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FLORIDASOUTH AL-ANON -PANEL 52-VOLUME 2

A Message from the Delegate.....

Greetings Florida South!!! I hope that everyone has been enjoying the summer and taking advantage of the many gifts (the beaches, pools and balmy breezes) our wonderful Area has to offer! Before you know it, we will be attending our Fall Assembly – the Florida South Area’s largest group conscience!!

My summer reading has been of our newest book - Many Voices, One Journey. In reading about how Lois W. polled the groups by mail on decisions that needed to be made, and then waited for the responses to come back, again by mail, in order to have an informed group conscience - really hit home as to how exciting it is to be a member of Al-Anon in today’s information/ technological age.

I have so many Al-Anon tools at my fingertips, and so much Al-Anon information available to me - that it is easy to be a part of an informed group conscience! I can find out what is going on in my Area by not only talking to my group representative, but by visiting the Florida South Area’s website (www.southfloridaal-anon.org) and reading the Sunshiner (which contains all of the officer’s and coordinator’s reports, as well as the AWSC meeting/Assembly minutes). I can read the Delegate’s report to find out about the World Service Conference. I can point and click and find out about Convention, or obtain forms for ordering literature, the Forum magazine or I can download all of the Guidelines.

But why stop there. I can visit Al-Anon’s World Service Office website for members (www.al-anon.org/members), where I can download a copy of the service manual for free! I can read a copy of all of the posted newsletters - Area Highlights, In-side Al-Anon, News and Information for Groups, and Alateen Talk. I can go to (and download) the new Best of Public Outreach tool and find out ways that I can carry the message of Al-Anon and Alateen. I can read the Chairperson of the Board’s letters to the fellowship and read the World Service Conference Summaries, and perhaps take part in a membership survey. Perhaps my service position has an e-community that I can participate in to share information and ideas with members from other areas.

This is an exciting time to be a part of Al-Anon. As I reported at the Spring Assembly, electronic literature being available in the near future is becoming a reality, and we have embarked on a several year trial on Area Structures where we have been empowered to think outside of the box and look at our area structure so that all of our groups can fully participate and be a part of the larger group conscience.

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Calendar of Events

2012

- September 20 Open Day of Workshops
9600 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs
- September 28-30 Florida South Fall Assembly
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers
- October 20 Day of Al-Anon Workshops
First Christian Church, 2620 Country Club Blvd, Cape Coral
- October 30 Speakers Marathon, New Hope Church
6400 Northwest 31st Ave, Ft Lauderdale
- November 17 District 189 Gratitude Dinner
Saint David's Catholic Church, Davie

2013

- (TENTATIVE)
- January 25-27 Weekend Study of Al-Anon's Twelve Steps
Morningstar Renewal Center, 7275 SW 24th St, Miami
- February 23-24 Florida South Winter AWSC Meeting
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers
- March 14-15 Delegates Get Together
- April 14-18 World Service Conference
Virginia Beach, VA
- May 31-June 1-2 Florida South Spring Assembly
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
- July 5-7 Al-Anon's International Convention
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- July Alateen Conference
- August 9-11 Florida South Summer AWSC Meeting
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

August 24th Annual Florida South Convention
West Coast of Florida

October 4-6 Florida South Fall Assembly
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

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

2014 (TENTATIVE)

February 22-23 Florida South Winter AWSC Meeting
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

March 15-16 Delegates Get Together

April World Service Conference
Virginia Beach, VA

June 6-8 Florida South Spring Assembly
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

July Alateen Conference

August 1-3 Florida South Summer AWSC Meeting
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

August 25th Annual Florida South Convention
East Coast of Florida

October 24-26 Florida South Fall Assembly
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

November 22 Turn Over Meeting
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

FALL ASSEMBLY

September 28-30, 2012

Starts at 8:00 PM Friday, September 28 and concludes at Noon Sunday, September 30.

Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops
13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907

Hotel Reservations: 239/210-2470
Mention: AFG Florida South Assembly
Room Rate: \$99.00

Reservations must be made by: August 28, 2012

Directions from I-75:

Take Exit 131 toward Cape Coral, turn west onto Daniels Parkway for approximately 4 and 1/2 miles then turn right onto Bell Tower Drive and the hotel will be on the left at just under 1/2 mile.

Registration Fee: \$10.00
Registration begins at 7:00 PM on Friday and closes at 9:30 AM Saturday

All GR's and interested Al-Anon/Alateen Members are invited to attend.

AFG FLORIDA SOUTH AREA 10, INC.
(PANEL 52)



SPEAKERS MARATHON

When: **Saturday October 20, 2012**

At: **11am-4pm**

Where: **New Hope Church
6400 Northwest 31st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

\$5 donation at the door

Please bring a dish

Enjoy Speaker, Fellowship, Raffle

Call Nadine for questions 561-239-5516

"Breaking the silence on the benefits of Alateen"
A call to action

Open Day of Workshops

Presented by Al-Anon Family Groups' District 180



\$5.00 donation at the door
Bring your lunch or buy a \$5.00 boxed lunch
50/50 Raffle

Please join us as we explore:
HOW CAN WE HELP OUR CHILDREN?

- How to increase teen participation in Alateen Groups
- How to increase Al-Anon, AA and community awareness of Alateen
- Alateen Group Sponsors and the Certification Process
- How to increase parent awareness and acceptance of potential problems in their children due to alcoholism
- How to increase awareness among educators of **Alcoholism, The Family Disease....**

Saturday September 22, 2012

Registration: 8:30 am

Meeting: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Royal Palm Christian Church

**9600 Royal Palm Blvd
Coral Springs FL 33065**

My Best Thinking Got Me Here! A Day of Al-Anon Workshops



Workshops & Fellowship

\$5 Ticket Donation

(Also available at the door)

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

Tea & Water Provided

50/50 Raffle

Date: Oct. 20, 2012

Time: 11am-3:00pm

Place: Fellowship Hall

First Christian Church

2620 Country Club Blvd

Cape Coral, FL 33904

(South of Veterans Pkwy)

Entrance in rear of building

Information & Ticket Sales
dyander12@embarqmail.com

Opportunities Are Boundless (*Lynn V., Cape Coral, Florida*)

As we choose to participate in every day that comes by, we are faced with choices from the time we get up to the time we decide to retire and get some much needed rest.

These choices are sent to us in many, many forms. Some days I get up and the first choice I have to make is whether to get dressed or call it a pajama day. Do I make my bed or am I going to crawl back into it? Do I make a frittata with an English muffin or just grab a cup of hot tea and a slice of toast on my way out?

Many months ago I was laid up in the hospital for what started out to be a standard hip replacement but has evolved into a much larger challenge, however, each day has brought opportunities that I would have never had if I had not been where I believe God wanted me to be.

The program of Al-Anon is an absolute miracle. I have been able to introduce our program to many, many people. My husband was a wise man and suggested that I bring my dammitt doll for comfort. Not only did it bring me comfort many times but it also brought intrigue and a segway into the rooms of Al-Anon. I had been asked numerous times what it was and it brought humor, laughter and intrigue to those inquiring. They now understand that alcoholism is a disease and that we/they are not responsible for it.

I have had the pleasure of introducing Al-Anon through giving out meeting schedules, showing the dammitt doll, handed out Al-Anon fans and just listening to how alcohol has affected other people's lives. I have talked about the slogans and the steps, I've shared my relationship with my itty bitty shitty committee and now it has no power over one person who laughs every time he sees me and gives me the thumbs up because he is now in control of his committee and talks out loud to them as he goes down the hall.

I've talked to persons who want what I have and are trying to adjust their schedules to find the time to attend meetings. They are so qualified for this program and I sure hope they get the time they need to experience it.

I've laughed and cried in my bed during the down times and have had total strangers come up to me and hug me for who I am. I have found that I am a worthy person who deserves to be loved and hugged; and that I have a family whom I love and they love me back.

I have found that my husband is a wonderful person in his own right and that people find him as amazing as I do. He is my rock and my angel at the same time because he is a very caring person and I have just come to realize this.

I have reconnected with the God of my understanding and I am learning the difference between his will for me and what I perceive to be what I deserve. I now understand that the God of my understanding is not vengeful but a total loving God no matter what I have done in the past or what I will do in the future as long as I believe.

Opportunities are boundless as long as we are willing to keep our eyes, minds and hearts open to the endless opportunities that come our way each and every day.

Remember, no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Do something kind for a stranger today, who knows, they could be your friend tomorrow.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experience, strength and hope through this medium. The program of Al-Anon is truly a miracle that has come into my life and that I treasure in my heart each and every day.

AFG FLORIDA SOUTH (AREA 10), INC.
SPRING ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Panel 52
JUNE 1-3, 2012

Friday, June 1

1. Chairperson Becky R. **opened the meeting** at 8:01pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** of Panel 52 Officers and Coordinators were made.
3. **Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties** were read.
4. **Break Out Meetings Chaired by Coordinators and Officers Meeting** – 8:25pm - 8:58pm

Announcements about Convention from Nadine: Raffle Basket at Assembly, Talent Show and Workshops Sign up and Certified Alateen Sponsors needed.

Break: 9:05pm. Resumed meeting at 9:16pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

5. **Skit/Questions and Answers Session – Georgia C. 140** facilitated this portion of the meeting. It consisted of new Group Representatives reading questions regarding Assembly Procedures and Officers and Coordinators reading the answers to these questions. Then additional questions were taken from the floor and answered.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Saturday, June 2

6. **Chairperson, Becky R., resumed meeting at 9:03 am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

7. **Organization of Folders According to Agenda Items**

8. **Coordinator's Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports**

Alateen – Paul D. 209 – Absent – Alateen Breakout Report: Belkis T. 189 reported that they discussed how to fill out the AMIAS paperwork for certification, Alateen meeting guidelines are in the service manual and that the meetings are chaired by the teens.

Alateen Report: Becky R 180 reported that district 130 has 13 groups and Danielle C. 140 is the Alateen District Chairperson. District 150 has 3 meetings with low attendance, so they sent packets to local High School Principals. Donna M. 159 is the District Alateen Chair and they are fund raising. District 160/69 needs an Alateen Chair and no reports from 170 and 180. District 189 has 3 committed sponsors for the Friday night meeting. Districts 190, 200 and 209 have open positions and no reports. Please encourage members to support Alateens.

Archives – Jen R. 159 – Breakout Meeting Report: Spoke about the 60th Anniversary Report; getting registrations dates for all groups and how to find this information. How do districts organize their archives and how to make them available to their groups.

Archives Report: Some of the Archives are set up for this Assembly, take a look at the table, some very interesting information is there. The archives are safe and sound at the Hide-Away Storage Facility in Naples. The renewal for this facility was for \$480.80 for 12 months with 2 months free, saving \$200. Archive contributions are always appreciated, make sure the copies are clear and clean.

Group Records – Nadine A. 180 -Breakout Meeting Report: New group registration and the new Group Records Change form was discussed.

Group Records Report: New groups need to register through WSO, but also give the information to your district and area so that all records are correct. All group records changes are given to Area Group Records and will be updated on the WSO site. Make sure that the entire change form is filled out and print clearly. District Representatives may “read only” Group Records from members site, this way they can check to see if information is up to date and correct.

Literature – Betsy M. 160 – Breakout Meeting Report: Discussions of the following occurred: a new book coming from WSO on Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, new pamphlet *Parents of Alcoholics (R-180)*, *Conflict Resolution Wallet Card (S-71)*, new order form (S-16) and CAL CATALOG (S-15) and questions.

Literature Report: There are new *Ordering Forms for CAL(S-16)*, old ones expired December 2011. They are available in *Spanish (SS-16) and French (FS-16)*. For description of items see *2012 Catalog (S-15)* or go to: www.al-anonstore.org. There’s a new publication for *Parents of Alcoholics (R-180)* (\$1.00). *Conflict Resolution Wallet Card (S-71)* (\$1.00) can be ordered now. The Pamphlet Display Rack (M-54) has been discontinued. All the *Guidelines* are available on the website and downloadable only. Having the correct contact information with WSO gives your group a complimentary copy of The Forum, please update with Group Records to ensure your copy. Encourage group members to purchase a subscription to The Forum, as it is in danger of being extinct. Please share your experience, strength and hope on the attached *Intimacy in Relationships* sharing sheet, as these will be included in the new publication.

Newsletter – Position Open

Public Outreach – Pat K. 180 –Breakout Meeting Report: Participants were able to look at the member’s web site, Best of Public Outreach: Institutions, Public Information, and Cooperating with the Professional Community. Bus Ads, Bus Stop and Bench Ads were discussed and other ideas about spreading the word of Al-Anon. Anyone can be a part of Public Outreach in spreading the word.

Public Outreach Report: Check out the members’ web site for the Public Outreach tools, blogs and Public Service Announcements. 44% of members have gotten to Al-Anon through a professional, hence the importance of cooperating with the professionals by handing out pamphlets created for them as well as current meeting information. WSO is sponsoring a Public Outreach Poster Contest for both Al-Anon and Alateens, a flier was distributed with further information. Area 10 is having their own poster contest for Alateens, the theme is “Alateen is for me because _____”. There is more information on the flier that was handed out. Please continue to inform her about your Public Outreach projects and activities.

Spanish – Claudia G. 180 - Breakout Meeting Report: There was a discussion about the low attendance at Intergroupo meetings, apathy in the groups, need of Spanish Workshops, more senior members controlling, and needing support of Spanish speakers attending English meetings.

Spanish Report: She participated in the IV Spanish Convention in Miami last March and was able to introduce herself as the Area’s Spanish Coordinator and explained the importance of attendance to Assembly. She also attended Intergroupo meetings in Miami and stressed the importance of attending Assembly. There is also a Spanish phone meeting seven days a week at 9 p.m.: #213-342-3000, ID#32106#9

Web – Diane B. 150 - Breakout Meeting Report: Discussion of how things are posted on the website, how to create fliers to go on the website, what can go on the website and what

cannot. Links to other sites, and the process for changing meeting information on the website were discussed. Coordinator is contacting a district web liaison for any change information and is working closely with Group Records to get the correct congruent information.

Web Report: Send any group information to the Web Coordinator, **do not** include any personal information, a generic email for contact works best, include complete information for events inclusive of zip codes. PDF format is preferred for fliers or word document. She will be coordinating with Group Records as to getting meeting information changed, until then do not send the entire “Where and When”, just group information with the meeting changes. Alateen permission slips and behavioral guidelines can be printed from the web, as well as the new Group Change Forms and Literature Order Forms. Send information to: webcordinator52fls@gmail.com. Our website is www.southfloridaal-anon.org.

9. 9:30AM Registration Ends

10. Break at 10:38am and the meeting resumed at 10:52am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

11. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

District #	District Rep Name	# of Group Reps (Panel 52)	# of Non-Voting Members	Total Members
130	Ellie	6	1	7
140	Bonnie	15	11	26
150	Betty	5	3	8
159	Patricia	12	1	13
160	Gail	10	4	14
169	Peter	8	1	9
170	Earl	18	6	24
180	Pat	16	10	26
189	Bob	13	4	17
190	Paula	7	2	9
200	Alina	11	2	13
209	Paul	0	0	0
Other				
TOTAL		121	48	166

Number of registered GR's- 121

Quorum: 2/3 of registrations - 81

District 170 and District 200 have requested 2 nonvoting members asked to be registered late.

Vote: Ayes have it Nay 1 vote

This changed totals of nonvoting members to 50 and TOTAL to 168. This did not change the quorum.

12. Secretary's Report – Betsy R.

Spring Assembly Minutes were read and corrections were made.

Motion #1 – Don S.170 and Cheryl D. 160

I move that Minutes be accepted as corrected.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous.

Motion passed.

13. Treasurer's Report – Lu Anne V. 180

2011 Treasurer's Report: Jan.1-Dec. 31, 2011 was presented.

Motion #2– Rochelle W. 160 and RoseAne R. 180

I move that we accept the 2011 Treasurer's Report as written.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

2012 Treasurer's Report: Jan.1-May 31, 2012 was presented.

Motion #3 – Belkis T.189 and Daniella M. 170

I move that we accept the 2012 Treasurer's Report as written.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

New mailing address is located on the bottom of the report. Please mail any checks to that address.

Quorum re-established with 115 voting members present.

District 180 requested 1 nonvoting member to be registered late.

Vote:Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed

This changed totals of nonvoting members to 51 and TOTAL to 169. This did not change the quorum.

Kathy D. 140, Alternate Delegate gave a projector presentation on Assembly Protocol.

14. Delegate's Report – Jennifer D. 180

- Thanked area for the privilege of serving as Delegate and the love gifts and cards
- Attended the 52nd World Service Conference in April
- Received WSO mentor
- Assigned to two leadership workshops: "Communication: How to Engage Audiences Using Multiple Strategies and Techniques" and "Communication: How to Overcome Fear and Build Self-Confidence Empowering Oneself to Be a Success as a Leader/Trusted Servant"
- Attended Open Board of Trustee Meeting
- 2018 AI-Anon International Convention: the cities chosen for the short selection list was Denver, CO., Indianapolis, IN., and Baltimore, MD.
- There is a new process and application for a Regional Trustee, names must be submitted by August 15, 2012. Applicants are requested for submission, see Delegate.
- New auditing firm was hired to review books
- 2012 Budget was presented.
- Groups Registered in 2011 were 15,689
- 2011 Annual Report Given
- CMA Newsletter, send in current information on the group change form
- Do Not Refer Policy
- Concepts Pod casts are being discontinued
- 2013 International Convention in Vancouver, BC. July 5-7, 2013, registration information in written report
- Electronic Literature and Area Structures were discussed

Lunch Break 1:40pm and the meeting resumed at 3:31pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Quorum re-established with 115 voting members present.

- Structures Outside the World Service Conference: Discussion followed

15. Convention Report – Nadine A. 180: 2012 Convention: Rockin’ to the Steps, Aug. 24-26, 2012. There will be a Soda Shop Friday night and a Sock Hop, where the DJ will have a hula hoop contest and bubble gum blowing contest. Schedules for Literature, Raffle and Boutique are printed in the written report. Each DR needs to select 7 Workshops to take back to their groups to chair, the time for each to choose will be announced throughout the day. Raffle chair needs baskets with CAL literature, handmade items; no religious items. The talent show is Saturday afternoon, so sign up soon. Certified Alateen Sponsors are also needed. It’s going to be lots of fun, so get your registration in soon.

16. Alternate Delegate’s Report – Kathy D. 140: Reported that she is our Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, and Bell Ringer. Also anything that has to do with our incorporation is her responsibility. She gave a time schedule for both AWSC Meetings and Assemblies. The Annual Report has been filed with the Division of Corporations at a cost of \$61.25 for the year. She sent all items needed for filing taxes to our CPA; we have a 3 month automatic extension. She also renewed the Sales Exempt Certificate. She will handle the Business Tax that is filed annually and due 9/30/12. She also takes care of room assignments for the following: AWSC: Officers, Coordinators, Past Delegates, DRs, AISLs, Alt. DRs, and GIPs. Assembly (Spring & Fall): Officers, Coordinators, and Past Delegates

17. Information Highway Skit: “Let’s Get in the Car” was presented by the Information Highway Breakout group (from AWSC) lead by Pat K. 180.

18. AAPP Report – Linda S. 170: Thanks go to Districts 130, 150, and 159 for the complete updates. We currently have 99 AMIAs and 39 Alateen Groups. Only current AMIAs may sponsor Alateen Groups and Meetings. Fingerprinting is now electronically done. A list of AMIAs and Alateen Groups by District was included in the written report.

19. Area Traditions and Concepts Workshop Report – Marianne D. #189: Thanks to the committee for their service that created this wonderfully successful event. Thanks to the area officers and coordinators for chairing the workshops, 118 members attended. Breakfast and Lunch were served.

20. Newsletter Coordinator (Sunshiner): Sunshiner Coordinator still open.

21. Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle – \$238.00 was collected. Thanks for your generous contributions.

Break: 4:59-5:18 pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
Quorum re-established with 106 voting members present.

22. AWSC Motions:

Presented Voted on and passed at AWSC because of necessity of time. (Motion #4) Betsy R. #140 seconded by Lynn V. #150, *I move that Area 10 Florida South pay no more than \$1000 for Alina V’s travel and food expenses to go to Stamford, Connecticut to present the Bid for the 2018 International Convention in Miami, FL.*

Amended to read: Florida South Area 10 pay for Alina V’s travel and food expenses to go to Stamford, Connecticut to present the Bid for the 2018 International Convention in Miami, FL.

Vote: 25 for 0 opposed 0 Abstain Motion passed unanimously.
(Results of the trip were reported in the Delegate’s Report above.)

Motion # 4 (AWSC Motion #8): *I move that we accept the Area Translation Equipment Loan Guidelines as presented.* Area Translations Equipment Loan Guidelines were read by Task Force Chair Lynn V. 150. Discussion followed.

Vote: 110 For 3 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5: (AWSC Motion #6) *I move that Florida South Area 10 establish mandatory Alateen Training Sessions for AMIAS application for annual recertification. Training session will be coordinated by the Alateen Coordinator and AAPP.*

Discussion followed. A closed ballot was request by a voting member. Ballots were passed out and counted by nonvoting members.

Vote: 11 For 102 Opposed 1Abstain Motion did not pass

24. Alateen Conference 2012 Combined with Convention: Denise D. 150: A joint Conference with North Florida did not work out, so she is chairing the Alateen portion for the Convention called “Surfing the Steps”. There is a need for Certified AMIAS and there will be 18 Alateen workshops. All permission forms are on our Area Website.

There was a discussion of any AMIAS participating as AMIAS at the North Florida Alateen Conference.

Motion #6: Marianne D. 189 and Belkis T. 189 *I move that Florida South Area 10 establish required Alateen training sessions for annual recertification training session to be coordinated by Alateen Coordinator and AAPP.* Motion was withdrawn.

Motion #6: Kathy H. 200 and Dickie S. 200 *I move that in order to provide support and encourage to AMIAs, the Area Alateen Coordinator and the Alateen Area Process Person will develop training resources that will be available on-line or at District level. Participation is strongly encouraged to be completed within 90 days of certification and every three years thereafter.* Motion was withdrawn.

Dinner Break at 7:24pm. Resumed meeting at 9:12pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Quorum re-established with 86 voting members present.

Marianne D. 189 was ratified as the Sunshiner Newsletter Coordinator.

23. Delegate Part 2 – Jennifer D. 180: A skit on “How Changes To The Environment Outside Al-Anon May Affect Our Meetings and The Fellowship As A Whole” was presented to the Assembly.

Becky R. 180, Chairperson: is creating a Task Force for AMIAS Training Suggestions. Nadine A. 180 was appointed the Chair, anyone interested in serving on this committee let her know.

Sunday, June 3

Opened the meeting at 9:01am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jennifer D. 180, Delegate: read the suggestions that were given for the title of WSO’s monthly newsletter.

Quorum was NOT established, 65 voting members were counted.

25. Other Business: None

26. Announcements and Calendar of Events: Everyone check bins for additional information

Quorum was re-established: 84 voting members were counted.

27. Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns

28. Closing

Motion #6 Birdie W. 140 and Barb B. 140 ***I move to adjourn this meeting. Motion Tabled***

One district had a concern that was discussed. Experience strength and hope was given by members of the Assembly. Another discussion was held about a contribution to WSO from an AA Conference with Al-Anon participation with reference to our service manual pg. 81.

Motion #6 Birdie W. 140 and Barb B. 140 ***I move to adjourn this meeting.***

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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

29. Spiritual Meeting Followed

Note:

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy R.

Area 10 Secretary, Panel 52

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Florida South Area 10Panel 52 (2012-2014)
FALL ASSEMBLY (Tentative) AGENDA
September 28-30, 2012

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

Friday, September 28st, 2012 / REGISTRATION is Open 6:45-8:00pm
8:00 PM ASSEMBLY OPENS

Open Assembly with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

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

Saturday, September 29th, 2012 / REGISTRATION is Open 7:30-9:30pm
9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES

- 5) Open Meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 6) Organize Folders according to Agenda Items
- 7) Coordinators Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports
- 8) *****9:30 AM REGISTRATION CLOSES***** Thanks to District 140 for Volunteering
- 9) ***BREAK 15 MINUTES*** (DR's Prepare for Roll Call / Registration counts and turns over money to Treasurer)
- 10) Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- 11) Read and Approve Minutes
- 12) Read and Approve Treasurers Report
- 13) Delegates Report
- 14) Alternate Delegates Report
- 15) Information Highway Skit
- 16) AAPP Report
- 17) Convention Report Final Report 2012
- 18) Convention Report I Report 2013 Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle
- 19) Present AWSC Motions:
 - 1 – Proposed Budget 2013
 - 2 – TEAM Event 2014
 - 3 – Chosen Agenda Item
- 20) Chosen Agenda Items Selection Alateen Conference Chair 2013
- 21) Convention Chair 2014

Sunday, September 30th, 2012

9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES

- 22) Other Business
- 23) Announcements and Calendar of Events / Everyone check bins for additional information
- 24) Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns
- 25) Closing
- 26) Spiritual Meeting

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

DELEGATE'S REPORT-June 1-3, 2012 (Jennifer D.)

Our Spiritual Journey - we get as we give

Greetings Florida South and Welcome Panel 52!!! How exciting to be attending the first Assembly of our panel! As you may know, I attended the 52nd World Service Conference in April. Al-Anon's largest group conscience meeting!! The Conference this year was held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa in Stamford, Connecticut. I received so many love gifts and cards - thank you, thank you!!!

Registration began on Saturday, April 14th, where I received my Conference notebook, badge and met my Conference Mentor - Bette R., the Delegate from Oregon. Bette was a big help to me throughout the Conference and was able to answer a lot of my questions – of which I had many.

On Sunday, Orientation was held for all of the Delegates. We learned about Conference Procedures, as well as the roles of the various members of the Conference and the purpose of the Selected Committees, Task Forces and Thought Forces. I have been assigned to the Public Outreach Committee for the next three years. As a member of that Committee, I will have an opportunity to be a part of the direction Al-Anon takes in our Public Outreach. I viewed the new PSAs and we collaborated on ideas for 2013. I was also given a part in the skit that the committee was to present later in the week to launch the new Best of Public Outreach tool located on the member's website!! The committee will be meeting every three months via e-mail and conference call to continue its work.

Sharing Area Highlights - was held on Sunday afternoon. Each of the 67 Delegates had 1 minute at the microphone to share an Area highlight/concern. I was able to share about the Florida South Area instituting Standing Committees at our AWSC meetings as the highlight, and how best to support the AMIAS in their role as an Alateen Sponsor as a concern.

Later that evening, we attended a banquet where all of the new delegates received their conference pin. Liz W.S., an outgoing member at large on the Executive Committee, shared about her memories of the last 9 conferences that she had participated in. It was an emotional first day.

The conference officially opened on Monday. Breakfast and panel pictures took place at 7:00 a.m., and the Opening Message was at 8:00 a.m. The Conference voted to seat with voice, but no vote - David Zach, Director of Business Services (non-Al-Anon member), and two international representatives (Maria G., Mexico and Peter A., New Zealand).

Each day during the Conference, outgoing Delegates from Panel 50 would give their "*Share Ourselves*" which incorporated the Conference theme. It was wonderful to hear about their spiritual journey in Al-Anon. They all expressed how much more they had received from Al-Anon than they could have ever dreamed possible - or ever give back.

I was assigned to two leadership workshops.

- Communication: How to Engage Audiences Using Multiple Strategies and Techniques; and
- Communication: How to Overcome Fear and Build Self-Confidence Empowering Oneself to Be a Success as a Leader/Trusted Servant.

Stepping Stones - since this Conference was held in Stamford, we had the opportunity to visit the home of Bill and Lois W. in Katonah, New York. It was amazing to be able to sit at their kitchen table and to see how they lived and where it all started.

On Thursday, the last day of the Conference, we had a closing banquet. Mary G., a Trustee at Large on the Executive Committee, and the Delegate from New Jersey shared their story. In addition, Panel 50 put on a going away skit which involved a lot of silliness and good humor. They sang *So Long, Farewell* from the Sound of Music but with Al-Anon lyrics. I could feel how sad they were that their time had come to an end.

Open Board of Trustee Meeting - on Friday, Alina V. (Dist. 200) and I were able to observe the annual meeting of the Board. They meet directly after the Conference to give legal approval to any Conference actions, such as the approval of the 8 Trustees that were voted on by the Conference – 4 Trustees at Large and 4 Regional Trustees - as well as approval of the financials and any motions.

2018 Al-Anon International Convention - also on Friday, the Convention Selection Committee heard presentations from the 12 Areas interested in hosting the 2018 International Convention. Miami was among those chosen to present!! Sonia Fong, the representative from the Miami Convention Bureau, Alina V. and myself gave the presentation. We felt we did a bang up job and thought for sure that Miami would make the short list. Unfortunately, we found out several days later that Miami was not among the three cities to be visited by the Site Selection Committee. The cities that have been chosen are: Denver, CO, Indianapolis, IN, and Baltimore, MD. Although this is very disappointing, I'm sure you will join me in wishing them good luck!!

Regional Trustees - There is a new process and a new application for a Regional Trustee. We would need to vote on any candidates at this Assembly so that I can submit the names by the August 15, 2012 deadline. The candidates will be scored by the Delegates in the SE Region. After being tallied, the top two names will be sent to the Board. The SE Regional Delegates elected the Tennessee Delegate to collect and tally the results for our Region.

Auditor's Report - A new independent auditing firm has been hired to review the books. As of December 31, 2011, our WSO had total assets among three funds (General Fund, Reserve Fund, and Building Fund) of \$9,452,664, liabilities of \$1,411,290, leaving \$8,041,374 in net assets.

2012 Budget - The Budget shows that expenses are expected to be more than revenue for the year. There were two adjustments from the preliminary budget - a Human Resources Consultant is being used instead of replacing the vacant Personnel/Training Manager position, and the membership survey costs were omitted.

A gross profit was realized on literature sales. The WSO would like to rely less on literature sales, and more on contributions.

In 2011 there were 15,689 registered groups in the US and Canada, of which 58.81% of the groups contributed to the WSO office. 6,600 registered groups *do not* contribute to the WSO - does yours?

	<u>Groups</u>	<u>Av. Amt</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Florida N	67.7%	110.16	30,515	32,657
Florida S	70.5%	102.70	22,799	19,583
-other			24,280	10,503

If each group contributed \$13.00 more, then we would meet our budgeted amount.
 If each group contributed \$26.00 more, then our revenue would equal our expenses.

Annual Report - Ric B., Executive Director, presented his 2011 Annual Report. The report contained a synopsis of all of the actions that had taken place since the WS Conference in 2011. For example, the Board:

- approved the new tagline for the Forum - Sharing Recovery, Unity and Service
- approved the creation of podcasts on sponsorship
- approved extending the printing of the soft cover How Al-Anon Works for an additional year
- approved mailing a complimentary copy (E/S/F) of Al-Anon/Alateen Groups at Work 2010-2013 (P-24) to all individual subscribers of the Forum
- approved to fund a hard copy mailing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2012 to all groups in the US & Canada
- to give the WSO permission to publish electronically The Forum and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (B-25)

CMA Newsletter - WSO needs a name for the newsletter that is being e-mailed to the Current Mailing Address recipient on the Group Registration Form. In July, 2011, WSO sent out 6,558 newsletters, and 1,083 were returned with incorrect e-mails. In March, 2012, they sent out 6,583, and only 32 were returned!! Purpose is to support the groups. Goal is to send every 30 days.

Do Not Refer Policy - First step is for the Areas to develop their own policies and criteria on when a group should not be given out as a referral to newcomers. Once the Areas have done that, they need to submit the process to the WSO. The WSO will then be able to determine what role it should play in supporting the Areas in this respect. World Service would never D-List a group, they would always engage and serve the groups and provide literature to them.

Concepts Podcasts - Because it was so difficult to find volunteers to tape the Traditions podcasts (especially in French & Spanish), it was decided not to continue the podcasts for the Twelve Concepts of Service. All of the comments and postings will be available on the members website until the end of 2012. They will then be used in the creation of the new Legacies Workbook (which will be available in E/S/F at the 2013 International).

2013 International Convention in Vancouver, BC - July 5-7, 2013 in Vancouver, BC. A pre-convention "Day of Connecting" service event will take place with a separate registration fee on Thursday, July 4th. The registration form will be available on the member's website later this summer and will be mailed to the groups in the Fall. If you register by December 31, 2012, then the registration cost will be \$115.00. It then goes up to \$140.00 for registrations from January to May 31, 2013. After that date and at the door, registration will be \$165.00. There will be a \$25.00 fee for lost badges or refunds. You must have a passport - book, not just card - to enter Canada and return to the US.

Electronic Literature and Area Structures - these topics are contained in attachments to my report.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Florida South Delegate. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have - I am available to you. Also, I look forward to being invited to your Districts and events and will try to attend as many as possible. This is an exciting time in Al-Anon and I am so very grateful to be a part of the conversation!

Alternate Delegate's Report

Al-Anon Family Groups Florida South (Area 10), Inc.



Summer **Area World Service Committee (AWSC)** – Fort Lauderdale

August 10-12, 2012

Parliamentarian



Dear Panel 52 Members,

It's a pleasure to serve on this panel. As each month passes, I feel that I understand what my responsibilities are and I am getting my feet wet with some of the incorporation paperwork

As you know, I am your Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, and Bell Ringer. I am also responsible for things related to our incorporation.

As **Parliamentarian**, I will be using our current Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual and Robert's Rules of Order as guides in our business proceedings. If we are not sure of something, I will look up the information and report findings to this body.

As **Timekeeper & Bell Ringer**, I am responsible for ringing the bell if you talk over the time limit. Time reminders for specific reports are listed below:

<u>AWSC</u> (Winter & Summer)	
▪ Breakout Mtg. Reports	– 2 minutes
▪ Coordinator Reports	– 3 minutes
▪ Standing Comte. Reports	– 2 minutes
▪ DR& AISL Reports	– 2 minutes
▪ Speaking on a Motion	– 2 minutes/person

<u>ASSEMBLY</u> (Spring & Fall)	
▪ Breakout Mtg. Reports	– 2 minutes
▪ Coordinator Reports	– 5 minutes
▪ Standing Comte Reports	– N/A
▪ DR& AISL Reports	– N/A
▪ Speaking on a Motion	– 2 minutes/person

Note: Members may only speak once on a motion.

Note: Breakout Mtg. Reports are given by the Coordinator that chaired the Breakout Mtg.

Annual Report – completed online in March 2012.

Sales Exempt Certificate – completed online in March and it is effective until 2017.

Business Tax – this is due 9/30/12. It is my understanding that this is filed annually online.

Rooming/Hotel Reservations-- I am currently responsible for providing hotels with rooming assignments/reservations for Panel 52 members as follows:

1. AWSC -- Officers, Coordinators, Past Delegates, DRs, AISLs, Alt DRs, Alt AISLs, &GIPs.
2. Assembly -- Officers, Coordinators, & Past Delegates.

When I send out future emails asking if you are in need of a hotel room for an upcoming meeting, I will be adding another question – "What is your full name?"

CPA – We continue communications via emails and phone calls for our incorporation business.

Annual Tax Filing – The CPA sent me our 2011 tax return and I sent it to the Board of Directors (Officers). We all had to review the tax return before it could be filed. Some minor changes were made and the CPA filed our 2011 tax return electronically in August 2012.

Upon request, the CPA also provided me with copies of our 2008, 2009, 2010, and our current 2011 tax returns. I have kept a hard copy of the tax returns in a book designated for legal documents and I have also kept them electronically. Copies of the tax returns were sent electronically to our Area Treasurer, Louanne, for her records.

Recommendations from the CPA (after doing our taxes)

Hierarchy of Documents: #1 – Articles of Incorporation; #2 Bylaws; #3 Attachments to Bylaws (Steps, Traditions, Concepts); #4 Other Procedures.

Record Keeping -- Since we are all volunteers, the CPA has suggested we look at what records we should be keeping and what records we do not need to keep. He suggested we come up with "Policies" that we can all follow and pass on panel to panel. Here are just a few of the items mentioned for policies.

- ◆ Articles of Incorporation
- ◆ Bylaws
- ◆ Conflict of Interest Policy
- ◆ Annual Report
- ◆ Sales Exemption Certificate
- ◆ Form 1023
- ◆ Business Tax
- ◆ Annual Tax Returns
- ◆ Bank Statements
- ◆ Invoices

Bank Statements – Suggested that outstanding checks & balances be done on the back of every bank statement every month – this also includes the Al-Anon Convention and the Alateen Conference checking accounts.

Canceled Checks – Suggested that we ask bank for canceled checks and they should be kept with treasurer for reporting to CPA for tax return. Cost is about \$2 per month per bank account.

Petty Cash – An account should be set up if cash is given to members for reimbursement of expenses and this should also be reconciled.

Boutique at Al-Anon Convention & Alateen Conference -- Items (*such as tee shirts, totes, etc.*) that are purchased for resale are taxable, and we must charge, collect, and submit sales tax for the resale items. This must be either added to the item cost or backed out of cost.

Literature – We need to ensure that we are charging sales tax when we are reselling literature.

If you have any questions, any time, please feel free to call or email me. Thank you for all your support.

Love in Service,

Kathy D.

Kathy Donnell, Alternate Delegate, Panel 52, AFG Florida South (Area 10), Inc.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Alateen (Paul)

Thank you to Denise D, for all the hard work putting up the Alateen workshop at this coming convention. Here is some news from around our Area:

130 (Brenda): District 130 (Brenda) Alateens are going back to school. On Aug 11th we will hold a meeting of all our sponsors and discuss Issues that are specific to the 7 schools we currently bring meetings into and 2 additional schools requesting our program. Our district provides assistance for books and pamphlets needed to carry our message and these are distributed as needed to all our sponsors at our Back to school meeting. We currently have out-of-school meetings as well at various locations in our district. Support for all of this is provided by our 21 certified and very dedicated sponsors. We are the largest district In our area and believe we have the most active Alateen program as well. Our Alateen program is of the highest priority In our district Alateen is alive and well. In the spirit of Unity

150 (Dianne B): We had 2 Alateens and 2 sponsors attend the recent North Florida conference in July. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward for more conferences in the future.

Our district's Alateen chair, AISL, Alateen sponsors and our district's CPC chair have begun a project to bring Information to Lee County's Board of Education Project consisting of two parts: A) Wellness Promotion for Employees and B) Distribution of Alateen Information in Schools.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with:

1. Being available for Vendor Fairs In the High Schools on a Weekday (one per month/different schools)
2. Being a contact person for either Adopt-A-School or professional group for monthly visit to distribute "Where & When's" and replenish literature.
3. Developing a -Speakers Bureau" or willingness to participate In group presentations about the AI-Anon/Alateen programs. Alateen Sponsors are especially invited to possibly speak with teen groups In the schools.

We expect to be meeting with school guidance counselors, school nurses, and other teachers. Every school in Lee County Is assigned a "Student Resource Police Officer" which will be a new contact person for the Adopt-a-School person.

159 (Mary B): On May 7th Kevin and I spoke to the Golden Gate H.S.Advisory Council about AI-Anon and Alateen. Also distributed outreach literature. The Principal and Dean of Students were very interested in hearing more and will invite us back in the new school year. Placed literature order for additional outreach materials for use with the professional community.

160/169 There are two active Alateen meetings in district 160, and one in district 169. Also, there is a new meeting trying to get off the ground at Pines. Two local school guidance counselors have contacted the AIS office about Alateen literature. The fact is that a number of new people have applied to be Alateen sponsors. I am the new Alateen Chair for 160 and 169, and am excited. Kathleen Is the Alateen sponsor for the group in Palm Springs.

Summer is a slow time for Alateen attendance. Membership will improve once school starts. We need to remember to mention the Sunday Night Juno Alateen meeting at all other meetings we attend. Teens can't attend meetings unless they (and their parents) know about the meetings. This is the update, Thanks for your SERVICE! Welcome as new Alateen chair Germaine.

189 (Jill): District 189 has 1 Alateen meeting. The attendance is sporadic -some weeks we have 12 teens and other weeks only 2.

We currently have 3 sponsors who are actively sponsoring the meetings. There are 7 sponsors on my list -2 have asked that their names be removed -and the other 2 sponsors have either not responded to emails or are unwilling to sponsor. This has made it difficult to have 2 sponsors at meetings. We could really use 2 more sponsors for Alateen in

189 so we could have more flexibility. I met with district 180 Alateen to assist in organizing their September 22nd Alateen workshop day

209: Meeting in Key Largo and Key West are closed as they are held In Schools will start up when school reopens .

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) (Linda S)

We have successfully completed the Alateen Recertification with the World Service Office.

At present we have:

DISTRICT	AMIAS CERTIFIED	AMIAS IN PROGRESS	# ALATEEN GROUPS
130	19	2	13
140	13	0	5
150	8	0	3
159	10	0	3
160	11	2	3
169	4	0	2
170	5	2	3
180	6	0	2
189	8	0	3
190	3	0	0
200	7	0	2
209	4	0	2
TOTAL	98	6	41

I understand the electronic fingerprint process is not only more difficult, it is very time consuming for all of us. A person’s fingerprints need to be rejected 3 times by the FBI (National Background Check) prior to a name check being done by them. I also recognize that the processing time has been very long and I will try to improve that part of it. One of the reasons that processing time is so long is that I am not receiving completed packages. That is the FL South AMIAS Application along with a drivers license. In addition, the copy of the receipt from the Electronic Fingerprinting assists me in following up those applications with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (VECHS). **If emailing, please put Alateen the Subject Area.**

Convention Chair 2012

This has been an amazing journey and thank you all of you who have helped or are helping to make this a convention to remember.

The different committees are still looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in your district they can email us or sign up when they get to convention. Signup sheets will be at the information area. Our schedule will be:

Friday:

Hospitality, Raffle, Literature, Boutique and Registration
3p-745 pm and then again at 915-11pm

Saturday:

Registration: 630a-945 am

Hospitality, Raffle, Boutique and Literature: 7a-945am
Hospitality, Boutique, Literature: 12noon-715p
Registration: 12noon-6p
Raffle: 12noon-530p
We will be selling Raffle tickets at the Banquet
Hospitality, Boutique and Literature: 10-11p

Sunday

Hospitality only: 7am-9:45am

There will be a general session Friday night, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. Further information can be found on the website. If anyone who is signing up to chair a workshop please send your info and confirmation of what workshop to ConventionProgram@gmail.com. Jennifer has a list of the workshops that have not been taken. Please help us in filling those.

If you are an Alateen Sponsor and are interested in helping out please see Denise or contact her at dadsjazz2@aol.com.

If you are interested in helping with convention just visit the registration table and sign up, or you can register there today too. Of course do not forget those beautiful baskets, boutique items and baked goods, which we are ready to take off your hands at the opening of convention. All of your help is always appreciated.

We can't wait to see August 24, 2012 for a Rockin' weekend. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.**

Group Records (Nadine)

I have received many change forms but am still missing some. I have passed out the list from my records that I am keeping, a copy of what WSO has and the groups that have no mail status. Please review them and if there is an error, let me know. Easiest way is to fill out a new change form.

I am also passing around the contact sheet for the panel and for the chairs in your district. Please review this also and let me know if I have any errors.

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

- 1) I will be keeping a contact sheet for everyone attending the AWSC meetings please make sure I have all of your info
- 2) I will be keeping a contact sheet for all the coordinators for each district -please provide these to me. I would like to do this because this will be easier for the area coordinators to get into contact with each district.
- 3) I will be updating the WSO website with all our Area's meeting information. This means that all forms are to come to me only please. I don't care if this gets emailed or mailed, just please get this to me.

Please remind your districts that if, since January 1, 2012, you have not filled out a change form, please do so. That this means I do not have a copy and I will need one for the records.

Just so you know, I am not good at making out what words are or what it is supposed to be so please if you can't read it clearly, I won't be able to either. Also I will need the entire change order form filled out, not just a piece of it. Please fill it out completely each time. If it is blank, I will take it to mean that there is no info which means it will be deleted out of the database including WSO.

Newsletter (Marianne)

When I first stood for service I was told that service was easy, as there is always someone willing to help. I am grateful to those AI-Anon friends-angels who HP has put on my path, as they help to develop this newsletter. Information is being gathered for the 2nd Edition of the Area 10 Panel 52 Sunshiner, from Officer Reports, Coordinator Reports, sharing on "What my sponsor said", along with a warm sharing sent in by an AI-Anon member sure to touch your hearts. I am happy and look forward to continued service with Area 10 Panel 52 as your Newsletter Coordinator. I would like to publish stories that you would like to share and a sharing that you would like to have placed in "What my sponsor said." Please e-mail me at Newsletterpanel52@gmail.com

Public Outreach (Pat K)

I am very pleased to announce that there was a two way tie for first place in the younger age group. There were no entries for the older age group. Both of the winners were 11 year old girls from the Naples area. As you can see from their posters the girls really have a love of Alateen. Both of the girls will be going to Convention and participating in the barbeque. I hope that if we do a project like this again that we get more participants. I will be forwarding the posters to the WSO for their contest.

That brings us to the WSO Poster Contest for both A-Anon and Alateen members. I have attached the information sheet; you will notice that there is no deadline. I did call WSO but they were unable to give me a date. They asked me to call back when Beth returns, which I plan on doing.

It has been a little slow throughout the area, I have called AISLs and Public Outreach Chairs to find out what is being done in each of the Districts. There are a few Districts that are still looking for a commitment from members to fill positions. Some started with positions that were filled, but have lost people for different reasons. Hopefully it will pick up in the fall. Many Districts have ordered AI-Anon faces Alcoholism and are trying many different places to leave them. I spoke to one of the AISLs that stated that she got a lot of ideas from the "Get in the Car Skit". Spreading the word by passing out the booklets is a very special project that can be done by every member of AI-Anon regardless of how long they have been in the program. The idea that there is an empty chair waiting for someone who hasn't yet found help in AI-Anon is challenging. We each have a chance to fill those chairs and to fill many others. One of the Districts has an appointment to speak on a radio show; another District has already done so. Our District is redesigning our bus ads to make Alateen more prominent as well as updating the rest of the ad. Our CPC chair is starting to send letters to the professionals. Institutions are active in both the jail system and County Alcoholic Rehab Center. Don't forget to call or email me with projects that your Districts are doing.

"Let it begin with me", my group, my District, my Area, and you, your group, your District and your Area. Together there isn't anything we can't do.

Public Outreach Poster Contest

AI-Anon and Alateen members are invited to participate in a poster contest for Public Outreach. WSO welcomes members' horizontal or vertical designs for new posters based on the current theme-"Is someone else's drinking tearing you apart?"

Please submit your own photo, drawing, painting, or graphic design for consideration. Do not submit copyrighted material, unless the copyright belongs to you. All submissions become the property of AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.

Submissions should be:

- JPEG or PDF files.
- No larger than 11" X 17"
- No smaller than 5 1/2" X 8 1/2".
- 200-300 dpi at 100% print size.

- No more than 10MB.

Please send your JPEG or PDF submission to the Public Outreach Department at the World Service Office at wso@al-anon.org Att: Public Outreach. Or submit a hard copy/CD to: AFG, Inc., Public Outreach Department 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Winning entries will be posted on the Members' Web site for use as Public Outreach posters. Thank you for everything you are willing to do for the families and friends of alcoholics.

Spanish Coordinator (Claudia G)

Hola Amigas y Amigos, I am very excited and very grateful to be here for my first A WSCM as Spanish coordinator for Panel 52!

I went to Miami to attend Intergrupo meeting. I announced my visit and I was happy to see a well attended meeting. I talked about the importance of sending GR's to Assembly so I made copies of the Reserve Fund Guidelines for them to take back to their groups. I pointed out the absence of an Area Information Service Liaison (AISL) at Intergrupo meetings. They confirmed that this is indeed a problem for them. I am planning to attend this month's meeting next weekend. We will be planning a Service Workshop and a Concepts Workshop during the fall.

I was invited to attend a group meeting right after Intergrupo to address the problem resulting from long timers' resistance to rotate service positions and give new members a chance to serve, and of not wanting to use our Service Manual. I really sensed a lot of resistance but, I took a few deep breaths, mentally said the Serenity Prayer and - thanks to my Higher Power -I was able to share the message and help new members feel more comfortable!

I also attended a Friday night meeting in Miami when the guest speaker had an accident and was unable to attend. I was able to talk about service and invited them to attend Convention as well as to serve at Convention. It was a very productive meeting!! © As a way to get the word out about our upcoming Convention, I am very happy to report that Wanda (Spanish Convention Chair) ,Cristina (previous Spanish Chair) and I went last Sunday to Almavision (Spanish radio station 87.7 FM), covering East and West Coasts, the Florida Keys and Central FL) to talk about AI-Anon. I gave the radio announcer questions from our website -so we really talked AI-Anon! answered the questions, Wanda gave her testimony and Cristina gave out the phone numbers for the AI-Anon Offices in Dade, Broward and WPB, as well as Convention information. There is a new Spanish group in Belle Glade. Wednesday night from 7 to 9 pm. I will be going to visit and to help them in any way I can. The name is Grupo Nueva Vida located at: 710 S Main St. Belle Glade, FL 33430

Web Coordinator (Diane B)

The objective of our Area's web site is to share information and spread the message of AI-Anon. In order to accomplish that, I need your help to keep it fresh and exciting. I've listed a few suggestions below.

- District meetings, speaker meetings, anniversary meetings, gratitude dinners, workshop flyers.
- Please designate only **ONE** person in your district to communicate any meeting changes for the web site. Do not send your entire where & when, it only confuses and prolongs the process. Include the district #, meeting name, time & day it meets and whatever changes are needed.
- Have someone in your district proofread your district's meeting list on the web and also the check the email address that's linked to the Contact icon at the top of your district's meeting list.
- Flyers, flyers, flyers - be sure your flyer has enough information included such as: District #, Event, date, time & place with complete address.
- Generic emails for flyer information -no personal names or personal phone numbers please.

Keep in mind that any meeting changes sent to me also must be sent to the Area's group records coordinator. You can fill out a group records change form right from the Florida South web page and email it to her.