



MISSOURI ROUND ROBIN

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Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello fellow Al-Anons!



I have just returned from our Fall Assembly tired, as always, after two days of meetings and uplifted by the fellowship I experienced. I especially enjoyed the 60th birthday party on Saturday night and was so inspired by the sharings from so many of our Delegates and the letters from our archives. It has been one year since we all started this new journey. Each time I step up for something new in service I have had to work through the difficulties of learning about my new service responsibilities. It can be hard sometimes, but if I remember that struggling is a part of growth, I will make it to the other side stronger. I can then experience the joy of giving back to the program that has made life so much better than I ever imagined it could be. One of the best perks of sticking around and stepping up again in service is meeting new people and watching them grow through service. I met several new GRs the weekend and a few potential new DRs – I hope to see you all again at the AWSC meeting in March or the Assembly in May.

At each Assembly, it is my duty as Alternate Delegate to record which groups are represented and keep track of the number of groups present for voting purposes. This is more difficult than it sounds – but thankfully I do have help. I think the roll call format went much smoother this time while still having each GR come forward. I hope that the process of hearing each person's name, group name, and seeing faces helps to create harmony and keep the "we" in our Assembly. I did have one glitch to the roll call – I left the voting paint sticks at home, we did manage to improvise and the votes were cast and counted. We had 66 voting GRs at this Assembly on Saturday (the number went down to 52 on Sunday) and an informal count of districts with DRs, Alternate DRs, and possible new DRs attending was 15.

At the August AWSC meeting our Delegate Geneva and I presented some questions to consider for a possible Area Inventory. The idea was to assess the level of interest in doing an Area Inventory and if so, for ideas as to how it would be accomplished. We asked DRs and AWSC members to take the questions and share with their groups. Members were to consider the questions

and provide feedback. We received only a handful of responses prior to Assembly and although it was on the agenda for discussion we did not have time at the Assembly to go over the questions. In response to the feedback we did receive, Geneva and I have decided to go back to the drawing board and start over. Please send us any feedback you have about doing an Area inventory. This topic may be given to a committee sometime in the future.

I have been contacted by the committee chair for the 2012 Missouri A.A. convention, to start planning the Al-Anon portion of the program. The A.A. Convention will be held on August 3-5 in Jefferson City. I have contacted a potential speaker and am waiting to hear back from her. I will need a lot of people to host mini-meetings and help out at the Al-Anon literature table. Please contact me if you plan to attend the A.A. convention and are willing to pitch in.

District 25 has stepped forward to be the host for the 2012 Day in Service! District Representative, Cheri H. is working to set the date and place as soon as possible. The information will be posted on the web site as soon as the details are final. I am so excited to work with such an enthusiastic district. In addition, District 4 has also committed to doing a TEAM event for our Area. District Representative Shelley S. and her alternate Melanie are currently working to find a suitable location and potential dates for the event, so that Geneva can submit the application to WSO as soon as possible. If we are able to host a TEAM event in 2013, it would most likely replace the Day in Service for that year.

Peace, Hope and Love,

Holly D.

Chairperson's Report

November Assembly



We had a very full Assembly weekend. As usual, we had a full agenda. In November we added a celebration of the 60th birthday of the Al-Anon Family Groups. A special thanks to Caroline and Loretta for putting it all together. We had birthday cake, for what is a

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birthday without cake? At one point, I really thought the birthday excitement might have been going too far when I realized there was a college fraternity having a dance in the other ballroom.

Here are other highlights of the November Assembly

- We were able to have lunch available in the Hospitality Room! Carol C. made soup. Thanks.
- Eledia S., Panel 15 Delegate, gave a talk of her service story Saturday night. Thanks, Eledia.
- A panel of Missouri Delegates shared their experience service.
- Loretta R. selected letters from the early years of the Mo Area from the Missouri Area Archives and selected members to read them aloud. They were both touching and funny, in a good way.
- Skit. Karen L. and her Alternate presented a skit they got from the WSO regarding Conference Approved Literature. The skit was a highlight of Saturday morning. I think that Karen may have been an understudy for the lead in The Music Man! Thanks, Karen.
- In this Assembly, we had much discussion on the extension of Action Committees. Although the Motions process was not perfect, I came away with a clear message that small group breakouts are strongly desired by many.
- Missouri will submit a bid for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention. The Assembly selected St. Louis to be submitted to the WSO site selection committee.

Here are some things that were requested in Assembly evaluations

- Education. Education. Education. This response probably stated it the best.
- DRs would like to be able to meet together at each Assembly, if possible.
- GRs, particularly new GRs, also noted that they would like breakout sessions.
- We should not assume that everyone knows the meaning of our abbreviations and terms.
- Several asked for more time for Fellowship to be able to meet members from other Districts.

This is a short list of the items that I plan to change for our Spring Assembly.

- Time management: This was my second Assembly as Chair. It went much better (for me) than the first one, but staying on time and on topic continued to be a

challenge. Many noted this in their evaluations, and I agree wholeheartedly.

- We should not assume that everyone knows where the Hospitality and Literature Rooms are.
- We should not assume that everyone knows what "voting in block" means.
- We should explain ahead of time what the 'Ask-It Basket' is.
- Whenever possible, Motions and other background information are to be distributed in advance, preferably in time for GRs to take to their Groups.
- More Skits! Karen L. has three more Literature skits available, and that may be just the beginning.
- At the May Assembly, I will schedule District Reports on Saturday BEFORE THE LUNCH BREAK. I cannot promise to do this every time, but the DR Reports have been pushed to the end because of scheduling.

What I would NOT change

- I would not change the members of the Missouri Area I read an evaluation from a new GR who reported they were not comfortable voting or participating in the discussion of Motions on Saturday, but by Sunday felt they were "getting it." I do not believe that we will never be finished with our own education. It was touching to read from several new GRs that they feel more comfortable participating in Area service than they did when they arrived.
- That we look at what is best for all of us. The selection of St. Louis to be nominated for the Al-Anon International Convention was virtually unanimous. People voted for the location that would best fit the needs of those traveling from across the country and across the world. It was clear to me that the Kansas City fans voted enthusiastically for the nomination of St. Louis. The process was so wonderful that I knew two things. The Kansas and Kansas City members will attend and help if St. Louis is selected. Also, I wished the Convention could be in BOTH places!

Coming soon in future Round Robin articles

- Summary of November Assembly Evaluations.
- Topics for Action Committees, workshops or speakers.
- The AWSC Meeting. What is it? Who can attend? What happens?

Please contact me
Joe O.

Treasurer's Report



Hello again! I hope everyone made it home safely from Assembly. I really enjoyed myself and look forward to seeing all of you again. There is a small change in our ending checkbook balance from what I reported at Assembly. I failed to record the charge for a new order of checks that I placed, therefore, our balance is about \$100.00 smaller than originally thought. Still looks great overall! As always if you have questions or comments, please let me know. Thanks.

Mary L.

Thank you for your contributions!

District	Group Name/Description	Contribu-
28	Together We Can AFG	\$50.00
9	Free To Be Me AFG	\$36.25
17	Just for Today AFG	\$25.00
26	District 26 AFG	\$25.00
15	Webster Groves Parents' AFG	\$110.00
8	New Hope AFG	\$25.00
20	Chapel Hill AFG	\$50.00
4	New Beginnings AFG	\$30.00
21	New Day AFG	\$10.00
9	12 Steps for Life AFG	\$50.00
13	Daughters With Dignity AFG	\$50.00
21	Recovery Plus AFG	\$30.00
8	Serenity AFG	\$90.00
8	Gratitude AFG	\$250.00
14	Hampton AFG	\$25.00
15	Lifeline AFG	\$17.50
7	TRI AFG	\$30.00
9	Steps to a New Life AFG	\$52.00
13	F.R.O.G. AFG	\$10.00
11	Weekend Wakeup AFG	\$25.00
?	Sylvia K. Group #147/WSO #030475	\$30.00
15	Webster Groves Parents AFG	\$55.00
9	Freedom AFG	\$60.00
14	Friday Nite Steps to Grace AFG	\$45.48
17	A Very Special Way Adult Children AFG	\$37.00
4	Step by Step AFG	\$15.00
14	Friends in Al-Anon AFG	\$25.00
19	Chapter 5 AFG	\$25.16
?	Suzanne B. (for group ?)	\$145.37
10	Pathfinders AFG	\$30.00
15	Serenity Express AFG	\$30.00
13	Stumbling Blocks AFG	\$100.00
10	Understanding AFG	\$20.00
13	Alanooners AFG	\$65.00
19	Parkhill AFG	\$9.75
2	One Step at a Time AFG	\$75.00
15	Focus on Solutions Adult Children AFG	\$50.54
15	Focus on Solutions Adult Children AFG	\$22.46
Total Contributions		\$1,831.51

October 2011 Balance Sheet	
Beginning Balance	\$18,437.96
Income	\$9,144.22
Expenses	(\$2,082.30)
Ending Balance	\$25,499.88
Reserve Fund	
Reserve Fund Balance	\$8,385.58
Interest Earned	\$1.75
Subtotal	\$8,387.33
Deposit 1/2 Convention Profit	
Total Reserve Fund Balance	\$8,387.33

Statement Of Purpose

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Treasurer's November 2011 Assembly Report

Missouri Area Al-Anon Quarterly Report, Year to Date 2011

Income	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	Total
Alateen	\$2,483.68	\$1,327.94	\$315.07	\$77.46	\$4,204.15
Assembly	\$98.00	\$931.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	\$1,392.00
AWSC	\$11.00	\$50.00	\$56.02	\$95.00	\$212.02
Contributions	\$2,992.06	\$2,602.99	\$3,970.56	\$1,754.05	\$11,319.66
Convention	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$3,243.00	\$4,055.83	\$7,358.83
Day in Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Literature	\$2,153.12	\$6,323.89	\$2,465.04	\$2,841.38	\$13,783.43
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$0.72
Round Robin	\$255.00	\$418.00	\$225.50	\$7.50	\$906.00
Income Total	\$8,052.86	\$11,653.82	\$10,275.91	\$9,194.22	\$39,176.81

Disbursements	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	Total
Business Svcs Action Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship Action Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Svcs Action Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.16	\$0.00	\$56.16
Members Outreach Action Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Outreach Action Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Area Group Records	\$124.99	\$5.78	\$2.49	\$0.00	\$133.26
Alateen	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$21.57	\$50.00	\$3,371.57
Archives	\$96.00	\$16.50	\$34.52	\$0.00	\$147.02
Assembly	\$0.00	\$3,187.98	\$335.60	\$0.00	\$3,523.58
AWSC	\$975.67	\$232.40	\$1,089.04	\$0.00	\$2,297.11
Convention	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.34	\$36.66	\$1,775.00
Day in Service	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Literature	\$1,820.92	\$5,572.33	\$4,563.60	\$1,886.01	\$13,842.86
Miscellaneous	\$767.72	\$0.00	\$135.69	\$109.63	\$1,013.04
Alt. Delegate	\$44.00	\$9.00	\$232.74	\$0.00	\$285.74
Chairperson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.77	\$0.00	\$31.77
Delegate	\$223.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223.54
Secretary	\$50.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.49
Treasurer	\$475.04	\$31.49	\$141.09	\$0.00	\$647.62
Round Robin	\$887.11	\$515.95	\$766.41	\$0.00	\$2,169.47
SCRDM	\$823.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$823.76
The Forum Coord	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Page	\$161.55	\$179.40	\$44.98	\$0.00	\$385.93
WSO	\$767.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$767.72
Disbursements Total	\$10,797.51	\$9,900.83	\$8,985.00	\$2,082.30	\$31,765.64

Income - Disbursements	(\$2,744.65)	\$1,752.99	\$1,290.91	\$7,111.92	\$7,411.17
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Reserve Fund	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Beginning Balance	\$7,612.93	\$8,383.84	\$8,385.58	\$8,385.58
Interest Income	\$3.19	\$1.74		
Deposits	\$767.72	\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$8,383.84	\$8,385.58	\$8,385.58	\$8,385.58

Forum Coordinator's Report

According to the last *Forum* Subscription report, our area has 239 groups with a total of 465 subscriptions. This computes to 1.95 subscriptions per group. We had a decline of 17 subscriptions during this past quarter and a loss of five subscriptions at the group level. These numbers are based upon the August Quarterly report, since I have not yet received the report for November.

On Oct. 8th, I facilitated a Guided Meditation and *Forum* Writing Workshop for District 17 which was in the O'Fallon area.

Several Al-Anon members had not experienced this type of meditation. It was a great way for each person to move from their head to their heart and we had many heartfelt sharings on what was revealed to each individual during this ten minute period of silence. This was an ideal activity to do prior to the writing workshop. We had 17 people in attendance and each person chose a topic idea that they wanted to share on. Afterward, we took volunteers who read what they had written. It was very evident that they wrote from their hearts and spoke words that conveyed their Al-Anon experience, strength, and hope. With much faith and appreciation for their words of wisdom, I would be surprised if we don't see an increase on the articles published by Al-Anon members from Missouri.

As District and Group Representatives, I would like to encourage you to go online to the following web link at <http://al-anon.org/members/forum.php> where you can download and print the *Forum* subscription order form to pass out and/or display at your district or home group meetings. You can also submit a *Forum* sharing online, order your *Forum* subscription and view articles from the current *Forum* Magazine. Since this is a secure web link associated with the WSO Al-Anon and Alateen Members site, you will need to put in a password. This password consists of the registered name of your home group, followed by the letters "afg". Please share this information with fellow Al-Anon members so they can help us meet our Area goal of obtaining two or more subscriptions per group within Missouri.

If you would like for me to attend your District meeting to facilitate a Mini-Guided Meditation and *Forum* Writing Workshop, please call me. I am enjoying being of service as your *Forum* Coordinator and I look forward to assisting the Area by spreading the word of what a wonderful recovery tool we have in the *Forum* magazine. I will encourage districts, groups, and individuals to use it regularly to share the principles, Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Al-Anon Family Groups which are the keys to experiencing more peace, serenity, and happiness in all areas of life!!!

Lori Aul

District 17 Representative's Report

Our district is St. Charles County and consists of 13 Al-Anon meetings covering each day of the week and one Alateen meeting. We had a new meeting start in July called Morning Serenity. So far, it averages 6-7 people.

Our district participates at the Bridgeway Treatment Center. They request four members come speak on Saturdays. There is a women's and men's facility that two people each go to. District 9 has helped us one Saturday a month and will continue to do so by sending four people. Some groups rotate Saturdays and there is a list of people that are willing to speak when and if they are needed. One group in the district has committed to one facility on one Saturday a month. Our district has put out a request to other districts that are close to the Bridgeway Treatment Center to see if there are other people that are willing to come and share; we have had several volunteers. We are also purchasing the DVD for each facility in case there are times that we have no volunteers to speak. We are very grateful to all the groups and volunteers that help us keep this going.

Our district had a *Forum* Workshop on October 8, 2011, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Twenty-three people attended. Lori A., Area *Forum* Coordinator, started the workshop with a guided meditation and a time for sharing on it. She then gave everyone a wide variety of topic suggestions. If you had a topic of your own, you were free to write about that. We had plenty of time to write on about one or two topics. Some people shared their writings when they were finished. Lori submitted them all to WSO for us, if we wanted her too. All that attended seemed to have a great time.

We are planning a Sponsorship Luncheon/Workshop February 18, 2012, with all proceeds from the luncheon being donated to Building Bridges Alateen. Some of us from the district started planning this workshop since our Activities Coordinator stepped down in October. When I wrote my report, I thought I was going to say that we are hoping to get someone or a committee to fill the position before the end of the year. As of yesterday (Saturday of Assembly), someone stepped up and is willing to do it. How exciting is that!

Since we have new members for this panel and do not know about the Alateens finances, the Alateen Sponsor gave a report of the cost for the teens to do go to Come Be A Teen, Super Sundays, and assemblies. The cost is approximately \$1,530 per year. She also reminded us that the teens can speak at Al-Anon meetings and encouraged people to ask them. We encourage all members to be as supportive as possible to the teens.

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MY HISTORY OF AL-ANON

I learned of Al-Anon from a Martha Carr newspaper column listing their answering service phone number in February 1970. The member picked me up and took me to my first meeting. My understanding was that each group in St. Louis took monthly turns picking up the calls from the Answering Service from 9am to 9pm.

My first group that I attended was still using outside literature, along with the A.A.'s Big Book, A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Traditions, the 24 Hour Book, and the Little Red Book—the latter two from Hazeldon. At that time, our literature had a “slash” pictured on the front of the pamphlet. When you open the pamphlet, the triangle was displayed. Since then, our pamphlets have been revised to its current status.

Alateen was big and growing at this time. In the St. Louis area, adult sponsors had meetings once a month in members homes discussing problems and fundraising for the Alateens to get to their Conventions, as they were called at that time. They later changed the name to Round-Up, in hopes of rounding up the Alateens. Ironically, the year before, the Al-Anons at their Assembly had just changed their annual Round-Ups to Conventions in hopes it would attract more members thinking it's a fun time. The Alateens would board a 48-50 passenger bus to get to their Round-Ups. Al-Anons also boarded busses to get to their Assemblies in Kansas City, Clinton, and Springfield. Assemblies and Conventions were rotated at that time.

Remember when everybody smoked during the meetings? Some objected, and many wanted to smoke. It was difficult for the chairperson to address this issue. At one time, we announced “one person smoking at a time.” I remember at an Assembly, we were told to look around first to see how many were smoking before we lit up, so that all would not be smoking at the same time. Then our hospitals and churches came out with a no-smoking policy in their facilities, which made it easier for the chairperson. As usual, we Al-Anons were concerned about the A.A.s across the hall on how they would handle this problem. We're always concerned about our A.A.s!

I was elected DR for District 14 in November 1974 in Kansas City by caucus between me and another GR. During the second year of my term at the Assembly, I received an Attendance Award for the most GRs in my District attending the Assembly. I believe I had 100%.

In November 1977 I was elected Delegate for Panel 18 and I was not at the election Assembly. I was attending the funeral of my brother-in-law in Omaha, Nebraska. My alternate DR (service sponsor) said it took several ballots before I was elected over Bea A., who was elected

Delegate for Panel 21.

My first year at the World Service Conference in New York was the issue of showing outside films (for example, Father Joe Martin of A.A.) during our meeting times. The Conference voted it down, as these can be seen by members on their own time.

My third year we voted to expand the Alateen entrance age to eight years old. It was with the understanding that we are not a teaching fellowship, but that they need to be able to share their experience, strength, and hope. It would be up to the Alateen groups' discretion to let them in. Some groups had a separate meeting for the younger members; one still exists today at St. Anthony's Hospital in the St. Louis area.

The St. Louis Intergroup developed a series of three consecutive newcomer meetings around 1972. The Southside group at the Buder Branch Library still uses this format today. They have rotating chairpersons for the weekly meetings.

The Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) began in October 1974, at 2683 South Big Bend, down the hall from A.A. They both moved to their present location at 14 Sunnen Drive in June 2010. The first paid employee was Pat S.

The Spring edition of the 1965 World Directory of Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups has the Greater St. Louis Al-Anon Intergroup listed with eight Al-Anon groups and two Alateen groups. The eight groups listed were: Bliss Al-Anon, Edgewood Hospital Al-Anon, The 4522 Al-Anon Group, Ladue Al-Anon, Lewis & Clark Al-Anon, St. Anthony's Al-Anon, St. Mary's Al-Anon, The Stagliners Al-Anon at 4522 Lindell. The two Alateen groups were Edgewood Alateen and Southside Alateen.

These are some of my memories of when I first came in.

Love,

Loretta, Panel 18 Delegate

Al-Anon Declaration ***Let It Begin With Me***

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
Always be there, and—***Let It Begin with Me.***

Al-Anon Internet Sites

www.al-anon.org

www.al-anon.org/members

www.missouri-al-anon.org

Missouri Area Assembly Minutes Summary, November 5 - 6, 2011

Joe O., Area Chairman, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Geneva D. read the Traditions, Loretta R. read the Concepts of Service, and Janet F. read the Warranties. Joe O. extended a welcome and inquired of any first time attendees. He explained the symbol of the "Empty Chair," to honor those who are not able to attend.

Diane S., Area Secretary, read highlights of the minutes summary for the May 2011 Assembly and August 2011 AWSC Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Mary L., Area Treasurer, gave her report. The checking account balance is \$25,659.51 and the reserve fund balance is \$8,387.33. The report was approved as given.

Holly D., Alternate Delegate, conducted a roll call of voting GRs.

We voted to approve photos being taken at this Assembly.

Geneva D., Panel 51 Missouri Area Delegate, gave her report. There are two candidates for South Central Regional Trustee who were nominated by the Nominating Committee. Group Services is updating the guidelines Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an A.A. Area Convention (G-7) and Al-Anon/Alateen Area Convention (G-20). Taking a Group Inventory (G-8) has recently been revised—it is now in two parts, G-8a and G-8b. Geneva is on the Thought Force on Utilizing the Service Manual. CAL in Electronic Format is being discussed. Electronically archiving the Conference Summary on the Members' Web Site is taking place. Coach buses are not allowed on or near Stepping Stones.

Reports were given by the Kansas City Liaison, St. Louis Liaison, Speaker Coordinator, Registrar, District 13, Literature Depot Coordinator, and Literature Coordinator.

A literature skit, The Amazing Al-Anon Literature was performed by Karen L. and Barbara G.

There was discussion/review of continuation of Action Committees.

Motion: To ratify acceptance of Sharon S. to finish term of Web Page Coordinator this panel. PASSED

Motion: The Missouri Area will advance \$200.00 to the Delegate for incidental expenses at the 2012 World Service Conference. PASSED

Geneva D., Area Delegate, opened discussion of Missouri submitting a bid to host the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention. Presentations from the Convention and Visitors Commissions were given by: Kansas City – Bill B. and St. Louis – Carolyn E..

Joe O., Area Chairman, led a DR breakout session and Mary L., Area Treasurer and Diane S., Area Secretary, led a question and answer session of various topics.

Saturday evening included cutting of a birthday cake to honor 60 years of Al-Anon Family Groups and a celebration of history on Missouri Area and 60th Birthday of Al-Anon, chaired by Carolyn W. and Loretta R.

Lori H., Convention Coordinator, gave her report.

There was discussion for 2018 International and St. Louis was selected to be submitted to WSO.

Motion: Continue the Action Committees. FAILED

Motion: Discontinue the Action Committees. FAILED

Motion: Missouri Area will pay the full amount, \$2,210.00, (as determined by the World Service Finance Committee) for our Delegate to attend the World Service Conference. PASSED

Motion: The Missouri Area will pay the costs of renting the facility to hold the Alateen Group Sponsor Training Workshop to be held January 28 and 29, 2012. The Area will also pay the cost of the special technological equipment needed to present the Training Modules. The Missouri Area will also pay mileage room rate for the Missouri Area Alateen Process Person and the Missouri Area Alateen Coordinator. The Missouri Area will offer to pay mileage and room rate for Alateen Group Sponsors if their Alateen group or District does not cover these expenses. Because District Representatives are involved in helping to meet/maintain the Safety Requirements, the Area will offer to pay mileage and room rate for any DR who attends if their District does not pay these expenses for them to attend this workshop. The Area will offer to pay mileage and room rate for the Missouri Area Officers to attend so that they can better understand the Requirements and what it takes to maintain them. WITHDRAWN because this event was cancelled.

Motion: All Area Al-Anon/Alateen events are to be (1) documented in the Area Procedures or (2) presented to Area Assemblies for discussion and possible approval. PASSED

Motion: Discontinue the Advisory Panel of Delegates. PASSED

Holly D., Alternate Delegate, shared that due to a small response to the questions about an Area Inventory, there was a request to everyone present to go back to their groups for discussion and asked if there is a need for different questions.

Reports were given by the Newsletter Editor, (including Alateen ad-hoc committee and 2012 South Central Regional Delegates Meeting), Group Records Coordinator, Web Page Coordinator, and Alateen Coordinator.

Reports were given by Districts 15, 19, 25, 28, 8, 17, 5, and 23. Due to time restraints, remaining reports (Districts 26, 4, 10, 14) were given to the area secretary to be included in the minutes.

Ask-It-Basket questions and answers will be published in the Missouri Round Robin, due to lack of time.

The Assembly closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration. Diane S., Area Secretary

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH DISTRICT 28

You are invited to our potluck Christmas party!
There will be lots of activity! We will have:

- a 50/50,
- a basket raffle, and
- an ornament exchange.

We also have two great speakers:

- Mardi M. from Great Falls, Montana, and
- Catherine V. from Washington, Missouri

What time? 6:00 PM

Where? St. John United Church of Christ
920 East Gravois Ave.
St. Clair, MO 63077

When? Saturday, December 10, 2011

For the pot luck we ask you to bring according to your last name:

- A-H (dessert);
- I-Q (main dish, soup, or casseroles);
- R-Z (salads/coleslaw)

We also for this special event we will offer pre-wrapped cook books for \$8.00.

Speaker Coordinator Communication

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the November Assembly. It is my opinion that many of us left assembly better informed.

To catch those of you that weren't at assembly up to pace, I will let you know that two speakers have been selected and confirmed for the 2012 Convention. John W. from St. Louis will be our A.A. speaker. I first heard John speak 13 years ago at an A.A. potluck in Chesterfield. I particularly liked the way in which he described how long it takes for the fog to lift once an alcoholic steps into sobriety. I was also moved by John's humility. The second speaker in place is an Al-Anon member, Jim P., now living in Warrenton. I first met Jim more than 15 years ago at a Wednesday night meeting in St. John, Missouri. I will continue to listen to recorded talks and accept suggestions from members. Please contact me with any speaker suggestions you may have.

Passing it on,

Donna E.H.

Reoccurring Questions Feature— Al-Anon Promises

The WSO was asked at the 2006 WSC to send a copy of questions it receives from Conference members and our responses to all Conference members so that they can share leadership by responding to recurring questions in their Areas. The WSO believes that the following question and our response might be one of those topics.

Question: At a recent Al-Anon convention I attended, one of the Al-Anon speakers quoted the "Al-Anon Promises." I am not familiar with a list of promises (similar to the ones used by A.A. members) for Al-Anon. Does Al-Anon really have "promises"?

Answer: Al-Anon does not list anything in our literature as "promises," because the World Service Conference, Al-Anon's largest group conscience, has not designated anything as such. Among our wide and varied fellowship, members find hope and "promise" from many different sources. Some members cite certain pages from *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* (B-6) or *From Survival to Recovery* (B-21). Others refer to our Suggested Welcome and Closing, *Hope for Today* (B-27), and other places in our literature.

In recent years, some individual members have titled and labeled one such passage without permission as "The Promises of Al-Anon." This is a violation of the copyright and page 96 of the *2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, "Requests to Reprint." Distribution of such pieces is not Conference approved and they should not be used at Al-Anon meetings, events, or conventions.

This action on the part of a few has given some members the mistaken impression that our fellowship as a whole has elevated this excerpt to the level of importance accorded our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service. In fact, it has no more or less value than any other passage from Conference Approved Literature. Separated from the context in which it was originally intended, the excerpt began gaining a life of its own.

A request was submitted a few years ago for the Policy Committee to consider this sharing as the Al-Anon promises. After much thought and thorough discussion, it was the consensus of the Policy Committee that that Al-Anon has no "promises." They determined that the passage in question was not any more or less valid than any other sources of hope in our literature, and that it should not be promoted as "promises" or "gifts."

In Al-Anon we offer each other our experience, strength, and hope. We don't make promises because each individual's needs and situations are different.

Greetings From The Convention Committee !!

Here it is November already and the Assembly is over. What a weekend! There was still talk about HENRY who appeared at Convention. For anyone who wants to know who Henry is . . . you missed him at Convention! Henry is the Bear who was part of the raffle!

It's not too early to be thinking about attending next year's convention. The dates to mark on your calendar are September 28-30th, 2012. We already have two speakers in place for the convention next year and we're already working hard to make the convention an even better one.

Don't forget to bring some people with you! The car ride to the Country Club Hotel and Spa is a great opportunity for fellowship!

In 2012 for convention, the hotel will have a dinner buffet on Friday night to help the restaurant service. Also, to comply with hotel guidelines, as they have to follow the Health Department guides, the Hospitality Room does have to be separate from the main hotel building.

At Assembly, we met and decided next year's theme from the many suggestions submitted. Announcing our winners, who receive a free registration to the convention in 2012 (\$15 value):

Marianne H. from Hampton AFG and Karen C. who both suggested the theme.

The theme will be

Journey to Serenity—Together We Stand

Thank you to all of those who submitted ideas.

This last weekend at Assembly, our attendance was 121. Our raffles at Assembly were a success. Thanks to all those that bought tickets!

Also, I'd like to especially thank my fellow committee members for all the hard work and input, We are all having a lot of fun serving the Assembly and look forward to more fun in the coming years. If you have suggestions, please feel free to forward them to me at any time.

I'd like to also make an amends to Lori R., hospitality chair, that I forgot to mention as part of the committee in the November Round Robin. The Hospitality Room was a great success at the convention and we do need volunteers to help with Hospitality at convention. Special thanks to Dani and Kathy from District 13, who helped Lori R. at Assembly with the Hospitality Room.

I would like to thank all of the convention committee members for their hard work. As most of the committee members are behind the scenes doing their jobs, they are what makes the convention and Assemblies a success for you!

I look forward to seeing you at Assembly in May (May 5-6, 2012) at the Inn at Grand Glaize. Happy Holidays and blessings to all for the holidays!

Lori H.

P.S. Inn at Grand Glaize sincerely apologizes for the disruption at the hotel during Assembly. The owner of the Inn states that she will no longer let the hotel book any other events that would be a disturbance to us being able to conduct Al-Anon business effectively.

Literature Coordinator's Report

At one of my Al-Anon meetings a relatively new member started talking about "The Al-Anon Promises" which she had found on the Internet and read from pages 269 & 270 in *From Survival to Recovery*. When I came into Al-Anon I was told that The Promises belong to another Twelve Step program and that Al-Anon makes no promises. But, then again, I've been in Al-Anon quite a while and things may have changed in the last 20 years. So, first I checked out the Internet. Sure enough, there are several websites referring to The Al-Anon Promises, also citing the same pages in *From Survival to Recovery*. These websites are not WSO, though. They are recovery oriented and/or posted by individuals, groups, and even Areas who (in my opinion) haven't quite done their homework. So, still unsure, I

contacted Tom Coffey, Associate Director of Communications-Literature at WSO, about the situation. I also talked with a couple of trusted servants here in Missouri. A Reoccurring Question from WSO addresses this question and is in this issue of the *Round Robin* (see page 8). Short version: The quote was from a personal sharing submitted by a member and printed in the book. This does not endorse something that is not a part of the Al-Anon program. In fact, I was told by another member that WSO has considered omitting that sharing from the next printing of *From Survival to Recovery*. In conclusion, if a member starts sharing "The Al-Anon Promises," you may want to lovingly and with understanding share this with them.

With love in service,

Karen L.

Ask-It-Basket Questions

November 2011 Assembly

The following are Ask-It-Basket questions from the AWSC or Assembly meeting—these answers are strictly the opinion of those who gave them unless a specific publication is quoted.

Question: Is there a shipping charge if we buy literature from depot (LDC)?

Answer (Karen L.): There is an \$8.00 shipping charge on orders up to \$100.00 and a flat 8% on orders over \$100.00. If arrangements are made to pick up orders at a function (AWSC, Assembly, etc.) or to meet the LDC to pick up orders, there is no shipping charge.

Question: Did the Literature Coordinator's duties need to be approved by Assembly before being added to the Missouri Area Procedures Digest?

Answer (Karen L.): The simple answer to this question is "no." More detail: The qualification and duties of officers and coordinators are not part of the actual procedures, but are listed in the appendix of the Policy Digest (see page 11 of the latest edition). I, too, asked this question. After reviewing the WSO guidelines for Literature Coordinators (LC) and the existing LC duties in the Missouri Area Procedures Digest, I submitted my ideas to several officers, Delegates, and other trusted servants, asking for feedback. I was told that, traditionally, it was the responsibility of the incumbent officer or coordinator to insure that the duties were in keeping with Al-Anon Traditions and with the current practices surrounding that position. Since this was a new position it would be up to me to develop the duties for the position and have them included in the Missouri Area Procedures Digest.

Question: There are different years the *How Al-Anon Works* book was published. Problem that we are having is when we try to reference a page in the book for a reading, the same article is on different pages in the book; i.e., different years of publication. What can we do to get all material as far as Step, etc., on the same page?

Answer (Karen L.): You are right; one of my meetings has had the same problem. Other than contacting WSO with the issue, I have two possible solutions: (1) I've found that the page numbers are not really that far different (maybe page 46 in one book and 47 in another). Please consider just taking a few extra seconds so everyone can "be on the same page" as far as content goes. (2) The new, paperback edition of *How Al-Anon Works* is under \$6.00 a copy. So far, it looks like everyone would "be on the same page" when sharing

from this book.

Question: Please explain what "The Conference" referred to by the Delegate

Answer (Geneva D.): (from page 62 of the *Service Manual*) the Conference is actually the World Service Conference (WSC) which is an annual meeting of the elected Delegates from each of the Areas of the World Service Conference Structure, the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and World Service Office Conference staff. Through the discussions and deliberations at the WSC, the active voice and effective group conscience of Al-Anon is heard on world service matters.

Delegate members attending the WSC are chosen at Area Assemblies by the groups through a series of elections. Having been elected in this democratic manner, they are entrusted by the group conscience in accordance with Concept Three to make decisions for the fellowship worldwide.

You may also want to read the pages in the "Handbook" section of the *Service Manual*; there is a brief paragraph on page 126, and a more detailed description beginning on page 131. There is a lot of interesting reading there, including the history, structure, and agenda (among many other related topics).

Question: What is the South Central Regional Trustee?

Answer (Geneva D.): The South Central Regional Trustee is the Trustee selected from the South Central Region (which is made up of the Areas of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas East, and Texas West). At this time we have two candidates being considered for this position. According to policy, we do not divulge the names of those being considered until the final selection has been made and it has been formally announced. Those people who were not selected will remain anonymous.

For more information there is a very interesting section devoted to the Board of Trustees beginning on page 129.

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The following Ask-It-Basket questions will be answered in the January 2012 *Round Robin*.

**Question:** Please describe the "discussion" that will occur about e-cal?

**Question:** How do you become a speaker?

## *Area Alateen Process Person's Report*

Geneva joined me in a WSO teleconference on September 24, 2011 regarding communication for AAPPs. Debbie J. was also invited but could not attend due to her commitments downstairs at the convention. WSO has decided to move up the deadline for recertification information to be returned to them by June 15, 2012 instead of July 1, 2012. The Board says there will be absolutely no one excused for late information. If the information has not been received by the deadline, Alateen groups will not be able to meet until the information is received.

I have decided to adopt an idea from another Area by emailing or mailing each AMIAS in January to ask if they want to continue to be certified. What I will need help with is getting responses back from everyone I contact. I will set a goal date for a reply. If I do not receive a reply by then, I will contact your District's DR or your home group GR if there is no DR in an attempt to reach you.

IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR, PLEASE SEND A NOTE OR EMAIL TO ME TO CORRECT THE INFORMATION THAT I PROVIDE WSO. I will likely repeat this information in the next *Round Robin* and possibly other *Round Robins* so we get the information in to WSO.

I have received a registration form for a new Alateen group in Rolla that I will be submitting to WSO. Current Alateen meetings include Blue Springs Alateen (Blue Springs) (processing form requesting name change to "Living in Faith Alateen"), Building Bridges Alateen (St. Charles), Butterflies are Free Alateen (Sappington), Courage to Be Me (Kirksville) (paperwork in process), Crittendon Alateen (Limited Access meeting in Lee's Summit) (paperwork in process), Dreams Become Reality Alateen (Kirkwood), Dreams to Reality Alateen (Bridgeton/St. Louis), Happy Rock Alateen (Gladstone) (paperwork in process changing from Smithville to Gladstone as meeting place as well as name change from Smithville Alateen), Jefferson City Alateen (Jefferson City), Living Free Alateen (Sappington), Peace of Mind Alateen (Columbia), Reaching Out Alateen (Limited Access Institutional meeting in St. Louis), Southside Alateen (St. Louis), Steps to Serenity Alateen (Springfield), Steps to Serenity 2 Alateen (Springfield), Twelve Steps in the Right Direction Alateen (St. Clair), West County Alateen (Wildwood), and You're Not Alone Alateen (Waynesville).

Since I have not received any different information on the 18 groups mentioned above, I will assume they still want to be registered. If you are a certified sponsor for these groups and have current information that you need to share with me, please email me at [moarea31aapp@gmail.com](mailto:moarea31aapp@gmail.com).

We had planned to offer an Area-wide sponsor training in January but decided while at Assembly to cancel this training in order to reason things out in our Alateen Ad Hoc Committee so we sponsors get a better understanding of Area expectations.

If a district or group of combined districts would like an Alateen sponsor training in the meantime, please contact me or Debbie J. to request the training. Please be assured that this is part of our job so we do intend to perform the duties of our positions.

I do encourage all those Al-Anons who are curious or interested in working with Alateens to become certified sponsors so you may work with the teens to get to know them on a personal level or volunteer to work with us at Assembly, AWSC, and CBAT meetings to get to know us all better. We are part of Al-Anon and really have a pretty good program going. The reason that I suggest the sponsor form is so that you can attend an Alateen meeting on a regular basis if the need arises. The LAP (Loving Adult Presence) form is for those who just prefer to substitute when a sponsor needs to be absent on an infrequent basis, or you are willing to travel with the kids to an event, or work in some capacity with the teens infrequently. So the choice is yours, whichever of those forms you would like to complete AND accompany it with the AMIAS form and send to me. I can accept scanned and emailed forms or through the postal service. Thank you for thinking about it.

Lastly, I request prayer for our Area for healing and unity. I feel that the last couple of years that Assemblies have started dividing the fellowship, in part. I hope we all can participate in the Step Eleven fundraiser to pray and meditate on unity and working our programs to the benefit of all those out there that still need to find the AFG fellowship. Participation helps us have healthy, welcoming programs exhibited by each and every one of us. After all, we celebrated 60 years of meeting together as Al-Anon Family Groups; let's keep it going by passing on the good that the program offers for the next 60 years.

Passing It On,

Marilynn M.

## *Registrar's Report*

Hello everyone! Well, my first convention as Registrar was a great experience and I have all of you to thank. To those who registered ahead of time, you made my job so easy! And to those who registered at the convention, I truly appreciate your patience and understanding with the check in process. A special nod to those who helped out at the registration table and those who offered to – thanks so much Caroline J., Charlie K., and Robin M. And all of the convention committee – it was wonderful working with you this year. I did learn a lot this year, including the fact that I should have had more badge holders and lanyards. I'll be better prepared next year, I promise! If anyone has suggestions for how to make the registration or check

in process better please feel free to contact me at [Area31register@gmail.com](mailto:Area31register@gmail.com). I'll be happy to hear from you.

We registered a total of 200 attendees including eight of our fabulous Alateens; and 111 of those in attendance purchased the Saturday night banquet, too. We gave away a free copy of our latest book "Many Voices, One Journey" to a member who registered early (before August 8) – keep an eye on the *Missouri Round Robin* – we might do something fun like this again next year! From my point of view, the whole process was painless and "Smooth Sailing." I hope you enjoyed yourself too and that we can look forward to seeing you down at the Lake again next fall!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen C.

## *Announcing the 2012 South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM)*

The purpose of the SCRDM is to bring together the Delegates of the South Central Region preceding the World Service Conference each year. The South Central Region includes Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas East, and Texas West.

The meeting is open to any Al-Anon member interested in service. Attendance is predominantly past Delegates, current Delegates, current Alternate Delegates, past Trustees, current Trustees, and current Area Chairpersons. This gathering is not an integral part of the Al-Anon program. No official business is transacted.

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday March 2, 2012~Sunday March 4, 2012  
Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis Airport  
11228 Lone Eagle Drive  
Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

Every seven years the Missouri Area hosts the event. For the 2012 event, Richard B., Panel 48 Missouri Delegate, is the General Chair of the event and Pat E., Panel 31 Texas East Delegate, is the Program Chair.

**Program:** Program details will be on the Missouri Area Web site sometime in January 2012.

**Registration:** Registration forms will be on the Missouri Area Web site sometime in January 2012. Registration for the meeting is \$25.00. Banquet tickets are \$30.00.

**Voting Eligibility:** Voting will include past and present Delegates and Trustees that served from or

currently reside in the South Central Region.

**Voice Eligibility:** Voice eligibility will include past and present Delegates and Trustees, current Area Chairmen and current Alternate Delegates. All participants may share in the getting acquainted session, workshops, entertainment and closing session.

**Volunteers Needed:** Missouri Area Al-Anons are

## **Volunteers Needed**

needed to assist at the Registration Table, plan and set up banquet and other decorations, and to staff the Hospitality Room. As volunteers you may attend sessions. All attending banquet pay \$30.00.

PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU, YOUR DISTRICT, OR YOUR GROUP WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE MISSOURI AREA WELCOME THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DELEGATES TO ST LOUIS.

**You are encouraged to attend.** I have attended most of these meetings for the last 14 years. I find them extremely interesting and most enjoy hearing the experience, strength, and hope of those who have given so much service to Al-Anon Family Groups.

Reported by Richard B.

| PANEL 51 MISSOURI AREA OFFICERS/COORDINATORS/ALTERNATES/LIAISONS                                                           |             |         |                 |           | AC=Action Committee     |
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*(Continued from page 5, District 17 Report)*

Our meetings last for approximately two hours. During this time, we read the Twelve Traditions, read one Tradition from the Twelve Steps and Traditions, and have someone share on it for a few minutes; then we discuss the necessary business. There have been some great sharings. All members are encouraged to pick a meeting to share at.

At our next meeting in December, we will be having a holiday potluck. We encourage all Al-Anon members in our district to attend all the district meetings.

I am truly blessed to be working with so many wonderful people that have so much enthusiasm and willingness. I am so thankful to have this opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy B.

| PANEL 51 MISSOURI DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES                                                                                                                                             |             |         |                                         |           |                         |
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| 026                                                                                                                                                                                    | Barbara H.  |         |                                         |           |                         |
| 028                                                                                                                                                                                    | Judi D.     |         |                                         |           |                         |
| <p>There are no DRs or contacts for districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 20, 21, 24, and 27.<br/>                     *=Acting Alternate DR. There are no districts numbered 6 and 16.</p> |             |         |                                         |           |                         |

### *District 28 Representative's Report*

District 28 is located in Franklin County, approximately 50 – 65 miles west of St. Louis. We have eight Al-Anon groups and one Alateen group. Our Alateen group currently has not had many, sometimes not even any, Alateens attending the meeting. We hope this will change. Fortunately, Alateen meets at the same location and same time as an Al-Anon meeting, and those members are always ready to 1) open up the Alateen meeting room, since there are several Alateen sponsors as well as Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS) available if more than one teen shows up; or 2) welcome the Alateen into the Al-Anon meeting if only one Alateen shows up.

Our Public Outreach person works very hard to make our community aware of Al-Anon and make finding a meeting easy for anyone who is looking for one. Each month she targets specific groups in our towns—i.e., schools, churches, legal offices, police stations, parole offices, SATOP, etc—and delivers appropriate literature. She has purchased the CAL CDs or DVDs for air time on local radio and TV stations, and they have run them. She sent thank you notes as soon as she knew they had done so. She has run small announcements about Al-Anon availability in local newspapers, and worked with our Lamar representative to keep the Al-Anon billboards up and running. The latest outreach project is giving any Al-Anon the opportunity

to adopt a balloon for \$1 that has the Al-Anon bookmark attached to it, along with contact information for our local Al-Anon answering service; we are going to release these balloons at our November 12 District Meeting in the hope that the balloons will find their way to “the ones out there still suffering from the effects of the family disease of alcoholism.”

On December 10, 2011 District 28 will be hosting a Holiday Gathering and we are really looking forward to it. We will be having a pot luck dinner, basket raffle, 50/50, and ornament exchange. We are also having two Al-Anon speakers, Mardi M. from Montana and Catherine V. from Washington, Missouri. Mardi is the *News & Views* Coordinator (Montana's Al-Anon newsletter, like our *Round Robin*) and a very enthusiastic Al-Anon member. Her one request for speaking at our Holiday Gathering was that someone could get her a guitar to use! She uses it to tell her story, and I am very curious to see this unfold! And Catherine's experience, strength, and hope has long been an inspiration to those of us lucky enough to attend meetings with her, and I am really looking forward to her sharing with all of us. We hope to see many of you there, too! This event is posted in the *Round Robin* and on the Missouri Al-Anon/Alateen website.

Submitted in Gratitude,  
 Judi D.

**District 9 Winter Workshop  
Traditions in Relationships**

Speaker: Rick J. from Ontario, Canada  
Friday, January 6, 2012

Doors open, Fellowship: 6:00 pm  
Meeting begins: 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 7, 2012.....9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Arlington United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall

3770 McKelvey Road  
Bridgeton, MO 63044

(1 block North of St. Charles Rock Road)

See flyer on [www.missouri-al-anon.org/events.html](http://www.missouri-al-anon.org/events.html)

**Area Calendar of Events**

**2012 Dates**

**SCRDM**—March 2-4, 2012 (see page 7 for details)

**AWSC Meeting**—March 10, 2012  
Wesley United Church of Christ  
2727 Wesley Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

**Alateen Super Sunday**—March 11, 2012

**Assembly**—May 5-6, 2012  
Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Missouri

**Day in Service**—June, 2012

**AWSC Meeting**—August 25, 2012

**Convention**—September 28-30, 2012  
Country Club Hotel and Spa  
301 Carol Road, Lake Ozark, MO

**Assembly**—November 3-4, 2012  
Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Missouri

For more event and other detailed information go to:  
[www.missouri-al-anon.org/events.html](http://www.missouri-al-anon.org/events.html)

**2013 Dates**

**2013 Al-Anon International Convention**

July 5-7, 2013

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION  
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FALL OF 2012.

**PLEASE NOTE:** THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT  
THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE WILL HOLD A  
DAY OF SERVICE IN VANCOUVER ON JULY 4TH  
BEFORE THE CONVENTION BEGINS ON THE 5TH.

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