

**AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 27th 2010**

**CHAIRMAN:** Barbara W

Dear **AWSC** members

**Thank you for your participation (physically, or in spirit!) at our meeting on Saturday. Below (and attached) are the bullet points from our meeting. Please share this information with the Group Representatives in your District, so our Ohio AI-Anon membership is informed.**

*We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Allen D. read the Traditions and Toni B. read the Concepts and Warranties. The group was reminded through the review of the etiquette suggestions to stop and start on time-2 minutes at the mic-To show courtesy to one another, no repeating at the mic- no clapping on opinions but Yes to clapping on reports- No side conversations- follow agenda- stay on topic and please have cell phones set to vibrate.*

*We conduct knowledge based decision making here in Ohio. There is no more motion madness. An informed group conscience through the KBDM is done before motions are formed which allows for dialogue keeping personalities out!*

*Districts represented- 25 members were present representing districts:*

*4,5,6,7,8,9,10,14,15,24,25,26,27,31,33,45,48,51*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT-** Merri G

Phil H. voted to pass the August 26th 2009 AWSC minutes and Theresa M seconded it.

**TREASURER REPORT-** Robin R

Balance as of 12-31-09	\$35,060.89
Income after 12-31-09 was	\$2914.76
Expense after 12-31-09 was	\$-4143.30
Balance as of 3-22-10 is	\$33,832,35

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE/NEWS LETTER:** Janice R

It has been a long winter and I sure am ready for spring and warmer weather

I was registered to attend the North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (NCRDM) in Rosemont IL,(just outside of Chicago) on March 12th through the 14th but due to some problems with my medicine I didn't feel comfortable driving for 5-6 hours by myself. I had to make the decision not to go and take care of myself.

I participated in a Conference call for Barbara W. regarding Action Committees and Sandy F. asked me to listen in on one regarding the annual re-certification process. Rex M. was also in on this call.

The fall/winter issue of the AI-A-Notes was mailed to groups in December 2009. The spring issue has been ready to go for a month now. Due to computer problems, the Group Records Coordinator couldn't mail me the labels until just recently. I brought them with me today for Merri G to take with her and to do the bulk mailing. The Ohio AI-Anon Convention flyer was sent out with this last mailing.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT-** Sandra F

Next year will mark AI-Anon's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Plans are in the developmental stages for a celebration in Virginia Beach next year. It is time to start thinking about attending this celebration. I hope to have more details in May at our Spring Assembly meeting. A new piece of literature is being developed, working title of **Tracing Our Growth**, to go along with our anniversary.

*The Service Manual* (P24-27) has had a price increase to \$5.00. The new edition will be available late in the fall. *The Conference Summery* (P46) also has had a price increase to \$5.00

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Hall Mark Hall of Fame will present a docudrama about the life of our Co-Founders, Lois W. In preparation for this program, I recommend reading or rereading our history books **Lois Remembers** (B-7) and **The AI-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition** (B-5). A suggestion about the viewing of the program is, groups are planning viewing parties to watch the program together. Could your group view the program together?

The current blog on the member's website is "*Using AI-Anon's Steps in Our Personal Lives*". This blog has no introduction section, but a podcast is available. The blogs on using the Traditions and Concepts are still available. Members are welcome to post comments. An average of 438 visitors per day visited the blogs.

Speaking of Podcasts, they are available on line

<http://al-anonfamilygroups.org/Podcasts/FirstSteps/> . These are an introduction to

AI-Anon meetings.

E-communities, a communications tool at WSO, has recently expanded to include AIS and LDC locations. Ohio has five LDC centers and six AIS centers.

Recently I attended the US North Central Regional Delegate's Meeting in Chicago. Preparation for this year's conference was given through presentation, reports, and sharing's. There was even time for some fun. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend this meeting.

The World Service Conference is April 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. In the hospitality room conference members arrange love gifts which are provided by groups in their Area. I would like to display love gifts from Ohio. If your group has made something to share, please send them to me in Virginia Beach. Also, I would like to hear from your home group while in Virginia Beach. Notes help keep me connected to all of you while I am at the WSC.

My Conference assignment has changed. I am now a member of one of the Literature Committees. This committee develops new literature and revises existing literature. The Thought Force I was on in 2009, Integrating Alateen into Al-Anon where no Alateen meetings exist, will give a presentation this year. The presentation and the discussion will be in the Conference Summary.

Diversity has been a topic at past World Service Conferences. This year the topic will once again be discussed. However, the approach to the topic is different. I have been asked to present an introduction to a discussion about how an effective strategy can be developed to bring AFG into minority groups in the US and Canada.

Each quarter I receive information via UPSP from WSO. Included is contact information for new groups. I write each of the new groups welcoming them to AFG in Ohio and let them know I am available to help when they have questions. I do hear from some of the groups since some districts do not have a DR.

Also Enclosed in the packet are copies of *The Forum* in Spanish. If you have a Spanish speaking group in your District I will share these with you.

It is wonderful to see everyone today.

## **COORDINATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONVENTIONS**

### **ALATEEN-** Yvonne R

Since October we have been working on a few things. First, the Alateen on line chat meeting is up and running. We do not have any kids yet, but we are working on that. If you would like to take the information back to your groups, please feel free to see me after the meeting. Alateen Chat Meetings are weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 P.M. Alateens must register once to participate. Go to <http://chat.alateen.net> to register. Be sure to respond to the confirmation email you will receive from the World Service Office after you follow the log-on instructions. If interested in participating you can contact Yvonne R, Barbara W. or Charlie K. There E-mail addresses are [yrentz@cebridge.net](mailto:yrentz@cebridge.net), [barbaraw92@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaraw92@yahoo.com) or [charlieawts@gmail.com](mailto:charlieawts@gmail.com)

Second, we had our sponsor workshop and quite a few sponsors attended and we talked about a number of things we had everyone sign up how long they have been in al-Anon and when it was done we had over 200 years of Al-Anon recovery in that room which was amazing. We also talked about the AMIS forms which Rex will go into more detail in his report. I attended the conference call last Saturday about re-certification and it was very informative.

We talked about KOMIAC and we are going to Campbellsville , Kentucky July 30th, July 31st and Aug. 1st. We are going to discuss at the upcoming Alateen rally April 24th how many are going to attend Komiatic and from that we will decide if we are going to take two charter buses or if we are going to take one charter bus and a van.

### **ARCHIVES-** Sharon B

I am working on a job description for the Archive position. Also there was a letter found at a garage sale written by Lois W which will be added to our Ohio Archives.

### **FORUM-** Shirley M

Barbara W stated that Forum Subscriptions have increased.

### **GROUP RECORDS-** Judy A

The Green AWSC roster has been updated. Take one and let me know if there are any additions or corrections. I will update the sheet for the Spring Assembly on May 22nd.

You will find three books on the back table. Book one lists groups in Numerical order. Book two is by City and the third book is by district. You are welcome to take any pages out to take back to your district.

WSO sends an Al-Anon family groups annual updated sheets to us. Please make sure that your groups are sending all updates to WSO. These forms are then forwarded to the area GR coordinators.

### **LITERATURE-** Ginny C-No Report

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH-** Vicki M-

Sandy F reported that Ohio Area has been asked to participate in the "Addiction Studies Institute" meeting, August 18th thru the 20th 2010. There will be a large number of professionals attending. Allen talked about the website in Columbus that he heads.

### **BUDGET-** Steve F

The proposed 2010 budget is \$12,431.09. It will be presented for approval at the Spring Assembly. The projected income for 2010 is @13181.09. The budget for 2009 was set at \$11571.84. Our expenses were \$9984.02. Our donations and other income for the 2009 year was \$16291.58 but our expenses were \$17059.24.

## BY-LAWS & HANDBOOK-Barbara M- No Report

### REVIEW AND AUDIT- Donna K

I am still waiting on a final report from the 2009 Al-Anon Convention Committee so the committee can audit the books.

### OHIO WEBSITE- Mike K

The OHIOALAL-ANON.ORG Web site hosting plan with Parcom Internet Services was renewed in March for another year for \$49.50. The domain registration renewal will not come due until next year. On average we had 1808 unique visitors per month, up from 1000 this same time last year. Last year, the peak volume each week was from Tuesday-Thursday. This year it has shifted earlier in the week to Monday-Wednesday. The welcome page and the find a meeting page are the highest viewed pages,, with the Toledo area having the highest hits of any of the meeting lists we direct people to.72% of viewers who did not use a search engine found us through the WSO Web site. The rest of the non-search engine hits are coming from various outside organizations including AA,About.com, as well as Ohio Al-Anon area sites that point back to us. 79% of viewers who found us through a search engine use Google. For comprehensive statistics, point your browser to this Web address:  
<http://69.90.236.54:8585/awstats.pl?config=ohioal-anon.org>. You can E-mail me at [ohioalanon@aol.com](mailto:ohioalanon@aol.com)

### COMPLAINCE LIASON AND AAPP- Rex M

I have been receiving recertification's along with a few new AMIAS's. AMIAS forms are on the Area Website. It would be nice if we all used the same forms. I am also working on an instruction sheet on filling out the AMIAS form. I attended the Alateen Sponsors Workshop in Columbus March 13th, 2010. Lots of discussion about Komiatic and transportation cost. Fund raising also was mentioned. I participated in the Alateen Annual Recertification Conference call Saturday March 20th, 2010 from 1PM to 2:30PM. I did ask about sharing AMIAS's information in areas such as Cincinnati. We will be talking more about this. The Ohio Area Assembly "Responsibilities of the Area Alateen Process Person(AAPP)"have been updated August 28th 2009.

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Phil.H

Name tags that were turn3ed in last fall have been reprinted so that they are easier to read. Also, please try to have exact change(\$3-voting cost for GR's) at the Spring Assembly.

## 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS

### 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- Districts of Cincinnati-Theresa M

It will on October 9-10, 2010 at the Holiday Inn I-275 Cincinnati. The address is 3855 Hauck Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241. The Email is [www.hicincy.com](http://www.hicincy.com). For reservations call the hotel at **1-888-465-4329 or 1-513-563-8330**. The name of the event is "Ohio Area Assembly." and the rate preference is **Group Rate HIO**. The price per room is \$89.00 for 1-4 persons before hotel taxes(currently 16%). All the rooms have microwave, refrigerators, internet access,, and include a continental breakfast.

**Reservations can be made online through this link.**

**<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/1/en/advancedsearch?whichtype=room&roomResult=none&hotelCode=cvghv&quickRes=city&GPCI=HIO&requested=27377>. All room reservations must be made by September 9th 2010. Banquet is \$30 per person and the deadline is September 11th 2010. Choices for dinner are Stuffed Pork Chop-Beef Tenderloin or Chicken Dijonaise. For questions you can Email the committee at [2010FallOAA@cincinnatiiafg.org](mailto:2010FallOAA@cincinnatiiafg.org)**

### OHIO AREA CONVENTION 2010-Jennifer F

The committee continues to meet and work on preparing the Ohio Area convention 2010 to be held June 4-6, 2010. Flyers for the event are provided on the hand-outs table. We will be at the Embassy Suites Columbus North. Rooms are \$99 per night plus tax for 1-6 people per room. **To guarantee a room reserve by 5-14-2010 and to get the group rate you must mention AFG Of Ohio. Breakfast and the Evening Manager's Reception is included in the room cost for all six people.**

Two of the speakers for the event are from Marietta, Ohio. Paula C, Past Delegate from West Virginia and Larry C. the AA speaker is also a Past Delegate.

Other speakers are from central Ohio. Workshops have been planned as well as a Step Walk on the walking track behind the hotel. Entertainment will be great. If there are questions contact Jennifer F. the convention Chair at 740-417-8019. **Registration form is due by May 22nd 2010.** One person per form. Al-Anon&AA Registration fee is \$25. Walk-In after May 23rd is \$35. Alateen is Free. Saturday evening banquet is \$30(including Alateen). Dinner Choices-Chicken-Pork-Vegetarian. You can E-mail questions to [cjwheeler56@yahoo.com](mailto:cjwheeler56@yahoo.com). Make checks payable to AFG of Central Ohio and mail to Ohio Area Convention PO Box 13016 Columbus Ohio 43213.

### 2010 OHIO 54th STATE AA SERVICE CONVENTION WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION:- Rose R

It will be located at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg Ohio August 13th-15th, 2010. We have received \$200 seed monies from the state for the Hospitality room. Monthly planning meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month. We have a lead speaker: Elizabeth from Down River(Detroit area) The Alateen chair and co-chair are planning a panel and meetings during the weekend. Room are \$89 plus tax/Registration is \$20 before 7-31. After 7-31 it will be \$22.50. Alateen is \$10. More registration will be given at the Spring Assembly. You can buy a total meal pkg at \$61 otherwise you can purchase a Saturday and Sunday breakfast for \$11 each. Saturday lunch will be \$14. The Saturday Evening banquet is \$25. Beef-Poultry-Fish-Vegetarian-Banquet

choices. Use code OAA when reserving your Hotel on line at www.hifg.com. When making phone reservations be sure to tell them that you are with the 54th Ohio State Convention. Contact Rosie R at 419-691-0188 or Betty T at 419-382-5513 for more information.

Please send Registration to 2010 Ohio State Convention 3328 Glanzman Rd Toledo OH 43614

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

The districts of Cleveland are having their Spring Workshop Saturday April 24th at the Olmsted Falls Community Church on 7853 Main St in Olmsted Falls Ohio. Pre-Registration is \$3 and \$4 at the door. Sandy F our Delegate will be our special speaker. Send Registration to: Carole Kruger 6691 Laruel Lane Olmsted Falls OH 44138. Workshop is from 9:30AM to 3:00PM.

There is the Miami Valley Spring Valley Roundup on May 8th, 2010,

There are two Spaghetti Dinners to raise funds for Komiatic. The first one is in Fremont sponsored by the districts of 39 on April 17th at St Paul's Episcopal Church on 206 N Park Ave in Fremont Ohio. Doors open at 5:30.. Spaghetti will be served from 6 to 7:30.

Lead is at 7:30. Tickets are 7:00. Under seven are Free. Contact Roni R at 419-334-2364.

The 2nd one will be in Toldeo on May 7th 2010 from 5:30 to 9:00. This is their 4th annual Spaghetti dinner. The advanced cost is \$7 but at the door they are \$8. Children 7-4 are \$4 and Children six and under are Free. Contact Rose R at 419-367-5242.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**There were four KBDM forms presented at the AWSC.**

#### **KBDM topic 1-The group in Belpre, Ohio moving from Ohio Area #44 to West Virginia Area #60.**

The group wrote to the AFG of Ohio requesting this move. The request was presented by Sandy F in a KBDM format, and the AWSC committee voted to release the group to their service at the WVa. area assembly.

#### **KBDM topic 2-Purchase of a LCD Projector for Power Point presentations.**

Assembly voted to take this motion to the Spring Assembly for approval.

#### **KBDM topic 3- AI-A-Notes from 3 to 2 issues per year**

Discussion followed, no recommended assembly action at this time. This will be discussed by Fellowship Communications Action Committee. Presented by Janice R

#### **KBDM topic 4 - electronic vs. postal mailing of meeting minutes.** Presented by Merri G

Discussion followed, no recommended assembly action at this time.

Area Chair appointed Mike K., webmaster, as the chair of a Thought Force.

Charge: Consideration of electronic vs. bulk mailing of AWSC and OAA minutes and the posting of meeting minutes on the Ohio website.

Thought Force members:

Mike K. Ohio webmaster; Phil H. DR 24 and registration committee chair; Donna K., DR 45 and audit/review committee chair; Toni B., DR 04; Cheryl C., DR 26; Janice R., Alternate Delegate.

### **Motions**

Motion 2010-01

I move AFG Of Ohio to purchase an LCD projector for use during assembly events with the purchase to come from the equipment fund not to exceed \$2000 to cover the cost of the projector, replacement bulb, a warranty, insurance, carrying case and accessories.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 24, 2010- Alateen Spring Rally-Ascension Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010-Spring Assembly - 2040 Henderson Rd. Columbus Ohio. New Gr Orientation Meeting is at 10:00. Action Committees begin at 11:00.

June 4-6, 2010-Ohio Area Convention- Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr Columbus Oh 43231-Hosted by Central Ohio AI-Anon Family Groups-More Information to come.

July 30-August 1st-Komiatic in Kentucky

August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010- AWSC Meeting- North Congregational UCC 2040 W Henderson Rd in Columbus Ohio at 12:30PM-Bring a peanut free lunch or snack.

October 9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup> 2010- Ohio Area 2 Day Fall Assembly- The meeting will be hosted by the Districts of Cincinnati.-Holiday Inn I-275.

### **Our Spring Assembly is May 22nd in Columbus**

Barbara asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. Phil voted to adjourn and Rose seconded it.

We closed with the AI-Anon Declaration: **Let it begin with me, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of AI-Anon/Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.**

Respectfully submitted, Merri G. Secretary