. Becky, R., Area Chair has submitted an article summarizing the events going on in this Area. She has provided us with the Tentative Agenda for Fall Assembly. We list the Area Officers, Coordinators, and email addresses along with a map of the Area. You will find articles from Area Officers and Coordinators providing the latest information on topics such as Literature and the Web. Don't forget to look for a Calendar of events in the Area.

I invite all Group Representatives to go back to your groups and suggest members submit a sharing for the Sunshiner on the Traditions and Concepts. Email to me with first name and last initial only at Sunshinerpanel52@att.net .Panel Members, kindly submit your next articles no later than January 10, 2014. This will allow for one week for possible delays and one week to edit.



Yours in Service
Marianne D. Sunshinerpanel52@att.net.

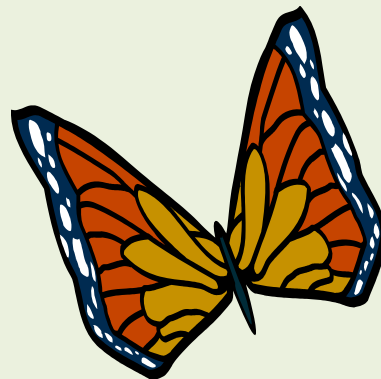
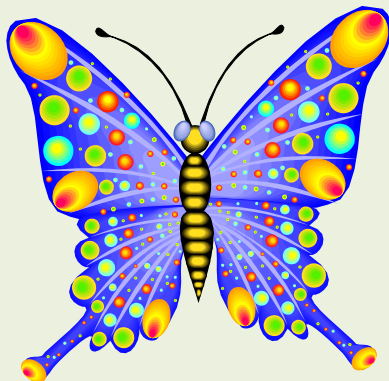
Website Coordinator

As we are entering the fall of 2013, please keep in mind that the Florida South website is a great tool for your gratitude dinner, speaker marathon or day of workshops. The trend these days is to use the web to find meetings and events. We are all AI-Anon / Alateen with abundant resources right at your fingertips.

Did you know that the WSO is updating many of the guidelines? We've posted some of them – come and check them out!

Our goal is to make the web informative and efficient. So let's keep those flyers and meeting updates coming.

Hugs;
Diane B.
Web Coordinator
Webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com





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