

**OHIO AREA 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 10-11, 2009**

OPENING- The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Amy H-C and the Concepts and Warranties by Theresa M.

PROCEDURE- It was suggested that no clapping be given on opinions; however, they are welcomed on reports. Barbara W. our chairperson went over the rules of etiquette that if followed by the members of Assembly would be beneficial for all in attendance. Two minutes at the mic is appreciated per person. This gives everyone who wants a chance, to have a voice.

CHAIRMAN- BARBARA W.

“The spiritual tone of the ASSEMBLY will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct by its members.”

While at the assembly this weekend, you will experience many feelings. At times you may feel uncertain and challenged. You are not alone. I encourage you to reach out to your fellow Assembly members; capture that energy and spirituality; be that Spiritual Bridge upon returning to your Districts and Groups or wherever your journey takes you.

Let us remember that as members of the Ohio Area, we are the active voice and effective group conscience of the fellowship. With the help of our Higher Power to guide us, let us “Embrace Our Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future”.

Adapted from the opening to the 2009 World Service Conference by Mary Ann R., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

INTRODUCTION BY DISTRICTS-BARBARA W-

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NEW GR ORIENTATION- SANDRA F. AND JANICE R.

Sandy and Janice gave the new GR report. Sandy gave hugs to the 20 new GR's. Judy R, Anita A, Tiffany F, Connie W, Teresa M, Amy C, Louise M, Cindy Y, John H, Susan B, Becky R, Roni S, Kathleen F, Julian H, Eleanor T, Nancy O, Carol S, Carol K, Gabi E & Karen W.

TREASURER'S REPORT-ROBIN R

BALANCE AS OF 12-31-08-\$35,828.55

INCOME GENERATED- \$12,220.37

EXPENSES - \$13,794.33

BALANCE AS OF 10-2-09- \$34,254.59-Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

ALTERNATE Delegate & AI-A-Notes Editor- Janice R.

Some of this may sound redundant to some of you but there are always new Group Representatives present who have not heard this before. So bear with me. Even if you are not new, some things bear repeating. One of my duties as Alternate Delegate is to publish the Newsletter, Ohio AI-A-Notes. The topic for the Fall/Winter issue is **“How have I experienced the miracles of growth and recovery through service?”** I need to hear from Officers, Coordinators, District Reps or anyone who would like to share on the topic or anything else

you would like to share on. Every Group Representative and member of the AWSC receives a free copy. Group Reps I hope you are sharing this copy with your group. If you did not receive a copy, please see the Group Records Coordinator and check your records. I get my labels from her. If you have an individual subscription and you did not get one, please see me sometime before you leave. I do the labels for the individual subscriptions. One of the benefits of being the Al-A-Notes editor is that I receive exchange copies of newsletters from states throughout the country. It is fun and helpful to see what is being done in other areas. I brought copies with me for you to take and read and pass them on. I do not want them back.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW TYPE OF AL-ANON SERVICE

ARE YOU ONE OF AL-ANON'S ABUNDANT RESOURCES?

The board of Trustees has developed a questionnaire that will enable the World Service Office (WSO) to have an on-going database of our member's skills, talents or expertise.

WHO SHOULD FILL OUT THIS SURVEY? Anyone member who is willing to do one of Al-Anon's unlimited Abundant Resources. Without a doubt, each one of us has special skills that we can offer.

1. Do you have Knowledge you can share?
2. Do you have a specialized skill?
3. Do you have a deep understanding of the legacies?
4. Do you have a special talent? Do you speak another language?
5. Are you willing to use these abilities or any others you may have to help carry the Al-Anon message?
6. Offering your skills as a resource will not require travel to attend meetings or long-term commitments.

The information you provide will assist the WSO in gathering volunteers for specific short term projects that will help fulfill the Board of Trustee's vision: All people who are affected by someone else's drinking will find help and recovery in every community.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICPATE IN THE SKILLS INVENTORY, -Please go to the Al-Anon Members' Website (www.al-anon.org/members) Log in to the site by typing your group's name followed by the letters "afg". There is an orange side bar on the left side of the page that has a list of tabs. **Click on the "surveys for members" tab.** This will take you to the page that lists the current surveys. Click on **"Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory"**. This will allow you to participate in the skills inventory. If you have no access to the Internet, but would like to participate in the skills inventory. Please contact the WSO by mail, to have a hard copy sent to you. There address is 1600 Corporate Landing. Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (See article in the May 2009 issue of The Forum)

CALLING ALL AL-ANON MEMBERS: IT'S TIME FOR THE AL-ANON MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!

The WSO invites you to participate in the 2009 Al-Anon Membership Survey. Surveys are done every 3 years. This is the ninth one. Your participation is very important! The survey results increase Al-Anon's credibility as a support program for families of Alcoholics. They help the WSO communicate the benefits of the program to professionals, the media, and the general public. Taking the survey is a service opportunity that helps Al-Anon as a whole. Every Al-Anon member in the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico has a chance to participate in the survey. The survey is offered in English, French, and Spanish. If you do not have a computer, you can take the survey at a friend's house or the public library.

How can I participate in the survey?

1. Go on line to the Al-Anon Members' Web site (www.Al-Anon.alateen.org/members) between August 12th and October 16. There is still one week to participate.
2. Sign into the Web site using your group name followed by the letters AFG, with no space in between.
3. Select English, Spanish or French
4. Click on the "Surveys for Members" page on the side bar at the left (orange)
5. Click on the link "2009 Al-Anon Membership Survey."

The survey is anonymous. Members privacy is protected by the WSO and the confidentiality laws connected with human subject research. The results will be summarized in English and made available to professionals, the media, or anyone interested on the Public Outreach Web site, www.Al-Anon.alateen.org and to the fellowship

on the Al-Anon Members' Web site, www.Al-Anon.alateen.org/members. These findings will be available in the beginning of 2010. (Taken from the September 2009 issue of the Forum).

QUESTION- WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR VOTING FEES? - TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE MEETING ROOMS.

DELEGATES REPORT- SANDRA F

Someone asked me, "What is your role as Delegate?" My answer was, "I am to share experience with you, be a conduit of information, bring the world wide view of the fellowship to you, and bring my Higher Power with me. My hope is to share both experience and information, and tell you a little bit about the fellowship as a whole, and hopefully, you will be able to notice my Higher Power is with me.

The Thought Force I am on, **Integrating Alateen Into Al-Anon Where No Alateen Meetings Exist**, is coming to an end. Our group came up with ideas, and has compiled a list of suggestions to be presented to the Board of Trustees. It was exciting to be on this Thought Force and work with Conference members from around our Conference structure. I became more aware of how similar we all are.

Recently our AIS's, Al-Anon Information Service, locations have been asked to become linked into a communications network called e-communities. E-communities is a means of electronic communications utilized by our World Service Office. Ohio has six AIS's.

At the 2009 World Service Conference, a report was given about the International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) which was held in Finland. There are 130 countries in which active AFG meetings are being held. The IAGSM is held every two years. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, represents the US and Canada at this meeting. The full report is available on the Member's Website, click on publications. Reports were also heard about international trips to India, South Africa, and Turkey. These service structures are in the early stages of development.

International representatives from Germany, Italy, Mexico, and United Kingdom/Erie gave reports about AFG in their country. How interesting it was to hear about their groups. As they told us about AFG in their country, I was thinking WOW! They are very similar to groups in Ohio. I felt connected.

The topic of expansion or consolidation of Areas carried over from previous Conferences. The question asked was, "Is the current World Service Conference model providing the spiritual bridge we need to expand into the future in order to meet the needs of the fellowship?" Discussion was around the future design and how diverse needs of the Areas might be affected. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Another question asked was, "How can Areas, Districts, and Groups look at unhealthy groups in a positive way? There was lengthy discussion. Some suggestions I heard were, but are not limited to the following: presume good will, respond with love and respect, practice good and shared leadership, educate-educate- educate, communicate-communicate-communicate, and always be spiritual and positive.

A workshop has been developed on "Responsibilities". This workshop is intended for Districts and Areas to use which describes the responsibilities of group members, Group Representatives, and other service positions. Responsibility can be defined as "being able to fulfill an obligation. What are some of my responsibilities as an AFG member?

Some of my responsibilities are:

- To study and use the Al-anon ideas, not only for myself, but for the benefit of my friends in the group.
- ...to try to make everything I say reflect an Al-anon teaching...[One day at a time in Al-Anon (B-6)]. Page 195
- To make a positive contribution both personally and financially
- To attend meetings regularly
- To support my Group Representative
- To be a part of an informed group conscience
- "...to extend a welcome to newcomers: to be of service..." [Courage to Change (B-6)] page 85

- To study the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service
- To assist with public outreach in my location
- To carry the message of hope

The complete presentation can be found on the members' website. www.al-anon.alateen/members.org click on Membership Outreach, then click on presentations.

The password is the name of your home group followed by afg.

I encourage all of you to find the presentation on the members' website and view it.

Speaking of the Members' Website, have you checked out the Traditions Blog. Recently, Tradition 10 has been added. Postings from Traditions 1-9 can be read and if you choose to share about the current tradition you can give your e-mail address then click. Sharing on the Concepts of Service can be read but further sharing's are no longer being taken.

Also on the Members' website the 2009 World Service Conference Summary can be found or it can be ordered in hard copy form. I recommend reading the Summary to have more information in order to have a greater understanding of the items I have reported this year.

ANONYMITY, OOOO!!! Understanding anonymity can be difficult, especially to those new to recovery. Anonymity is at three levels. Which are: anonymity at the group level, anonymity within the fellowship, and anonymity outside the fellowship.

ANONYMITY WITHIN THE GROUP - When I am at a recovery meeting I can choose to give my own first name or use a pseudonym. It is my choice. As I become more comfortable and have gained some wisdom strength and hope, I may decide it is time to do service work beyond the group level.

ANNONYMITY WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP - When I am doing service work within the fellowship, I will be asked to share my full name and contact information. This is okay since other members may need to get in touch with me for one reason or another, and it is within the fellowship. As I gain more experience, strength, and hope I may be ready to share outside the fellowship.

ANNONYMITY OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP - As I grow in the fellowship and service I may be ready to share about the fellowship with the outside world. This is when I share my contact information with professionals so they can contact me, but ask that it not be given out or published.

The Summer 2009 issue of Al-A-Notes addressed this topic.

I have asked friends to illustrate the three levels of anonymity. (Skit here) Goldilocks and the three bears were a big hit!

The 2010 World Service Conference will be held at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, in Virginia Beach Virginia the week of April 11th to 15th. The theme will be: ***Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope.*** It will be the 50th World Service conference.

A big question asked at the opening of this year's WSC was, "As we think spiritually, how can we use the Legacies as empowering tools rather than barriers to expand Al-anon Family Groups into the future?"

The Legacies have been used as barriers to progress, as history has showed us. Posted around the meeting room were barriers that had been submitted prior to the meeting. These Barriers were literally torn down in order to seek harmony, clarity, and understanding during the week.

There seems to be a lack of understanding of the Legacies. The Legacies are the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service. With a lack of understanding there can be an attitude the Legacies can stop us from moving forward with new ideas. How can I change? I keep the focus on spirituality instead of the legalities. I find creative or new ways to study the Legacies. When I do this, I can begin to apply the Legacies to my daily live. When sharing, I can begin relating how all three legacies have been used in my daily life. How can I tear down a barrier in my meeting/s? I do this by talking about and asking others to study all the legacies with me.

Are there barriers in Ohio? I would like for you to think about a time a legacy was used as a barrier instead of for progress. (Pause) Now jot a word or two down about a barrier on a sheet of paper. (Pause) Now, share it with a neighbor. (Pause) Now tear it up. (Pause) This barrier has been removed.

Let us seek understanding, clarity, and harmony during our Assembly and move forward in new and innovative ways. Thanks for letting me share. Sandra F.

SECRETARY REPORT-MERRI G- Approval of minutes from Spring Assembly/ Registration Report.

Barbara W made a motion to approve the spring assembly minutes. Mickie voted to approve them and Joe seconded it. Today we had 108 in attendance. Seventy two were voting Gr's. We counted off and had exactly 72 so I want to give a big THANKS to Karen and Debbie for handling the money and to Gabi, Sheila and Alice for taking over registration so I could take notes in the assembly room. The hotel allowed us to sell more banquet tickets for those who were not able to send the money in ahead of time.

The first place everyone saw was the registration table and I am honored to say they were a friendly bunch. "You are all the best"!

COORDINATOR REPORTS

ALATEEN-Yvonne R.

A lot has happened since the last assembly with Alateen. We attended KOMIAC which was in Terre Haute, Indiana this past August. We took two chartered buses. We all got there and back safely. We want to thank you from all of us in Alateen (the kids and sponsors) for funding part of our bus. I have brought you a piece of the project that we did when we were at KOMIAC. The hands and hearts were made from all who attended KOMIAC.

We are really proud of having WSO come and pick us(OHIO) to be one of the Alateen Advisory Committees. I am sure we will get a lot out of that.

I have been working with Rex to get our sponsors all certified. It has been a little complicated but I think we are working out the kinks. He will inform you more on that. Your certification number stays the same each year you update your Alateen permission- to- sponsor form.

I also had the opportunity to participate in a test chat Alateen meeting online. It went well but it is not live yet. How it worked was the Alateen sponsor logs on and then the Alateens log on. Then the moderator logs on and starts the meeting. Then if the Alateen wants to speak they type in what they want to say and one of the sponsors hits a button and then it comes up to everyone. That means that the sponsor screens what the Alateens are saying before it goes to everyone. It seemed to go well but there are some issues so I don't know when it will go live.

There will be a few motions that we have to discuss today, but the chairperson will go over that with you. I also had the opportunity to attend a conference call on September 26th. It was about compliance concerning the AAPP which Rex will discuss more in detail.

The fall Alateen rally will be on October 17th at the John Knox Church in North Olmsted. It will start at 9:00 am and end about 3:30pm. If you have any teens or would like to become involved with Alateens, this is a good time to attend to get a feel about what Alateen and sponsoring is all about.

The sponsor's workshop will be on March 13th, in Columbus at the Ascension Lutheran Church on Morse Rd. This is an opportunity to for us sponsors and any Al-Anon's that are curious about what Alateen is about to attend and share our experiences with being an Alateen sponsor and help new and old sponsors get insight on how to deal with certain issues that come up in our Alateen meetings. Any Al-Anon member is welcome. The spring rally will be April 24th at the same location as the Sponsors' workshop. The next KOMIAC will be in Kentucky the first weekend in August.

ARCHIVES- Sharon B

I recently read in an Al-Anon Daily Reader- "Don't just do something, sit there, " I have been struggling with this coordinator position. I feel like I should be doing something grand and amazing. What an amazing Higher Power I have who is letting me know- I am a "human being" not a "human Doing".

So, as my Higher Power would have it, I was sent the next steps as a Coordinator for Archives.

1, A person at the Akron Intergroup Meeting (Kim) announced that she has a good deal of Al-Anon materials from over the years. Some for Akron specifically and some for the State of Ohio. The Akron area Archivist will be taking the Akron items and I will be taking the Ohio items into our Archives.

2, At the Ohio Al-Anon Roundup at Atwood last weekend, George and Eddie's tapes & CD's made a very gracious offer. They will be providing all of the recorded leads they have for Al-Anon's from Ohio as well as any other Ohio based events they have in their possession. In addition, he said that they usually keep a program from the events, so he will send that too!!

3, Finally, there is an effort in this digital age to preserve items that could deteriorate. The guidelines for an archivist say that we should place the items in a container to keep them from being damaged- and they are. However, the next step is to "digitize" all the documents that can be put onto CD's and other electronic storage- so that they are backed up. So, I have a lot of work to do there- but I have 2 more years to get started. Thank you for this opportunity- it is really making me work my program. In Service, Sharon B.

FORUM-SHIRLEY M

At the Spring Assembly my report included parts of a conference call with Bob Schneider from WSO. He challenged the state Forum Coordinators to help increase Forum subscriptions. There have been articles in the July and August Forums about the decline in subscriptions to the Forum.

There have been many suggestions on how to increase subscriptions. Here are just a few:

1. Give old Forums to newcomers
2. Have group drawings for subscriptions
3. Encourage Alateens to submit sharing's
4. Pass out subscription forms with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Forum

It was stressed that one way to help increase subscriptions, was to have State Coordinators to assemblies and challenge the G..R's to encourage their groups to buy extra Forums for the group and use them for meeting topics for the steps, traditions, and concepts. This would expose newer members to the Forum and hopefully they would buy their own personal copy.

Remember to also encourage members to write sharing's and share their stories. I know in my district and also at the state level, several people have had their stories published in the Forum.

Julie Miller, WSO Communications Manager, just informed the state Forum Coordinators that the Forum subscriptions have increased by over 1,000 since July of 2009. She also sent a state by state spread sheet showing total subscriptions and whether they increased or decreased. I'm sorry to report that the state of Ohio's subscriptions has decreased. We have 522 groups and only 844 personal subscriptions. I am asking the G.R.'s to take this information back to your groups and encourage the members to subscribe to the Forum. If we don't use it, we may lose the Forum because WSO could make a decision to no longer publish the magazine. I know from my own personal experience, the Forum has been a very important part of my program, and I read it from cover to cover every month.

Don't forget the Al-Anon member's survey in the September Forum on Page 70. WSO is asking each member to participate online and answer questions about your group. You have until midnight, October 16th 2009 to do the survey. The order forms for the second printing of Al-Anon faces Alcoholism (a copy of the Forum printed especially for professionals) for 2010 has arrived. If you use these to give to newcomers or for outreach you have until February 10, 2010 to order them. Yours in Service, Shirley M.

GROUP RECORDS- JUDY A

I want to thank those of you who have updated Ohio's group records. Merri sent me 8 pages of corrections from the last mailing. I did not delete the groups on some of the changes but just the contact names and addresses. These groups are not going to receive any information unless someone comes forward to provide new contact information.

I just learned that the inner group of Columbus is sending changes to the past group records officer. Please see the green sheet that contains the Area World Service Committee members which contains my mailing address and E-mail address where changes can be sent.

LITERATURE- Ginny C

Summer has been slow other than offering Al-Anon books for sale at the OAC. The two most recent books sold the most. Also the skit on "Choices" passed on from WSO was used at OAC. Some upcoming writing projects are on history, Alateen, and the book "Choices". Given the Ohio roots of Al-Anon, there must be some long timers with some good stories about the history of Al-Anon and their recovery. Spread the word about these projects. Some of my pet projects to get groups to use more literature are a sachel of group books to be passed from chairperson to chairperson and selling books out of the back of my car to groups that cannot afford to keep them in stock. Respectfully submitted, Ginny C.

PUBLIC OUTREACH-Vicki M

A request to have members contact me to share any public outreach with the World Service Office. Conference calls with World Service have been great. A lot of information has been shared. We need Ohio Al-Anon members, DR's, and GR;s to either call me at 330-571-2258 or e-mail me at vickimellon@sbcglobal.net to share there information so we can tell World Service what we are doing . Please Ohio lets share our public outreach program.

World Service has requested that one of our Al-Anon members contact a newspaper journalist to share our experience, strength and hope that our Al-Anon program has. We have contacted a member in the Findlay area and hope to see the article in the Findlay Gazette.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET-STEVE F

The budget is derived from the total of the previous year's income which is based on Group donations, plea letter responses, personal donations, district and information service donations plus any interest incurred. We then appropriate to the budget coordinator (bottom of page 2) an amount of money we (the budget committee) hope they can stay under within all categories. Last year, 2008, we received total donations of \$11,149.00. That is how much we appropriated to the budget items on page 2, the first column-bottom. Our assemblies intention is to not spend more than \$11149.00 to operate are 44 Al-Anon in 2009. This budget was accepted by the group Representatives at the 2009 Spring Assembly. Area 44 officers, coordinators and committee chair persons, please return your 2009 expenses before the end of 2009 so the budget committee can have the proper expense information when making the 2010 budget. Please feel to E-mail me with any questions and please do not over-spend without prior notification.

BY-LAWS AND HANDBOOK- Barbara M

A motion has been reviewed and approved by the AWSC to bring to assembly which is motion 3 on your agenda. This would be a By-Law change. The motion reads- Replace the current description of the Ohio Area Alateen Processes for implementation of Alateen Requirements, in the By-Laws, with the new description if approved. A new copy of the By-Laws are scheduled to come out in 2011.

COMPLIANCE LIAISON & AAPP-REX M

I have nothing to report on Compliance at this time. Barbara M and I plan to have another meeting about Compliance Documents and Renewals.

I joined the Area Alateen Process Person Conference Call on September 26th. It went well. Our Yvonne made a couple comments. The AMIAS form is a legal document. We continue to have some issues using Al-Anon forms for Alateen Changes. Alateen forms should be submitted through the AAPP.

We have about 200 Members that have signed AMIAS Forms and are involved in Alateen service. Some serve as Sponsors and other help in other forms of service such as Driving Alateen's to Rally's. I have brought some AMIAS forms for those who need them. There are also Registration/ Change forms. AMIAS forms are available online. I continue to look at ways to change forms and cut postage and cost. Yours in Service, Rex McV.

OHIO AREA CONVENTION & 2-DAY FALL ADVISOR-KAREN M

First of all I would like to take a moment to thank the Cleveland area host committee for a wonderful job. I know they worked very hard to make this a success. It is such a Blessing to watch these committees protecting our Traditions. When you see a committee member please let them know how much you have enjoyed this weekend.

Our committees for the upcoming OAC in Columbus and 2-Day Fall in Cincinnati for 2010 are already busy making plans for these events. I want to thank all committee members for keeping Barbara, Sandy & myself in the loop with information. It is so important that we all be informed so that we can be of assistance when a situation arises and pass our experience on to them. If you have never been part of a host committee I urge you to consider doing so when the opportunity is available. It is a great way to be of service and to include your area groups in service on a level beyond their home group.

The Columbus area is diligently working on the 2-Day Fall for 2011.

Once again I thank you all for serving so lovingly and welcoming us into your home. Pass it on. Respectfully submitted, Karen M.

REVIEW AND AUDIT-DONNA K

We reviewed and audited the Treasurer's records this past June. Everything was in order and balanced. We will be auditing the records from March 2009 thru September 2009 before the May 2010 Ohio Area Assembly meeting. The 2-Day Fall Assembly 2008 records were reviewed audited and is correct. Just a reminder, that I need the 2009 OAC monetary records to review and audit. Respectfully submitted, Donna K

WEBSITE-MIKE K

SUMMARY- The OHIOAL-ANON.ORG site has seen a steady increase in unique visitors to the site. Traffic has increased roughly 20% since May of 2009.

1. Increased average of 2017 unique visitors per month (1695 in May)
2. Increase to 9654 pages served (5343 in May)
3. We are seeing an increase in hits from educational and other non-profit institutions.
4. Peak traffic from 11am – 2pm. Least traffic 3am-8am
5. Most viewed pages in order of ranking.
 - A. Alalist.html (state index page of area meetings)
 - B. Toledo.htm (Toledo area meetings)(last updated 11/07/2008)
 - C. Cleveland.htm (Re-direct link to Cleveland AFG Web site).
 - D. Remote.htm (Remote area meetings) (last updated 05/06/09)
 - E. Calendar.htm (Calendar of events in the state)
 - F. Columbusredir.htm (Re-direct link to Columbus AFG Web site)
 - G. 12steps.htm 12steps.htm
 - H. Akronredir.htm (Re-direct link to Akron AFG Web site)
 - I. Youngstown.htm (Youngstown area meetings)
 - J. 12traditions.htm
 - K. Documents.htm

Peak days of the Month (September)

Peak days of the Week (Friday)

Peak Hours of the Day(Pacific Time)

Fall Assembly Participants
We need your feedback.



Please fill out our survey on the Web at:
<http://www.ohioal-anon.org/oaasurvey.htm>

Thank you.

CONVENTIONS AND 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLIES

2009 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY -DISTRICTS OF CLEVELAND

The hotel has provided us with two contacts one for the morning (Augie) and the other for the evening (Benny)
Please make sure you pick up your meal tickets at the registration tables.

Ballrooms 1 and 2 combined will be our main meeting room from 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. today. The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Rockefeller Room, second floor. (We were originally set to have the banquet in the same ballroom, but the hotel gave us the formal dining room instead and booked the ballroom for another dinner.) The Speakers for the banquet are at 7:30 p.m. Approx.

Salon A- Alatten Advisory Committee- 12:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Salon B- Hospitality room- 10:00 a.m.- 10:00pm

Salon C- New Gr meeting- 10:00 a.m.

Note: Salons A,B and C and the Rockefeller room are available until midnight as break-out rooms after 8:00 a.m.

2010 -2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- DISTRICTS OF CINCINNATI

It will be held on October 9th and 10th at the Holiday Inn at I-275N. The address is 3855 Hauck Rd in Cincinnati Ohio 45241. The cost per room will be \$89.00 plus tax for 1-4 people. There will be a Microwave, Fridge, internet access and a continental breakfast for the 1-4 people per room.

Just wanted to report that the committee had the taste testing for the banquet and *we will be eating well!* I hope the members will accept that the food will be worth the 30 dollar ticket - there will be a choice of a heavenly apple/cranberry/walnut stuffed pork chop, wonderful chicken dijoinaise with excellent rice pilaf and asparagus, and beef tenderloin to die for. Salad and rolls before hand, cheese cake and alternate berries and cream available for gluten free desert - unless the gluten sensitive people just want to eat the cheesecake part! They are willing to work with anyone who needs a special diet but I am pretty sure both the pork and the tenderloin are gluten free (chicken does have a slight flour coating - don't know if it can be done without that).

I am just waiting for the reservation manager to send me the direct link - which will work after November 10, 2009. That will make the flyer-banquet reservation form complete and I will send to all and the website. Host Committee is Theresa M- dr15@cincinnatiavg.org
[513-379-3216](tel:513-379-3216) Amy H-C- a-healey-callahan@fuse.net- [513-236-7284](tel:513-236-7284)

2009 Ohio Area Convention (OAC) - Districts Of Akron

The Ohio Area Convention was held at the Beautiful Oberlin College- We had 70 in attendance. The Ways and Means committee was fabulous and made \$420.00. I enjoyed working with the entire state via Yahoo Groups- Everyone worked as one and I discovered that the chairperson IS NOT IN CHARGE- I learned to delegate and Let Go! Comments were positive. The small group we had made for a very intimate and enjoyable time. The committee was given a cash donation of \$122.00 that paid for the goodies in the hospitality room. Problems were minimal and easily handled. Oberlin wants us back any time we want to come! Respectfully, Mickie

2010 Ohio Area Convention (OAC) - Districts Of Columbus

We are excited to report that we have a date! We will host the Convention on Friday June 4th thru Sunday June 6th 2010. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus- 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43231. We have a room rate of \$99.00. The rooms are all suites with space for up to 6 people. (\$16.50/night/person) or 3 people if everyone would like his/her own bed \$33.00 night). Breakfast is included for all hotel guests. The hotel has a pool, an on site restaurant, and is close to the highway. We are getting our committees together to plan the event and hope to keep the registration cost down so the convention will be as affordable as possible. Look for details in the AI-A-Notes that will be mailed out after December. Respectfully Submitted by, Jennifer F (Chair OAC 2010)

2009 Ohio AA Convention-Districts of Columbus

It was held the 2nd week in July. The theme was Responsibility- (How to use the steps in our lives.) The AA's said that they did not know we were there. Those who attended said it was wonderful!

2010 Ohio AA Convention-Districts of Toledo-54th

The AA 2010 State Convention will be held on August 13th, 14th and 15th 2010 @ The French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. The Theme is *Unity*. The AI-Anon participation portion is well under way and we have sat on several planning meetings so far. We are excited to have Alateen participation as well and we have an Alateen Chair-Harleigh Y and Co-Chair Hailey T. to plan the Alateen program. The Alateens will have their own space for a speaker meeting and/or meetings. Our AA committee made arrangements to host the convention on the above dates as not to coincide with KOMIAC so the Alateens could be involved. It was very exciting to include them. We hope to get the Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana Alateens to come with their parents, guardians also! AI-Anon will have a hospitality room, literature sales area, a main speaker and workshop and/or panel. There are fliers available-please take a few and make copies if possible. Any questions, contacts are on the fliers and a web site address also. Thank you, Rose R-Toledo Co-Chair.

COMMENT= We want to thank the Alateen Advisory Committee and World Service Office Staff for picking our Ohio Area Assembly to host their meeting! Also it was truly a JOY to have Mary Lou & JP speak at our banquet!

ACTION COMMITTEES

Fellowship Communications-Ginny C

There were 18 members in attendance.

1. The discussion was concerning the Reserve Fund Guidelines which was tabled until next meeting to allow GRs to review the guidelines. Historical budget trend of Ohio area finances needed.
2. Recommendations for achievement of committee goals:
 - A. Ohio Area Assembly allocates funds for the literature Chairperson to travel around the state to perform writing workshops. Workshops would also include education on CAL literature.
 - B. Ohio Area Assembly allocates funds for groups to create lending librarian of CAL literature.
 - C. Groups conduct workshops and panel discussions about service.
 - D. Use area garage sales as a source of getting books to donate to members who cannot afford to purchase them and to stock group lending libraries.
 - E. Ohio Area develops an aid/tool that contains brief summary of each book and pamphlet and recommends how to use CAL as a recovery tool.
 - F. Ensure tools and information distributed to all GRs and DRs (the newly created laminate sheet was provided to new GRs only).
3. Miscellaneous- Several other topics to be considered for future committee discussion include:
 - A. DR/GR training
 - B. '.MOBY' web communicate

GROUP SERVICES-Sharon B

1. The Alateen Sponsor Form- Should we change it to reflect "new" or "renewal"? (This was carried over from the Spring Assembly) Rex M created a system as the AAPP to no longer require a change to the form. We will be reviewing our Ohio process through a KBDM procession our Committee via E-mail.
2. Funds allocation for excess \$30K (to be reviewed at Spring Assembly. We decided we will address 1st in the Spring.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH-Karen M

We talked about how to get DRs for all districts. Without a DR communication stops between assembly and groups. Many did not receive the agenda for this weekend. We should ask our DR why not. We have the right to be represented.

If we want to make any changes to OAC (Ohio Area Convention), we need to make guideline changes first. Our recommendations must go before AWSC and be approved to be brought before the Assembly.

Our main discussion was on OAC. Attendance has continuously gone down. We want to take a KBDM before our groups and try to come up with a possible survey to collaborate the situation. Some ideas for us to think about are:

1. What do you think about having the OAC at the same time and same place each year.
2. Why don't you attend?
3. What would it take to bring you to a convention?
4. What is our goal-quantity or quality?

5. How many other conferences do you attend per year?
6. What are you looking for in a convention?
7. What month of the year would you like it?
8. Because of the economy, would you prefer a 1 day or a 2 day?
9. When you hear the word "Convention" what do you think? What comes to mind?

PUBLIC OUTREACH

We had 13 in attendance.

Some ideas:

1. To have a public outreach event in 2010 –a luncheon for professionals-hosted by the Ohio Area Assembly.
2. Referral Pads- Al-Anon
 - A. M-1's
 - B. M-76's
 - C. DVD's/TV Stations- Radio Stations
 - D. Phone Calls- Do you have it?
 - E. Professional Packets
 - F. Toledo (to Schools)= Rose
 - G. Columbus (Radio Stations)= Kay
 - H. Heath Fairs??
 - I. Check with other Al-Anon's

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Alateen Sponsor Workshop-March 13th

Spring AWSC-March 27th 2010 - 12:30 p.m. 2040 W Henderson Rd Columbus Ohio- **The North Congressional United Church Of Christ.**

Alateen Spring Rally-April 24th-In Columbus

Spring Assembly-May 22nd 2010- Spring Assembly-12:30 p.m. 2040 W Henderson Rd Columbus Ohio-

K.O.M.I.A.C- 1st weekend in August in Kentucky

Fall AWSC-August 28th,2010 AWSC-12:30 p.m. 2040 W Henderson Rd Columbus, Ohio

2-Day Fall Assembly- October 9-10 - Hosted by the Districts of Cincinnati, Ohio

OLD BUSINESS

"Mary Lou M., Associate Director at WSO shared with us the purpose of the Alateen Advisory Committee. She thanked Cleveland for hosting the event."

NEW BUSINESS

Theodora W discussed that as our chair of Public Outreach in Cleveland, Ohio, she has been receiving calls concerning groups using outside literature and not following the Steps and Traditions. Some suggested that the DR could be called and perhaps she or he can contact the group and visit to address the concerns. If there is not an active DR than a phone call to Sandy our delegate or Janice our Alternate delegate perhaps can offer some guidance and suggestions. Sean K. at Assembly read in our handbook stating that we cannot close a meeting down just because they are not using CAL literature. It was mentioned that we are not the Al-Anon police. We can suggest and educate groups to use CAL literature but that is it. One member suggested that an old timer offer to chair the 1st week of every month for one year to introduce the group to the legacies of our program which will include the importance of using CAL literature.

Phil H suggested we revise the group change form by removing the boxes making it easier for members to fill out. Mary Lou suggested we E-mail Valerie at WSO in group records asking for permission to revise and print the form without lines.

Jane K. sent a letter via Merri G to read at assembly concerning **The Lone Member Service** outreach program. Jane wrote because she wanted to make sure members were aware of the Lone Members Program sponsored by the WSO. These members are ones who have no access to the Al-Anon meetings, are homebound, are afraid to leave home to go to a meeting or have other reasons for not being able to have Al-Anon in their lives. The "Lone Member" contacts are those of us who write to them and share our program with them. Many do not have computers and regular letters are a Godsend to them. Just knowing someone cares about them is important. I enclose the cards I have shared here inside every letter I write. It gives a small amount of program to them in each letter I write. I share with Al-Anon's all over the world. Some cards have even gone around the world and come back to me. What a thrill to know I touch people's lives around the world. I have learned more from those I write to than I've ever shared. We are all in one big circle together finding hope and serenity. If you are interested in sharing, please contact the WSO in the "Lone Member Services Department. If you have access to a computer you can print the "Lone Member Service" fact sheet at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/LML.pdf>. If you are interested in writing letters or having letters written to you, please contact the WSO at 757-563-1600 for further information.

Due to the unanimous passing of Motion 2009-2, Phillip H and Sheila M have volunteered to head up the new Standing Committee for Registration. Assembly thanks both of you for your willingness to take on this new position.

Note: There was some discussion about the implementation of background checks for Alateen sponsors. Rex is going to check with our legal advisor to make sure that our minimum safety requirements for Alateen Sponsors are up-to-date and that nothing else is required. Background checks will only be discussed when the KBDM form is brought before the AWSC meeting. Motion madness and quick decision making is a thing of the past.

OHIO AREA CONVENTION WINNERS

At every assembly two names are typically chosen to attend an assembly sponsored event. This year's winners are able to attend the **OHIO AREA CONVENTION**. The GR winners must have attended at least three assemblies in the last two years and could not have won in the last three years. Congratulations! Huge thanks to those whose names were picked but did not qualify but were honest enough to speak up! Thanks to Lisa our Alateen GR for picking the names.
(The Two Winners!)

Malinda Mc _____ **(The Two Winners!)**

Kathleen Mc

MOTIONS

2009-1- presented by Sandra F. Delegate

I move to change the wording in the Handbook from RSS (Regional Service Seminars) to OAC (Ohio Area Convention) on all lines in the handbook. (72 voting GRs)-**PASSED**

2009-2- presented by Merri G Secretary

To take responsibility for registration at assemblies from the Secretary to a Standing Committee responsible to the Secretary and Group Records. (71 voting GRs)- **PASSED**

2009-3-presented by Barbara M (Handbook and By-Laws Change)

Replace the current description of the Ohio Area Alateen Processes for implementation of Alateen Requirements, in By-Laws, with the new description as attached to this motion. (60 voting GRs) -**PASSED**

Responsibilities of the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

1. The Ohio Area 44 Compliance Person will serve as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).
2. The Ohio Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) will serve as the Area Authorized Signature of the "Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service" (AMIAS) form.
3. The AAPP will keep on-going current records of the AMIAS certifications and Alateen group registrations and changes. The AAPP will keep the Ohio Alateen Coordinator up-to-date on all AMIAS records by periodically sending him/her a current list of AMIAS certifications. In this way, the Alateen Coordinator will have accurate and current information when contacting approved members in November each year to verify their continuing service.
4. The AAPP, who will receive AMIAS forms from the DRs, will:
 - a. acknowledge receipt of the form by sending a memo to that affect to the AMIAS.
 - b. sign the form as the Area Authorized Signature, make a copy for the AAPP records, and send the form to the Al-Anon World Service Office. The WSO will verify the Area Authorized Signature, process the AMIAS form by assigning an ID# and returning the form to the AAPP.
 - c. Send a second memo to the AMIAS informing the member of the completion of the certification process and the ID# assigned by the WSO.
5. The AAPP, who receives "Alateen Registration/Group Record Changes" from new and current groups, will verify the certification of the sponsors and the CMA (Current Mailing Address) and send the forms to the WSO after making copies for the AAPP records. The AAPP will make copies of the processed forms received back from the WSO and send them to the Ohio Alateen Coordinator and the Ohio Records Coordinator.
6. The AAPP will receive from the members the annual AMIAS re-certifications from January 1 through May 31. While renewals for AMIAS certification will be received throughout the year, forms received by the AAPP after May 31 will not be included in the annual re-certification paperwork sent to WSO.
 - a. The AAPP will coordinate all AMIAS records on an on-going basis in order to comply with the WSO deadline of July 1 for the annual re-certification process.
 - b. The AAPP will complete a "Status Change" form for any AMIAS who has not completed the Ohio Area re-certification process and send it to the WSO along with the Annual Re-certification paperwork.
7. The AAPP will keep a record of the "Alateen Annual Update" form which each Alateen group receives from the WSO in the Spring, complete with group information, and returns to the AAPP. The AAPP will

make note of any new and/or changed group information and forward these forms to the WSO. After receiving these forms back from the WSO, the AAPP will send to the Alateen Coordinator and the Records Coordinator copies of the "Alateen Annual Update" forms which reflect changes to any groups.

8. The AAPP will send AMIAS forms and Alateen group registrations and changes to WSO throughout the year. For the "Alateen Registration/Group Records Changes", only the changed information needs to be filled in, eg. provide the Group ID# or group name, check the change (Sponsor, CMA, etc.), and fill in the new information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN- Jennifer F. and Mickie G. 1st and seconded to close the meeting.

WE CLOSED WITH THE AL-Anon Declaration

ATTENTION ALL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES- Please bring these minutes and your Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual with you to the Spring Assembly on May 22nd, 2040 W Henderson Rd. Columbus,OH. New GR Orientation at 10:00 a.m.- Action Committees 11:00 a.m. Assembly meeting 12:30 p.m.. Bring a peanut free lunch and a beverage. Registration is \$3.00.

Warm Al-Anon Hugs,
Merri G
Your AFG Secretary