



The Sunshiner

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Some spiritual principles found in Concept 5:

Consideration; Patience; Equality;
 Courtesy; Humility
 (all parts of unconditional love)

CONCEPT FIVE

Concept 5: The Rights of Appeal and Petition protect minorities and assure that they be heard.

There is a general "rule" we follow at our Area Assemblies that helps encourage minority opinions to be heard. Our Chairperson reminds us NOT to clap approval or moan disapproval of what anyone has to say at the microphone. Instead, we practice listening carefully to what each person has to say without judgment. We all have the same safety to stand at the microphone and share our opinions without fear of being booed. Our minority opinion, once heard, might be just the one to turn around the thinking. I have seen it happen so I know how important it is that every

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voice is given the opportunity to be heard.

In my experience, I am much more willing to compromise once my own voice has been given careful consideration. Knowing I was heard is more important to me than having my way!

When any minority considers an issue to be so grave that a mistaken decision could seriously affect AI-Anon as a whole, the minority can carry a complaint directly to the Board of Trustees, if desired.

The well-heard minority is our protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty, or emotional majority.

MW

Making Love Gifts



1) Mouse Traps & Willing Hands



2) Get ready, Get set, Go!



3) Finished "Catch Recovery Tools"



4) Ready to mail to our Delegate

What are Love Gifts?

Love Gifts are handmade trinkets that express an AI-Anon message. Each District makes 150 of these to send to their Delegate to exchange with other Delegates at the AFG World Service Conference. Our Delegate will bring back to the next Assembly the Love Gifts she was given and share them with us. It is a fun way of passing AI-Anon love throughout our worldwide fellowship.

Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS - 2008

May 3 FLORIDA SOUTH AREA SERVICE SEMINAR

Trinity Lutheran Church
400 N. Swinton Ave.
Delray Beach, FL 33444
9:30 AM—3:30 PM
Lunch—Potluck—Provided
Come early for coffee & treats.
Registration \$10

May 9,10 &11 CAMP AL-ANON

Duncan Center
15820 Military Trail
Delray Beach, FL 33484

Entire weekend:
\$195 before 1/31/08
\$205 after 1/31/08

Saturday only: \$75 by 4-15

June 13-15 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Clarion Hotel
12635 So. Cleveland Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33907

(Mention FL SO Area 10 AFG)
\$79 per night plus tax—reservation
must be made by June 1, 2008

Meeting Schedule: Friday, June 13,
8:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM—registration
ends 9:30 AM; Sun. 9:00 AM complete
business if necessary.

July 18-20 ALATEEN CONFERENCE

"Riding The Waves Of Recovery"

Lake Placid
Camp & Conference Center
Lake Placid, Florida

Aug. 29-31 Fall AWSC mtg.
AmericInn, Bonita Springs

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Sept. 26-28—CONVENTION SWEET SERENITY

Embassy Suites Hotel
1100 SE 17 Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

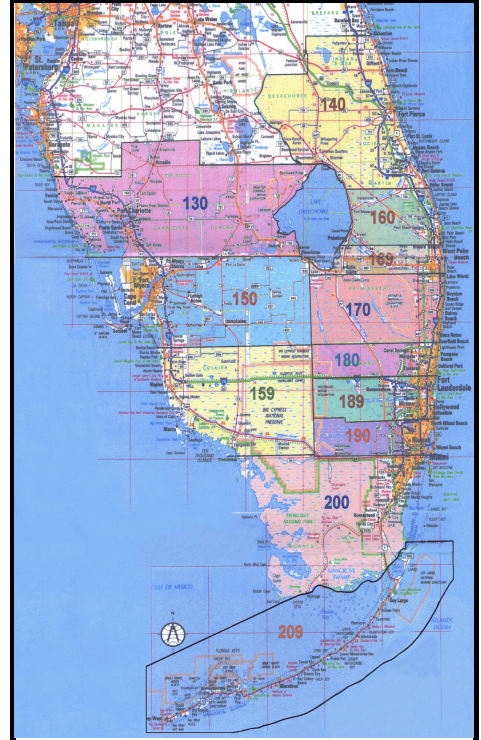
Registration must be made by August
26, 2008 to receive the special rates.
Please mention AFGFS. See SWEET
SERENITY Flyers for rates and more
details.

Oct. 10-12 FALL ASSEMBLY

Clarion Hotel
12635 So. Cleveland Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33907
239-936-4300
(Mention FL SO Area Assembly)

Nov. 15 (ONE DAY ONLY) AWSC TURNOVER MEETING

Clewiston Inn
108 Royal Palm Avenue
Clewiston, FL



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

Southeast Region

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

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR AREA

2008 April 12-17
World Service Conference in
Stamford, CT

2008 July 4-6, in Pittsburg, PA
International Al-Anon Convention
\$125 from Jan 1-May 31, 2008
\$150 after May 31 or on-site

2010 July 4th weekend
San Antonio, TX
AA International Convention: with Al-
Anon participation

2013
International Al-Anon Convention:
More information to follow.



A place of SERENITY In Florida South

FLORIDA SOUTH AREA CONTACT LIST

Not available on-line.

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Debbie V., our Alternate Delegate has requested that everyone read Concepts 11 & 12, as we will be discussing these Concepts at the next Area Assembly.

CONCEPT 11: The World Service Office is composed of selected committees, executives, and staff members.

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.

Ask It Basket

Q #1. Is it appropriate for Al-Anon or Alateen to accept funds or to endorse an outside entity?

Answer: Page 51, 2006-2009 Service Manual explains that the group's membership is the source of its funds and that it breaks Tradition 7 to accept assistance from sources outside Al-Anon. Al-Anon neither endorses nor opposes any cause (Preamble to 12 Steps & see Tradition 6).

Q #2. What is an outside entity?
Answer: Any organization or cause that is separate from Al-Anon. Tradition 6

Q #3. A long time member of Al-Anon leads her own private Step-Study Workshop which includes Al-Anon members and members of multiple fellowships. CAL & assorted outside literature is used. Even though the leader has admitted that this is not an Al-Anon Workshop many members of this Al-Anon District still "act as if" this Workshop is part of the Al-Anon program & discuss it in detail inside Al-Anon meetings. Some sponsors require their sponsees to take this Workshop and work their Steps there. Should this Workshop be considered part of Al-Anon since it is lead by a long-time member of Al-Anon & held in the Al-Anon room, with Al-Anon members?

Answer: No. Al-Anon does not affiliate or endorse any other spiritual program. Al-Anon is a separate entity. Page 107 Service Manual

Al-Anon & Al-Anon Workshops use CAL only. See page 3, P-35, Why CAL.

Discussion of other outside programs or philosophies is an inappropriate

topic for meetings . Page 97, How Al-Anon works.

Al-Anon sponsors are members who are familiar enough with the Al-Anon program to help us apply it to our own lives. Page 36, How Al-Anon Works.

Q #4 This same District rents a room (clubhouse) for the sole purpose of conducting Al-Anon business: Al-Anon meetings; District & AIS; Literature storage & sales; and for holding Al-Anon Workshops & Committee meetings. This same outside Workshop has been renting & meeting in this Al-Anon room for over 13 years.

a.) Would it appear that this outside Workshop is affiliating itself with Al-Anon & vice versa?

Answer: Yes it would. In order to avoid appearance of affiliation it is important to keep outside entities out of Al-Anon meetings and meeting locations. Page 99, 2006 Service Manual.

b) Could this outside Step Workshop be easily confused by members as an Al-Anon Workshop simply by it being in the Al-Anon room year after year?

Answer: Yes. Same as above.

c.) Should this District rely on rent from this outside Workshop to help support their room?

Answer: No. This breaks Tradition 7.

d.) Would it appear that this outside Workshop is endorsed favorably & accepted by Al-Anon?

Answer: Yes, by associating this workshop with this Al-Anon District and by encouraging or requiring members to join this workshop it is being accepted by some members as a necessary part of the Al-Anon program . This could lead to confusion and appearance of affiliation with Al-Anon. The Workshop is being given a favorable endorsement by Al-Anon, by allowing it to meet in the

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

That way I get to look it up!



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Al-Anon Clubhouse. See Tradition 3 and page 99 in the Service Manual.

Q #5 Where is the line drawn between cooperation & affiliation between Al-Anon & Outside Entities?

Al-Anon has no opinion on outside issues and remains separate from all other entities. Traditions 3 and 10.

Cooperate: to remain separate entities while working together for a common goal.

Affiliation: to endorse or support another entity as part of one's own, as in combining different goals into one new entity. Page 98, 2006-09 Manual.

-anonymous-

QUESTION NEXT ISSUE:

Q. What is Al-Anon's policy on the practice of scheduling interventions for our alcoholic relatives?

Please send your replies to:

Sunshiner46@hotmail.com

Quotes from our literature cannot be printed without permission so please just use your own words with a page number from CAL, or you may quote the Step, Tradition or Concept that supports your statements.

**AREA WORLD SERVICE MEETING
Area 10 – Panel 46
February 9-10, 2008
Clewiston, Florida**

Saturday Feb 9, 2008

Chairperson Juliette L. opened the meeting at 10:00 AM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and introductions were made.

Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

Quorum was established.

Voting members – 26

Quorum is 2/3 voting members

There must be 18 members present to do business

2008 Alateen Conference Report given by Corey K.

- Convention is the end of July
- Checking out site on Lake Placid
- Each district is asked to donate a basket for the raffle and boutique items
- Next meeting is Sunday, March 2nd at Corey's house

Miami, FL

Phone #

Email address –

- Need volunteers

Minutes read by Shirley W., Area Secretary –
Minutes were discussed and corrected.

Motion # 1

Cheryl A. District 169 moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Judy N. District 159 seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

End of Year treasurer's report given by Carol M.,
Area Treasurer

- Report shows a balance of \$XXX
- \$XXX was put into a money market account at 4%
- \$XXX donation was sent to WSO

2008 treasures report given by Carol M, Area Treasurer

- Report showed a balance of \$XXX

Motion # 2

Barbara H. District 190/200 moved to accept the treasurer's report as given. Mary W. District 200 second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegate's report was given by Georgia C.

- Two Trustees visited Shanghai, Beijing and Kunming in March of 2007

- Concept Blog is an interactive workshop and is not Conference approved. The blog is an interchange with members on the Concept of the month.
- Literature Sales in 2007 were \$XXX– 17% more than 2006
- Contributions were \$XXX compared to \$XXX in 2006
- Building Fund, the building should be paid by April 2010
- Expenses are substantially below budget and almost the same as 2006
- New Service Manuals are now printed in English, Spanish and French
- Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work cost one dollar
- There will not be a Regional Service Seminar in 2008 due to us having an International Convention.
- Topics of Interest were discussed by Delegates and voted on
- Upcoming Events –
 - 2008 Pittsburgh will be Great International Convention is July 4th weekend. Over 2800 registrations already received. Theme is 'Connecting People Around the World'
 - 2008 World Service Conference – April 12-17, 2008 in Stamford, CT
 - 2013 International Al-Anon Convention is in Vancouver, Canada the weekend of July 4th
 - 2010 AA International Convention with Al-Anon participation is in San Antonio, TX
 - Forty Eighth World Service Conference is April 12-17, 2008.

'Building Bridges – Energizing our
Spiritual Quest' will be the theme.

Georgia's Address will be:

Georgia Carlen

AFG World Service Conference –

April 13-17, 2008

Stamford Marriot Hotel

Two Stamford Forum

Stamford, CT 06901

- Board Vision – All people affected by someone else's drinking will find help and recovery in every community
- Board Mission – Anticipate the future and Al-Anon's place in it and ensure that the necessary resources are available.

Break was taken at 11:20. Meeting reconvened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Alternate Delegate's report was given by Debbie V.

- Discussed the Concept Blog
- Concepts 11 and 12 and the Warranty will be discussed at the Spring Assembly. Please take this back to your groups and be prepared to discuss them

- For AWSC meeting do not check in with hotel desk. See Debbie for your room key
- Hotel questions need to be directed to Debbie or Juliette

2008 Convention Report was given by Becky R. District 180

- First committee meeting was January 19th.
- Vision for the Convention: Equality, Fun, Flexibility, Opportunity, Respect and Trust
- Sweet Serenity Convention is September 26-28, 2008
- Can have 350 attend the banquet
- Budget that was presented by Louanne was accepted and approved by the committee
- Registration incentive drawing will be held at the Spring Assembly and will include those who registered by 12/31/07. A second incentive registration is being considered
- 75 have registered as of today

Coordinators Report

- Archives – given by Jennifer D.
 - Discussed archive activities
- Alateen – given by Margot
 - Five new volunteer profile applications have been submitted
 - Two new Alateen groups have started
 - Train – the –Trainer educational tool is expected to be available by July in Power Point Format
 - If you would like to join an Alateen Advisory Committee you may contact WSO for information. For three years in 2008 certified members of the United States and Canada will be meeting at different locations to discuss Alateen issues. All expenses will be paid by WSO.
 - Alateen Conference coming up this summer, date and location to be announced.
- Group Records – given by Alina V.
 - Discussed group records and distributed change forms and directory list for corrections
- Webmaster – given by Becky E.
 - Continues to update information as it is provided by the districts
 - Discussed information that is on the website and how to get flyers published on the website.
- Literature – given by Judy N.

- Presented Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work. WSO would like groups to order enough to distribute to all members. Cost is \$1.00

- Participated in conference call in March from WSO for all Literature Coordinators
- Discussed who should receive service manuals from WSO

- Sunshiner - given by Mary W.
 - Next issue will only be on the website. Deadline for articles is February 16, 2008
 - The May issue will be mailed out. Send your article, announcements, reports and Ask It Basket answers in by March 31st
 - It is time to renew your yearly subscriptions for 2008
 - Ask It Basket online issue will be on Anonymity and the mailed issue will be on Affiliation
 - A basket will be sitting in front of Mary at the next Assembly for members to drop-off their articles for the last two issues of 2008.

- Public Outreach – given by Patte W.
 - February 10th Al-Anon will be featured in the “Dear Abby” column, internationally. Column reaches 100,010 readers. The column will mention anyone interested in learning more about Al-Anon can receive a free copy of A-Anon Faces Alcoholism by contacting the WSO. Al-Anon will have two more opportunities to be in the column again this year.
 - Participated in an Area Public Outreach Coordinator conference call where they discussed how Areas can make better use of the PSA, “Sketches”. Districts are asked to encourage their stations locally by taking PSA’s individually to the stations. Stations can make copies of the PSA.
 - This past fall the WSO sent “press releases” to the coordinators so they could be edited and emailed to local newspapers and appropriate magazines.
 - 7th Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Conference is June 27th at Ft. Myers Harbor-side Convention Center. The table will be free this year because of our not for profit status. District 150 has donated 400 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008 to be given out. Current meeting schedules are needed from each District because attendees are from all over south Florida.
 - The video Al-Anon Speaks for Itself is posted on www.YouTube.com
 - April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Schools and libraries are smart places for reaching out during April.
 - You do not need the WSO’s permission to

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talk to a reporter

- Plan a "Get the Word Out" week. We can receive more of the gifts of Al-Anon by sharing it with others.

Lunch break taken at 12:10. Meeting reconvened at 1:30 with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Breakout meetings for DR's, AISL's, Coordinators and Officers were held.

Breakout reports

DR Report – given by Sean District 190

Items discussed were –

1. Ways to encourage sales from the literature depot
2. Election procedures at District level for upcoming panel
3. How to encourage rotation of leadership participation from GR's
4. District website development
5. Checking accounts and the issue of tax id numbers

AISL Report – given by Jeannie C.

Items discussed were -

1. Alateen - 3 Alateen meetings in District 189
2. Institutions - District 189 has a prison meeting and District 170 is in five institutions
3. Health Fairs – 2 health fairs in District 160
4. Bus ads – District 180 is busy working with bus ads and District 170 has ads resented in on 6 buses

Coordinators Report – given by Margot, Alateen Coordinator

Items discussed were –

1. Communication issues and how to distribute information
2. Need to increase communication with Area Coordinators
3. Group records – forms need to be filled out to reflect changes

Officers Report – given by Juliette L., Chairperson

Items discussed were –

1. AA Convention is not following the Alateen guidelines concerning Alateen participation
2. GR orientation
3. Tax exempt status

Tax Exempt Report Update – given by Debbie V., Alternate Delegate

State Tax

- State Tax Exempt certificate is in hand
- Working on applying State Tax exemptions status to events held since April 2007 so that we may get refunded for taxes paid
- Carol M. will be changing the checking accounts and money market to reflect our non profit name.

Federal Tax

- Federal Law requires us to file income tax in 2008
- As a corporation you must have a physical address. Currently it is our Miami attorney's address. There is a company that provides a physical address for \$129 per year. They are just a registered agent for us. This is an option that is being presented to the group. The recommendation is that we keep the address with the Miami attorney.

CPA discussed by Carol M.

- Found a non profit CPA located in Naples. The fee is \$500 and her name is XXX
- The fee covers processing of the taxes for the year

Resolution was presented to change the name on all legal documents to Al-Anon Family Groups Florida South (Area 10), Inc. and the bank can determine a designation of accounts.

Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Convention Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Juliette reported that Stu had stepped down as chairperson of the committee. She asked for a volunteer to chair the committee. Liz G. from District 160 stood for the position. Juliette appointed Liz as chairperson. Liz's email address is XXX Please go back to your districts and announce to the groups that volunteers are needed for this committee. It was determined that the Conventions Guidelines included guidelines for each committee chairperson.

Spring Assembly

- June 13-15, 2008
- At Clarion Hotel in Ft Myers
- Reservations must be made by June 1, 2008
- Room rates are \$79 per night
- District 159 volunteered to do registration
- Items for the GR folders must be in the room by 6:00PM on Friday June 13th.

2008 Service Seminar Report was given by Cheryl A. from District 169

- District 169 will be providing coffee, danishes, etc for breakfast.
- Lunch will be a potluck. Districts close by are asked to bring hot dishes. Other districts could supply salads and other items that are not served hot.
- Date is May 3, 2008 from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- Locations is Trinity Lutheran Church in Delray Beach
- Sessions will be 45 minutes long

Alateen Ad-Hoc Committee Report given by Margot

- Gender Conscious Aspects – This issue clearly had many varying aspects to it and therefore there were different opinions and no clear decision resulted
- One on One Interactions - According to our service manual a meeting is whenever two or more meet but it does not clarify whether the two can be one AMIAS (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) and one Alateen or there must be two Alateens and one AMIAS – This issue also had many varying aspects and therefore there were different points of view and no clear decision resulted.
- Should there be a requirement that at least two Alateen Sponsors be present for an Alateen meeting? This may be a goal for the future but unfortunately currently there are not enough AMIAS in most Districts to adopt this requirement at this time.
- Transportation of Teens to and from events – The group felt the current paperwork addressing this issue is adequate at this time
- Appropriate Ratio of AMIAS to Alateens at all times – This was not viewed as an issue at this time.

Report was discussed and the committee was asked to meet again to respond to the motion the February 2007 meeting along with how to remove a sponsor.

(Motion below copied from February 2007 minutes)

Motion #11:

Jennifer D., District 180, made a motion seconded by Becky R., District 180, that "the Alateen Ad-Hoc Committee reconvene to re-view the Florida South Alateen Sponsor Requirements and Forms and report back to AWSC with findings." A vote was taken: 21 FOR, 2 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTAIN. Motion passed.

Break was taken. Meeting reconvened at 4:00PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Convention chairperson discussion was given by Juliette

- Question was presented 'How would this AWSC like to have a person's name presented for this position?'
- Reviewed what was in the Convention Guidelines
- There was discussion
- Conventions Ad-Hoc Committee was asked to address this issue and clarify it in the guidelines.

Spanish Liaison Coordinator/translation equipment discussion

- The following questions were discussed -How effective is the Spanish Coordinator position? Do we need a Spanish Coordinator?How effective is the equipment? Is it being used?
- Committee agreed that the Spanish Coordinator positions and translations equipment is useful
- Juliette will speak with Lida and see if she would like to continue holding this position.

2009 Conventions Report – nothing to report as this time

Elections Procedures were distributed to everyone to take to their Groups for review

Coordinator guidelines were discussed.

- Archives guidelines were presented by Jennifer Guidelines were discussed
- Alateen guidelines were presented by Margot Guideline were discussed
- Group Records not available
- Webmaster guidelines were presented by Becky Guideline were discussed
- Literature not available
- Sunshiner guidelines were presented by Mary Guidelines were discussed
- Public Outreach guidelines were presented by Patte Guidelines were discussed

Other Business

- Judy N. discussed e-Cal sharing and the need for sharings to be submitted January 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008. Sharings submitted within this time will be reviewed by judges to be previewed at the International Convention
- Barbara H. District 190/200 presented a question 'What would one do if they wanted to change the District they belonged to?' It was discussed and Georgia explained the procedure
 - Ask the District you wish to move to if they approve at the district meeting

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Fall Assembly 2007 Motion Summary

MOTION # 1 – motion passed

To approve minutes as corrected

MOTION # 2 – motion did not pass

I move that we refrain from gift giving to all Al-Anon members acting in any service capacity.

MOTION # 3 – motion passed

To approve Treasurer's Report as corrected

MOTION # 4 – motion passed

To accept 2008 budget

MOTION # 5 from AWSC – motion passed

I move that the South Florida Area will have an Alateen Conference every year starting in 2008

Motion was discussed and closed ballot was requested

MOTION # 6 – motion did not pass

I move that recommendation be made to consider an exception to the 5 yr. requirement for Public Outreach service based on previous experience in the work place and/or service and commitment to Al-Anon.

MOTION # 7 – motion passed

I move that a portion (25%) of the profits from the 2007 Al-Anon Convention be sent to the WSO.

MOTION # 8 – motion withdrawn

I move that Linda S. who is not present today but has expressed a desire to be 2009 Convention Chair be approved by this Assembly

MOTION # 9 – motion did not pass

I move that when a voting member is late for Assembly, that before we vote to let them vote at Assembly, we should hear the reason they are late. Also, it should be a count vote.

MOTION # 10 – motion passed

I move that Florida South invest it's prudent reserve of \$XXX into an interest bearing investment (eg CD, money markets, etc.)

MOTION # 11 – motion passed

I move that we request our delegate to bring to WSC a suggestion to develop a CAL replacement for the newcomers welcome which has been removed.

MOTION # 12 – motion passed

I move that we change the closing of the Assembly from the Lord's Prayer to the Serenity Prayer

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- Ask the District you currently belong to for approval to move at the district meeting
 - DR presents it to AWSC
 - It is presented to Assembly
- Discussed who presents the Election Procedure at Assembly
 - Alina presented an issue where a Group was in the Where & When but not registered with the WSO
This was discussed and it was determined it's the autonomy of the District to handle the issue
 - Sean presented an issue regarding the decline in the Spanish attendance at the last Assembly. It was discussed
 - Carol M. asked that the Groups put their District Number on the checks.
 - Discussed the AWSC turnover meeting. The idea was presented to make it a one day meeting with no staying overnight. Everyone was in favor of this idea.

Calendar of Events was discussed.

Upcoming District events were announced.

Spiritual meeting will be a 9:00AM tomorrow

Meeting was adjourned by Juliette L. at 5:45PM with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Submitted by
Shirley W.
Area Secretary
Area 10 - Panel 46

ALATEEN CONFERENCE

Calling all Districts

Is your District willing to create & donate a Basket for the Alateen Conference Raffle?
(Alateen literature, sports equipment, movie passes, etc.)

Please bring to the Spring Assembly

**AREA 10 OPEN POSITION,
Spanish Liaison Coordinator**

Objectives:

- Encourage our communication between our Spanish groups and the rest of the English groups in our area of south Florida.
- Give support to potential members who might want to create Spanish speaking groups and give them our experience, strength and hope; remembering that they are part of a minority in our program.
- Continue with our task of encouraging communication and participation from our Spanish speaking members by supporting their presence at assemblies.
- Support our translating system by finding volunteers to serve as translators from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English. I will make a list of those volunteers.
- Keep our translating equipment and be responsible for its whereabouts and care.
- Continue to carry the AI-Anon message to any one in need especially to those potential Spanish speaking members.

Our participation continues to improve. We just started and we have a long road ahead of us in the learning area. We are making progress one day at a time! South Florida Area, Area 10 is from Port St. Lucie to the East to North Port to the West. It covers the whole area south of those two points. (Lita B)

ADHOC Committee Chair, Liz G.

To review: Convention Guidelines & Committee Guidelines

If you would like to be on this committee please contact Liz at: Lizdist160rep@aol.com

**IMPORTANT
ELECTIONS FOR NEW GRS**

The New 2009 Group Representatives need to be chosen before the Fall Assembly which is scheduled for Oct. 10-12, 2008, in Fort Myers.

It would be wise to hold this election sometime in August 2008. The new GR would not start group duties before the beginning of 2009 except for attending the Fall Assembly in October 2008, along with the present GR.

The new GRs are the ones who will vote for the new Area Officers at this Assembly so it is important for them to attend.

Each group is responsible to pay the expenses of these two GRs to attend this Assembly if possible. Many groups are asking their members to keep this in mind as they pass the basket from now until October. Other groups find creative ways to earn the money to send their GRs. It costs approximately \$160 for each GR to attend for the weekend.

Reap Rewards of Service

FLORIDA SOUTH
AREA SERVICE SEMINAR

May 3, 2008

9:30 AM—3:30 PM

REGISTRATION \$10

Come early for coffee & treats

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
400 N. SWINTON AVE.
SELRAY BEACH, FL 33444
(SWINTON & LAKE IDA RD.)

LUNCH-POTLUCK-PROVIDED
Information— Cheryl

\$ Tradition 7 Contributions \$

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