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Delegate's Report



Dear Al-Anon Family,

For the first time I've put off writing this article as long as I could. I'm just so sad that it's my last *Round Robin* sharing since being elected your Panel 54 Area Delegate. At the World Service Conference (WSC) this year many of the other Panel 54 Delegates shared that serving as a Delegate had been a bittersweet experience: The first year we were like deer in the headlights - not knowing anything about what we were doing; the second year we were kind of getting the hang of things; the third year we were pretty confident but were torn between giving up this wonderful opportunity to serve our Areas and recognizing the wisdom of rotation of service - a new voice and a new spin being of service to all of you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to everyone who voted for me in 2013 and those who have supported me ever since. Even those with whom I didn't always agree and who challenged me to do a better job were much appreciated since every bit of input helped me to grow in my program and in my service.

I look forward to seeing new Delegates from all across the world, as well as my Missouri Al-Anon family at upcoming events; especially the 2018 International Convention in Baltimore.

Other than looking forward to November's elections and preparing to pass along whatever help I can give the our new Panel 57 members, I haven't had a lot of "official" business lately. I'm still working on the Task Force for including Spiritual Principles in discussions of finances. What a great TF it's been. It's been very enlightening; making me think about things I hadn't considered before. Hopefully we'll be seeing a skit and a pamphlet in the near future on this topic. I look forward to sharing what I learned with the other Task Force members.

Attending and sharing at meetings, workshops, and potlucks has been another gift of being your Delegate. I traveled to many places I wouldn't have otherwise, meeting people I can now count as friends. A recent experience was that I was asked to

lead a mini meeting on Spiritual Principles at the 2016 Missouri AFG Convention. We turned the meeting into a celebration by learning some American Sign Language for the Deaf; reading a little about Annie S. from *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31); and sharing an exercise about our individual views of what Spiritual Principles are and how we use them. I promised to share some of the input in this article and on our website. They included:

- Tradition 7 - being fully self-supporting. Not only financially, but emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Yes, I need others in my life, but I also need to be the one who can carry on by myself, for myself, if and when it's needed.
- Tradition 1 - Unity is most important - it doesn't always have to be my way.
- Tradition 12 - Principles above personalities - it doesn't always have to be my way. (No mistake - The same comment as above.)
- Humility
- Gratitude
- Steps 3 and 11 - Putting my Higher Power and my recovery first
- Willingness
- Open-mindedness
- Putting things in perspective - would I rather be right or happy? Am I willing to let others be themselves?
- Hope
- Step 3 - being able to choose my own HP
- Steps 1, 2, and 3 - Acceptance, Hope and Faith - which, when added to the other nine Steps equal love!
- Being able to make my own choices
- Detachment - not just dumping others, but accepting that I'm not always responsible for them
- The Serenity Prayer - a mantra I can live by

And I'm sure all of you can come up with many more. Maybe this could be a good group discussion topic.

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Chairperson's Report



Well, it's Autumn in Missouri and my favorite time of year. I love the beauty of the trees and the surroundings. The old leaves fall away and make way for new ones next year.

So it is with us. As you know, this November we will be electing our Panel 57 Officers and Coordinators. I am so excited to see who will be leading us into the future of Missouri Al-Anon.

Service can be defined as "an act of helpful activity". While we sometimes relate to Al-Anon Service as "Service Work" and while it does take our time and our talents, I must tell you that it has been a joy for me to fill the role of Area Chair. Along with our elections, we will be celebrating the incoming Panel in some way. This celebration is still in the planning stages, but we are hoping that it will be memorable for all in attendance.

Also, we will be taking a small amount of time to review the Area Inventory results that were presented at the August, 2016 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting. The results of the Inventory and suggestions that came about as a brain storming session at AWSC are on the Area Website. Please review those and bring any additional suggestions to the Assembly. These suggestions will be passed along to the new Panel of Officers to review and possibly act upon.

I am looking for Coordinators and District Representatives to have at least three minutes each at the microphone for a wrap up report at the Assembly. I'm also hoping to have some open mic time for anyone that has a burning desire to share. We'll see. We have a very packed agenda (again).

The motions that will be voted on have been sent out to all Group Representatives. If you did not receive the email from me, please let me know and I will send it to you. Also, Kathy has the motions posted on the Website along with a copy of the Assembly Agenda.

Enjoy this beautiful weather and be safe in your travels. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in November. Take Care

Yours in Service

Mary L.
Panel 54, Missouri Area 31 Chair

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Finally, I know many of you have heard about my upcoming move back to my home state of Indiana after the first of next year. Be assured I will keep all of you in my prayers and I'll keep the Area informed of my contact information. I am so blessed to have been chosen to serve as your Delegate and I feel I must be available to continue if and when anyone from the Missouri Area needs me.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming November Assembly. Remember it's election year and we're counting on one another to **step up, step in** and **step out** from Missouri Al-Anon Family Groups!

With love and gratitude in service to all of you,
Karen L.
Panel 54 Delegate

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Treasurer's Report



Hello Al-Anon Family! This report covers September 2016. **Income:** Alateen -\$318 (fundraiser), Literature-\$438.50, RR -\$90, Convention - \$6839.00. **Expenses:** Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting-\$510.45 (master bill), Alateen -\$1343.41 (Serenity Patrol, 2017 Come Be A Teen (CBAT) deposit, copies/supplies, Super Sunday), Convention - \$3359.90 (lodging, mileage, etc.), Literature - \$2044.33, *Round Robin* -\$273.46 (printing). Next month will include a detailed report for Convention, as I am expecting additional expenses. Thank you for including the District # and Group name on contribution checks! See you at the November Assembly.

Diane S., Area Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2016 BALANCE SHEET	
Beginning Balance	\$15,039.55
Income	\$8,524.53
Expenses	(\$7,531.45)
Ending Balance	\$16,032.63
Reserve Fund Balance	\$8,977.76
Interest Earned	\$1.14
Total Reserve Fund Balance	\$8,978.90

September Contributions

District	Group Name /Description	Area Contributions
15	Gratefully Serene	\$83.50
4	Branson Serenity Seekers	\$10.00
26	Changed Attitudes	\$50.00
24	Pomme de Terre	\$15.00
17	Go With God	\$50.00
4	Step By Step	\$15.00
13	F.R.O.G. (Fully Relying On God) in Recovery	\$68.00
15	Focus On Solutions	\$19.34
15	Serenity Express	\$10.00
18	How Al-Anon Works	\$25.00
21	New Day	\$10.00
15	Wymyn In Recovery	\$15.19
13	Ala-Nooners	\$10.00
14	Men's Dogtown	\$38.00
28	First Day	\$15.00
15	group 66	\$50.00
19	Liberty	\$100.00
13	Progress In Recovery	\$100.00
4	Twelve Step	\$20.00
2	Sun. Night Eleventh Step Meditation	\$35.00
	TOTAL	\$839.03

Thanks for Your Contributions!

Statement Of Purpose

The **Missouri Round Robin** is the monthly service publication of Al-Anon Family Groups of Missouri. Please protect the anonymity of all whose names appear in it by keeping this newsletter within the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship. Our deadline for material is the 10th of the month BEFORE the month in which your article is to appear. We publish no poetry. The **Missouri Round Robin** is not copyrighted nor Conference Approved Literature. For yearly subscriptions (group or personal), make checks or money orders for \$10.00 payable to: **MISSOURI AREA AFG** and send to: Karen C. *****. Send articles to: Betsy M., ***** or email *****

Archives Early Correspondence

I have heard it said, "truth is stranger than fiction". Well, I will change the word to interesting...not strange. Recently as Loretta and I were sifting again through files, (these from the World Service Office {WSO}, including correspondence from early Missouri groups before the 1996 office move to Virginia Beach), the idea came to us that we needed to share some more of the more interesting notes.

So on to the interesting part; I am including two anecdotes below. I am writing these from the original letters with nothing changed by me!

Item 1:

Dear Linda,

Our ***** Group would like to order a Anti-delusion Kit. Would you Please make the cost available to us so we may order a kit.

Thank you,

Group Secretary (April 20, 1984)

(REPLY below from WSO)

*****Group
May 20, 1984

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your letter of April 22,1984 regarding Al-Anon literature.

The "Anti-Delusion Kit" that you mentioned is not one of the titles of an Al-Anon publication. We have enclosed our most recent order blank so that perhaps you can find the kit that you are looking for under another title. It is also possible that this may be an Alcoholics Anonymous publication.

Also enclosed please find our most recent pamphlet, "Al-Anon Spoken Here".

Thanks again, and best wishes from WSO staff.

Sincerely,

Alirio F., Accounting Supervisor

Item 2:

To Literature Process People: (at WSO) Sept. 1981

Recently we received an order numbered #062048. Included with what we ordered were two "Living With Sobriety" which we did not order. So often, if we've been over with money, etc., you include several of those pamphlets. We do not use them, we have too many as it is, and please do not include them any more. I don't know why we got them with this

shipment as there was no explanation. If you must send something else, why not send something cheaper like some Detachment or something similar. May I suggest that they not be printed any more if you are having a hard time decreasing your supply of those pamphlets. Thank you.

Love in Al-Anon,

Secretary-Treasurer

(also from a central Missouri group)

Also of interest (though more serious), from the early 80's from central Missouri. were requests to the WSO for the WSO By-Laws, first in one letter, then in another by a different person for the Regional Boundaries for US and Canada. In addition, the first Group Statement of Purpose, written and used by a group and later adopted for general use came from Missouri.

Thanks for keeping letters going to our headquarters, so they know we are interested in what they are doing for us.

Sincerely,

Sarah M.
MO Archives

Literature Depot Coordinator

I am still on a high from the Convention. Of course I am looking forward to our Assembly and election. The pre-orders and sales at Convention were super. You all did a great job. Sales on a whole have been down this year, but encouraging to see an increase at Convention. Please order early before Assembly.

I will give a full report at Assembly. I look forward to seeing all of you at Assembly and look forward to elections.

Take care, drive carefully,

Dora J..

Mo. Area Literature Depot Coordinator

Member Quotes

"If the only tool you have in your toolbox is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

"Prayer is talking to God. Meditation is listening."

"My Higher Power said, 'That person (the Alcoholic) needs my help and if you'll just step aside I can help him.'"

Area Alateen Coordinator

I cannot believe this panel is coming to an end. It has provided very positive growth in my journey of recovery and life. Of course there are still two months left. As this report will be brief, please read my report at Assembly.

Below are upcoming items to be aware of:

Eleventh Step Fund Raiser

Eleventh Step Fund Raiser for the Area Alateen Conference (CBAT) will be winding down at Assembly. So if you have not had the chance to participate, information-donation packets will be available at Assembly for your convenience. This fund raiser supplies approximately half of the cost for the weekend. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Area Alateen Conference (CBAT) Packets

Area Alateen Conference (CBAT) packets are being prepared and will be sent to all Alateen Groups. Watch for the packets by email the first part of December.

The Ice Breaker Gift Exchange

The Ice Breaker Gift Exchange will once again be held by the Alateens at the 2017 CBAT which is April 7-8 & 9. So if you or anyone in your groups have any gently used or new *teen-appropriate* items, please bring or send with someone to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting March 11, 2017. Please wrap in any type of paper or gift bag. They will be collected by the Area Alateen Coordinators. If you do not know what to send, just ask any teen, your own child, grandchild, friend's teen, niece or nephew etc. They will have great ideas.

Supporting Missouri AMIAS-Annual Recommended Training (SMA-ART)

The SMA-ART weekend will be held February 17-18-19, 2017. Registration flyers will be available shortly after the November Assembly. This weekend is for all Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and any other Al-Anon member interested in knowing more about Alateen service in Missouri.

I want to express my thanks to Missouri Area members for allowing me to be of service to you. Whatever your next journey or mine will be, I know our Higher Power will guide us.

Janet W.

Missouri Area Alateen Coordinator

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

Greetings from your outgoing AAPP,

I have been remiss in that I have been asked to share what the AAPP position requires in time and commitment. Mostly, that's because I don't keep track of my time to even know how to report it to you.

There is the time between mid-March and the end of June where every Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service (AMIAS) must be re-certified or taken off the list of AMIAS available to serve Alateen in Missouri. Of course, we announce that "now's the time to re-certify" at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting, put the reminder in the *Round Robin*, and this year even put it on the Calendar of Events on the webpage. It is also easily done by sending out an e-mail reminder blast to all the AMIAS. When I do that, I attach the necessary form to the e-mail so they don't even have to go to the website to look for it. There are a few (very few) AMIAS who do not have e-mail, so I send them a "snail mail" reminder and enclose a copy of the form with the letter. During this time, I also sent out e-mail reminders to the District Representatives (DRs) to let them know how the AMIAS in their respective district are responding so they can give them a nudge if needed.

On June 30th, I wait until my mail has been delivered (just in case there is another renewal form in that delivery), then go to the World Service Office (WSO) website and delete all those people who have not re-certified. I then send out e-mails to the DRs to let them know who did not re-certify in their district and who did so they have current information to work with.

As the AAPP, you or your Alternate need to be present at every Area Event and collect the permission to travel/medical form copies from the AMIAS bringing Alateens. It is your responsibility to save those copies in case they are needed for future reference. I have a two-drawer filing cabinet that the new AAPP will receive, complete with all the forms I have collected.

We now have the annual AMIAS information weekend set up (called SMA-ART Weekend: Supporting Missouri AMIAS – Annual Recommended Training). This requires working/cooperating with the Alateen Coordinator and the Serenity Patrol Coordinator. It involves handling the registration and working with the facility where the event will be held (The Spitz Center at Heit's Point for 2017) and

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planning the workshops. For me, this was more fun than work, except for customizing the WSO Power Point presentations for the Missouri Area, which I found to be tedious (even though I love "playing" on the computer).

The hope is that you would be asked to give one-day workshops for AMIAS in other locations around Missouri. This is ideal, but it only happened twice during my tenure. Maybe you can be more aggressive in beating the bushes to get invited.

That leaves the rest of the time. You will get applications from new AMIAS throughout the year, but most of them actually come during the time of renewal. I assume this is because the AMIAS position is talked about more during this time. Anyway, this only takes a few minutes of actual "work" to get this done. Most of the time required is in waiting for the DR to have a chance to respond to your email. If they don't know the person, then they or you need to pursue finding someone who knows whether or not the applicant would be appropriate to work with the Alateens. Once you're ready to communicate with the WSO, it is quick and simple to enter their information into the database. Then you send out an e-mail to the new AMIAS and their DR to let them know they are now certified to work with our Alateens.

Obviously, a computer and internet access are a must in order to fulfill the obligations of this position. Another thing is energy. Even though Come Be A Teen (CBAT) only happens one weekend a year, it is a high-energy experience. I loved my time at CBAT, but I was also very grateful that I did not have teens I was personally responsible for while there. That meant I could go take a nap during the day. Unless you are a high-energy person, I do not recommend bringing teens with you. You need to be able to take care of yourself and rest if needed.

In short, my experience as Missouri Area Alateen Process Person has been both challenging and rewarding. I have been over-whelmed and lifted up. I have been frightened and encouraged. It is an experience that was well worth the effort!

Love in service,

Geneva D.
MO AAPP

Tidbits from Al-Anon Literature

When I want my home life to change, sometimes I have to take the lead. I can do that with the help of the Eleventh Tradition. Instead of harping on how things could be better, I can "attract" my family to a new way of life by working the program in *my* life today.

Alateen—a day at a time (B-10), page 326

Faith has been likened to being in a dark tunnel and seeing no glimmer of light, but still crawling forward as if we did. Though our circumstances may seem dark indeed, when we turn to a Higher Power rather than to our own stubborn wills, we have already begun to move toward the light.

In All Our Affairs: Making Crises Work for You (B-15), page 106

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Al-Anon's Three Legacies of the Month

Step Eleven

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and TV. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all AA members.

Concept Eleven

The World Service Office is composed of selected committees, executives and staff members.

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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 Members in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Experiences

What keeps me coming back to Alateen

Sharing my experience of being an AMIAS may seem insignificant to other Al-Anon members. Yet, simply stating that you have to “be there” should be sufficient.

Today I was touched when witnessing the emotional reaction of one new AMIAS to hearing her first Alateen talk- a teen sharing her story in front of an open meeting. I can only imagine the love, pain, guilt, joy and multiple emotions that were the result of hearing the teen share. That’s because this AMIAS perhaps had a glimpse of what her own child might share with a similar audience or maybe this AMIAS had experienced similar situations when growing up. I will not know what triggered the tears- that story belongs to that AMIAS.

I can only share what I have witnessed over the last eight years of continuous involvement being an Alateen sponsor. I have witnessed the highs and lows, personal growth, extraordinary love, and sometimes utter negative consequences of actions taken by members of Alateen. You see these people are only younger Al-Anon members that have taken advantage of participating in a recovery program for friends and families of problem drinkers who have adopted principles to live by for the rest of their life if they choose. That sort of makes me jealous but really it has made me reflect on how I lived with alcoholism as a teen. I had forgotten a lot about the feelings I felt and the struggles I had dealt with. By listening to the teenagers, that emotion was opened up for me.

Challis H.

Opportunity to Grow

Being an AMIAS gives me the opportunity to think beyond self. Instead of staying stuck in who I used to be, I get the opportunity to grow. I’m typically somewhat isolated and set in my ways (an old pattern), and being an AMIAS has helped me through service to focus on the younger generation of Al-Anon or Alateen. I get to watch the younger generation affected by Alcoholism learn about their family issues and have an opportunity to change the future in a more serene way, hopefully sooner than when I was their age with no Alateen program. That’s rewarding!

To be honest, I jumped into working as an AMIAS fairly quickly because I was already working with teens as part of my job. Becoming an AMIAS has been very different than working as a teacher in a

high school setting. I have learned so much more about myself and alcoholism by working with teens and their alcoholism issues. It makes me proud of each and every one of them because I didn’t find this program as soon as they did!

Hope, Growth and Confidence

I’ve been an Alateen Sponsor for almost 24 years! Why have I stayed with it for so long? The kids, definitely. What I see when a newcomer arrives at their first meeting is a variety of feelings; fear, shyness, bewilderment, anger, toughness, resistance and denial. Over the span of a couple of weeks I can start to see some connecting. They may connect with something another teen shared, get what a slogan means, open up about their situation or master the pronunciation of anonymity!

Mostly what I see increase is hope, then growth, then confidence. I’m so proud when a teen gets involved in service. Talk about a growing experience!

Being a sponsor or AMIAS is vital to the safety and growth of Alateen as a whole. For me, it’s a vital element of giving back for all I’ve received from this wonderful program of Al-Anon and Alateen.

Elaine W.
Alateen Sponsor

I Can’t Change the Past

I became an AMIAS because I cannot change the past that my children experienced. However, I may help shape and change the future for the Alateens through Alateen sponsor service and the help of my Higher Power.

I do not know why I was born alcoholic, but I was. I do know that recovery is the only way I can live a healthy, happy life filled with joy and freedom. Being an AMIAS, being of service, especially for our next generation of adults who are now just teens, is one of the greatest ways I can share my experience, strength and hope.

Being an AMIAS, especially an Alateen group sponsor is a responsibility I take quite seriously, but also one I take willingly and thankfully. I am thankful that the path my life’s journey has taken so far has led me to the Alateen group I sponsor and to all of the other AMIAS that I am meeting.

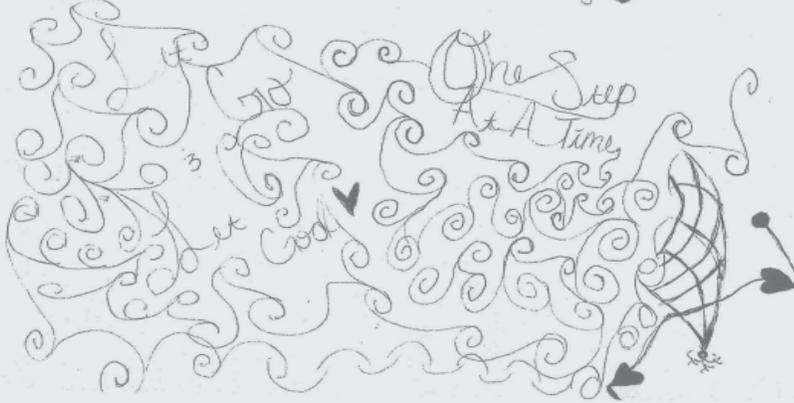
Mark B.



Alateens Share



In Alateen I discovered that Resentment doesn't have to be in charge of my life. Growing up I resented everyone in my family. For the drinking and the drugging and the pain that I had to go through. But ~~was~~ the Program taught me to "Let go and Let God" when I let go and let my God guide me, I can release that resentment and take in happiness. I've come to learn that it is a lot easier to be happy with myself when I'm not trying to control ~~my alcoholic~~ or at constant battle with my alcoholic, then that way I am free to be myself and grow more and more each step of the way. ♥



Alateen Talk

I like Alateen

I like coming to Alateen because I don't have to hide my past. Everyone here has issues. Sharing about our issues makes us realize that it is normal for a teenager affected by someone else's drinking to feel that way. I love coming because I know that my group doesn't judge me. They smile and understand my problems. They know what it is like to live with an alcoholic, and that is one of the reasons I'm here. I thank God for my Alateen group, without them, who knows where I would be.

Reilly

I am not alone

Alateen has helped me have hope. The program has helped me realize that things could get better at home and that I am not alone. I know that there are people out there who have a situation similar to mine. Also, I know that if I make an effort, I can have a better life with my alcoholic. Meeting other members who have the same problems gives me hope. I know that if they are able to live a happy life with the alcoholic, I can too.

Sadie

Listening to others

Since coming to Alateen, I have learned to speak up about my beliefs and my struggles. I feel more com-

fortable sharing some of my troubles and what I have learned in Alateen with those who are in difficult situations and need help. Also, I have learned how to listen to others. I have always been a good listener, but now I can truly open my mind and reserve all judgment.

Emily

Hope

Alateen has shown me that I can choose to have hope in every situation. Sitting in a room with people with similar situations makes me feel safe enough to speak. I have learned to have hope in situations where I once felt helpless. I have hope because I have moved on from past situations that made me feel stuck.

Bridget

Using some of the Alateen tools

Alateen helped me change my life. Through Alateen, I've learned to deal with the alcoholic in a good way. Even though he isn't drinking, we still have bad moments. Now, when he yells at me, I don't fight with him. I learned that I cannot control him, but I can control myself. One of the tools I have learned in Alateen is to try not to escalate the situation by yelling back.

Channing

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Convention Coordinator

Thank you to all who attended the 2016 Missouri Al-Anon Convention "Alive at 65: Spiritual Principles -Past, Present, and Future." We had 188 registered, sold 110 banquet tickets, collected \$1938 from raffles for 64 raffle items, plus the 50/50 (50/50 winner got \$80). Together we can make a difference!

The weather was beautiful that weekend. Good recovery was shared through messages from the speakers, workshop/mini-meeting leaders, and ultimately by you. Many enjoyed the World Service Office (WSO) DVDs about our Al-Anon history. (There is an "ad" in the October issue of *The Forum* informing you how you can reserve them for an event that you are planning.) At Convention we established a time capsule for the 100th birthday of Al-Anon at the 2051 Missouri Area Convention, indulged in birthday cake honoring our 65th birthday, and viewed and read some of the articles from *The Forum* written by Missourians. Our hope is that you may have been inspired to write an article of your own!

We had a wonderful cross-section of attendees. We had speakers from Missouri, Pennsylvania (she was accompanied by her daughter from Georgia), and from Colorado. We had an unexpected surprise when one of our attendees shared that she was a missionary in Kenya, and established the first Al-Anon meeting in that country. This is another reminder that Al-Anon is world-wide.

Let me share what one member wrote on her evaluation. "Best convention start to finish I have been to. Loved the diversity—age and even a male Al-Anon member. Workshops and mini-meetings over the top. Preparation for these was obvious. The theme and 65th birthday was so great. History was perfect for all ages."

The evaluations are being summarized and the financials are yet to be compiled. I do not believe we have received the invoice for the hotel as of this date. I hope to have the report of our financial standing at the November Assembly.

Let me remind you that pre-registration for Assembly with both the hotel and our Registrar Rayma, would be greatly appreciated so we can better prepare for you. Thank you in advance. The pre-registration form was in previous *Round Robins* and is posted in the calendar/event section of the website at www.missouri-al-anon.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn M.

Treasurer Position Open for St. Louis AIS Office

The St. Louis Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) office has a Board that oversees its operations and that Board has two openings currently for a 2 year term.

Do you just *LOVE* numbers and are you looking for a pretty easy (if you like numbers) Al-Anon service position?

Qualifications are:

- Two years minimum in Al-Anon working and living the 12-Steps,
- Quick Books (QB) experience. The office uses Quick Books to track sales, donations, pay bills, file tax forms and track payroll. (if no experience with Quick Books, we have a consultant who could train you in a couple of hours).

Duties include:

- Run monthly reports for the IR meeting.
- Attend the Intergroup Representative (IR) Meeting (if possible) the first Thursday of each month 7-8pm and provide a monthly financial report to the attendees.
- Monthly payroll
- Pay/file quarterly/ annual tax returns
- Set up new accounts in QB as needed.
- Analyze data and move into correct accounts.
- Reconcile monthly bank statement.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Mary A. (President of the AIS Board) at 314-374-6357 or email at mandrews8860@gmail.com or stop by the office Monday – Friday 9am-5pm to obtain an application.

If you are NOT a numbers geek and are interested in the other Board position, please contact Mary also.

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Al-Anon Internet Sites

www.al-anon.org

www.al-anon.org/members

www.missouri-al-anon.org

Upcoming Group & District Events

November 2, 2016 6:15-7:45 PM	District 8 Business Meeting	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 914 W. Boulevard South Columbia, MO 65203
November 10, 2016 6:00 PM	District 14 Meeting	St. Mark's Episcopal Church 4714 Clifton Ave at Locke St. Louis, MO 63109
November 12, 2016 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	District 15 Fall Workshop	Concordia Lutheran Church 505 So. Kirkwood Road Kirkwood, MO 63122
November 19, 2016 1:00—2:30 PM	District 2 Meeting	Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Anderson Hall 4355 Butler Hill Road St. Louis MO 63128
November 19, 2016 11:30 AM-1:00 PM	District 13 Meeting	St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 808 N Mason Road Creve Coeur, MO 63141
December 7, 2016 6:15-7:45 PM	District 8 Business Meeting	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 914 West Boulevard South Columbia, MO 65203
January 6-7, 2017	District 9 Winter Workshop "Steps to a Brighter Future"	Arlington Methodist Church 3770 McKelvey Road Bridgeton, MO 63044
February 25, 2017 5:00-9:00 PM	District 13 7th Annual Potluck	St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 808 N Mason Road Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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Missouri Area Assembly

November 5-6, 2016

**Supporting Missouri AMIAS-Annual
Recommended Training (SMA-ART)**

Feb 17, 18, 19, 2017

**Area World Service Committee
(AWSC) Meeting**

March 11, 2017

**Area Alateen Business Meeting
(Super Sunday)**

March 12, 2017

**Missouri Alateen Conference
CBAT (Come Be A Teen)**

April 7 - 9 2017

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April 24-28, 2017

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