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STEP 9/ TRADITION 9 /CONCEPT 9

When I first stumbled into the rooms of Al-Anon I was so desperate. I wanted to fix my life and was thrilled to hear that I was powerless. However, in the beginning, I was not thrilled to learn that I had to make amends for the things I had done wrong. I felt I was blameless. But I found a sponsor and started diligently working the steps. By the time I got to step nine I was ready to make amends. I learned that amends are for me, not the person I make the amends to.

When I finished the steps I was so excited. I was done! My sponsor just laughed and said, "Now we go on to the traditions". I thought the traditions were boring and useless. But I forged ahead. I was already active in service so I could see how the traditions worked. Tradition 9 is not very glamorous but it is very important to the structure of Al-Anon. Our groups may not be organized but they are responsible to those they serve. I always have to keep in mind that when I am on any committee for Al-Anon, I am responsible to the group I am representing. If it is a district gratitude dinner or day of workshops,

I must follow what the district wants, not what I want. The same goes for area events. For example, the convention committee can hold a wonderful convention and they are autonomous but there are area requirements they must adhere to.

When I finished the traditions again I was done. Again, my sponsor laughed and said "Oh no, now we are going to do the concepts ." If the traditions were boring, the concepts were Greek to me.

The first part of concept 9 says: "Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity." In Al-Anon, I learned to lead by example. Whether it is at my home group, district meetings, or assemblies, I first need to show up. I need to practice what I have learned from the steps and traditions – to be kind to others, to listen to their opinion, to accept when things don't go my way.

Today, all three of our legacies are very important to me. I know without any one of them, the other two do not work as well.

Debbie V.
Alternate Delegate

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

Suggestion from WSO

When quoting from Conference Approved Literature be sure to quote as it is printed, including capitalization & punctuation.

DELEGATE: Georgia gave a very thorough report at the past AWSC meeting which also included four interesting Memorandums from the Executive Director at WSO (see your DR's copy of Georgia's report).

1. Al-Anon Declaration & AA Responsibility Statement
2. Question regarding the Al-Anon Welcome
3. Dual Members in Service Policy
4. Use of "Early Al-Anon Literature and the AA 'big book'"

Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS - 2008

Sept. 26-28 AFG CONVENTION SWEET SERENITY

Embassy Suites Hotel
1100 SE 17 Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316
See Convention Flyers for more details

Oct. 10-12 FALL ASSEMBLY

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

*Hotel Reservations: (239) 936-4300
(Mention AFG FL SO Area 10) Room rate
\$79 plus tax for double occupancy. Reser-
vations must be made by Sept. 12, 2008.*

Meeting Schedule:

- *Friday at 8:00 PM (Assembly starts)*
- *Sat. 9:00 AM—(registration ends 9:30 AM)*
- *Sun. 9:00 AM and concludes at noon on Sun.*

*All Al-Anon members are welcome to at-
tend. Meeting registration is \$10.*

Oct. 18 GRATITUDE DINNER
FALL INTO RECOVERY 6:00-11:00 PM
North Naples Methodist Church
6000 Goodlette Road North
Naples, FL 34108

*Catered dinner; 50/50 raffle; Al-Anon & AA
speakers; and a D.J. for dancing . Tickets \$7
(must be purchased by Oct. 6, 2008) Call Amy
at (239)*

Nov. 8 AIS GARAGE SALE -District 200
10171 SW 102 Ave.

Miami, FL 9:00AM—3:00PM

- continued events 2008 -

Nov. 15 (One Day Only)
AWSC TURNOVER MEETING
Clewiston Inn
108 Royal Palm Avenue
Clewiston, FL

AREA EVENT - 2009

Jan 30—Feb 1, 2009 SERENITY WEEKEND

Morning Star Renewal Center
7275 SW 124 Street
Miami, FL 33156-5324
*A weekend study of Al-Anon's 12 Steps
Call Isabel (305) or
Mickey (561)*

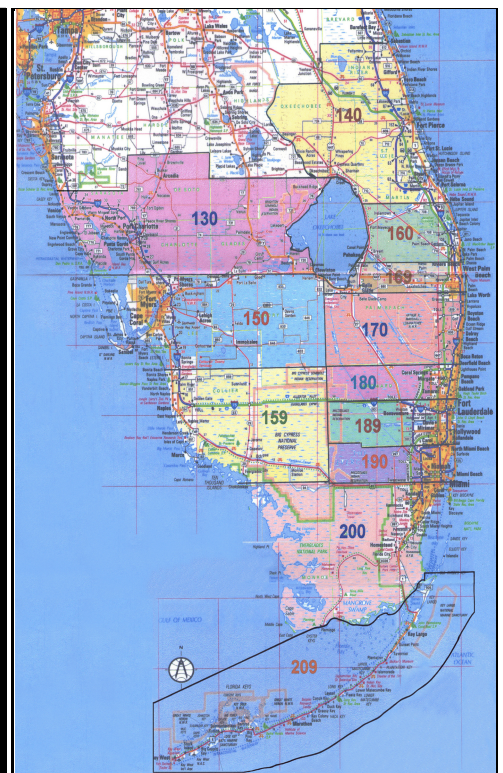
EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR AREA

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

2013
International Al-Anon Convention
Vancouver, British Columbia

Southeast Region

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



Tradition Seven—Alateen

Passing a basket at the Area Assembly to help cover expenses for the Alateen Conference, showed again just how generous our fellowship is. We are givers, although I believe, we give sometimes before we think. Why is the Conference becoming the yearly responsibility of the Al-Anon fellowship? Alateen groups have the same Seventh Tradition as Al-Anon groups: Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. This Tradition tells me that one group ought not be responsible for supporting another.

I understand the hardships that some of the kids have because of alcoholism in their families but taking over their responsibilities because I feel sorry for them will only hurt them more.

I would like to hear what all of the So. FL Alateen groups are doing during the year to earn funds for their Conference. It was good to hear someone at the Assembly say that their kids held a car wash to earn funds...a great idea! I have not seen the kids participate in any fund raising activities for a few years, where I live. It seems that the only responsibility some Alateens have is to jump on the provided free ride & be there for the fun. If this is true, what does this teach the kids about Alateen's Tradition Seven and what does this say about our own recovery?

Some Alateens are being treated as if they are not capable of being self-supporting or that they are entitled to a free weekend because of their situations. I love kids yet I don't consider them any more important than any other member of our program. We are all equals. There are adult members in our fellowship who are struggling & need a weekend away as much just as much as some of the kids do. We do not pass a basket for them.

AFG Conventions may not be as exciting but are an alternative weekend for the kids until they find a way to support their own separate Conference. Alateens are a part of AFG anyway. A free ride from time to time is nice but free rides on a constant basis can bring about feelings of entitlement.

Sharing love is much more than dropping money in a basket or doing for others what they ought to be doing for themselves. It is more about sharing enthusiasm & encouragement, helping the kids learn how to help themselves, by forming a healthy sense of responsibility, commitment & gratitude. I believe we all benefit by becoming more self-supporting & learning to live within our means. I would personally like to see more Alateen participation & less basket passing for next year's Conference.

- Anonymous -

Area Public Outreach Coordinator Summary - Patte

- All AISs have a DVD of SKETCHES II (for fellowship viewing only). The PSA version will be out in Sept. 2008.
- PO Website at www.al-anon.alateen.org is broadcasting a Pod Cast: Al-Anon members share 15-20 min. audio recordings - appropriate to share with professionals who might refer clients to Al-Anon.
- Member from Newfoundland, Labrador was interviewed for a front page newsletter article which was picked up by Google Alerts for Al-Anon and given worldwide coverage.
- We have submitted an item inviting readers of a Dear Abby article on alcoholism/Al-Anon, to request a free copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009.

Area Archives—Jennifer

- New Additions: photos of the International Convention and photos of Dr. Bob's house in Akron, Ohio.
- Plan to have a new display for the Convention- Please stop by the Archives Room!
- Received one Group History-would love to have more When submitting the histories, please be sure to put the group number on it as well as the usual—who, what, when, where & how information.

Area Literature Coordinator's Summary - Judy

- A large supply of the book Discovering Choices will be available at the Convention. The Relationship Workshop Guide, for use with this book, was emailed to all DRs, AISLs & District Literature Chairs. Districts are encouraged to use them as guidelines for District workshops & to make them available for meeting topics.
- The newest printing of How Al-Anon Works includes a chapter on applying Traditions & Concepts to Al-Anon Service & our Personal lives.

My Day At The Area Service Seminar

I was invited to attend the Florida South Area Service Seminar in Delray Beach, Florida on May 3, 2008. A friend told me she had a spare seat in her car and it seemed like a fun chance to get out of Miami for a day, to hang out with some program friends & to learn about service.

Upon arriving we were greeted with welcoming arms and coffee and treats. The event took place in a lovely setting, a church/school compound in a pretty part of Delray Beach.

After registering and filling up on snacks and coffee, I opened my registration bag to see a schedule of the day's events. There were different workshops scheduled throughout the day. I attended the first workshop on being a group representative (GR). I learned that the Group Representative must be willing and able to attend a district meeting once a month as well as the Area Assemblies twice a year. Once elected the GR serves for a three year period and is the link between the district and the group and also between the area assembly and the group. It is the GR's responsibility to vote for his/her group on matters that come up at the district meeting and area assemblies and to report back to the group on what took place.

My second workshop was about the position of Area Group Records Person. I learned how important it is for the area to get the correct GR's name and address and the current mailing address (CMA) for each group, otherwise different notices and mailings might not reach the group. Apparently we can notify the group records person for our district with the correct information and they will relay our information to the Area.

After a delicious potluck lunch, I attended my third and final workshop about the service position of being the Area Newsletter coordinator. The Florida South newsletter is called The Sunshiner and a yearly subscription is \$4. The newsletter coordinator is responsible for collecting articles and all kinds of information about area events which are then published in the newsletter. It is a wealth of information and there is even an "Ask It Basket" feature where members can write in for answers to different issues that might have come up.

After the workshops were done, we listened to some of the people who held various Area positions talk about their experience. One message I heard was that we are all not cut out to do every position. Luckily there are so many different types of service positions available that we can all find a way to serve that is comfortable for us. This was a relief for me to hear. At around 4 o'clock the event closed and we drove back to Miami and the end of a perfectly lovely, informative day.

***Priscilla R.
District 200***

Service Manual Changes

Go to http://alanon.org/members/pdf/p2427/P24_changes.pdf & you can print out the pages so you can insert them in your **Service Manual**. There are 10 pages, first one is the instructions and the rest go into the Manual. You will have to do some trimming so they will fit.

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

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Ask-It-Basket

Question #1:

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

Answer:

Our Al-Anon experience helps us understand we are powerless over another's drinking. This makes us aware of being diverted from our own recovery by techniques that are focused on the recovery of the alcoholic. Therefore it would be against Al-Anon's Traditions if we "as a group" scheduled an intervention.

See Tradition 6 and page 107 in the 2006-09 Service Manual

Linda S.

Answer:

Al-Anon has no policy on interventions. Therapists and other outside programs may recommend them but Al-Anon has no opinion on this issue. Discussion of interventions in Al-Anon meetings would be considered an inappropriate discussion topic for group unity.

See Tradition 1 and 10; The Three Obstacles to Success (How Al-Anon Works page 97) and the 2006-09 Service Manual (Dilution of the Al-Anon Program page 107).

MW

Question #2:

What Al-Anon positions are open and available to Al-Anon members who are also dual members of AA?

Answer:

Dual members who meet their Area's certification requirements may sponsor Alateen meetings by virtue of their Al-Anon membership; however, emphasis should be placed on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program at all times. *(Page 33-34) All references are from the 2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual)*

Dual members of Al-Anon/Alateen and AA may hold office within their Al-Anon or Alateen groups, but may not serve as Al-Anon/Alateen Group Representatives, Alternate Group Representatives, District Representatives, Area Coordinators or any other position above the Group level because of the possibility of a conflict of interest at Assembly and World Service levels.

Dual members may certainly serve within Al-Anon Groups as Literature Chairpersons, Treasurers, Refreshment Chairpersons, Newcomers Greeters and Secretaries, since none of these group positions are active at the District level. *(page 133)*

Birdie - District 140

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

That way I get to look it up!



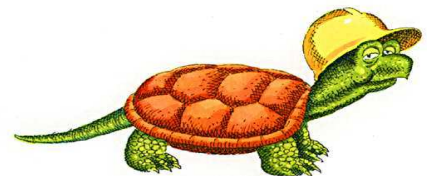
QUESTIONS NEXT ISSUE

- 1.) Is it okay for any Al-Anon/Alateen Group, District or Area to pay for a member's professional certification with the stipulation that the member agrees to be available to provide these professional services to our Fellowship when needed?
- 2.) If not, would the right of Group autonomy, District autonomy, or Area autonomy over-ride the suggested guidelines of our Traditions in this matter?

Deadline for all articles is Nov. 16, 2008

Please send 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.



Like a Turtle, progress can only be made when I am willing to stick my neck out!

Don't be afraid of Service!

**FLORIDA SOUTH
AREA 10
ELECTION PROCEDURES
(Approved at the 2005 Spring Assembly)**

I. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES DEFINED:

- A. **DELEGATE:** All former & outgoing FL South District Representatives who have previously served a full 3-year term as District Representative in FL South, and who have not previously served as Delegate for the FL South Assembly.
- B. **ALTERNATE DELEGATE:** All former & outgoing FL South District Representatives who have previously served a full 3-year term as District Representative in FL South, and who have not previously served as Alternate Delegate for the FL South Assembly.
- C. **CHAIRPERSON:** Anyone who has not already served a full term as Chairperson for the FL South Assembly, and who is an outgoing or former District Representative of the FL South Area. (Must have served a full 3-year term)
- D. **SECRETARY & TREASURER:** Any outgoing or former FL South District Representative, AISL or Coordinator who has served a full 3-year term in FL South. No person shall serve as Secretary or Treasurer who has previously held that office for a full term in FL South.

II. NUMBER OF VOTES NECESSARY TO ELECT:

- A. Two-thirds (2/3) vote refers to 2/3 of the total number of votes cast by registered voters for the Assembly who are present and voting.
- B. A substantial unanimity of 60% of the votes cast by registered voters for the Assembly who are present and voting.

III. STAFF AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

- A. **TELLERS:** Shall be non-voting members of the Assembly.
- B. A large writing surface to display candidates and results & writing instruments.
- C. Paper and ballots.

IV. ELECTION PROCEDURES:

- A. The Chairperson asks each eligible candidate if he or she is prepared (willing) to serve.
- B. The names of all eligible and willing candidates are written on the board by the Tellers.
- C. If the Chairperson/Acting Chairperson is a candidate for any office:

1. The Delegate will chair the election during that specific officer election.

2. If the Delegate is not present or is a candidate, the first of the following who is not a candidate chairs the election for the specific office in which the Chairperson or Delegate is a candidate:

- a) Alternate Delegate
b) Treasurer
c) Secretary

3. If none of the officers qualify to chair, a Chairperson will be elected from volunteers among the outgoing District Representatives.

D. Ballots are distributed to voters for each vote taken.

E. All incoming Group Representatives vote on paper ballots.

F. Votes are tallied by the Tellers on the board beside the candidates' names. (Candidates may remain in the room during the Election.)

V. ELECTION PROCEDURES: DELEGATE & ALTERNATE DELEGATE

A. On any ballot, a candidate who receives 2/3 of the votes is elected.

B. If there are two or more candidates and 2/3 majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a second ballot is taken. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

C. If 2/3 majority is not obtained on the second ballot, a third ballot is taken. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

D. If a 2/3 majority is not obtained on the third ballot, a fourth ballot is taken between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

E. If still no election occurs, the Chairperson asks for a motion to close the balloting and that the choice be made by lot between the two high candidates. The first one drawn becomes the Delegate.

VI. ELECTION PROCEDURES: CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER:

The procedures are the same as for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, except a substantial unanimity of 60% of the votes is required.

VII. APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS (Public Outreach, Alateen, Newsletter, Literature, Archivist, Group Records, Spanish Coordinator and Webmaster):

A box for each job will be placed in the room (with
- continued on page 7 -

- *Election Procedures Continued* -

guidelines alongside). Anyone who puts their name in the box has served at the Assembly level for a full three year term in FL South by the end of the panel.

- A. Coordinators are then drawn at Assembly.
- B. All persons requesting positions on the panel must be present at election.

Concepts 9 & 10 will be discussed at the up-coming Area Assembly.

CONCEPT 9: Good personal leadership at all levels is a necessity. In the field of world service the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.



- Important: Check out the Leadership essay found in the explanation of Concept 9.

CONCEPT 10: Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided.

(See explanation of these Concepts in the Service Manual, Paths to Recovery, & The Concepts pamphlet P-57)

Delegate Request

WSO has asked Delegates to discuss with their Area the Process for Managing Excess Bequest Funds. This information needs to be returned to WSO by December 15, 2008. Please forward your ideas to:

Georgia C

Delegate46fls@aol.com

Assembly Reminders

Fall Assembly:

- **Coordinators:** Bring your BOX for the drawing & place job description sheets next to your box.
- Print 200 copies of reports
- GRs bring Timely Topics from your groups
- Read over the Election Procedures (see page 6 in this issue of the Sunshiner)
- Read over the Conflict of Interest Policy that will be added to our By Laws (see your DR)
- GRs please read Concepts 9 & 10

When your Worry is too Big

Reliance on your HP is too Small!

Area Treasurer's Report Summary

Jan 1—Aug 1, 2008

Income Total
Expense Total
Balance
Reserve
Interest on Reserve

IMPORTANT
NAME CHANGE FOR AREA CHECKS

Al-Anon Family Groups FL So. (area 10)

or use the abbreviated version:

AFG FL South (area 10)

P.O. BOX 112256

NAPLES, FLORIDA 34108

Write Group ID # on check

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)

Invitation to Members to Serve on the Literature Committee

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

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

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

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

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

WANTED

Raffle Items for the SWEET SERENITY CONVENTION

- **Conference Approved Literature**
- **Baskets & other fun containers to put stuff in**
- **Cellophane basket wrap & ribbon**
- **Gift certificates from national chains**
- **Bags of candy (nothing that will melt)**
- **No religious items or items with symbols or reference to any religious holidays**
- **Pre-wrapped, completed baskets & group donations of money or CAL**
(Give to your DR,GR, or any convention committee member.)

What's Happening On Our Al-Anon Websites?

Members Website

www.al-anon.alateen.org/members
password ... type in one of the following:
the name of your group; your first name;
or any word you choose to use & then
follow that with the letters ...(ask your DR)

You will find many interesting things on the Members Website!

- *Blog- Pittsburgh International Convention where members are sharing their personal experiences of that weekend.*
- *Blog- Concepts Rick B shares his understanding of the 12 Concepts in an easy to understand way. All members are invited to share their understanding as well.*
- *You may view, read and print out the entire Service Manual from this web site.*
- *Forms for Al-Anon/Alateen purposes are available here.*
- *Information on new literature*
- *E-Cal, view and submit*
- *Historical background on Sponsorship*
- *Membership survey*
- *Listen to a Podcast*

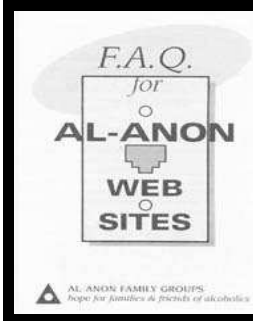
Florida South Area Website

www.southfloridaal-anon.org

- *Contact our Area Officers and Coordinators.*
- *Calendar of Events*
- *Read the Sunshiner newsletter*

District Website

Check your Where & When for the address. Not all Districts have a local site.



Order # S-66
Important supplementary material for Web Masters or Newsletter Editors who place their news letters on websites

Al-Anon Website

www.Al-Anon.org

All the information you need about our World Wide Fellowship can be found on the WSO website and you may also link to other local Al-Anon websites from here.

You will also find Electronic Al-Anon Meetings here—available in different formats and several different languages. These meetings are not meant to replace regular face to face meetings but they are especially handy for members with physical or geographical limitations and for hearing impaired members. Some meetings are open 24/7 which is a good thing if you need a meeting ‘after hours’. E-mail meetings are also good for people who enjoy sharing their experience, strength and hope through writing.

Corrections/Additions to Last Contact List

1. Jennifer D.—email address
2. Alternate DR—180
Jackie C.—address
3. Liz G. Cell:
4. Jeanie C. Cell:

Alateen Conference July 18-20, 2008

An incredibly wonderful time was had by all and as our Literature chairperson Lulu put it, "even the mosquitoes enjoyed themselves!" We arrived at Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center and promptly got all three of our vehicles stuck in the sand. The area used to be a sand trap back when the place was a winter golf resort for northerners. Seems we were not the first guests, and probably not the last, to get stuck as the Center keeps a tractor handy just for pulling vehicles out of the sand. Such an adventurous start to our recovery oriented fun-filled weekend!

Friday afternoon we had registration, boutique, and arts/crafts/button making time. There were a total of 47 attendees from both North and South Florida Areas, 22 Alateens and 25 Adults. Beach time followed with swimming & volleyball in the lake and dinner on the beach. Later that evening under a lovely moon we shared a warm welcome over a bonfire. Alex A. was our Alateen Speaker and we shared on the shores of Lake Placid with the mosquitoes biting at our ankles (and anywhere else they could reach.) We cooked hot dogs and marshmallows on skewers & ate s'mores. Paper, pens (and bug repellent) were passed around, we all wrote down a behavior/resentment we wanted to let go of then we burned it in the "Bonfire of Resentment". As conference Chair it was the beginning of the finale to my "Let Go and Let Goddess" Alateen Conference weekend.

Saturday after breakfast at the lodge we had a Meet & Greet followed by meetings until lunchtime. After lunch it was back to the beach for kayaking, canoeing, swimming & volleyball. We had a highly popular Slip-n-Slide, thanks to Phil, Jared & Marcelo for setting it with bubbles on a downhill

slope, and boy did the kids have a fun time on that! Our motto was Safety First not just for the Slip-n-Slide but throughout the entire weekend. An Alateen Service workshop for the adults and "alcoholism is a family disease" meeting for the Alateens was followed by an open AA meeting. After dinner we had a DJ for "Dancin' with the Stars" as everyone who attended this Conference was a Star in my book! Our fellowship continued with a Marathon Meeting for our Stars under the stars, at least for the Alateens and a few sponsors, as the adults were quite knocked out by this time and fast asleep in their nice cool air conditioned bunks.

We had 25 Alateen Raffle Baskets & two sponsor baskets to raffle off & we did this on Sunday morning. EVERY ALATEEN WON AT LEAST ONE BASKET! Our youngest Alateen, Thomas, Age 6, won three baskets and when we all held hands for closing (after our spiritual sharing) he kept moving his baskets one at a time in front of him as he moved over to widen the circle. I was laughing from the beginning to the end of this Conference!

Corey K.
2008 Alateen Conference Chairperson

Fun on the Slip'N Slide



MOTION SUMMARY
Area 10— Spring Assembly Meeting—June 13-15, 2008

MOTION #1 - withdrawn
 I move that the fall assembly be on the east coast in Boca Raton (we will find a cost effective hotel with an appropriate mtg. room)
MOTION #2 - passed
 To approve minutes as corrected

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

MOTION #4 - passed
 To approve Treasurer's Report

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

MOTION #6 - did not pass
 I move that section IV Sentence 2/E be changed to all outgoing representatives vote on paper ballots.

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

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

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

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

MOTION #11 - did not pass
 I move that the "Our Father" be re-instated as the closing at the FL South Area Assemblies.

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

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, Florida. 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 will vote for the new Area Officers at this Assembly so it is important for them to attend. The current GRs will still need to attend the Assembly to vote on any issues that come up at this last 2008 Assembly.

Each group is responsible to pay the expenses of these two GRs to attend this Assembly. Some groups have been passing an extra basket for funds & other groups are finding creative ways to earn the money to send their GRs. It costs approximately \$160 for each GR to attend for the weekend.

When Electing a New Group Representative the Future of Al-Anon Depends on You!

Please choose the most reliable, dedicated person among you and use your hearts, heads and your group treasury to give this person the strength, hope and courage necessary to serve your best interests during the three-year term.

A Thumbs-Up Slide



OPENINGS FOR:

**2009 Alateen Conference
 Chairperson**

**2010 Al-Anon Convention
 Chairperson
 (held on West Coast)**

Chairperson does not have to be from the West Coast

Must be registered and present at the Fall Assembly and be ratified for these positions.

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

District 140

DR: Kathy D.

In July, an Election Ad-Hoc Committee was formed & then in Aug. we passed their ideas at a special District meeting. Elections will be held Sept. 13th. We had a GIP at the AWSC mtg. in Aug. Our 2009 Calendar is currently underway. Money raised from this supports our District in sending a GIP to AWSC mtgs. Our Closed Gratitude Dinner will be in the Fall. "Closed" means that only AI-Anon members can attend the dinner, which also includes members in other Districts. We had an Open Gratitude dinner with over 100 attendees; A Sponsorship Workshop; and our annual Day of Workshops.

District 150

DR: Patte W.

Our District ordered 7 cases of books to be divided & distributed to the Lee County Public Libraries, Men & Women's Stockade Libraries; Rehab Centers; & University Libraries. We have renewed our yearly contract with Lee Tran and are still funding the billboard on US 41 & an ad in Parent & Child Magazine with District 159

District 159

AISL: Mary B.

All AIS members are doing a great job and we are currently encouraging other AI-Anon members to consider doing this service when the new panel begins. Archives is planning an organizing party so that everything is in tip-top shape for the turnover. Literature is presently promoting the new book "Choices" and also the "Forum." CPC is speaking one Wed. monthly at the Collier County Victim Impact Panel & distributing meeting lists & literature. Institutions continues to coordinate meetings at a homeless shelter for men & women. We have been holding meeting there for 8 years. Alateen has 5 sponsors & 2 meetings with little attendance at this time. Sponsors will try to meet with Guidance Counselors and local Parks & Rec's after school programs to spread the message of Alateen.

DR: Judy

A number of people in our District are holding craft parties to make items for the Sweet Serenity Boutique and we are also putting together a basket for the raffle. We are busy making arrangements for our District Gratitude Dinner "Fall in to Recovery."

District 160

DR: Liz

We are doing Decorations for the Covention & have good participation. We have a Public Outreach project—putting an ad in a local news magazine that serves most of our northern district. We use the Crying House Bookmark in color for about \$120 a month.

Districts 160 & 169

AISL: Jeanie C.

We recently sent out a letter of appeal to all the groups in our Districts, 160 & 169. We have found this

to be a great way to make groups aware of activities and generate much needed revenue for the AIS. Our Treasurer has visited many of the groups & educated them on the 7th Tradition & Warranty One. Do to the generosity of the groups she opened a money market account with the donations we have received. Our newsletter editor dedicated an entire issue to the elections, describing qualifications & duties for each election position for the next panel.

District 169

DR: Cheryl A.

My Alternate DR and I visited ALL the meetings in my District. The purpose was to make sure that all the groups knew that they were not alone. It was wonderful having GRs come from meetings that have not had representation for a long time & getting new people into chairing District functions.

District 180

AISL: Becky R.

Alateen Chair position was filled. Re-certifications and new sponsor applications were completed. Interest is growing and the teens are showing up. Archives Chair plans to have a display at the Sweet Serenity Convention and at our Fall Gratitude Dinner. CPC: All groups are participating in the AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008 & we are ready to start the next project in 2009. Group Records: Currently 27 active groups. Information Service: The bills, phone service and Where & Whens are being handled very well but could use some extra help with scheduling. Institutions: We are having jail meetings once a week and twice a month at the BARC facility. The BARC facility doesn't require certification. Literature: Sales continue to increase. Newsletter: A wonderfully creative tool for GRs to use at meetings for announcements. PI: The "Get on the Bus" campaign did well and helped many people. The groups & members supported this effort to the tune of \$6,500. Due to budget cuts BCMT is no longer able to offer us the same rate so our adds will run through Oct. PI Chair will look for an alternative way to get the word out. Speakers: A data base of willing speakers is kept & new our Chair continues to search for more who are willing to be included. Where & When: Everything is up to date for the 27 groups in District 180 & the 23 groups in District 189

District 180

DR: Jennifer D.

We have two new meetings. A Fall Gratitude Dinner is planned with a tentative date of November 15th. Our District is working hard on the upcoming Sweet Serenity Convention and we are looking forward to giving you a warm welcome when you get here.

Districts 190 & 200

AISL: Barbara H.

Our Alateen Chair is a new sponsor who has made the transition from Alateen to Al-Anon. She is doing a great job. PI: We still have our posters on the Metro Rail (15 in English, Spanish & Creole). Additional posters are now on the interior of the Metro Busses. CPC: Visiting facilities & giving the Forum with a Where & When and a card with our number & email address. Webmaster: Everything is up to date, Check our site at www.alanonsofla.org Spanish Liaison: Spanish Intergroupo will be hosting the AIS Picnic for 2009. Institutions: We have 5 facilities and volunteer speakers. Phone Service has not been filled however we are doing well. Speaker List Chair keeps a current list of speakers to carry the message to outside facilities as well as within the Al-Anon groups. Where & When Chair is printing the new lists in color so we can tell the difference from the out-dated ones. Everyone is doing a great job including our secretary and Alternate AISL.

District 200

DR: Juanita C.

Participation is the Key to Harmony! We have been showing groups that have not had GRs the benefit of participation. We were able to finance District 200s Alateens in the Alateen Conference and to also help pay for the posters on the Metro Rail and Busses. We are looking forward to a Gratitude Dinner in November and we will be hosting Serenity Weekend on the last weekend of January 2009. I truly believe that participation is the key to harmony and that the best way to keep our fellowship strong is to be willing to move out and help the new person get a jump start on recovery by participating.

Fall Assembly - Panel 46—October 10-12, 2008

TENTATIVE AGENDA

ANYONE ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY MEETING MUST BE REGISTERED

Anyone who is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous may not register as a voting member of this assembly.

Friday, October 10, 2008 - Registration is open from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - Assembly Opens

1. Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. Read Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties.
3. GR Orientation
4. Informed Decision Discussion - This is time to discuss any questions about items on the agenda.
5. Coordinator break out meetings (time permitting)

Saturday, October 11, 2008 - Registration from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Assembly Resumes

6. Resume meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
7. Organization of folders according to agenda.

8. Coordinator break out meetings or reports

9:00 a.m. - REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE

9. Roll call and establish quorum

10. Read and approve minutes from Spring Assembly

11. Read and approve Treasurer's Report.

12. Delegate's Report.

13. Timely topics.

14. Tax-exempt Report.

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

AWSC motion: I move that we change our registered agent to our CPA when we file our annual report.

15. Coordinator's Report.

16. Alternate Delegate Report (Concept Workshop).

17. 2008 Convention Report.

18. AWSC motion: I move that we approve the (convention) ad-hoc committee suggested guidelines and job descriptions as presented at this time.

19. Pass the basket.

20. 2008 Alateen Conference Report

21. Alateen Service (AMIAS). Before background checks are done, the current AMIAS be asked if they are active and still willing to continue to be and only those willing to continue to be active have background checks done.

22. AWSC motion: I move that this AREA perform background checks on all current and interested Al-Anon Members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). Before background checks are done, the current AMIAS be asked if they are still active and still willing to continue to be and only those willing to be active have background checks done

23. AWSC motion: I move that AFG FL S. Area 10 be responsible for payment of all background checks done on AMIAS.

24. Public Outreach multi-media presentation (PSA, etc.)

25. AWSC motion: I move that Florida South Area 10 pays the expenses for our Panel 49 Chairperson to attend the SERSS in the amount of up to \$600 and readdress this issue for Panel 52 if need be.

26. 2009 Proposed Budget.

27. Presentation of Election Procedures.

28. Panel 49 election.

29. 2009 Convention Report.

30. 2009 Alateen Conference Chairperson election.

31. 2010 Al-Anon Convention Chairperson election (West Coast).

32. Other business.

33. Announcements.

34. Suggestion Box Reading.

35. Closing

Sunday, October 12, 2008

9:00 a.m. - Finish business followed by Spiritual Meeting (time permitting).