

The Sunshiner

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DELEGATE REPORT

AWSC February 24—25, 2007

Hello Florida South,

I attended the SE Delegate Roundup the first week in February in Myrtle Beach So. Carolina. The Region's past and present delegates came together to share serious discussion on:

1. The agenda of the past year's WSC and issues raised at that time.
2. Topics of interest & concern pertaining to the WSO and World Service in general.
3. Matters of current interest in our Southeast Region.

Topics brought up for discussion:

Pyramid Sponsorship

- * Grandsponsor — No such thing.
- * Make sure our groups are strong in the Traditions.
- * Keep your group healthy.
- * Hold a mini workshop on sponsorship.

Anonymity on the Internet

- * Putting last names and phone numbers on the Internet.

Area Newsletters

- * What type of information do you put in the newsletter?
- * Dear Serene column (fictional questions that are answered by the Traditions).
- * Some have a theme like detachment or anonymity.

How to handle groups redistricting

- * Talk to each other, reason things out.
- * Logistics are a lot of reasons for moving.

The ultimate authority member

- * Dominance, they correct member's job responsibility, Being manipulative & gossiping.
- * Vision for the Group, read the three obstacles.

Assemblies, how does your Area handle them?

- * Alateen training sessions on Friday night.
- * Study of the Service manual handled by different Districts.
- * Service Bingo.

Group Contributions

- * Financial responsibility.
- * Groups and Districts hoarding money.
- * Let groups know what the money is used for.

Do you have incorporated Alateen Conferences in your Area? * No Response.

Groups that have no interest in Service, do not have a GR, do not want to hear announcements:

- * District officers can visit Groups.

Vision of Al-Anon Family Groups in 5 yrs

- * Most recognized resource for family recovery
- * Rotational basis that WSO staff visit each country every five years.
- * Regional Service Seminars in foreign countries.
- * Financing of the Groups at work with whatever languages they request.
- * All areas, on their marquee at hotels say welcome Al-Anon Family Groups.
- * Al-Anon Family Group — should we really be Al-Anon Family Group, since we don't encourage or include families in our activities.
- * Newcomers come back.
- * Focus more on the recovery of the program.
- * A handbook in every member's hands.
- * Sponsorship to encompass more emphasis on service and study of the Traditions & Concepts.
- * More visits by the WSO staff and Trustees at the Area Assemblies.

Regional Trustee Plan, what is it?

- * Looking for people who are willing and hard working. Physically strong & able to give a lot of time—lots of board meetings and overseas travel.

- * Remember to use our full name, Al-Anon Family Groups, whenever appropriate.

Dual members, who are, for the most part, Adult Children trying to make it an AA meeting

- * In opening, state to please remain anonymous.
- * Use pamphlet Al-Anon Spoken Here.

Circuit Speakers & Longtime Members who think they are the authority

- * Circuit speakers are entertainers.
- * Tapes on relationships, Steps and Traditions.
- * Are we putting these people on a pedestal and are they getting paid?
- * Get someone to pick speakers that have good Al-Anon program.
- * Do not use speakers to elevate the Conventions.
- * Do we need to tape the speakers?

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TIME TO GET TOGETHER AND MAKE (150) LOVE GIFTS FOR OUR DELEGATE

The theme is 'New Thinking, New Energy, Abundant Outlook'

Please mail Love Gifts to our Delegate so that they will arrive sometime after April 16 and before April 21. Her mailing address is:

Please ask your DR or GR for this address.

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Calendar of Events

NOTE:

Please see flyers for more information on the following events or go to the web site

www.southfloridaal-anon.org

April 14 (Sat) SPEAKERS' MARATHON

Wellington Presbyterian Church
1000 Wellington Trace
Wellington, FL 33414

Food & fellowship 11:30-12:30, program begins at 12:45 PM - Coffee and cold beverages supplied. Donation \$5
Karenjean or Lucille

April 14 Day of Workshops "My Tool Box"

First Baptist Church in Jensen Beach
1400 Jensen Beach Blvd
8:30AM Breakfast, then Workshops, Speaker, and ending around 3:30PM with a Raffle. Raffle items needed. Contact Aloha or Linda for more information. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

May 4-6 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Clarion Hotel 12635 So. Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33907
(239) 936-4300

Make reservations by April 28, 2007 and mention FL South Area AFG—room \$69 per night plus tax for double occupancy Starts 8:00 PM Friday evening and Registration ends at 9:30 AM on Sat.

July 13-15, 2007 CAMP AL-ANON CARNIVAL

Contact Jeanne or Ann Marie. Entire weekend \$195 and Sat only \$85 (Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.)

July 27-29 ALATEEN CONFERENCE

Stetson University-421 N. Woodland Blvd.—Deland, FL Cost is \$125 or \$130 after 6/15/07

Aug 10-12 AWSC MEETING

Best Western (Exit 107)
Naples, FL

Aug 24-26 AL-ANON CONVENTION

Hilton Naples & Tower in Naples, FL

Nov 2-4 FALL ASSEMBLY

Fort Myers, FL

Convention 2007 - Birds of a Feather Flock Together

New registration forms will be available and given to the convention committee chairs at the March 17th convention committee meeting. They will then bring them back to their Districts and Groups. Shortly thereafter, the form will be available on the Area Website: www.southfloridaal-anon.org.

Everyone who has registered for the convention by the end of the Spring Assembly, May 6, 2007, will have their name put in a drawing to be drawn at Assembly May 6, 2007. The drawing will take place just before the close of Assembly on Sunday. The person whose name is drawn will receive a free banquet ticket (\$35.00) along with a convention logo ball cap. Hurry & get those registration forms in so you will be eligible for the drawing.

Requests: Boutique Chair - donated hand crafted items
Raffle Chair—donated unwrapped baskets (CAL, goodies small non religious gifts and unscented candles

Judy N-2007 Convention Chair

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR AREA

March 17-18, 2007 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE SEMINAR (SERSS):
Charleston, West Virginia

April 21-27, 2007 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE:
Ramada Plaza Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA

July 4th weekend, 2008 PITTSBURG WILL BE GREAT: International Al-Anon Convention. Registration forms will be out in Sept. 2007.

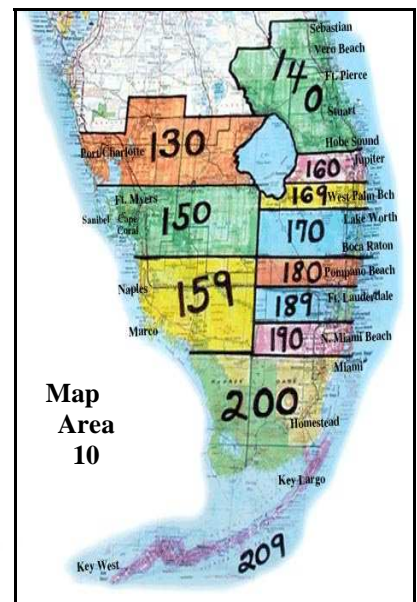
July 4th weekend, 2010 AA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: with Al-Anon participation, in San Antonio, TX.

2013 INTERNATIONAL AL-ANON CONVENTION: Join the dream team in 2013.

Who is included in the SOUTHEAST REGION?

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

Road Trips
to
Recovery!



If you have questions or articles for the newsletter please contact Mary W: Sunshiner46@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO ALL OUR SNOWBIRDS!



ARTICLE POUR LE SUNSHINER DE LA FLORIDE (AL-ANON)

Hello, I am a native French - speaking 'snowbird' from Quebec, Canada. When I was asked to share about my Al-Anon experience in Florida, I spontaneously accepted because I owe so much to Al-Anon.

When I knew for sure that my husband and I were going to live the next few winters in Homestead, Florida, I wondered if I'd have the opportunity to attend weekly Al-Anon meetings there? Thanks to my Higher Power, to the starters of the groups, and that I am bilingual, I could.

I was delighted to discover that the same wonderful spirit animated from the American Al-Anon members as well as from the Canadian members. It felt so good to feel at home in my new Al-Anon group.

Briefly said, I grew up in an alcoholic environment; my mother was afflicted by the sickness. I was constantly trying to protect her from falling on the floor and hurting herself. One time her left arm dislocated and I had to bring her to the hospital, calling a cab when I knew we had no money to cover it. We waited hours at the hospital in order to let the alcohol get out of my mother's body so the doctor could finally take care of her. I was only 6-8 years old and indeed strongly affected by that sort of event in my childhood.

Fortunately, nine years ago I discovered Al-Anon. Within this wonderful group I found help and I finally understand that I am responsible for my own happiness and well-being. If I am unhappy it is no one else's fault. It is because of the way I have reacted to someone else's comments or actions.

I can learn to live with others with a certain serenity, or go away and live my own life. "Acceptance changes everything." After a few years as member of Al-Anon I deeply understood that, in my own situation, if I do not make a problem of it when my husband drinks too much, there is in fact no problem at all. During these crisis I now try to focus on myself instead of on him I do pleasant things. I call a friend, read a good novel, or I can take a long walk. I can also cook a delicious vegetable soup cutting vigorously the pieces of celery and carrots! It makes me feel better.

Attending Al-Anon meetings regularly is essential to my recovery. I know now that the alcoholic is obsessed by the alcohol, but that I am obsessed by his drinking. He is sick and so I am. I must work on my recovery if I want to achieve serenity.

This is the precise reason my meetings are so important to me all year round. As the captain of a boat must constantly watch the light that shows his point of arrival, I must also regularly ascertain that I am still going in the right direction to serenity. If not, I will readjust my attitude accordingly. My meetings are one of my main chances of success.

It feels so good to remember new attitudes that I learn in my meetings. I need them to maintain order and to keep my serenity:

- Never argue with a drunk person; it is a pure loss of energy.
- My partner is a different person that has grown in a different environment and might cope in a different way to difficulties of life. Live and let live. Isn't it a marvelous way of really loving somebody?
- My HP can do for me what I can not do for myself. I ask Him regularly to help me. With Him I am capable of facing anything life brings me.
- Take a personal inventory and ask my HP to direct my thoughts and actions.
- I do not believe my problems stem from the alcoholic's drinking. Perhaps the real problem is my thinking. My partner can't always be the one who is wrong.
- I need to supply the willingness, my HP will supply the way.

Nicole
Quebec, Canada
Homestead, Florida USA



Attention All GR's

**Our Alternate Delegate has asked that
we please read**

Concepts 5 & 6

**We will be discussing these Concepts
at the Spring Assembly**

May 4-6, 2007 in Fort Myers, FL

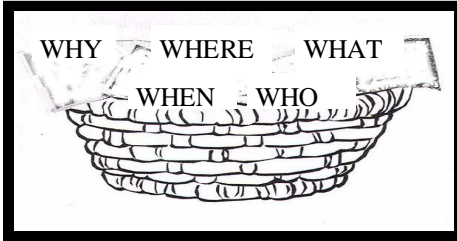
CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The World Service Office has a career opportunity for an Associate Director of Group Services and an Information Analyst. If you are interested in relocating, our Delegate Georgia C. has the resume information.

Area Coordinators Needed Now for Panel 46

- **Public Information Coordinator**
- **Institutions Coordinator**

ASK-IT-BASKET



Question:

ARE THERE RULES IN AL-ANON?

Note:

A "rule," is generally defined as a principle for governing an action. In Al-Anon we have spiritual principles that help guide our actions. Since our leaders do not govern, there is no punitive action taken against "rule breakers." Each member of Al-Anon, has a moral obligation to govern himself by practicing Obedience to the Unenforceable. (MW)

Answer:

THERE ARE NO RULES IN AL-ANON" ... OR ARE THERE?

Patte - District 150

In the 2002 - 2004 red Service Manual it was on page 103, the phrase "***It is not a book of rules; there are no rules in Al-Anon.***" This phrase was removed from the 2004 - 2006 Service Manual and will be edited out of other books when revised.

In trying to understand this, I figured the "rules" being referred to are the Traditions and the need to follow them. Page 11 in the current teal Service Manual states that "although they are only suggestions, Al-Anon's unity and perhaps even it's survival are dependent on adherence to these principles." I've often heard there are no rules in Al-Anon, but there are plenty of should's. It is pointed out how we should choose to work our individual programs but there are no rules on how to do it.

***asterisk will note pages from the 2004 - 2006 teal Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual**

SOME OF AL-ANON'S "RULES"

- 1) Dual member's cannot serve as a GR or Alt. GR. (page 69)*
- 2) "Each group is autonomous" does not mean groups can do whatever they want. They are autonomous in the fact that they may choose the name of their group, day, time & place. The groups are NOT autonomous in matters that affect another group, or Al-Anon or AA as a whole. (pages 135 & 163, Paths to Recovery)
- 3) No member may be a GR for more than one group at the same time. (page 69)*
- 4) World Service will register any group designating itself as an AFG with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions. (page 68)*
- 5) An Alateen Sponsor must be 21 years of age, currently attending regular Al-Anon meetings, and have been a member of Al-Anon for at least two years. (page 68)*
- 6) All groups are self supporting through their own voluntary contributions Tradition 7. (page 51) * There are no dues for membership (page 46) * but we pass the basket for voluntary contributions. Assistance from outside of Al-Anon violates this Tradition. (page 77)*
- 7) The groups are to pay the GR expenses to attend business meetings. (page 46)* Note this does not say JUST Assemblies. They also pay for the Group expenses such as rent, post office box, literature & supplies. (page 79)*
- 8) Group funds are used for group purposes ONLY, not personal gifts to members. (page 79) * The groups do not provide financial aid to members in need. (page 51)* Individuals are free

to help others in need if they choose. Contributions to any outside agency, activity, or program are NOT to be made from group funds. (page 79)*

9) The Group's support Al-Anon / Alateen financially at all three levels of service: Local, Area, WSO (page 51)*

10) When registering with WSO Groups must provide WSO with a (CMA) current mailing address, location, time, two telephone contacts (page 29)* and be registered "open" or "closed". (page 34)* A Group's name may not be affiliated with any organization or facility. (page 48 & 69)*

11) When speaking or writing as an Al-Anon member at the level of press, radio, films or TV use only first names or pseudonyms; and faces should not be recognizable. (page 73)* When appearing on a TV program as a relative of an alcoholic, a member can face the camera and give his full name; providing he does not reveal his membership in Al-Anon. (page 91)*

12) Contributions allocated to the General Fund may not be earmarked for special purposes. (page 77)*

13) Al-Anon speakers are not paid for speaking but their expenses may be paid. (page 79)*

14) Only (CAL) Conference Approved Literature be used in the meetings to keep the Al-Anon message in focus. (page 84)

15) Establishing a shelter is not in accordance with our Sixth Tradition (page 97)*

16) There is no discussion of

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Ask It Basket continued

specific religious beliefs in meetings. (page 99)* Al-Anon does not affiliate with other organizations; neither endorses nor opposes any other philosophies or spiritual programs. The Al-Anon name cannot be used to identify or publicize retreats or activities sponsored by others. In order to avoid appearance of affiliation; it is important to keep promotion of such events outside of Al-Anon meetings, meeting locations, newsletters, local bulletins & group meetings. (page 99)*

17) The term retreat has a religious connotation and therefore the Al-Anon name should not be used in connections with these events. (page 99)

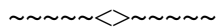
18) Religious services & announcements of them are not permitted as part of an Al-Anon event. (page 100)*

19) There may be no endorsement or promotion of any outside therapies. The groups do NOT announce or discuss activities of other anonymous Twelve Step Programs. Al-Anon newsletters & local bulletins may publicize activities of Al-Anon groups & those AA activities WITH Al-Anon participation. (page 100)*

20) There is no such thing as an AA/Al-Anon Meeting (page 190 Paths to Recovery)

21) Al-Anon is to help those affected by the disease of alcoholism, not drug addiction. (page 101) & (page 86 in 2005 Conf. Summary)

22) Sometimes, a vote must be taken to reach a decision. The Group Conscience "rules". (page 146, Paths to Recovery)



The Next Ask-It-Basket Question

When sending email correspondence or any mail as a representative of Al-Anon, is it acceptable to disclose our place of employment, advertise our business, use business cards or business letterheads, or promote our personal business in any way while serving Al-Anon?

Why or Why not?

Send your reply to Sunshiner46@hotmail.com Please include the name and page number of the CAL where you found your answer.

Mary W—Sunshiner Coordinator

Delegate's Report continued

LDC:

- * Are they good or bad?
- * Some Areas want to get one started.
- * Some Areas are having trouble with theirs.

ALATEEN:

- * Does your Area have training sessions, what do they consist of?
- * Do you have background checks?
- * Do you have requirements above the WSO level?
- * Have a State Trooper come to Assembly and fingerprint sponsors.
- * An Alateen Sponsor needs to make a commitment in years if they are going to open a meeting.

Action Committees

- * Are they successful?
- * What happens between assemblies?
- * Some Areas assign committees that rotate every year.
- * What is the purpose of the committees?

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism in 2007

My vision for FL South Area was to order & distribute 1000 copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism in 2007*. The total orders of the first printing were in excess of 168,000. Way to go everyone!

Members Web Site

Look for the Asia trip blog. It is 15 pages long but very informative.

E-CAL News

The fellowship submitted several personal stories during e-CAL's first week of operation. An e-CAL review team evaluated them within two days. By the end of the week, the Policy reviewers had approved them for adherence to Al-Anon's Legacies and policies. Congratulations to everyone and thank you all for your help! We couldn't have done it without you.

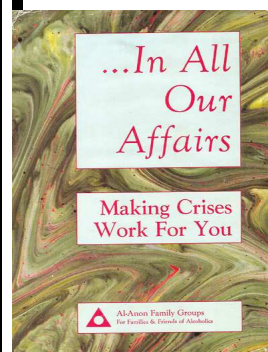
All of the submissions processed during the first week were text documents. If you know of members in your area who can combine words and graphics in the same document would you invite them to submit recovery messages that utilize some of the exciting technical things that e-CAL can do? Personal stories, graphics, poetry, and even multi-media are welcome. We will acknowledge receiving members' material and let them know when their presentation will appear on the site.

For more information, please direct members to the Al-Anon Members' Web site at www.al-anon.alateen.org/ members. To gain entry, please use the name of any Al-Anon/Alateen group, followed by the letters AFG.

Sharing experience, strength, and hope on the World Wide Web was something we used to dream about. Now it's here for all of us to use. Thank you for everything you are doing for the families and friends of alcoholics!

Florida South Delegate
Georgia C

A Brief Insert From Our Literature:



"If I keep a green bough in my heart a singing bird will come."

In All Our Affairs
page 209

Summary of Minutes Fall Assembly, September 15-17, 2006

Friday—September 15, 2006

- Meeting was brought to order by Juliette L., Chairperson at 8:00 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Skit on anonymity was performed.

Saturday—Sept 16, 2006

- Coordinator Breakout meetings were conducted.
 - Registration closed at 9:45 AM
 - Roll call was taken and a quorum was established
 - Number of registered GR's — 90
 - Quorum: 2/3 of registrations – 60
- Delegate's Report was given by Georgia C.—Highlights.
Secretary's Report from 2006 Spring Assembly was read by Shirley W., Area Secretary.

Motion #1 To approve minutes as corrected.

Made by Barb M, District 159
 Second by Pat K, District 180
 Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2 Robin (District 150) be admitted to Assembly and allowed to register as a non-voting member
 Made by Corey K, District 200
 Second by Carolyn N, District 180
 Verbal "I" was taken and motion passed

Alternate Delegate's Report was given by Debbie V., Alternate Delegate. A 20 minute workshop was conducted on Concepts 3 & 4. Concepts 5 & 6 will be discussed at the next Assembly.

Coordinator Reports:

Webmaster—Becky E.

- Send info on District events with all pertinent details for the calendar
- Check e-mail address that is linked to the Contact icon
- Designate only one person in your District to communicate information
- Include your District number when e-mailing.
- If anyone has a more official looking map of the Area please e-mail it.
- For more information see report.

Spanish Liaison—Lida

- Will accept position permanently
- Lost transistor radio valued at \$35.00 at Convention
- Will be taking driver license information for contact purposes when loaning out equipment
- Starting list of volunteers to translate
- Working on job description
- Vision—to have a table of Spanish GR's at Assembly

Sunshiner—Mary W.

- Share Ask It Basket questions and answers with your group.
- Deadline for articles is at least three weeks before the Sunshiner is mailed.
- Discussed how easy it would be to break many members' anonymity by offering a subscription to the newsletter on-line
- Suggested that we remove the subscription form from the website.

Literature—Judy N Nothing to report CPC—Patte W

- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism has been shipped out the end of August. The response has been a huge success.
- The second printing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007 deadline is February 15, 2007 and will be shipped before April 1, 2007
- See report for more details.

Motion #3 Accepting a voting member from District 200 into the Assembly
 Made by Renee L, District 150
 Second by Cynthia C, District 190
 Motion was discussed
 Vote yes—60 no—22 abstain—4
 Motion passed

Group Records—Lynn N.

- DR's received WSO group printouts with "how to make changes" and "interpreting computer language on those printouts"
- When submitting changes please include District number

- Encourage groups to acquire a PO Box.

Archivist—Jennifer

- Requested that Districts put the year on their flyers
- Paper item donations are welcome (Brought a beautiful display to the Assembly).

Treasurer's Report—Carol M.
 Report was discussed.

Motion #4 Accept the Treasurer's report.
 Made by Christi M, District 140
 Second by Barbara D, District 140
 Verbal "I" vote taken
 Motion passed unanimously

Items discussed by Treasurer

- Contributions to include District number, Group number & Group name on check or accompanying paperwork.
- Reviewed reimbursement fact sheet
- Discussed rounding contributions up to whole dollars and rounding expenses down to whole dollar values.

Donation basket was passed. \$350 was collected.

Juliette announced that Lynn N was resigning as Group Records Coordinator

Coordinator Breakout Mtg. Summaries

Group Records—Lynn N

- What is Group Records? Link between District, Area and WSO.
- Who sends what to whom? District Group Records or DR sends to Area Group Records Coordinator who sends to WSO.
- What are "closed" & "open" meetings. All Al-Anon meetings are "closed" to persons whose lives are not affected by someone else's drinking. It is important for the Group Records Coordinator to know if a meeting is "open" or "closed."

Archives—Jennifer D

- Asking old time members to be interviewed

- Scanning Archives—make sure media doesn't breakdown or become obsolete
- District Archives—take displays to events
- Anonymity in Archives—ask before photographing
- Bulky archives— picture of item
- Future-Not all Districts have archives

Webmaster - Becky E

- Create a printer friendly version of each District's web meeting schedule
- Create a searchable database of meetings
- Create a site index

Sunshiner—Mary W

- Are you getting the Sunshiner?
- Comments about the Sunshiner: Members like Ask It Basket, information, cartoon and map is handy.
- Request that each District mail a copy of their newsletter to her.

CPC—Patte W

- Focus on 'Let It Begin Wit Me'
- Using Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism
- Letting people know who we are and the difference between AA and Al-Anon
- Pros & cons of mass mailing
- Public outreach media
- Having project coordinators instead of or in addition to chair people
- How to get into Sheriff's Dept., jails, treatment centers and whom to talk with.
- To get Alateen meetings in school, contact the counselors and dean.

Literature—Judy N

- Requested information about writing for Forum or new publications.
- How to obtain literature from Area?
- Responsibilities of the LDC
- New publications and those no longer available
- Groups having a meeting based on literature once a month
- Every GR should have an Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual
- Recommended Literature list: Survival to Recovery, Having Had a Spiritual Awakening, When I Got Busy I Got Better, In All Our Affairs, Alateen books and pamphlets

- Using books for prizes; display at dinners and other events
- GRs are Forum representatives; free Forums to groups.

Old Business

- 2006 Convention Report—Alina V, District 200 \$1,842.51 loss. Discussed feedback from attendees.
- Tax Exempt Status Report—Juliette IRS has requested additional forms be signed, which is being done.
- 2007 Convention Report—Judy N, District 159.

It will be held Aug. 24-26,2007 at Naples Hilton & Towers. Pre registration forms have been distributed to DRs. Committee chair positions available are Alateen and Spanish programs. Meetings will start January and will be held at Naples Hilton & Towers on the third Sat of the month.

- Rising costs of Assembly—Juliette L Received some quotes from other areas but none are less than what is offered at the Clarion in Fort Myers.

New Business

2007 Budget—presented by Carol M Discussion

Motion #5 Accept budget as proposed Made by Mary G, District 180 Second by Lynn N, District 140 Verbal "I" vote taken. One opposed. Motion passed.

Motion #6 Voting members must go to the microphone at Assemblies to "call the question." Motion made by AWS Motion discussed Vote: yes-75 no-10 abstain-1 Motion passed

Michael Sue District 189 volunteered to chair the 2007 Alateen Conference

Motion #9 That Alateen split from N. FL Alateen for the conference. Made by Michael Sue, District 189 Motion discussed Question Called by Pat K, District 180 Seconded by Melanie K, District 170 Vote: yes-81 no-2 abstain-2 Vote on motion was taken Vote yes-0 no-69 abstain-13 Motion did not pass.

Timely Topics were present and discussed by—Georgia C

2008 Convention Chair: Becky R, District 180 volunteered and was ratified by the Assembly.

Motion # 10 Subscription form to Sunshiner include the Al-Anon group & District that the member attends. Made by Alina V, District 200 Second by Earl O, District 170 Motion was discussed. Vote: yes-17 no-50 abstain-17 Motion did not pass.

Motion # 11 That the Sunshiner subscription form be removed from the FL South Area website. Made by Kathy D, District 140 Second by Carrina M, District 160

Motion discussed. Vote: yes-76 no-2 abstain-7 Motion passed.

Motion #12 That DR expenses to attend the Assembly be paid by their District and not by the Florida South Area. Made by Corey, District 200 Second by Alina V, District 200 Motion discussed Vote yes-48 no-32 abstained-1 Motion passed.

Motion #13 That the last name of those members listed on the Sunshiner be omitted. Made by Letizia, District 190 Second by Tonju, District 190 Motion was discussed. Vote: yes-2 no-78 abstain-4 Motion did not pass.

OTHER:

Discussed current Alateen Coordinator's position and availability.

Motion # 14 To replace our Alateen Coordinator. Made by Christi M, District 140 Second by Fred W, District 130 Motion discussed Verbal "I" vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report Is Not Posted On-Line

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT A REGULAR CONTRIBUTION FROM EACH GROUP IN THE AREA, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR AREA CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

FLORIDA SOUTH ASSEMBLY

P.O. BOX 112256

NAPLES, FL 34108 (please note that this zip code has been corrected)

Please include your group's ID# on your check. Thank you!

The following Contribution Facts Sheet from WSO is only a suggestion. Groups decide what they can afford to give.

After the needs of the Group are met the balance of the funds may then be used to support its service arms.

,70 cents per member per month to District

70 cents per member per month to Area

Area World Service Meeting July 14, 2006 Motion Summary

1. *Approve minutes as amended—Passed*
2. *Accept Treasurer's Report—Passed*
3. *Standing Committees be dissolved—Passed*
4. *Not to have a Service Seminar in 2007—Passed*
5. *Accept the 2007 budget—Passed*
6. *Voting member to go to the microphone at Assemblies to 'call the question' - Passed*

Current AISL and DR Reports

Most of our Districts are doing very well and have their service positions filled. There have been many creative activities and workshops ... and more to come! Check the Calendar of Events and try to get to some of these functions outside your own district. Try a couple of those "Road Trips to Recovery!"

Some ways our Districts are reaching out: E-mail service between groups to stay informed; speakers list; District newsletters; phone service; posters on the Metrorail.

Current Coordinator Reports

All coordinators are busy and doing a great job.

Two positions open at this time

- Public Information Coordinator
 - Institutions Coordinator

Are you interested ?

Coming Soon ...

The Archives Corner!

Look here for some very interesting displays of our Area's past.

Jennifer, our Archives Coordinator, is digging up a surprise for the next issue of the Sunshiner. The next issue will be on the Area website so don't forget to look at the on-line issues of the Sunshiner and print them out for your group to read.

MW

AWSC Meeting , Clewiston, Feb. 24—25, 2007

- **We have TAX EXEMPT Status !**
A motion was made and passed, to use the tax exempt status for Area only at this time. We are presently on probation and need to be careful until we become familiar with the proper use of this new tool. We may collect tax refunds as far back as April 1, 2005. Individual donations to our Area are now tax deductible.
- We have been asked to remove the Newcomers Welcome from our binders. This part of our OPENING is not CAL and may be too harsh for a newcomer.
- N. Florida Alateen voted to separate from FL South Alateen after this year. Alateen Conference positions are open and the first planning meeting will be held in two weeks. Cost will be \$125 (early registration).
- The web site is considered a Public Forum and we need to practice anonymity on-line.
- Two ADHOC committees were formed: (1) to review the Convention Guidelines and; (2) to review Alateen policies
- Stu M will Chair the Tax Exempt Committee.
- G-16 New Alateen Guideline. Also available, is a Power Point training session for Sponsees.

Summary of Minutes

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Asked for volunteer for the Alateen Coordinator's position. Margot B, District 169 volunteered and was ratified by the Assembly.

Margot BO

Asked for volunteer for Group Records Coordinator position. Alina V, District 200 volunteered and was ratified by the Assembly.

Alina VT

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- Spanish chairperson position is available for the 2007 convention.
- Groups shared on upcoming events in their Districts.

Suggestions from the suggestion box were read.

Meeting was adjourned by Juliette L at 6:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer and the AI-Anon Declaration.