

# AL-ANON-CER



A Quarterly Newsletter of Al-Anon Family Groups of Maryland and District of Columbia (AFG of MD and DC, Inc.)  
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## AREA 24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>December 3, 2011</b>	<b>District 2 Holiday Breakfast</b> , 9:30am at Old Towne Diner, 307 Main St., Myersville, MD 21773. For more info, contact <a href="mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org">area24@marylanddc-alanon.org</a>
<b>December 4, 2011</b>	<b>District 6 Holiday Party</b> , 5:30pm at All Saints Episcopal Church, 203 Chatsworth Ave, Reisterstown, MD 21136. For more info, contact: <a href="mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org">area24@marylanddc-alanon.org</a>
<b>December 17, 2011</b>	<b>Spring Convention Planning Meeting</b> , 2:30pm at Alano Club, 9231 Rumsey Road, Columbia, MD 21045, For more information contact <a href="mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org">area24@marylanddc-alanon.org</a>
<b>January 7, 2012</b>	<b>Fall Convention Wrap-up / Kick-off Meeting</b> , 10am – 2pm, Patty S. house, Poolesville, MD 20837 Snow date is January 21, 2012. For more info, contact <a href="mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org">area24@marylanddc-alanon.org</a>



**This is your Area's confidential newsletter. Please share this information within the Fellowship only.**

## District Meeting Schedule

**ALL** members, not just Group Representatives, are welcome at district meetings.  
If you would like your District Meeting listed on this calendar, please contact the Editor (see page 3).

- District 2** Usually held first Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 603 Main St., Myersville, MD 21773. For information, contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 5** Meetings are held on the third Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:00pm before the Wednesday Fallston Unity Group at the Fallston Presbyterian Church, 600 Fallston Rd. Rt.52, Fallston, MD 21047. We are invited to attend the 8:00pm Fallston Unity meeting. For more information, contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 8** Meets 1st Wednesday of each even month February, April, June, August, October and December. St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234.
- District 9** Last Friday of the month, February, April, June, August, October, December. Meeting is held at 7:00pm, before the Friday Night Fellowship meeting at Orem's United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, Room 100, 1020 Orem's Rd., Middle River, MD 21220. For more information, contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 11** Next Meeting is January 12th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Linthicum Thursday Night. Snow date is January 19, 2012.
- District 13** District 13 Group Reps meet on the third Wednesday, every other month at Colesville Presbyterian Church on 12800 New Hampshire Ave at 7:30pm. The meetings are as follows: Jan 18th, Mar 21st, & May 16th, 2012. For more information [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 15** An effort is being made to activate District 15. A meeting schedule has not yet been established. For further information, please contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 17** District meetings are usually held every other month, except not in July and August at Chevy Chase Circle District of Columbia Library. For more information, contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org).
- District 18** Meetings are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every other month @ 10:00am at the Northeast Neighborhood Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> St, N.E., Washington, DC. For further information contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)
- District 22** District meeting are held the 2nd Friday on odd months at 7:00pm at Life Stream Church of the Nazarene in Waldorf MD. For more information contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org).
- District 23** District 23 meets quarterly. For more information, contact [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org).
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## Al-Anon Information Services Meeting Schedule

- Anne Arundel** January, May, and September on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Woods Memorial Church, 611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD 21146. For more information, call (410) 766-1984 or email [alanon@md-al-anon.org](mailto:alanon@md-al-anon.org). Information is also available at [www.md-al-anon.org](http://www.md-al-anon.org).
- Baltimore** Second Tuesday of the month (no meetings held in June or December), 7:30 p.m., at Parkville Senior Center, 8601 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234. For more information, call (410) 832-7094 or go to [www.alanon-maryland.org](http://www.alanon-maryland.org).
- Mary Del Tri-County** Every other month (Feb/Apr/Jun/Oct/Dec), 1st Tuesday of that month, 7:30 p.m., at North East United Methodist Church, 308 South Main St., North East, MD 21901. For more information call (410) 836-6209 or go to [www.marydelalanon.org](http://www.marydelalanon.org)
- WMAAAIS** All Steering Committee and WMAAAIS meetings are held at Seekers Church Building, 278 Carroll Street, NW Washington, DC 20012, and (202) 635-2023. For further information contact Service Center Administrative Assistant, Caroline at 202-635-2023 or go to [www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org](http://www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org).

## From the Editor

If any of you are like me, the holidays can be a tough time of the year. I was often sad and disappointed when I compared my family to the wholesome, Norman Rockwell holiday images around me and found that I was sorely lacking as I heated up a can of soup. But I have tools now thanks to all of you. I usually start with a gratitude list. Then I try to think of someone else who could use a kind word or a helping hand and make that phone call! I often find the compassion and love I withhold from myself when it springs forth to help others. So, my wish this season is that we all remember to be gentle and kind with each other, to love and look out for one another.

Editor

## Delegate's Corner

A big "Thank you!" to the Al-Anon fellowship in Maryland and the District of Columbia for all the support and encouragement you have given me as your World Service Delegate. Serving as Delegate has been a great experience; however, I am glad it's only a 3-year term.

I think I did a good job in representing our Area to worldwide Al-Anon both at the three World Service Conferences I attended and with all the communication and other activity in between the Conferences.

In terms of within-Area achievements, I am a little disappointed. I had hoped to visit each District in our Area, and I have fallen short of that goal. Also I had hoped to integrate some of the good things I learned at Conference and from other Delegates into our MD/DC Area structure and have been only partially successful. I do believe I have done well in promptly responding to questions from the Al-Anon members and in keeping Al-Anon policy and my personal opinion clearly separated.

Anyway, it's time for me to turn over the Delegate job. Thanks again. I hope you will show your support for our new Delegate, Jack, by attending our 2012 Spring Assembly to hear his first World Service Conference report.

With Al-Anon love,  
Charlie

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Please include a phone number or email address with your submission to enable the editor to verify/clarify information.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Issue	Deadline
March	February 1
June	May 1
September	August 1
December	November 1

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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Email your subscription request to: [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org).

## Treasurer's Report

The following reports (Group Contributions, Expenses and Income) are through the end of September, but the approved Budget (Spending Plan) starts January 1st, 2012 with all the new officers and Coordinators. The actual bank balance as of October 31st, 2011 is \$11,544.09, which does not include two outstanding checks totaling \$443.37.

Since no new Treasurer was elected, I have agreed to continue in the position until the Spring Assembly to gather the end-of -year reports from both Conventions for submission to the appropriate agencies and get tax returns submitted.

For the newly elected Group Reps and District Reps, here is an overview of Tradition 7 donations for your Treasurers:

Groups send any funds over a pre-determined prudent reserve to their local AIS, District, Area 24 and WSO on a monthly or quarterly basis. The amount is usually determined by your group treasurer based on a previous Group conscience decision.

The Districts send excess funds to AIS, Area 24 and WSO. The District reserves may include Public Information or Outreach funds.

The Area sends 10% of excess funds over prudent reserve to WSO on a quarterly basis. That percentage was determined by a vote of the assembly. If you have any questions in any previously mentioned areas, feel free to contact me at: [area24@marylanddc-alanon.org](mailto:area24@marylanddc-alanon.org)

<b>Income/Expense by Category – Third Qtr 2011</b>	
<b>7/1/2011 through 9/30/2011</b>	
Beginning Balance Bank Account 01/01/2011	\$10,115.00
Income to Date 09/30/2011	\$11,439.37
Subtotal	\$21,554.37
Expenses to Date	(\$11,477.55)
Ending Balance Bank Account 09/30/2011	\$10,076.82
<b>Category Description</b>	
<b>INCOME DETAILS</b>	
AL-ANON-CER Subscription	\$15.00
Conv Share D&O ins (1/3 of \$775=258.33)	\$511.67
Conv.Share Liab.Ins.(1/3 of \$2196=\$732)	\$1,009.50
Group Contributions	\$9,374.10
Individual contributions	\$170.00
Other Inc, Bus	\$359.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,439.37</b>
<b>EXPENSE DETAILS</b>	
Cat 02 Delegate Expenses	\$2,210.00
Cat 02 Delegate Expenses: mileage mtg	\$91.65
<b>TOTAL Cat 02 Delegate Expenses</b>	<b>\$419.16</b>
Cat 03 Delegate NERD	\$483.44
Cat 06 Secretary Exp	\$52.20
Cat 07Treasurer Exp	\$250.25
Exp: Mileage	\$91.69
Exp: Misc Expenses	\$158.56
Cat 08 Alateen Coordinator	\$10.00
Cat 09 Group Records Exp	\$7.29
Cat 10a Jessup Detention Center	\$300.00
Cat 10b Frederick Detention	\$515.16
Cat 13 AL-ANON-CER Exp	\$1,710.50

**Income/Expense by Category – Third Qtr 2011 - Continued**

Cat 22 Assembly Rooms		\$360.00
Cat 23 AWSC Meeting		\$286.48
Cat 24 Liability Insurance		\$2,196.00
Cat 26 D&O Insurance		\$775.00
Cat 31 Bank Charge		\$4.54
Cat 33 Fall Convention Exp		\$254.34
Office Supplies		\$61.64
Postage and Delivery		\$37.65
WSO Donations		\$1,167.00
Mileage Bus		\$35.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$11,477.55</b>
Spring Conv pmts-.Liab & D&O	\$1155.67	
Fall Conv pmts	\$ 365.50	

**Group Records**

Group Representatives—please keep your District, Area Information Service, Area 24, and the World Service Office informed of your group’s new contact information by sending each of them a copy of a completed “Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form.” The form is available at the end of the newsletter, or on the Area website: [www.marylanddc-alanon.org](http://www.marylanddc-alanon.org).

### Group Contributions – Third Qtr 2011

<u>Group Number/Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Group Number/Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
002432 Monumental Wed	\$29.76	65162 Hilltop Serenity	\$30.00
000 Friday Night Candlelight	\$26.28	038350 Burtonsville	\$25.00
2422	\$40.00	041314 Hyattsville Fri Lunch	\$50.00
043421 Courage to Change	\$30.00	052431 Came to Believe	\$100.00
02440D.C.Monday Caregivers	\$60.00	006047 Towson?	\$50.00
006014 Easy Does It	\$65.00	District 9	\$100.00
005984 Hunt Valley	\$36.00	District 2	\$150.00
062294 All Saints	\$75.45	002443 Fri morn AFG	\$35.60
00 Monday Night Ellicott City	\$29.00	006062 Wed 12&12	\$50.00
006060 Westminster Mon Night	\$50.00	39718 Sun Trust m.o.	\$42.00
0502760 Open Door	\$7.00	District 8	\$200.00
5788	\$19.65	5892	\$50.00
042081 Silver Spring	\$46.77	005790 FRI.NIGHT ALANON	\$30.00
26272 Northwood Sat Noon	\$150.00	Money Order w/no group Name/#	\$16.95
005916 Forest Hill Sun Night	\$10.00	02653 Courage to Change	\$15.00
00 Mon Morn Emmorton	\$20.00	District 17	\$75.08
000 Hunt Valley	\$400.00	005777 Thurs Pathways	\$150.00
000 Fri Night Fellowship	\$25.00	065247 Eldersburg Mon	\$75.00
005917 Fallston Al-Anon	\$14.00	005937 Hagerstown	\$70.00
0052431 Came TO Believe	\$50.00	00 Rodgers Forge	\$40.00
64317	\$37.76	050306 Wash. D.C.	\$8.93
048506 Mechanicsville	\$25.00	018730 Mon Night Serenity	\$150.00
67023	\$25.00	202422 Annapolis	\$32.00
000 Slade Al-Anon	\$40.00	005884 Clinton Daytime	\$30.00
000 Fri Night Northeast	\$16.38	002437 Sat Night Gratitude	\$15.40
502745 Kensington Women Step	\$13.90	006015 Mon Night Step	\$30.00
63352 Leitersburg 12&12	\$10.00	District 5	\$500.00
040274 4th Step Mtg (D.C.)	\$17.35	062700 Wed Noon Al-Anon	\$140.00
000 Hope is Here Thurs	\$30.00	00 Fri Night Al-Anon Northeast	\$13.00
000 Chevy Chase	\$20.00	006014 Easy Does IT	\$30.00
000 Govans Boundary	\$57.31	000 Midweek Recovery/North Beach	\$20.00
00 0 AFG The Weekenders	\$31.95	000 Westside Club DC	\$39.34
2438	\$12.46	06136 Evergreen Discussion	\$37.00
038308 Desperados	\$95.11	00502760 Mt Airy	\$15.00
30550843 New Beginnings AFG	\$100.00	063518 Silver Spring	\$12.41
005856 Silver Spring (2) cks	\$96.60		
60374 Miracles & Rainbows	\$40.00	TOTAL INFLOWS	\$4,280.44

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS  
OF MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING (AWSC)  
September 24, 2011, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Host: District 3**

**Minutes**

**Opened with the Serenity Prayer**

**Reading of the Legacies:** Steps- Will, Traditions- Leslie, Concepts and Warranties- Susie

**Roll Call** – taken by Dolores (Angela not able to attend)

Voting members in attendance: Chairman, Delegate, Secretary,

Districts: 1-0, D2- 1 D3-1, D4 - 0, D5 - 1, D6- 1, D7-0, D8- 1, D9- 1, D10-1, D11-1, D12- 0, D13- 1, D14- 0, D15-0, D16-0, D-17 0, D18-0, D19-0, D20-0, D21-0, D22-1, D23-0, D24-0. (at the time of roll call)

Public Outreach Coordinator-1, Alateen Coordinator- 1, Webmaster-1,  
Spring Convention Chair-1 stand-in (also WMAAIS representative), Fall Convention Chair- 1,  
AAAIS representative who is also representing a district.

It was voted that we have a 2/3s majority vote required.

Total voting attendees: 17 members, 12 votes needed to pass any motion.

Treasurer and 2 other voting members came in later. (Districts 17, 18.) Maryanne (Alateen) came in later. That made the count 21 members, 14 votes needed to pass any motion.

**Secretary's Report – Dolores M.**

Spring AWSC meeting in March 5, 2011 printed in Al-Anon-Cer- Minutes were approved as printed in the Al-Anon-Cer.

**Treasurer – Teddie B.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance 1/1/11: \$11,636  
Income YTD: \$11,270  
Subtotal \$22,936  
Expenses \$11,010  
Ending Balance \$11,926

Group contributions between 7/1/2011 and 8/31/2011 were \$2,485.32.

We approved the treasurer's report as submitted.

**Budget 2011/2012**

Liability Insurance Premium is split in thirds- spring convention, fall convention, and Area 24 pays each third. \$732 each (\$2196 total).

D&O (Directors and Officers) Insurance is paid every year.

Charles L, pointed out that the conventions pay ahead toward the next year's insurance.

2012 Delegate Expense to go to the Assembly– Full amount is \$2210.

The issue was raised by Bob W. of District 5 about whether the Al-anon Speaker's gift for the Al-anon Speaker at the Spring AA State Convention comes out of Area 24 money. The Convention itself paid for everything else out of its budget. We had a long discussion about appropriate Al-Anon communication and cooperation with AA conventions that have Al-Anon participation. Since we have not had an Area Convention Coordinator we have had some breakdown in communication. It is the Convention Coordinator's job. We need to be proactive. Bob W. is willing to run for the Al-Anon Area Convention Coordinator.

A motion was made to reimburse Bob W. for the speaker gift. It passed. The money will come out of the Liaison AA State Convention. We discussed that this is an exception to the guidelines. Anyone needing reimbursement or money in advance for an approved budget item has to fill out a request for funds form to get payment.

We created the proposed budget after going through the 2011 approved budget, line by line.

**2012 Proposed Budget**

Cat 01 Delegate WSC	2300	
Cat 02 Delegate Exp Other	1000	
Cat 03 NE Reg. Del Conf	500	
Cat 04 Alt Delegate	300	
Cat 05 Past Delegate to NERD	500	
Cat 06 Past Delegate expense	125	
Cat 08 Chairman Expense	200	
Cat 09 Treasurer Expense	300	
Cat 10 Secretary Expense	200	
Cat 11 Literature Coordinator	200	
Cat 11a Jessup Prison Lit.	500	
Cat 11b Frederick Det. Ctr. Lit.	700	
Cat 11c Wicomico Det. Ctr. Lit.	500	
Cat 12 Archive Coordinator	200	
Cat 12 AI-Anon-Cer	2300	
Cat 13 Web Service	300	
Cat 14 Liaison AA State	200	
Cat 15 Liaison AA Fall	200	
Cat 16a Alateen Area PP	250	need to change the by-laws
Cat 16b Alateen Coordinator	400	need to change the by-laws
Cat 17 Public Outreach Coord	300	
Cat 18 Group Records	200	
Cat 19 Convention Coord	200	
Cat 20 PO Box Rent	100	
Cat 21 Assembly Mtg Exp	850	
Cat 22 AWSC Mtg	700	
Cat 23 Liability Ins	\$2,200	
Cat 25 D&O Ins	750	
Cat 26 Contingency	\$2,500	
Cat 27 Audit Books	\$400	
Cat 28 Software Expense	\$200	
Cat 29 Spring Conv Chair	\$200	
Cat 30 Fall Convention Chair	\$200	
	\$19,975	
Cat 35 WSO Donations		10% of available funds

A motion was made to approve the recommended budget for 2012. The motion passed. We approved the proposed budget to present to the Fall Assembly.

**Chair’s Report – Idalia R.**

**Proposed Dates for meetings for 2012:**

- Spring AWSC Meeting – Mar. 17, 2012 (District 2 volunteered to host)
- Spring Area Assembly – May 19, 2012
- Fall AWSC Meeting – Sep. 22, 2012 (District 13 volunteered to host)
- Fall Area Assembly – Oct. 20, 2012

A motion was made that the person (Art S.) bringing the audio equipment to the Assemblies should be able to be reimbursed for the mileage, retroactive over past three years that he has been doing it. It passed unanimously.

Idalia cannot be at the Fall Assembly because of a mandatory job requirement. (She arranged with Charlie S. to act as chair of the Assembly.)

### **Delegate's Report – Charlie S.**

Charlie brought some World Service Committee reports, also the publication, AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2011.

**Northeast Regional Trustee**, Ann, is in the middle of her term. If you are thinking about applying for this position, you need to get the application in by the Spring Assembly. The application form and requirements are available from Charlie or the WSO. We haven't had a Regional Trustee from this area in a long time.

**Chosen Agenda Items:** Charlie is looking for ideas for discussion as Chosen Agenda Items on the floor of the World Service Conference. Charlie's deadline for topics is in December. Solicit ideas from your districts now and at the Assembly and send to them Charlie. He will pick one and get it in by the deadline. He is looking for something new that may not have been discussed before because only a few items get selected. They probably will not pick things that have been talked about over and over.

**AI-Anon Literature update:** Many Voices is a new book. There is a new piece of literature on intimacy planned. However, if there isn't any sharing there won't be any literature. The editors want more people to share about sex in the alcoholic relationship. Cheaper literature: There is a \$5 book-- the soft cover book, How AI-Anon Works.

**By-law changes:** The Alateen Process Person and Coordinator position should be split.

**Earmarking of funds:** At the 2011 Spring Assembly we approved changes to the by-laws stating that there cannot be any earmarking of funds. The exact wording, however, was never proposed. Charlie wrote up a suggestion for the exact wording. It was circulated.

**International Convention bid for 2018:** The weekend of July 6-8, 2018 has been selected for the AI-Anon International Convention. WSO is accepting bids for hosting this convention by Dec. 2011. Patty S. is interested in submitting a bid to host this convention in Baltimore. She would like to get a committee together to get a bid in on time. Teddie said she knew a contact person in Baltimore for the convention bureau. We would need to work with that person to get the information required in order to submit the bid. Patty plans to pursue it.

**Alternate Delegate-Carol (Insurance Update):** Carol was not able to attend.

### **District Representative Reports:**

**District 2:** Connie C. reported that the district bought radio spots, had a great picnic, and plan to have elections on Oct. 1. There is a Spanish speaking meeting near Washington Co.

**District 3:** Yvonne G. reported that they rotate district meetings around the district. There is a step meeting in Westminster that needs support. A holiday dinner is planned; everyone brings something. They need sponsors for their Alateen meeting. Maryanne sent out notices to qualified people who live nearby. Put AI-Anon faces Alcoholism in all the public libraries.

**District 5:** Bob, New Alt district Rep. reported there is a workshop on Oct 8. It is in the AI-Anon-Cer.

**District 6:** Julie Ann reported that they have 4 AI-Anon meetings. They sent for background checks and fingerprinting for Alateen sponsors.

**District 8:** Jackie S., Alternate District Rep reported the Fall workshop will be Oct. 8th at Hiss UMC on Harford Road in Parkville. It is free. District 8 will be hosting the Fall Assembly Oct. 22, at Ascension Lutheran Church.

**District 9:** Nancy T. says they have 5 groups. They will be having a dance in May, a picnic in June. For more information contact Nancy T.

**District 10:** Tish is the outgoing rep. Susan is the incoming rep. District 10 had a picnic. It was fantastic! They had an Al-Anon speaker, 2 Alateen speakers, and an AA speaker.

**District 11:** Diane reported that there are 10 active groups. They will have a Pot Luck Dinner Nov. 5. District meeting is Oct. 17th, not 7th.

**District 13:** Gail reported that they have 24 groups including a new one at a retirement community, Leisure World. The relationship workshop had 100 attendees. They are planning a picnic. 12th annual Spirituality weekend is Oct. 1 and 2 (flyer is available). Sent out a survey to see what people want. They will probably have a dance in January.

**District 15:** Linda spoke for- this district has been inactive for years. But they have a new person who held a meeting last Wednesday.

**District 17:** David- new elections, city district, most DRs are outside the city, but all the groups are doing very well. We have a contact person for all the groups. Western side of DC.

**District 18:** Cindy- Oct 16 picnic in Rock Creek Park 2 speakers at 2 pm including Willie. Postponing elections until more people step up.

**District 22:** Caroline-She will be the new DR. District meetings on the odd months. 1 Alateen meeting. Get a lot of newcomers but they don't stay. Treatment centers are requiring people to attend in order to see their family member. Working with AA

#### **Committees Reports:**

#### **Membership Outreach:**

##### **Al-Anon-Cer Newsletter – Connie C.**

Connie and A. want to continue being co-editors. Everything seems to be okay. They are on budget.

**Convention Coordinator-** this position is still open

##### **Al-Anon Fall Convention – Patty S.**

Fall Convention Chair- Patty Get the meals. Cut off for early registration is 9/30. 151 currently registered. She feels confident that we will meet the mark.

##### **Al-Anon Spring Convention 2011- Charles L., Spring Convention Treasurer**

We had 149 paid registrations at the 2011 convention; 109 for the weekend and 40 for Saturday only. This was an increase of 6 for the weekend and 7 for Saturday only. The convention lost \$750.

We have not received the contract from Washington College yet, so we are not sure of the prices for next year. We expect they will need to go up at least \$15. We are planning to offer an early registration discount of \$10 to help offset the increase in costs for those able to register before May 1st. We have some vacancies on the planning committee: co-chair; entertainment; Saturday night dance, and Saturday night alternative.

The theme of next year's convention is Discovering Choices. The dates are June 1-3, 2012.

The next meeting of the planning committee is 2:30 December 3 at the Alano club in Columbia.

**Al-Anon Liaison to AA State Convention** – no liaison attended

**Al-Anon Liaison to AA Fall Conference** – no liaison attended

#### **Group Services:**

##### **Alateen – Mary Ann M.**

Criminal Justice Information opened the account so that we can get the fingerprinting done and don't have to pay (account gets billed). Then they do the FBI check. Some of these things are going to happen very slowly, some may be speeded up. Have to have 2 approved people who want to get a group started. It's difficult to get people to respond. We are working with a government agency so that is why things take a long time.

She bought a locking trunk on wheels so that it can be given to someone else when the position is changed.

**Group Records Secretary – Angela F.** (not able to attend)

**Public Outreach- Sarabess**

She shared that she has learned, “If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.”

They have gotten a PSA in Montgomery County and she has gotten a lot of literature in libraries and hospitals. Would like to get them in the PSAs in theaters during the holidays. Her email address will be set up soon (not working yet). She is looking for personal contact information at TV stations. That’s how you get the PSAs to be used.

**Fellowship Communication:**

**Webmaster-Linda M.**

She changed all the links on the literature page, which no longer worked, because WSO changed their links. She noticed that the counter in not working properly. Our domain, [www.marylanddc-alanon.org](http://www.marylanddc-alanon.org) is set to automatically renew on Oct. 25, 2011. We will be paying for the website hosting around that time as well.

Please take the names, phone numbers and addresses out of the flyers on the web.

**Literature/Forum** – this position is not filled.

**Archives** – no one attended.

**AI-Anon Information Services:**

**Anne Arundel AIS:** They have a new newsletter editor and directories coordinator.

**Washington Metropolitan Area AIS:**

The annual WMAAIS Fall Luncheon will be held on November 5, 2011 at the Catering and Conference Center on the Washington Navy Yard. Flyers are available on the area web site and the WMAAIS web site.

Our budget is looking better than last year. Literature sales and group contributions are up and we have been able to reduce costs. We may even be able to break even this year.

The information from the groups about who their new Information Service Representatives are is slowly coming in.

We had a table at two health fairs in September.

The position of Newsletter chair is vacant.

**Baltimore AIS**– no one attended to give a report. (Need to check if they know there is supposed to be someone at the assemblies representing AIS.)

**Mary-Tri-Del** – no one attended to report.

**New Business:**

Election procedures and job descriptions are posted on the Area website. There was no description for public outreach. We will need to have that posted on the website before the Assembly. The Area website is <http://www.marylanddc-alanon.org/>. Go to the Area news tab and click on election procedures and job duties.

At the Assembly, we will have to approve the by-laws changes before the elections take place.

We approved the wording changes to the by-laws regarding splitting the Alateen Process Person and Coordinator into two positions. Change 2 on Charlie’s handout.

Someone brought to our attention that the by-laws state on page 3, article 3, section B that the spring and fall convention chairs not reimbursed by the Area. However, we voted at a previous AWSC meeting to reimburse the convention chairs for mileage since they are coming to the AWSC and Assembly to report to the group. We need to come up with wording to change the by-laws appropriately.

**Reminder:** Please get Officer/Coordinator notebooks and Steering Committee Corporation Books ready to hand over to new officers and coordinators after the elections.

**Ended with the AI-Anon Declaration**

**MINUTES FROM THE  
FALL AREA ELECTION ASSEMBLY of  
AREA 24 –AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS OF MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

OCTOBER 22, 2011 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Hosted by District 8

**We opened with the Serenity Prayer.**

**Welcome and GR Orientation- Charlie**

The Group Representatives' duties are important. The chief function of this assembly is to hold the elections. If we don't fill the positions here, we will keep trying to get people for the jobs. We do not want just warm bodies, we want people who can do the jobs and who are elected by the groups. Every group gets one vote, however, every Al-Anon member in the room has a voice here at the assembly.

**Roll Call & Definition of Substantial Unanimity (or Majority)- Angela**

Voting members from the following Districts: 1- 0, 2-4, 3-2, 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, 7-5, 8-10, 9- 3, 10- 1, 11-5, 12-3, 13- 6, 14-2, 15-, 16-, 17-1, 18-3, 19-1 , 20-0, 21-0, 22-7, 23-0, 24-3

49 total voting members. We voted a 2/3s majority to pass a motion or vote. It was passed with 1 opposed. All others agreed. After the delegate was voted on, more people came in. The revised total was 56 voting members. That made 37 votes for a 2/3s majority.

**Review and Approval of Election Procedures- Charlie**

We read the election procedures from the 2010-2013 Al-Anon Service, pages 142 to144.

Charlie presented the traditional methods used in our Area. We have been self-nominating. If more than one person runs for the same position in the past we asked the people to leave the room and then people talked about who would be the best person for the position. The people running for the position often felt uncomfortable while this was going on. They felt like "people were talking about them."

There was a motion that we do not have the people running for office leave the room and that we base our vote on what they say at the microphone. The motion passed.

**Elections:** Counting votes: Jackie S. and Peggy D. of District 8

**Delegate-** Jack S. won the election with 48 votes

(While votes were being counting, Shirley read the Steps and Jacque M. read the Traditions.)

**Alternate Delegate-** no one stood during this first election for this position.

(Jennifer A. read the Concepts.)

**Chairman-** Charlie S. and Teddie B. stood for the position

When asked questions Charlie S. said he was concerned about diversity in the program. He wanted to draw in some of the Washington DC groups who used to come to the assemblies and wanted more discussion, making the assemblies more interesting. He has been the past delegate and has been doing service since he began in Al-Anon.

Teddie B. said that she could assist various committees. She has been the treasurer and knows how to use the computer programs. She too has been involved in service since she started in Al-Anon.

During the first vote, Charlie received 33 votes, Teddie received 19. Since this was not a majority we voted again. Charlie received 44 votes, Teddie 11 votes. Charlie was elected to the Chair.

Discussion about diversity – public outreach

(Charlie read about the thought force or short-term committee. The WSC is looking for 4 or 5 people. The broad goal is to support and strengthen our structure. The person should have recent area experience. He has applications.)

**Treasurer-** no one stood for this position.

**Secretary-** no one stood for this position.

**Coordinators:**

**Area Alateen Process Person-** Maryanne, the current AAPP and Alateen Coordinator, described what she does currently. We talked about our intentions of splitting the position, which we decided at the AWSC meeting. We discussed that we needed to vote on splitting the position before we vote for the candidates.

A motion was made to permanently split the position into two positions: Area Alateen Process Person and Alateen Coordinator. The voted to split the position into two positions was unanimous.

AAPP- Elizabeth W. from District 17 ran for the position. From her job in Washington DC, she knows how to process paperwork. She knows how to use software. She has 9 years in AI-Anon. She lives near Washington DC. She was voted in with 54 votes.

**Group Records Coordinator:**

Yvonne G. of District 3 ran for the position. She has been treasurer of the district. She can use the computer- She has 12 or 13 years in AI-Anon.

Jessi of District 7 ran for the position. She says she is an AI-Anon baby but she is good with computers. She wants to do service. She has been in AI-Anon 3-5 years.

Yvonne G. was voted in the position with 37 votes. Jessi received 18 votes

(Carol, Alternate Delegate, gave a report about the AI-Anon International Convention to be held July 2013 in Vancouver, BC. There may be a world service day July 4th so people can learn about what is done at the WSO.)

(Public Outreach announcement: Sarabess needs help in distributing DVDs of the Public Service Announcements.)

We did a hand count of voting members after lunch. The voting members totaled 51, with a substantial majority being 34.

**Alateen Coordinator position** - no one stood for this position

**AI-Anon-Cer Editor-** A. and Connie would like to remain co-editors, with the one vote by A. at the Assembly and AWSC meetings. They were unanimously elected and it was agreed that they have 1 vote.

**Webmaster-** Joey, a 2 year member of AI-Anon stood for the position. He has been working with the current webmaster, Linda. Linda described the basics of the job: maintaining the existing site, adding new information, answering email, or forwarding them to the appropriate person, adding flyers, and making reports. No one else stood for the position. Joey was elected with 48 votes.

**Public Outreach Coordinator-** Sarabess wants to run again. She has only been in the position for about one year and feels she is just getting started. No one else stood for the position. She was elected unanimously.

**Literature Coordinator** - Three people stood for the position. Dolores submitted the name of Joan M, a long time member in District 8, who was not able to attend. Jessi, from District 7 stood for the position, and Shirley of District 8 stood for the position. On the third ballot, Shirley was elected with 50 votes.

(While votes were being collected and counted we gave the following reports.)

**Secretary's Report: Dolores**

The minutes from the Spring 2011 Assembly were printed in the June-July-August 2011 edition of the AI-Anon-Cer. The Spring Assembly was hosted by District 2, in Frederick, on May 14, 2011. Most of the minutes covered Charlie's Delegate's report to the Assembly after the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach.

We approved the minutes as printed in the AI-Anon-Cer.

**Treasurer's Report: Teddie**

The opening balance was \$10, 115.  
Income: \$11,439.37

subtotal: \$21,554.37  
Expenses to Date: \$11,477.55  
Ending Balance: \$10,076.82

Someone point out some errors in the presentation of the expense details. Teddie explained the presentation issues and that the total was correct. We voted to accept the treasurer's report.

**Date of the 2012 Area Meetings:** We need hosts for the Assemblies.

<b>Spring AWSC Meeting</b>	March 17, 2012	District 2 hosting
<b>Spring Assembly</b>	May 19, 2012	
<b>Fall AWSC Meeting</b>	September 22, 2012	District 13 hosting
<b>Fall Assembly</b>	October 20, 2012	

We voted to approve these dates. Charlie suggested people go back to their districts and see if they are willing to host.

(We continued to vote on the next position.)

**Area Convention Coordinator Position-** Patty S. stood for the position. She was elected with 43 votes.

(We discussed whether we wanted the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention committee to proceed with a bid from the Area. If we are awarded the convention we will need at least 100 members in the Baltimore area to work on the convention. Jennifer talked about serving on the committee in Minneapolis, when the International Convention was there. She said it was a fun experience to work on the convention.

(We voted that the committee should proceed.)

(Spring Convention Coordinator, Angie, gave the following report: The dates of the spring convention are June 1-3 2012. The committee still needs a co-chair, a Saturday night dance chair, and another position. She will shortly receive contract shortly to review. Next planning meeting is Dec. 3rd or 10th at the Alano Club.)

**Archives Coordinator** - The following people stood for the position and received the following votes in two ballots: Angela F.- 13- 1, Jennifer A.- 31- 41, Angela withdrew her name. Jennifer was voted in with 41 votes.

### **Vote on By-law Changes**

We voted on the following change to the by-laws regarding earmarking of funds. The 2011 Spring Area Assembly approved this change in principle but did not propose the exact wording. The following wording was proposed and voted on:

Article VI. Section G.

No Dues, or Fees, Contributions.

There are no dues or fees for membership. The Corporation may accept voluntary contributions from individuals who are members of Al-Anon, or from Al-Anon groups and/or districts. No outside contributions may be solicited. [The following sentence will be added.] All contributions go into the general fund; contributions cannot be earmarked or designated for any special purpose.

Charlie explained that the reasoning behind this is earmarked contributions create a headache for the treasurer and impede the ability of the board to meet potential financial crises. If we need money for something and we have it but it's designated for something else it becomes a problem.

We voted to approve the change to the by-laws.

Earmarking funds: in the by-laws- passed with 1 abstention

(Fall Convention Chair, Patty S. gave the following report: The fall convention does not have a co-chair. She has an unsigned contract that is good through the end of the year and possibly until the end of January. We need a co-chair, who will become the chair in 2012 in order to have a convention in 2012.)

### **2012 Budget- Teddie B.**

Budget items were talked about at length at AWSC. We increased the Delegate Expense. Liability Insurance Premium increased.

AI-Anon-Cer budget is incorrect. At the AWSC we increased it to \$2300.

We need to have contributions to cover our expenses or we will not have a balanced budget. However, people don't usually spend their budget.

2012 Budget

Income

Group Contributions	\$19,082
Misc Income	130
AI-Anon-Cer subscriptions	10
Conv Share of D & O Ins.	533
Conv Share of Liability Ins	1470
	\$21,225

Expenses

Cat 01 Delegate WSC	2300
Cat 02 Delegate Exp Other	1000
Cat 03 NE Reg Del Conf	500
Cat 04 Alt Delegate	300
Cat 05	500
Cat 06	125
Cat 08 Chairman	200
Cat 09 Treasurer Exp	300
Cat 10 Secretary	200
Cat 11 Literature	200
Cat 11a Jessup	500
Cat 11b Frederick	700
Cat 11c Wicomico	500
Cat 12 Archive Coordinator	200
Cat 12 AI-Anon-Cer	2300
Cat 13 Web Service	300
Cat 14 Liaison AA State	200
Cat 15 Liaison AA Fall	200
Cat 16 Alateen Area PP	250
Cat Alateen Coordinator	400
Cat 17 Public Outreach Coord	300
Cat 18 Group Records	200
Cat 19 Convention Coord	200
Cat 20 PO Box Rent	100
Cat 21 Assembly Mtg Exp	850
Cat 22 AWSC Mtg	700
Cat 23 Liability Ins	2200
Cat 25 D&O Ins	800
Cat 26 Contingency	2500
Cat 27 Audit Books	400
Cat 28 Software Expense	200
Cat 29 Spring Conv Chair	200
Cat 30 Fall Convention Chair	200
Cat 35 WSO Donations	1200
	21225

Reserve	5242
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Budget was approved.

**Alateen Coordinator-**

Jessi was elected by a count of 42 votes.

(We need everyone's contact information, so we can send officers and coordinators information in to the WSO.)

(.A. gave a report for the AI-Anon-Cer. If people to switch to having the newsletter emailed, it would save money.)

**Alternate Delegate:**

The following candidates stood for the position:

Phyliss S.T. – 41 votes (Phyliss was voted in as alternate delegate.)

Mike H. – 1 vote

**Treasurer:** no one stood for the position the second time.

(Teddie agreed to continue until someone comes forward to run for treasurer.)

**Secretary:** no one stood for the position the second time.

(Dolores agreed to continue until the spring, when we can ask for candidates again.)

Charlie gave Jack the Delegate's utility belt which contained aspirin, pens, and other useful items. He thanked Carol, the Alternate Delegate, Idalia Area Chair (we gave her a vote of thanks), the treasurer, Teddie, and the secretary, Dolores.

**(Public Outreach –** Sarabess continued with the following report: If you took DVDs, send her an email to let her know how it's going. If you still want a DVD, let her know she can mail you one. If you want her to come to a meeting to say anything email her.)

We ended the meeting with the AI-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.

# DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

## **District 1**

"Hello" from REAL Western Maryland - Allegany and Garrett counties. We are doing well. Survived the drenching spring and then the blazing summer, and actually autumn's been a little wet, too. Only HP knows what the winter will bring!

We finally had to give up and close our Tuesday noon meeting. Some very loyal members tried to keep it going, but finally had to pull the plug. However, our other four meetings are going strong. Most of the time we would consider 8-10 folks to be a good attendance, but some meetings have gotten bigger! YAY! Our Tuesday evening meeting has been getting 15-20! Obviously, some good program stuff is being shared. And Friday night has had 10-15 on many nights. Hope that means the message is getting around and people are reaching out for experience, strength and hope. Or it could mean that all of that rain and hot weather has kept families inside together, where they got sicker and sick of each other!

## **District 13**

The Spirituality Weekend was a huge success even though it rained!! Thanks to Angela W. for the Tools of the Trade topics and leaders and Mab C. for the food. There were nearly 60 participants and everyone had a fabulous time. The fire in the fire place was warm and the yoga, crafts, meetings, walks and sharing's were impressive. We are already planning for next year so stay tuned!!

We continue to have several Outreach Projects that include literature at Holy Cross Hospital and Montgomery Hospital and some radio spots in the near future.

## **District 18**

The district held a picnic on October 16 that had 26 attendees. You know how pot luck gatherings always work out with the right combination of food contributed? Well, this was the same. With the district providing hot dogs, buns, beverages and basics, the other participants brought hamburgers, salads, fruit, snacks and dessert.

We had two speakers, John P and Willie W, who regaled us with stories of their relationships with alcoholics and how they arrived in Al-Anon. The message was that if you stick around you can recover! After the speakers, we held a surprise birthday party for Willie and following that a 50-50 raffle which raised a little money for the district and one member.

## OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS

### Area Officers

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Jack S

**Alternate Delegate**

Phyllis .S.T.

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Charlie S

**Secretary**

Dolores Mc.

**Treasurer**

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Jennifer

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Sarabess

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Jessica

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Elizabeth

**Al-Anon-Cer Editor**

A.

**Literature Coordinator**

Shirley

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Charlie S (Panel 49)

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