

Minutes AWSC Meeting March 10, 2018 Jefferson City, MO

Area Chair Sue Kieffer opened the meeting at 9:01am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance: Sue Kieffer, Area Chair; Sarah Smith, Area Delegate; Lori Hassler, Area Alternate Delegate; Janie Faul, Area Treasurer; Karen Guittar, Area Secretary

Group Records Coordinator, Janet Over conducted Roll Call: 43 total members present: 5 Officers, 14 District Representatives, 20 Coordinators, 4 Committee Chairs
Traditions were read by Carissa, Alateen Intern, Concepts of Service including Warranties were read by Ann H.

Sue K. announced that our Area does not have District Representatives for Districts: 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 22, 24, 26, 27. She then presented a Welcome segment that outlined the purpose of the AWSC meeting and the plan for the day's agenda. She explained the evaluation for the day and had Carissa distribute it to those in attendance.

Officers Reports:

- Minutes from August 2017 AWSC meeting were read by Karen G, Area Secretary. Michael Click motioned to accept as read, Lori Hassler seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Janie Faul, Area Treasurer. Jodi O'Toole motioned to accept the report as read, Sherri Elliott seconded. Motion passed.
- Alternate Delegate report presented by Lori Hassler.
- Delegate Report presented by Sarah Smith

Presentations - all using Knowledge Based Decision Making elements:

- Budget Work session - The Budget committee prepared some KBDM questions to help gather some information to use in their preparation of an Area budget
- Using Technology to Better Communicate presented by Jodi O'Toole and Margaret Andes
- Convention presented by Melanie Edwards and Geneva Dawson

Service Manuals:

The new 2018-21 Service Manuals are now available. Several were given out to members throughout the day via a free raffle

Reports: (NOTE: The person listed with the Report is the person who presented at the Assembly.)

Coordinator reports:

Area Alateen Process Person - Janet Wiseman	Alateen Coordinator - Marilyn Medley
Alateen Intern - Carissa	Convention -(via the KBDM presentation)
Group Records - Janet Over	Leadership Support Committee - Ann Hayles
Literature Depot - Mary Loftin	Literature/Forum - Sue Burford
Newsletter - Cheri House	Procedures Committee - Amy Gooden
Public Outreach - Sandi Miller	Registrar - Donna Sturma
Serenity Patrol - Sherri Elliott	Speaker Coordinator -(via KBDM presentation)
St Louis AIS Liaison - Stephanie Knight	Webpage -(via the KBDM presentation)

District Reports:

1 - Dawn Dejarnette	2 - Bonnie Moser	4 - Jenny Faires	8 - Elaine McCrary
9 - Flo Williams	13 - Kathy Grinstead	15 - Mary Rollins	17 - Barb Kalinowski
18 - Mary Nichols - nothing to report at this time.			19 - Robyn Quinones
20 - Janet Wiseman	21 - Ann Hayles	23 - Michael Click	25 - Diane Stahlschmidt

Final presentation: Area Chair, Sue Kieffer, went over the evaluations from the November Assembly

Ask It Basket: All responses were presented by Janie Faul as they all related to finances.

Why wasn't YTD Financial report presented? The report presented is a summary of the information for the most recent months/quarter to date. The YTD information is provided in written form, and it includes much more detail. That detail is summarized in the quarterly report. The books are open to be viewed at any time, but for ease of use, we only present the overview orally.

Knowing what we know about Area finances, is there any thought to increasing Assembly registration? This is a matter for the GRs of the Assembly to vote on. The Registrar, Donna Sturma, stated that a motion is being formulated to address this issue.

Can a District write a check to the Area if they have money, but not a DR? Yes, the decision to donate to the Area is a matter for the GRs of that District to vote on. If they decide to donate, having or not having a DR does not make a difference.

What is the explanation of the YTD Literature Expenses being \$8000 more than expense? Purchases at the end of the year to stock literature, which has not yet been sold. This included buying a larger than normal stock of the items that the WSO had sale prices on, to take advantage of the lower prices.

Meeting adjourned 3:52pm with Al-Anon/Alateen declaration.

Appendix A - Officers Reports

DELEGATE

Greetings Missouri Area,

It's an exciting time to be serving in the role of the Panel 57 Missouri Area Delegate! I am writing this article sitting the airplane on my way home from the 2018 South Central Regional Delegate's Meeting (SCRDM) located in San Antonio, Texas. What an awesome weekend! Once again, I was honored and humbled to have the privilege of representing you at this meeting. I was representing alone. There were 5 members from the Missouri Area present! I was thrilled to be able to share the trip with the Alternate Delegate, Lori Hassler. We will be sharing the reporting responsibilities today. Thank you, Loretta Ross - Panel 18, Laurie Kleen – Panel 39, and Geneva Dawson – Panel 51 for suiting up and showing up at the 2018 SCRDM! I do believe it may be time to open a conversation about finances concerning the SCRDM. Did you know that previous Panel Delegates must cover **100%** of the cost to attend the SCRDM? The purpose of the weekend is the prepare the new Delegates for the World Service Conference (WSC). If that is the case, the new Delegates can not be prepared without the wisdom of those who have gone before them. Is there something we can do in the Missouri Area that could assist our Delegates to attend the South Central Regional Delegate's Meeting?

Lois and Ann were the pioneers in Al-Anon Family Groups. I can't recall a time where they decided to stand still. The 2018 WSC theme – "Al-Anon – There is no standing still." Are we standing still as an Area? How can we continue to move forward?

The South Central Regional set the tone for our new Delegate's to move forward to the WSC Conference. We had an amazing weekend. Rosie Morin – TAL, gave the South Central Regional Trustee's Report. Rosie is currently a Trustee at Large. She shared the report since we currently didn't have a South Central Regional Trustee. We had several inspiring discussions. We practiced the process of walking through a selection of Chosen Agenda items. Some of the Chosen Agenda Items were:

1. How do we as a Fellowship support remote and rural Al-Anon groups which may face one or more of these challenges:
 - a. Members/potential members located great distances from each other and from an Al-Anon meeting
 - b. Fear of Maintaining anonymity in a small community
 - c. Community culture does not support reaching out for help.

Solutions:

Electronics – How do we offer the protection of Anonymity?

Traveling Bus to an Area with information

Websites are protected.

Membership outreach - do we have a plan for contacting districts who have been inactive.

Do we begin to look at "remote voting"?

Possibly moving the Assembly around?

Do we cooperate with Alcoholics Anonymous?

Anonymity a meeting topic once or twice a quarter.

1. How do you handle it when members change wording of the steps?

"If you do not wish to read the steps as written, please pass it on"

Educate, Educate, Educate, protected under charter, they are not ours.
Steps are copy-righted.
Area we building a relationship with those who choose to change the wording?
We don't come to Al-Anon as well people.
"All are welcome" – March 15 or 16.
2. How is your Assembly meeting structured? Business only or combination business/convention? Are the principles of the program being followed if combination weekend?

Outlook for AWSC Meeting:

Today's report will be a little bit different. I will give updates from the January 2018 Chairman of the Board Letter. I will also share a presentation that I have been asked to create and share at the 2018 World Service Conference. We will be collaborating on the Missouri Area's successes/challenges, so I can share those in the Sharing Area Highlights session at the 2018 WSC. Lastly, we will be reviewing and ranking the potential chosen agenda item for the 2018 WSC. I would love to have a group conscience opinion prior to selecting those options in the survey I have been asked to take.

2018 World Service Conference Travel Journal:

We've created a page on the Missouri Area Website, so I can share my travel journal with all of you in the fellowship. You can find it under **For Members** on the website or through this URL:

<https://www.missouri-al-anon.org/delegates-corner>.

****NOTE:** You will need this password to access: moafg

I'll be updating this from the road and you can even comment on the posts - just like on Facebook. Also, Tradition Twelve is upheld here by securing with a password so only program friends can view. You can even choose to post comments as "anonymous" if you prefer. I will continue to post of Facebook. If you would like to receive those updates daily, please friend me on Facebook. I will not tag any of you in any way. I will not break your anonymity. Please remember, if you choose to comment on my post, you may be breaking your anonymity.

Be sure to share this with your groups and other Al-Anon friends and watch for updates from me starting April 16th!

Conclusion:

I am honored and humbled to be of service to the Missouri Area as your World Service Delegate. This position has been extremely rewarding and continues to show me the depth of my character defects. I'm excited our Missouri Area panel of Officers is nearing the completion of the transition. I do believe each of us are exactly where we are supposed to be. We have built great rapport with each other so far.

Thank you for your continued love and support. Please know, I will take each of you with me at Conference. I am looking forward to receiving all of you love and support.

Love in Service,
Sarah Smith
Panel 57 MO

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Now that the officers are pretty well settled into our changed positions, I feel grateful to the Missouri Area for allowing me to serve you as Alternate Delegate. As Alternate Delegate, I do look forward to getting to know all of the DRs in the Missouri Area and getting the chance to help all of us understand the business side of Al-Anon much better.

I hope everyone can attend the Day In Service! Please grab several copies of the flyers while you're here. Please make sure to get enough flyers for your GRs in your districts. The Day In Service Planning meetings are well underway and I'm having a great time working with Districts 8 and 18. They are all very busy planning and our next tag up meeting is the first Saturday in April in Columbia. Thank you to Districts 8 and 18!

Day In Service

When: Saturday, June 16th, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Fairview Road Church of Christ, 201 South Fairview Road, Columbia, MO 65203

Purpose: For those that don't know, the Day in Service is to bring Al-Anon and Alateen members together to learn about our Third Legacy—Service. The intent is to encourage members to utilize this area of growth in recovery, to introduce members to the joy in service, and to encourage all members to participate in service in a fun, interactive manner, (from our Area Procedures Digest). For the DRs that aren't here today, I am planning on dropping some of the flyers for Day in Service to you by mail.

If you're going—please pass the word—bring a car load. The more people, the more fun!!!

AA Missouri State Convention with Al-Anon Participation

When: August 3-5, 2018

Where: Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

The Al-Anon main speaker will be Carol R. from St. Louis. Carol will be sharing her experience, strength and hope as a long time Al-Anon member. There will be a flyer finalized within the next few weeks and I will post when I have it.

For the AA Convention, I have the mini meeting chair people identified. If anyone is planning on attending the conference and wouldn't mind being a back-up chairperson for a mini meeting, please let me know. The expectation here is that you open and close the meeting and share on the topic. Thanks to those that have said yes when I asked for help!

South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM)

When: March 2-4, 2018

Where: San Antonio, TX

First, I'd like to say thank you to the Missouri Area for paying my way to attend the SCRDM. I've gone before on my own and enjoyed the meeting in getting to see what other Areas do and how they are represented and conduct business in contrast to the Missouri Area. Through the last couple of years of attending, I've realized that we are more similar to other Areas in our region than different.

As Sarah has or will be reporting on the SCRDM meeting, I get to share about a particular workshop that was presented within the meeting. There were on three particular questions asked and we all participated in brainstorming. In keeping with the WSC theme this year, "Al-Anon—There's no standing still!", the workshops were given around the subject. The three questions asked of the group were:

- What are things that make us stand still?
- What character defects keep us from moving forward?
- What is your vision for Al-Anon in the future?

I can certainly think of my own personal input when asking myself these questions about my personal recovery. I do think the Missouri Area as a whole can ask ourselves these questions as well. I have much gratitude for being elected an officer of the Missouri Area, and also take to heart the safeguarding of the Al-Anon and Alateen program for our Area.

As the traditions say, our common goal is unity; we should have mutual respect for one another; we are all here under the same purpose; we are all allowed to be autonomous; we work with compassion and understanding for each other; we stick to our spiritual aim and don't affiliate with outside issues. We ask for help; we know our roles; we work together; we let go of outside issues; we are humble; and, we act with principles above personalities.

When we move forward with all of those traditions in mind, we can ask ourselves as an Area, are we standing still? For example, is it time to embrace the tech advances and move forward? Are we personally setting aside

our character defects, not focusing on others' defects and really trying to work together for the good of Al-Anon and Alateen in our Area? We may not have the answer, but moving in a positive direction is the answer!

When we reflect on where we have been in service, especially getting the benefit of a lot of our delegates still being involved in our Area, we have that representation of how far Al-Anon has come. Right here right now-- today, we are all the future of Al-Anon in the Missouri Area. When someone wants to know about us holding an officer's, a coordinator's or a district rep's position, please don't pass up the opportunity to pass along the message of service. Without service in my life, I would not have been able to learn and grow, especially in the last couple of years in my service life. So, my challenge to all of you is to go home and look for an opportunity to spread the good news of service at least once, before we all get together in May for Assembly.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve the Missouri Area. I am humbled to be an officer. I look forward to reaching out to all of the DRs and seeing how I can be of service to you all as well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Hassler, Panel 57, Alternate Delegate, Missouri, Area31altdelegate@gmail.com

TREASURER

Hello AWSC, I'm Janie Faul, your new Area Treasurer. Thanks for allowing me to serve you in this new capacity. My Higher Power has chosen to reappointed me and wants me to grow in some new and wonderful ways.

My report covers the months of January and February. Contributions averaged \$2,941.82. February Income increase was due to the SMA-ART Training Weekend Registrations which made up 47% of the Income. Literature income increased in February. No significant changes in the expenses except for SMA-ART Training Weekend Facility was paid.

The current checkbook balance as of March 1, 2018 is \$13,568.04. The following are some of the upcoming expenses: AWSC expenses will include mileage for AWSC members and hotel for officers; there are still some expenses for SMA-ART Training Weekend not paid; Literature expenses to be paid; A deposit for the 2019 SMA-ART Training Weekend Facility; other Upcoming expenses for the Area are CBAT in April and Assembly in May.

When making a contribution to the Area, please refer to the Round Robin for your receipt. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know by email or phone call. Thank you to all groups, districts and individual members for your generous contributions.

If you seek reimbursement for AWSC meeting expenses, please return your completed expense reports early so I can give you a check before we left this afternoon. If not, I will mail them to you. Please include any receipts with your expense report.

Service with an attitude of gratitude, Janie Faul. Area Treasurer

APPENDIX B - COORDINATOR REPORTS

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP)

It is that time again for AMIAS recertification. I was able to review the online audio recording of the New AAPP WSO Conference Call that was held for only New AAPP on Jan 27th. I will be participating in a WSO AAPP Recertification Conference Call on March 17th. After that call all current AMIAS will receive an email from me pertaining to recertification. Recertification paper work will need to be submitted by the May 15, 2018 deadline stated on the Missouri Area AMIAS candidate profile form. To obtain a current copy of your FCSR report call FCSR 866-422-6872. If you have questions concerning recertification, please contact me directly by email or phone.

Some have wondered since 2017 was the first year of background checks how they impacted AMIAS recertification and or New AMIAS applications in our Area this past year. In 2017 there were two (2) LESS AMIAS moved to inactive status than in 2016. Last panel New AMIAS certifications averaged 20-30 each year. In 2017 there were 23 new AMIAS certified. The basis of this information was retrieved from the WSO AAPP AMIAS online data base. Even though some did not recertify due to the background checks, there seemed to be no significant impact on members to continue or to step up to be an AMIAS. The safety of not only our Alateens but our AMIAS continues to be a priority of the Missouri Area and I thank you for that.

The Annual Alateen Group updates will be going out late March or early April. Please watch for them. Once Alateen Group information and or changes are entered into the WSO data base, it is updated within an hour on the WSO web site. The Missouri web site will be longer.

Last month (February) was the 3rd annual SMA-ART (Supporting Missouri AMIAS-Annual Recommended Training) weekend. It was well attended and was self-supporting. Suggestions and comments were once again positive with some great recommendations. As always, all suggestions/comments will be reviewed and considered. Next year's dates have been set for February 15, 16, 17, 2019, so mark your calendar to join us for a fun filled informative weekend.

The St Louis area is again holding an AMIAS training on Sunday afternoon April, 29, 2018. Flyers are available.

Remember new AMIAS are always needed. If you are not currently certified and would like to know more about how you can be of service to the Alateens at the group, district and area levels, contact me. There are many ways to serve.

If anyone has any questions, my contact information is in the Round Robin.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Missouri Area.

Janet Wiseman

Missouri AAPP Panel 57

ALATEEN COORDINATOR

Greetings from Alateen.

The Coordinators have been asked to share information that we have received from WSO.

I receive several emails a month from AFG Connects Alateen Coordinator Group whenever a fellow Alateen Coordinator types in a question or comment or when WSO staff share information with us. During the last four months, these are the topics that were commented on: Training, especially Train the Trainers; Upcoming Conference Call on March 17 for AAPPs to discuss recertification but which Alateen Coordinators and Area Delegates are also invited; Certification and recertification processes; Medical marijuana cards at Alateen Conferences; New Alateen Coordinators identifying themselves and asking for help; Roles of AMIAS; School-based Wellness Centers; AMIAS training in Spanish; AMIAS trusted servant profile; Pennsylvania Alateen Policies; Alateen's 60th Anniversary on several occasions from other Areas as well as WSO; background check sources; Felony (one Area is so short on AMIAS she was asking if any states allow AI-Anons with a felony to be certified as AMIAS); and Area 22 Louisiana 60th Anniversary Celebration. I have shared some of the information

in discussions with the other coordinators, used some information in AMIAS training, and plan to share more information in the future.

The three Alateen Coordinators have had at least 4 conference calls since the November Assembly to talk to each other and reason things out. We had another one that included our Alternates to discuss curfew at events.

I received one or two inquiries about Alateen forwarded from WSO. Just this week I finally got to help resolve one of these when a MO Al-Anon member called me to get information on certification in MO so she can then serve as an AMIAS in Iowa. I helped her navigate our Missouri website to find our forms and find the Missouri Procedures Digest. She attends Al-Anon meetings in Iowa because she works there and the closest MO meeting to her is an hour's drive from her northern Missouri home.

I tried to contact all Alateen group CMAs to introduce myself and ask if they were coming to our Alateen Area functions, if they were getting the complimentary group information that they should and just ask how I could help. I learned lots from these trusted servants and was glad to be of service in a couple instances.

We will have Super Sunday tomorrow to conduct Alateen business with a CBAT committee meeting following. The Alateen Coordinators will be happy to take any white elephant gifts that you may have brought to donate for CBAT. Please put them over in the corner of the room in the cardboard box.

Thank you for letting me serve.
Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Medley, Alateen Coordinator

ALATEEN INTERN

Report presented, not submitted.

ARCHIVES (Sarah Moore attended AWSC, but in the interest of time elected to submit a written report instead of presenting it orally)

Loretta and I continue to meet at least monthly, and never seem to run out of work! We are going through most all the files again in an effort to re-evaluate what to keep and how to file the information so it is more accessible.

We are evaluating which things are truly Missouri Area Archives vs. World Service Office Archives. In addition, we want to make it all more streamlines for the next move, and easier for the next Archives committee.

One item of interest that came to Archives lately is this attached 1952 Resolution from the Second General Service Conference of AA to FAMILY GROUPS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Moore (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

From the Report of the Second General Service Conference of A. A.
April 23-27, 1952.

Policy Session

FAMILY GROUPS

More time was spent in reviewing and discussing the past, present and probable future status of so-called "family groups" than was devoted to any other item on the 1952 Conference agenda. An extra full session of the Conference was convened solely for the purpose of permitting expression from all delegates who wished to be heard on this topic. Recordings of the two meetings show that nearly 30 delegates were heard--a number of them rising to speak several times.

Here is how the two sessions on this provocative topic might be summarized:

1. FAMILY GROUPS ARE NOT A NEW DEVELOPMENT. Wives of the earliest members used to get together in Akron in the first days of the Society. The first "group," Bill said, was comprised of wives who met on the second floor of the 24th Street Clubhouse in New York City.
2. FAMILY GROUPS SEEM HERE TO STAY--AND ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY. A year-and-a-half ago, there were only about 50-to-70 groups. Now Bill and Lois know of more than 250. Urged by Bill, Lois and several other volunteers have attempted to serve as a "clearing house" for the expanding movement.
3. FAMILY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AFFIRMED THEIR DISTINCT ENTITY. The family groups are filling a distinct need, according to the evidence from areas where the idea has taken hold, and the groups are not seeking to use the "A.A." name. As a movement with local groups in all parts of this country and in Canada, the non-alcoholics have their own committees and their own program. As now set up they do not impinge on A.A. and do not seek to do so.
4. DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY GROUPS IS VIEWED SYMPATHETICALLY IN VIRTUALLY ALL AREAS. Only two delegates out of 77 came to the 1952 Conference with instructions from area committees that might be construed as critical of the family group movement.
5. REPORTS OF FAMILY GROUP DEVELOPMENT ARE CARRIED IN THE "GRAPEVINE," WHEN NEWSWORTHY. Historically, the "Grapevine," from its first issue, has carried news of non-A.A. happenings when they relate to the interests of A.A. readers, directly or indirectly. The Conference, in a special resolution, affirmed its support of this traditional "Grapevine" policy.
6. DELEGATES TO THE 1952 CONFERENCE APPROVE UNANIMOUSLY THE WORK THAT LOIS AND BILL HAVE DONE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE SOUND GROWTH OF THE FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT. This sentiment, framed in a special resolution at the close of the final policy session, was adopted by an enthusiastic standing vote of all delegates.

CONVENTION COORDINATOR

Hello everyone and happy Spring.

The Convention Committee has begun work on our 50th anniversary convention.

We are very excited about bringing you a weekend full of fellowship, relaxation, inspiration, and fun. Please start thinking towards your meeting and workshop. Topics as we begin working on the programs. We will be asking once again for volunteers for hospitality and registration. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

I will also be sure also be taking requests for the playlist for the dance, otherwise we'll be listening to the 70's all night. I want everyone to have a chance to listen to their favorite tunes. You have been warned.

As always your ideas and input are welcome.

Assembly is right around the corner, May 5-6. We look forward to seeing you there. You may check the website for details and pre-registration. It helps us out so much.

Til next time

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Edwards

Convention Coordinator

GROUP RECORDS

New Group Records Registration and Change Forms:

The World Service Office (WSO) has two (2) new "forms" for Group Records reporting purposes. The first form is entitled: "New Al-Anon Group Registration Form" and the second form is entitled: "Al-Anon Group Records Change Form". (Copies attached.) Each form has an effective date of "9/17". The first form is used ONLY when registering a NEW group. Existing groups should use the "Al-Anon Group Records Change Form" to update their group's information.

To access these forms, go to www.al-anon.org; scroll down and select "Members". On the next page scroll down to the left-hand box "Group Records" and select it. The next page is "Group Records". Scroll down to the "blue" highlighted: "New Al-Anon Group Registration" and "Al-Anon Group Change". Selecting either of these will bring you to a page for downloading and printing each form. "Instructions" for each form can also be downloaded from this webpage. Please note that you can also select the "Al-Anon Group Change" link, update your group's information and electronically send it to the WSO. WSO then emails the Area Group Records Coordinator the group's changes for Area updating purposes.

MO Area 31:

Currently, the Area has one (1) group in "Reported Not Meeting" status, and I notified the District Representative of that group. The Area has only three (3) groups in "Bounced E-Mail" status, and I have notified those DRs, as well. I'm very pleased to report that a Group that has been listed "Inactive" for over a year on the WSO Database, has been returned to "Active" status because the Group updated their "Current Mailing Address" (CMA).

As of February 28, 2018, the Missouri Area has registered 233 Al-Anon groups and 12 Alateen groups. With some of those Al-Anon groups meeting more than one day a week, the Area has 297 Active Al-Anon meetings per month. Since my report at the Assembly in November, the Area registered four (4) New Groups.

Of our 26 districts, 16 districts have DR's.

The Area needs DR's in districts, 03, 07, 10, 11, 12, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 27.

I will be updating the Panel 57 Officers, Coordinators/Alts. and DRs list for the Round Robin. If you have any changes/corrections, please e-mail me at my address below.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet A. Over, MO Area 31 Group Records Coordinator, panel57grouprecords@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Hello,

My name is Ann Hayles and I'm currently serving as the chair for your Leadership Support Committee. The Leadership Support Committee was established several years ago for the purpose of assuring that our Trusted Servants, at Area level, are well-prepared for their positions and to help ensure a smooth transition of leadership between Panels.

This committee is also responsible for addressing any concerns from membership regarding Officers and Coordinators who are not successfully fulfilling the responsibilities of their service position.

Please read more about this committee's work in the in the Area Procedures Digest.

Members of the committee are myself, Laurie Kleen, Amy Gooden, Rayma Tyson, and Janet Rauckman. All of these are current or past servants at the Area level but do not currently serve as Officer or Coordinator. Please be sure to pick up the half-sheet print out on how to contact members of the committee, should you have a concern about an Area Officer or Coordinator. (REPRODUCED BELOW)

I am happy to report that we have had no referrals during this current panel.

Sincerely,

Ann Hayles, Chair

The Leadership Support Committee for Panel 57

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The Missouri Area wants to ensure that all its trusted leaders have the support and resources they need to succeed in their roles as officers or coordinators. Section IV of our Procedures Digest describes the work of the Leadership Support Committee. The committee was established to help our Area provide helpful steps in making sure that these roles are fulfilled in a way that most benefits the Area and all our members.

On very rare occasions, the committee might be called on to respond when a member has concerns that an officer or coordinator (or their alternate) is not functioning well in her or his leadership position. Any member with such concerns can contact one of the committee members, listed above, and we will ensure that the concerns are addressed in a manner that presumes good will, is confidential, and in the best interest of our fellowship.

LITERATURE DEPOT

First, I owe all of you an apology. At the Assembly in November I had said from the podium that I would be bringing some information to this meeting regarding the possibility of using a “square” for credit card payments in the future for literature orders. I do not have that information available today. I would love to have a wonderful reason why, but there is no excuse. I will be working to put something together for May Assembly.

As you are probably aware by now, the new Service Manuals are available. I have sold quite a few already and have a couple of cases here with me today if you have not already placed your order. The “Groups at Work” will not be available for another 2 weeks or so. I have 2 cases on backorder with WSO and will mail copies out to those who have already ordered them as soon as I get them in. If you had ordered them to be delivered with your order today, there will be no shipping charge when I mail your order as they are backordered.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 will be mailed out to me prior to the beginning of April. I had orders for approximately 750 copies of AFA. If you have an order for AFAs placed with me please let me know if you would like me to ship them to you or if you would prefer to pick them up at Assembly. I ordered full case sizes of the AFAs and I know that I will have a few pieces left over, maybe 50 at the most. Right now, I have been contacted by two folks that did not get their orders in for AFA and are looking for some. I will work with them to see if we can figure out a resolution with the balance of the ones that I have left.

Otherwise, there is not much going on. I will be placing an order in the next couple of weeks with WSO to ensure that I have everything available at Assembly.

If you need to place an order and have access to the internet, please email me at area31litdepot@gmail.com. If you don't have access to the internet you can reach me at 816-456-4086. It's always a pleasure to serve you and I appreciate being able to be of service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Loftin, Area 31 Literature Depot Coordinator, Area31litdepot@gmail.com, 816-456-4086

LITERATURE/FORUM

Forum Subscription Sales Report

- The WSO started publishing a monthly Forum subscription sales report in January
- e-Subscriptions are not included
- The sales information is published by state or province – plans are to publish by Area in the future
- For Missouri – March, 2018:

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Coordinator Conference Calls

- Plans are to reactivate conference calls 2 times a year
- The first call should take place in March or April; the second in September or October

New Literature

- “Understanding and Hope For Parents and Grandparents” (P-94)
 - Is currently being translated into Spanish and French

- Plans are to introduce this pamphlet at the World Service Conference in April and to make it available to the fellowship in May
 - *Intimacy In Alcoholic Relationships – A Collection Of Al-Anon Personal Stories* (book)
 - Expectation is to introduce the book at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore
- (Priority order forms for P-94 and Intimacy In Alcoholic Relationships will be posted to Literature Distribution Centers on *AFG Connects*)
- *New Daily Reader* (working title)
 - Sharings are still needed for the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service

“CAL-Corner”

- The “CAL-Corner” feature in the *Forum* is a chance for members to share how a particular piece of literature has helped in their recovery.
- February Feature – [Discovering Choices](#)
 March Feature – [Lois Remembers](#)
 April Feature – [Paths To Recovery](#) (text and workbook)

How To Submit Sharings Online

Al-anon.org > Members > Literature > Literature Resources > Sending Your Sharings. From the dropdown, select *Forum, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, New Daily Reader, or Alateen Talk*. The same page will include links to the Writing Guidelines for each publication. After you have selected the publication, click on Next and follow the directions.

NEWSLETTER

Presented - not submitted

PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Presented - not submitted

PUBLIC OUTREACH

It is March again and to celebrate our co-founder Lois W.'s birthday it is time for us to reach out in service by leaving Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism with professionals and/or leave a piece of literature where ever you go. I know people have said to me if I leave a piece of CAL on the table when I leave a restaurant it will just get thrown away. That may be true, but how do I know the person who throws it away isn't the person who needed desperately to see it?

Our web coordinator sent me an email from a lady in Idaho who was interested in our billboard. I have sent her all the information I have from Fay and from my knowledge about how it was begun and how it is now. I am glad to hear that other coordinators are hearing about it.

Sad to say we have not had any inquiries forwarded from WSO for information on Missouri Al-Anon. Last year we had five.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May assembly.

Love in Service,
 Sandi Miller, Missouri Area 31, Public Outreach Coordinator

REGISTRAR

Presented - not submitted

SERENITY PATROL

Presented - not submitted

SPEAKER COORDINATOR

Once again, I am excited about the coming Convention and hope you are too. This year will be both the 50th Anniversary of our first Area Convention and the 50th Convention. (There was one year we didn't have a Convention so that's how it works).

We have flyers available on the website for your convenience – especially if you would like to print them in their pretty gold color.

We have a full slate of speakers lined up for this year's convention. I am sure you will enjoy hearing them.

We also have three speakers at least "semi" lined up for 2019. The Banquet speaker is confirmed, but I think two others will commit. I am still looking for an Alateen speaker and maybe one other adult speaker for next year. If you have heard an Alateen speaker who hasn't already spoken at our Convention, I would like to hear from you about them.

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Presented - not submitted.

WEB PAGE

NOTES FROM POWER POINT PRESENTATION:

- The discussion about improving communications actually started 1 year ago right here when we were asked how we could make better use of our time at AWSC. Sue challenged us to think differently about how we communicate area business, about whether we should give our reports while here, email them out, post them to the website, or if we had other ideas.
- Turns out that question was the beginning of a longer and larger discussion about how we could communicate better in many areas and how technology could actually help us do that. Specifically, how can our website help us communicate more with each other? Would that enable us to spend less time on reports when we are together and more time talking about bigger ideas and area issues? Could that encourage more fulfilling discussions during our limited time here today to grow ourselves, the area and AI-Anon as a whole? SO many questions!

So, Sue sent out the question for you to bring feedback to this meeting. Bringing this topic to the AWSC and asking these questions of all of you is the best way to gather input so we can determine the best way to move forward

- At the Assembly in November, we talked about our dreams. Let's dream big! And not let our current website or capabilities dictate how we move forward. We do need to move forward to stay relevant. I was reminded recently that in AI-Anon, there is no standing still. Every time I hear a newcomer share, I think about where I'd be if I stood still back then. I'm just so grateful I didn't!
- So, let's dream and think about how things *could* be if we put aside our fears and perceived

challenges.

- Technology is ever-changing and we do plan on making some significant changes to the website to more closely follow WSO guidelines and respond to area requests.
- We have reviewed other area websites, the WSO guidelines around this topic and have also been given some newer technology by WSO.
- We need to think beyond our area and consider how the site can serve the public including professionals and other non-members and newcomers, being the voice of Al-Anon. Doesn't our declaration say it? When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen, always be there.
- We really want to hear what you all think of this and can also offer what we've found thus far along the way. Let's use KDBM format to get the conversation started!

KBDM DISCUSSION:

Question 1

What do we know about our needs, wants and preferences of our members that relate to this discussion?

What about needs, wants, preferences of public and newcomers?

- How do we help members to become tech savvy to use the website?
- Wants and preferences:
 - We want information accessible and fast.
 - We want to look at other ways the website could be used for communication.
 - We want it easy for Newcomers to find a meeting.
- Save money by making the Round Robin accessible on the website.
 - NOTE: Area Round Robin coordinator needs to change the permit for the Round Robin. It will cost the area \$250.
- Procedures need to be updated more regularly.
- Push notifications and emails – alert us to go to the website.
- St. Louis-AIS website could connect to Missouri website.

Question 2

What do we know about our resources and our vision for Al-Anon?

- Remember Al-Anon objective: Help friends and families of alcoholics. Website could be a tool.
- WSO has a new and improved website.
- WSO is focused on improving their Digital presence especially finding meetings and regular changes are being made.
- WSO is encouraging areas to use the WSO site to find meetings.
- Membership is getting older need to attract younger members.

Question 3

What do we know about the current reality and the evolving dynamics of our world and our fellowship that is relevant to this discussion?

- The WSO is more tech savvy.
- Need to attract younger members and our current website is not user friendly.
- Finite amount of people that will have the skillset to do web coordinator job.
 - Current coordinators will document/train new coordinators on what we are doing.
 - You do not need to be tech savvy for changes on the website.
 - We could hire a contractor to assist with changes.
- Form a website task force to assist with this job.
- Need to password protect - Personal Information (addresses, phone numbers, emails) Ref: Service manual pg 100.
- Other Ideas for Password Protected Member Only - Website:
 - "Ask it Basket" questions.
 - Alphabet soup
 - Financial information
 - District reports
 - No Longer have to scrub reports with address
 - Listing of who does what and how to get them

Question 4

What are the ethical implications of our decision on the fellowship or on the world?

- Could digitize the archives?
 - Something spiritual about holding a letter that Lois wrote.
 - It was noted that not everything will be digitized.
- Members with limited access or skill might have difficulty using the website
- Not to hold back on moving forward because of our fears,
 - Remembering Tradition 1
 - "Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity."

○ Question 5

What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?

- What is going to become obsolete.
- We do not know how technology will change.
- We don't know member preferences for the meetings.
 - Do members want a paper copy of meetings?
 - Do members want a paper copy of Round Robin?
 - Do we know what Alateens want changed to use the website?
 - Communicate electronically
 - Things that could be improved to serve the Alateen members
 - Alateens concerned with anonymity on-line.

A suggestion was made to do a member survey to determine preferences.

APPENDIX C - DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 2

District 2 continues to provide opportunity of Al-Anon recovery with 18 AFGs in the Jefferson County and Southeastern St. Louis County region with at least one meeting every day of the week. The District offers several Open Mixed Meetings, Men's Meeting, Women's Meeting, Adult Children Meeting, and Newcomers Meeting.

The District made a trial run at changing our location to a restaurant setting but concluded it was too expensive and too noisy to try to conduct the business at hand. We are now meeting back at the previous location of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church at Butler Hill Road in South County. We now meet in the library of the church which has proven to meet our needs well. Large enough to accommodate, small enough to be quant and quiet enough that we can give our full attention to the business of the District. Attendance was up at the January meeting.

District 2 2018 Potluck was a success at many levels. It was well attended and raised a good amount of funds to support the District throughout 2018. I am continually amazed, blessed and grateful for the willingness of individuals to make such an event available to the membership. My husband and I had the privilege of sharing at this year's potluck and are excited to see what God has instore next as we recover from the family disease of alcoholism together. Kenny W. did an outstanding job of sharing his experience, strength and hope from a young person's perspective of living in the midst of active addiction.

The GRs voted to combine the Serenity Walk and Family Picnic events in 2018. The event will be at the Kirkwood Park on Sunday September 29. They also discussed having speakers and are currently working on those details. We believe this will be a well-attended event and look forward to providing this opportunity for continued recovery and fellowship to the Al-Anon community. Expect a flyer with full details to be posted on the website soon.

Although we have reached out to the Jefferson County Jail with a desire to take a meeting into the jail, we have been unable to move forward due to the lack of space and guard staffing. We will continue to revisit this possibility and trust our Higher Power to open the right doors at the right time.

There continues to be discussions, interest and need for an Alateen meeting in District 2. There are currently four (4) AMIAS that call a District 2 AFG their home group. There is a veteran Arkansas AMIAS that has moved into our District. She is currently working to become certified as a Missouri AMIAS and hopes to move the desire to start an Alateen meeting to a reality.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the District Representative.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Moser, DR District 2

DISTRICT 4

District 4 AFG, held their annual Al-Anon Chili Supper on January 27, 2018, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Sue K., our Area Alternate Delegate, was the guest speaker. Our theme was "Life Begins Where Fear Ends-Cowboy Up!" Our Alateens sold water and soda to raise monies for the upcoming CBAT. It was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable time of fellowship and fun.

Our district continues to carry the Al-Anon message to area treatment facilities and to the Greene County Justice Center each week. Our Alateens continue to be active in their meetings and in their fund-raising for CBAT; including selling Christmas ornaments and beverages at the AA Christmas Dinner, the Al-Anon Annual Chili Supper, and the HOTO Pie Auction.

We continue to hold bi-monthly District meetings that are well attended by Group Representatives from Al-Anon and Alateen. We are looking forward to planning for the upcoming 2019 –Day In Service that will be hosted in Springfield. We will keep the Area posted on the details as we get closer to the event.

Humbled to Be of Service,
Jenny Faires, District IV Representative

DISTRICT 8

District 8 includes Audrain, Boone and Callaway counties with 1 meeting in Holts Summit and 10 meetings in Columbia. We have a District meeting every other month, on the first Sunday of the month, from 6 to 8 pm at St Andrews Lutheran Church. At each District meeting, our Archivist shares a bit of history from our files – including early letters sent to and received from the first Al-Anon clearing house. A Group Representative presents a summary of one our Guidelines.

At our most recent District meeting we discussed the three questions in the Area Chairs' email of January 19, 2018 and have these suggestions:

1. What should the Area Budget look like?

Answer: a. Include an estimate for each category based on the average income and expenses from the most recent three years. Keeping in mind that projections for technology may need to be taken into account. Form a task force to draft a budget.

2. How can we improve communication in the Area?

Answer: a. Provide whatever support is needed to assist in the compilation and mailing of the Round Robin in a timely and accurate manner to include an update of all subscription information.

b. What are the various vehicles of communication currently available from WSO and the Area and which service position receives which communication and when should we receive it.

c. A single page handout or chart that outlines what a district or group needs to have in place to start an Alateen meeting.

3. What would the GRs like to see at the next Assembly?

Answer: a. A directory of acronyms – perhaps have the acronym bookmark that was handed out in the past available at each Assembly.

b. What should a new GR expect in Service.

The Public Outreach Committee continues to be busy in Mid-Missouri. They support family day at a local women's treatment center by having members share their experience, strength and hope every other week. March is a busy month with health fairs at 4 local high schools and the University of Missouri. We continue to carry the Al-Anon message to the public by distributing literature at appropriate locations around town. Our members assist in taking a meeting to the Vandalia Women's prison one Sunday a month.

Our first "Fling" of the year was held February 24th, the Area Literature Coordinator, Mary L. and her husband, shared their recovery stories. Two dates have been set for additional 2018 Flings, September 15, and the last one November 17. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship and really cool raffles.. We'll be posting these events on the Area website.

The annual Area Day in Service is June 16th in Columbia at Fairview Road Church of Christ. A flyer is being circulated. The committee has been hard at work and having a lot of fun planning the days' activities. We are

looking for donations of “extraordinary baskets” for the Day in Service raffle. If you desire wrap your basket so gifts are a surprise.

We had two members become an AMAIS and attend the recommended AMAIS weekend last February. In keeping with Tradition 7, our Wednesday night Keep It Simple Al-Anon group, offered up to 3 registration scholarships to members attending the AMAIS weekend.

Yours in Service,
Elaine McCrary District Representative District 8

DISTRICT 9

District 9 had a workshop entitled “Restoring Sanity with the 12 Steps” presented by Fr. Tom with over 200 people in attendance. There were breakout spiritual activities & a soup, chili, & salad luncheon with donations given to Alateen. Our district continues to do public outreach by speaking at Bridgeway every month.

Flo Williams, District 9 Rep.

DISTRICT 13

Things are going well in District 13.

We have 20 meetings in the district, including men’s focus, women’s focus, adult children, newcomer, and Alateen. Sadly, our newest meeting was put on ‘inactive’ status due to low attendance after a six month trial.

Our ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ calendar fund raiser was a success again this year. We hope to do it again.

Despite some last minute scheduling issues with our location, the ‘Finding Balance in Recovery’ potluck in February was well attended and successful. The food was great, and the Alateen, AA, and Al-Anon speakers all did a great job of sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

The District Public Outreach Coordinator has been busy. We send volunteers to Edgewood every other month, and the Coordinator is working to update the packets of information given to families there. We are also making arrangements to provide literature to a recently opened Harris House. We ordered copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) for distribution by District members. The District purchased a supply of Alateen Talks for the teens to use.

Our Alateen group is going smoothly. The Alateen GR will be attend Super Sunday tomorrow. Several teens will be attending CBAT. Alateens have spoken at several meetings and potlucks.

Mark your calendars for September 7th and 8th, when the District will be holding our sixth annual workshop. The event is being chaired by our Alateen GR, and the speaker will be Sandy W., a Panel 57 Delegate from Illinois North. More information will be coming soon.

Kathy Grinstead, District 13

DISTRICT 14 (Connie could not attend AWSC, but submitted her report)

HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF MEETINGS – stable. I was concerned when one of our meetings, Legacies by the Garden, recently closed. I was then very much relieved when a new meeting, T.H.I.N.K. on Thursdays, opened in Clayton on March 1. They meet every Thursday at 12:15pm at 120 N Central Ave, Clayton, MO 63105, Conference Room A. Please consider joining them – and as their flyer says ‘get yourself ready for the weekend!’

ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH PROJECT AT HARRIS HOUSE FAMILY NIGHTS – Several of our members rotate service on the third Wednesday of the month sharing their experience, strength and hope; talking about how AFG has helped them; and answering questions. They work in tandem with a team of male AFG members from another District who talk with the Men at Harris House.

ADDED A GR DISCUSSION SECTION TO OUR D14 BUSINESS MEETINGS --I heard this at the August AWSC and 'appropriated' it for our meetings because our GRs expressed interest in talking about topics that might help them encourage more participation and service in their groups. We pick a topic or two and talk about it for about 20 minutes. We go around the table to make sure everyone gets a chance to participate.

ISSUES

NO ALATEEN GROUPS IN DISTRICT 14 – Marge O, our Secretary has been establishing contacts for Alateen participation at our events. We're hoping that will encourage our members to establish an Alateen meeting in our District.

SMALL GROUPS NEEDING ASSISTANCE – We encourage members to visit these meetings and help sustain them. Loretta R wrote an article for our newsletter, Al-A Nonsense, about Friends in AFG, one of the oldest meetings in St. Louis, which struggles with low attendance. If you're in the city and free on Tuesday nights, please visit them at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They usually have cookies and coffee. And lots of love and program.

EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL (district fundraiser) – October 2017 - Al-Anon speaker Christine B, AA speaker Tommy C, nice turn out, many nice donated baskets and other items – an anonymous member donated a lovely white quilt with blue embroidery, and there was a little food, really a lot of food. And fellowship. The DR forgot to do the Closing though.

DISTRICT 14 PICNIC - SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018 12-4 PM – New location in Tower Grove Park in South Saint Louis, Humboldt South Pavilion. It's a larger space with more tables and nearby facilities. Our district will provide fried chicken. Speakers TBA. We're inviting the Alateens to sell beverages as an Alateen fund raiser. Southside AFG will have a jewelry table. Attendance raffle. And food. And fun. And fellowship. BTW, the date on the MO Area website is incorrect and I've sent in a correction request. The date is Saturday June 9. Please come visit us.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Lakey, District 14 DR

DISTRICT 15

Hello everyone. The winter went fast. It seems just yesterday we were at November Assembly. Since then, District 15 hosted the November Holiday workshop where we experienced holiday spirit with Al-Anon recovery. This year we are planning our Serenity Walk on April 28, 2018 at Kirkwood Park. This will be from 12-3 and hope many members will attend. It will include a speaker on the 11th Step, silent meditation and a walk with members. People bring their lunch; water is provided.

Our Pot Luck is August 10th 2018 with venue still pending.

And we are considering a mini sponsorship workshop for next year. Next district meeting I hope to have sharings from our attendees on what sponsorship means to them.

Our district meeting attendance is increasing. We had 10 at our last District meeting in January. We have three new GR's representing Help n' Hope, Saturday Steppers and Everyday Grace.

We have ordered 50 copies of Al-Anon faces Alcoholism for GR's to distribute to their groups.

We are continuing meeting visits to keep updating group records. We continue to support Alateen and Pre-Alateen.

I trust that through our Higher Power we can continue to reach members to cope with the effects of this disease.

Respectfully, Mary Rollins, DR-15

DISTRICT 17

The District Seventeen meetings are held bi-monthly. Our district has twelve meetings. There are two Alateen meetings and one Beginner's meeting available.

Of our twelve meetings, eleven have GR's. As a district we have discussed the importance of taking group inventories and are considering the possibility of taking a district inventory. The resources used were the Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual and Al-Anon Guidelines G-8a and G-8b.

Participation at the Bridgeway Treatment Center continues each month. We are also participating in a health fair at the St. Charles Community College in April.

There will be a district Workshop on April 21, 2018. The theme is "The Path to Forgiveness".
Barb Kalinowski, DR, District 17

DISTRICT 18 (Mary Nichols attended the AWSC meeting, but had nothing of importance to report for District 18)

DISTRICT 19

We've scheduled our District meetings for the year.

We have a new meeting in Weston, starting March 9th. They have been registered with WSO and are in the Where and When. They meet Friday evenings at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Quinones, District 19 DR

DISTRICT 20

Janet Wiseman presented report for DR Mary Carmean. Report not submitted.

DISTRICT 21

District 21 has groups in the towns of Harrisonville, Belton, Raymore, Pleasant Hill, Lee's Summit and Raytown. Geographically, it is all of Cass County and the south half of Jackson County. That's in the south of KC area. We also have one Alateen Meeting a month at Crittenton Center, which is a residential school for troubled youth. There are a total of 14 meetings each week.

We have a full slate of officers and we keep it simple: DR, Alternate DR, Treasurer and Secretary. Everyone pitches in when needed, especially for special events.

Our cash-only treasury is healthy and the District supports itself through the voluntary contributions of members and groups.

District 21 members are also quite active in our Kansas City AIS (which meets quarterly) and at the Area level, serving as coordinators and on various ad-hoc and standing committees. For example, one of our GRs serves at the current treasurer for AIS and also as an alternate coordinator at the Area.

As part of the Kansas City AIS, we are happy to be doing some Public Outreach at a residential facility for single moms and children, Amethyst Place, in mid-town KCMO. We will be carrying an informational meeting whenever there is 5th Thursday in a month. Our first of these meetings will be held on March 15 (not a 5th Thursday)

Our District meets twice a year for business and hosts an annual picnic each summer, with great food, fellowship and speakers. At our last business meeting, on February 11, we determined that our fifth picnic will be held on August 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Several of our GRs agreed to take care of the details.

Our next business meeting will be held on August 11 to finalize picnic details and to wrap up any loose ends.

District 21 is lively and alive with recovery! I continue to be blessed by our fellowship and am honored to serve the wonderful folks in District 21.

In gratitude,
Ann Hayles, District 21

DISTRICT 23

There are still four active Al-Anon Family Groups registered in District 23, which is comprised of five counties in southwestern Missouri. There are no meetings being held in McDonald or Barton counties.

In Barry County, the Cassville AFG is meeting once a week on Thursday night at the First Methodist Church. This group is holding its own, with four members attending irregularly. The Group Rep is not able to participate fully due to a dangerous family situation in their home.

The Neosho Family Group in Newton County meets thrice weekly at the Kelly Club. Attendance at all three meetings has fallen off dramatically since November 2017. As the only person who is not a dual member, I continue to serve as the Group Representative. On a hopeful note, four members attended a Business Meeting on February 28, 2018, and by accepting dual responsibilities, we managed to fill all the group officer positions.

In Jasper County, Mount Hope AFG meets at the Mount Hope Church of Christ on Tuesday evenings. Serenity AFG meets in Joplin at the Alano Club on Wednesday nights; last month Serenity added a second meeting on Thursdays at noon. These two groups continue to willfully violate Al-Anon's Traditions to the detriment of their members and Al-Anon as a whole; accordingly, I recently and somewhat reluctantly submitted a detailed report to our Area Officers with a request for assistance and follow-through as outlined in Part II – Section Z of our Area Procedures Digest.

At the Convention last November I articulated a three-point plan to pull the District together. The informal "Meet and Greet" was postponed/canceled due to a lack of interest. Similarly, none of the Groups has embraced the idea of holding a Group Inventory. On a more successful note, I have published and distributed two issues of a bi-monthly District newsletter and at least opened up a new channel of communication with the groups.

Respectfully submitted,
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DISTRICT 25

District 25 includes six counties: Ralls, Monroe, Pike, Lincoln, Warren, and Montgomery. We have four active groups and two groups have a GR. Unfortunately, the group in Bowling Green is no longer meeting. I made several attempts to reach the CMA for the Vandalia group and have no replies concerning if their meeting is active. Meeting bi-monthly, we've been averaging 4 members in attendance. After all business has been discussed and if time allows, we read and share on a concept, using the pamphlet "The Concepts – Al-Anon's Best-Kept Secret?". Our public outreach is going strong. Geneva continues to carry the Al-Anon message at the women's prison in Vandalia. Ms. Linda is doing a great job spreading the word to different organizations and community fairs. Our district will be sending love gifts (lip balm) to this year's WSC. Mark your calendar: Sept. 9, 2018 – District 25 Picnic and Oct. 20, 2018 – District 25 Serenity Walk. Both events will be at the Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO. More detailed info is on our area web site. It's a privilege to be of service.

Diane Stahlschmidt, District 25 DR