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Quarterly Newsletter of Al-Anon Family Groups of Maryland and District of Columbia (AFG of MD and DC, Inc.)

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Spring
Convention

Fall
Convention

Big News!

Both the Spring and Fall Convention committees are planning for multi-day, in-person conventions in 2022!

There is a lot of positive energy right now and Area 24 is optimistically proceeding with face-to-face conventions.

(Of course, the safety and well-being of all our members comes first and plans will be adjusted accordingly if public health concerns dictate)

Spring Convention

Early Bird Registration has begun!
Woo Hoo!!!

See the flyer inside.

Direct all questions to the
Spring Convention Chair
Jessi A.

area24sc2022chair@gmail.com

Fall Convention

our committee is finalizing plans for
a 3 day in-person event!

There are several service
opportunities available.
See the flyer inside.

Direct all questions to the
Fall Convention Chair
Robert W.

Area24Fall@gmail.com

Included in this newsletter are flyers for both conventions.
Be sure to check them out
and distribute the information to your groups.

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AREA 24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2022

March 26 th	Saturday	Spring AWSC, via Zoom, see page 3
May 21 st	Saturday	Spring Assembly, details forthcoming
June 10-12 th	Weekend	Spring Convention, see enclosed flyer for details
September 24 th	Saturday	Fall AWSC, details forthcoming
October 22 nd	Saturday	Fall Assembly, details forthcoming
To Be Determined	Weekend	Fall Convention, details being finalized, see enclosed flyer

For an up-to-date calendar of events, please visit the Area 24 website:

[click here](#)

or

aim your smartphone camera at the QR code on top of page 1

Important Alateen Information

Area Alateen Process Person, Sarah R. is stepping down from her position in June 2022 after doing an incredible job. For the past several years, she has also been doing double-duty as Area Alateen Coordinator.

AMIAS (Alateen Member in Alateen Service), Kristin O. has now stepped forward to fill the Area Alateen Coordinator role, as soon as possible. As the Area Chairperson, I am appointing her to the position immediately so she can work with Sarah R. now and assure a smooth transition.

The AAPP and AAC work together as a team. Typically, the Area Alateen Process Person oversees the background checks and certification process of AMIAS' in compliance with the Alateen Safety Requirements. The Area Alateen Coordinator organizes training and makes sure Alateen groups are adhering to the guidelines.

In addition, AMIAS Lynn K. has offered to stand as AAPP when Sarah R. leaves the position in June. In the meantime, she will be working with Sarah R. to learn all the nuances of the position. We will be electing or confirming people in both positions at the Spring Assembly.

Dolores M., Area Chairperson

Spring Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSC)

March 26, 2022

10 am to 3 pm at the latest
Registration opens at 9:15 am

Via Zoom

Meeting ID 801 105 6340

Passcode 2424

**For District Reps, Area Coordinators,
or members interested in service**

One of the purposes of this meeting is to help the Delegate prepare for the World Service Conference in April. Log-in early, get your coffee or tea and be in the meeting, without leaving your home. Sign-in and name yourself with your District name or Coordinator position and name.

We expect to hear reports of Spring and Fall Conventions and other Area committees. Take this information back to your meetings.

We want to hear what your district or committee has been doing or what plans you have.

From our Delegate

Good day folks,

Recently WSO released its Chairperson of the Board Letter. I've included some of the highlights of this letter below:

“The Board of Trustees (BOT) would like to extend a big thank you for your continued financial support! Contributions for 2021 exceeded budgeted expectations by just over \$79,000. Literature sales for 2021 fell below budgeted expectations. Although expenses fell below budget for the year, we ended 2021 with a budget deficit.”

“Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect: Last year the Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event was not held due to the COVID pandemic. I am pleased to announce that the 2022 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event is being planned to be held on October 29, 2022, in Cleveland, OH!”

“The updated Strategic Plan consists of a mission and vision statement and new domains and goal statements...”

Mission: Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a spiritually-based organization that helps the families and friends of alcoholics connect and support each other through barrier-free meetings, information, and shared experiences.

Vision: Families and friends of alcoholics find hope and encouragement to live joyful, serene lives.

Domains and Goal Statements:

Members: AFG, Inc. connects and supports the friends and families of alcoholics.

Recovery & Service Tools: AFG, Inc. develops and publishes materials to share the collective experience of the families and friends of alcoholics.

Awareness: AFG, Inc. builds public and professional awareness of the Al-Anon program.

Financial Sustainability: AFG, Inc. encourages membership and organizational self-support by aligning resource allocation with its core purpose and strategic priorities.

Global Engagement: AFG, Inc. invests in each new generation of trusted servants to preserve our legacy and improve our structure and operations to meet the needs of the global landscape.

The COB Letter and Finance Update are available on the Al-Anon AFG Connects website in Libraries.

As 2022 unfolds I look forward to “attending” the Northeast Regional Delegate Conference (NERD) on March 11th and 12th via Zoom. During the week of April 25th I will be representing Area 24 at the 2022 World Service Conference (WSC) in person. This year’s conference theme is, “Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding.” Please look for more information from me at the upcoming Area 24 AWSC meeting on March 26th and the Assembly on May 21st.

Sincerely,

Phil B
Area 24 Delegate

Conference Approved Literature: An Enduring Bridge in Al-Anon Recovery

I found Al-Anon in my early 20's, having grown up in a loving but chaotic family that was riddled with alcoholism and addictions as well as intergenerational trauma & loss. Outwardly well-functioning, a close relative always had a beer in hand as others tried to hold things together in often dysfunctional ways. This alcoholic family member was in deep denial as was I. It was only upon getting some geographic distance in college – where I also observed rampant alcohol abuse among peers – that I slowly began to acknowledge my family disease.

Reading had always been a great comfort and source of entertainment for me when things were tense at home or when I felt rejected by school mates who seemed bolder and more confident. In young adulthood, chronically anxious and very out of touch with my feelings, I devoured self-help books which included early literature on adult children of alcoholics. I was astonished by how well it described my inability to relax, overdeveloped sense of responsibility and persistent unease with having to “guess what is normal” as many have described.

In my first Al-Anon meetings I was skittish, defensive, and really disliking the premise of powerlessness over alcohol. Equating religion with rigid authority, I took umbrage at the second step. In the meantime, my younger brother got involved with the Program; he thoroughly embraced the Serenity Prayer, steps, slogans and has availed himself of many wise sponsors over the years.

I attended meetings on & off, went to one local Al-Anon retreat, and picked up a few Conference Approved Literature (CAL) readers along the way. And over 30+ years, notwithstanding my inconsistency - I have benefitted in so many ways! In the Serenity Prayer and slogans, I find elegant solutions to problems in daily living and help with stubborn character defects that years of therapy have barely touched. Although still sometimes “stuck in overdrive,” I find a sense of peace and serenity in the presence of other members trying to live their best lives despite this devastating family disease. Finally accepting that I need a Higher Power I manage my ambivalence by variously thinking of Mother Nature, a benevolent male deity in the sky, and of course the Program itself.

On this long (and still unwinding) road of recovery, Conference Approved Literature has provided an accessible bridge to Al-Anon regardless of my meeting attendance and evolving faith in a higher power. It has sustained me when old patterns have created turmoil, leading me back to a humble recovery program that is always available to those who recognize & acknowledge the need.

During the past year, my commitment to Al-Anon has increased with more meetings and more service, to include volunteering as Area 24 Literature Coordinator. A perfect service opportunity for someone in recovery who loves to read! One intriguing thing I've learned is that CAL is actually written by Al-Anon members vs. the Hallmark-style writers corps I had vaguely imagined. This helps bolster my trust and confidence in the insightful pages I try to incorporate at the beginning of each day.

I will end with one of many examples of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature which helps me disentangle old issues from my present reality, with great dividends in acceptance, serenity, and love:

Today I can ask myself, “What can I do about this right here, right now?” This question helps me to identify my responsibility more realistically and shows me what part of the situation is beyond my power to control.... Then I do what I can and turn over the rest.

--Excerpted from *Courage to Change*, page 315

AFG Area 24

31st

Fall Convention



Arrangements are in process for a
a Three-day **In-person** Convention
to be held this Fall
Time and place are TBD



Volunteers Needed!



Join Us In The Gift of Service

Area 24 Fall Convention Committee is looking for:



Fall Convention Co-Chair



Spirituality Speaker Chair



Interested in Volunteering?

Please email: Area24Fall@gmail.com

Next Zoom Meeting Sunday **March 13th** from 7 - 9 PM EST

Dial in to (301) 715-8592 and enter the Zoom ID 879 0314 6544 and passcode 3030 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87903146544?pwd=SmwvROV4RnRqZ0l2ajMrOGFTVDh0QT09>

45th Annual Al-Anon Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia

Spring Convention

With AA Participation

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June 10, 11 & 12, 2022

Washington College, Chestertown, MD

Early Bird Prices through May 1st are:

\$100 Saturday Only, all events and meals

\$170 No Lodging, full weekend, all events and meals

\$190 + \$10 Refundable Key Deposit, Traditional Dorm

\$230 + \$10 Refundable Key Deposit, Room in Suite Dorm

Online Registration at www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC (3% Convenience fee)

Lodging registrations must be received by June 6, 2022

Topic Meetings, Al-Anon and AA Speakers, Spirituality Speakers, Entertainment,
Fellowship, Bingo, Dance, Hospitality Room, Lovely Setting
Meals (including vegan and gluten-free options)
Convention starts 4:00 pm Friday and ends after lunch Sunday
Registration is Friday 2:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 to 9:00 am

Directions to Washington College and local lodging: <http://washcoll.edu>, click on Directions
Registration form at www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC. Registrations refundable through June 9, 2022
Questions? Email Jessi A, Convention Chair at area24sc2022chair@gmail.com

AFG of MD and DC Inc. Spring Convention 2022 Registration Form

Mail form(s) with your check to: **AFG Spring Convention, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785-1255** Or...
 Register online at: www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC (3% convenience fee) REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 Questions? Contact Jennie N, Registration: 443-980-7819 MDDCSpringCon@Gmail.com **June 6, 2022**

Registrant Information: Full registration fee refundable through June 9th. After June 9th a \$15 cancellation fee will be charged

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
 Emergency contact (optional) _____



For room assignments please check: Male Female Prefer Single Roommate(s): _____

Indicate any dietary concerns or special physical needs: _____

Registration Options, including all meals

Meals and Events, No Lodging:	By May 1st	After May 1st	Onsite
Saturday Only (Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner)	_____ \$100	_____ \$110	_____ \$125
Full Weekend	_____ \$170	_____ \$180	_____ \$195

Lodging, Meals and Events: (includes \$10 refundable key deposit)	_____ \$190	_____ \$200	N/A
Traditional Dorm (closer to meals and events)	_____ \$230	_____ \$240	N/A
Suite Dorm Room (4 single rooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, L/R)	_____ \$20.00	_____ \$20.00	N/A
College Linen Rental Option: (sheets, towels, pillow, blanket)			

Traditional Dorm: Single room (double room by request) sharing common bathroom.

Suite: Single room in 4-room suite with 2 bathrooms, kitchen, common area.

IF STAYING ON CAMPUS ATTENDEES NEED TO BRING: toiletries, hangers, and reading lamp (if desired).
IF YOU ARE NOT RENTING LINENS YOU NEED TO BRING: pillows, blankets, sheets and towels.

Make check or money order payable to: **AFG Spring Convention** Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Service Opportunity for active **AI-Anon or AA members** to lead a topic meeting

No. of Years in AI-Anon: _____ **No. of Years in AA:** _____
1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of AI-Anon topic meeting you are willing to co-lead: _____, _____, _____
1st & 2nd choice of AA topic meeting you are willing to co-lead: _____, _____

AI-Anon Meeting Topics

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steps 1, 2, 3: Planting the Seeds for Gratitude 2. Step 4: Digging in the Dirt 3. Step 5: No Garden Is Without Weeds 4. Steps 6 & 7: Amending the Soil 5. Steps 8, 9, 10: Cultivating Relationship with HP 6. Step 11: Quiet Moments in Nature 7. Step 12: Reaping the Harvest 8. Traditions: Sharing the Land | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Slogans/CAL: Using Our Tools 10. Humor/Laughter: Frolicking in the Garden 11. Sex/Intimacy: Growing Together 12. Boundaries: My Plot and Yours 13. Grief: To Everything There Is a Season 14. Serenity: Fruits of Our Labor 15. Gratitude: Stop and Smell the Roses 16. Newcomer: Sprouting Seedlings |
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AA Meeting Topics: From "As Bill Sees It"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Gratitude Should Go Forward" p 29 2. "A Full and Thankful Heart" p 37 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. "Essence of Growth" p 115 4. "Give Thanks" p 266 |
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To make contributions to Area 24

Mail to:

AFG of MD and DC, Inc
3116 Parkway
Cheverly, MD 20785

- *Make donation checks payable to “AFG of MD and DC, Inc”*
 - *Please include your group name & number on your contribution*
 - *For District contributions, include the District #*
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To make contributions to the World Service Office

Mail to:

Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

- *Please make donation checks payable to “AFG, Inc”*
- *Please include your group number on your check*
- *For District contributions, include the District #*

Meeting Information: 888-425-2666
All other business: 757-563-1600

Website: <http://www.al-anon.org/members>

All members are encouraged to visit and browse the WSO website!

Members can also make an online donation to both the Area and WSO very easily on the Area 24 website:

<https://www.marylanddc-alanon.org/>

Treasurer's Corner

Contributions

The group, district and individual contributions for 2021 were \$13,965; \$4,420 in the first quarter, \$3,128 in the second, \$3,579 in the third and \$2,838 for the fourth. The Area thanks you for all these generous contributions. See the Contributions page for details of the \$2,838 in contributions in the fourth quarter.

The contributions were very low from groups and districts. As the groups start to meet in person contributions should increase. Generous personal contributions helped boost our total contributions. Income for the year exceeded expenses by \$2,530.

Expenses

The total expenses for 2021 were \$11,451. Fourth quarter total expenses were \$10,810. Fourth quarter payments to the World Service Office were a \$7,500 contribution and \$3,060 payment for the projected expense of the 2022 World Service Conference. Other expenses were \$160 for printing and mailing copies of the AI-Anon-Cer and \$90 for Web expenses. Even after increasing the yearly contribution to WSO by \$2,500, expenses were \$2,530 less than income.

Budget Summary for 2021

The cash balance as of the end of the year was \$26,838. We had a profit of \$2,531 for 2021. The cash balance is \$3,510 greater than the 2022 budget, so the assembly will consider a donation to the WSO to reduce our cash balance to the level of the prudent reserve. The budget and actual income and expenses for 2016 through 2022 appear on the Budget Summary page. In addition, the spring convention had a reserve of \$3,993 and the fall convention reserve was \$6,370. These amounts are seed money for the next conventions.

Directions for Contributions

If you are in a position to do so, you can contribute directly via credit card to the World Service Office at AI-Anon.org. You can send a check to the area and your local AIS if you have one.

You can also contribute to the area via credit card, debit card, or PayPal from the area web site, MARYLANDDC-ALANON.ORG. If you want the contribution to be recorded as coming from a meeting you can find the WSO number for meetings on AI-Anon.org, "find a meeting" section.

Please include your WSO group number and meeting name on contributions by check. If you don't know your WSO group number then include meeting location and meeting day and time. It would also be appreciated if you could include an email address or phone number in case there is a question.

Make checks payable to AFG of MD & DC. |

Send contributions to: AFG of MD & DC, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785-1255

Yours in Service,

Charles L., Treasurer

**AFG of MD and DC Inc
Contributions October through December 2021**

AFG or District	Amount
000 Individuals	\$222.99
000000 Unknown Group	\$86.00
0002417 Chevy Chase Monday 8 PM	\$19.48
00030503137 Ellicott City Courage to C	\$100.00
00030511875 P F Daytimers	\$55.00
00030519063 Paths to Recovery	\$29.00
00030524803 Sat Morn Adult Ch	\$64.85
00030563855 Severna Park Sat Morn	\$62.00
00030566950 Mid Week Recovery	\$70.00
00030576594 New Beginnings DC	\$121.83
00030586318 Keep It Simple AFG	\$15.00
00030606314 Every Sunday Takoma Park	\$74.00
00030654267 Tues Step Severna Pk	\$48.00
00030664356 Mionday at a Time	\$30.00
00030676594 Noon Progress	\$20.00
00030676662 Paths to Recovery	\$22.00
00030678086 New Market	\$50.00
00030685957 Women's Renewal Kensington	\$139.80
00030691316 Hope for Today	\$24.00
00030695189 Sat. Afternoon Frederick	\$50.00
00030864 Georgetown Visitation Step	\$25.84
00041392 Rockville East Step Sutdy	\$50.00
00044667 Weekenders Hagerstown	\$40.00
00045964 Germantown Lunchtime AFG	\$40.00
00046170 Fri Morn Gratitude	\$87.00
000502454 Middletown AFG	\$30.00

AFG or District	Amount
000502745 Kensington Women	\$107.00
00052341 Steps to Serenity	\$60.20
00053132 MWF AFG	\$30.00
00053483 Sunday AFG Gaithersburg 1 pm	\$68.00
0005774 Annapolis Tuesday pm	\$25.00
0005785 Broadway Mon Night	\$65.00
0005828 Rodgers Forge	\$50.00
0005839 We Care Tues	\$40.00
0005863 Old Town Bowie AFG	\$40.00
0005891 Crofton	\$20.00
0005895 Curtis Bay Monday Noon	\$25.00
0005903 Tuesday Night Topic	\$75.00
0005916 Forest Hill	\$40.00
0005965 Liberty AFG	\$55.00
0005967 Linthicum Heights Thursday	\$50.00
0005968 Came to Believe	\$25.00
0005980 Sun Night St Peters Olney	\$80.00
0006015 Monday Night Step	\$50.00
0006025 Anne Arundel Thurs Nite	\$29.00
0006029 Fri Night Colesville Group	\$104.00
0006060 Westminster Mon night	\$50.00
00061600 How AFG Works Study	\$29.00
00064486 Courage to Change	\$20.00
00065162 Hilltop Serenity	\$30.00
00066938 Westside Club	\$93.60
Total Contributions	\$2,837.59

CONTRIBUTIONS

Online at MarylandDC-Alanon.org with Paypal, Credit or Debit card.

By mail make the check payable to AFG of MD & DC.

Send check to: AFG of MD & DC, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785-1255

Please note "individual", group number or district number on check.

Contributions above the level required to pay expenses and maintain the prudent reserve are normally contributed to the WSO each year after approval by the assembly.

**AFG of MD DC, Inc
December 31, 2021**

Budget Summary	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME												
Group Contributions	\$14,000.00	\$16,381.47	\$16,000.00	\$19,742.49	\$19,700.00	\$16,136.51	\$17,000.00	\$17,800.14	\$17,000.00	\$12,053.39	\$17,000.00	\$10,354.81
District Contributions	\$2,000.00	\$1,688.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,248.35	\$2,000.00	\$1,893.28	\$2,000.00	\$2,704.43	\$2,000.00	\$1,319.46	\$2,000.00	\$516.00
Individual Contributions	\$120.00	\$81.30	\$40.00	\$440.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$172.00	\$60.00	\$2,499.52	\$60.00	\$3,094.43
Total Contributions	\$16,120.00	\$18,150.77	\$17,040.00	\$23,430.84	\$21,760.00	\$18,029.79	\$19,060.00	\$20,676.57	\$19,060.00	\$15,872.37	\$19,060.00	\$13,965.24
Spring Convention Proceeds	\$2,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall Convention Proceeds	\$2,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Al-Anon-Cer Subs	\$3.00	\$3.10	\$3.00	\$2.86	\$3.00	\$52.86	\$3.00	\$92.86	\$3.00	\$99.13	\$3.00	\$16.44
Total Income	\$20,123.00	\$22,153.87	\$20,043.00	\$23,433.70	\$21,763.00	\$21,082.65	\$19,063.00	\$23,769.43	\$19,063.00	\$17,271.50	\$19,063.00	\$13,981.68
EXPENSES												
WSO Contributions	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Alateen Support	\$1,500.00	\$280.77	\$1,250.00	\$281.84	\$1,250.00	\$495.35	\$1,250.00	\$1,460.03	\$1,250.00	\$602.55	\$1,250.00	\$241.69
AMIAS Background Checks	\$1,000.00	\$736.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,099.55	\$1,300.00	\$763.00	\$1,300.00	\$376.25	\$1,300.00	\$322.45	\$1,300.00	\$55.00
Literature	\$1,050.00	\$764.63	\$1,100.00	\$927.29	\$550.00	\$450.85	\$720.00	\$434.18	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Convention Support	\$350.00	\$181.62	\$250.00	\$342.84	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Liaison to AA Support	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$586.71	\$500.00	\$441.47	\$500.00	\$279.71	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Public Outreach	\$400.00	\$90.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,460.17	\$6,175.00	\$5,151.38	\$1,900.00	\$91.99	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
Web & Technology Services	\$150.00	\$163.60	\$255.00	\$232.50	\$440.00	\$460.72	\$800.00	\$357.54	\$800.00	\$90.39	\$800.00	\$414.39
Al-Anon-Cer	\$450.00	\$201.73	\$450.00	\$313.07	\$810.00	\$739.39	\$420.00	\$580.69	\$420.00	\$355.62	\$550.00	\$546.85
Total Program Expenses	\$10,500.00	\$7,418.35	\$10,305.00	\$8,783.80	\$11,560.00	\$10,610.95	\$16,365.00	\$13,639.78	\$11,920.00	\$8,963.00	\$14,550.00	\$8,757.93
Steering Committee	\$1,740.00	\$962.04	\$1,450.00	\$1,065.12	\$1,715.00	\$511.89	\$1,000.00	\$496.51	\$1,100.00	\$84.96	\$1,100.00	\$91.68
Delegate to WSO	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
N.E.R.D. Conf	\$1,350.00	\$2,028.60	\$2,015.00	\$1,619.95	\$2,250.00	\$2,032.88	\$2,250.00	\$2,285.47	\$2,350.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$0.00
Group Records	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$50.40	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Archives Coordinator	\$200.00	\$12.72	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$105.92	\$200.00	\$48.16	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Assembly Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$1,291.16	\$850.00	\$993.20	\$850.00	\$502.40	\$850.00	\$300.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
AWSC Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$1,132.87	\$850.00	\$410.61	\$700.00	\$325.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$5,400.00	\$5,555.00	\$5,750.00	\$5,686.00	\$6,275.00	\$6,281.08	\$6,300.00	\$6,173.00	\$6,450.00	\$6,030.00	\$6,680.00	-\$849.00
Legal and Professional	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$275.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous+ Contingency	\$1,000.00	-\$0.10	\$500.00	\$247.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$90.20
Total Administrative Expenses	\$14,590.00	\$13,182.29	\$14,215.00	\$12,721.88	\$15,390.00	\$12,239.17	\$14,150.00	\$12,103.54	\$14,450.00	\$8,789.96	\$15,640.00	\$2,692.88
Total Expenses	\$25,090.00	\$20,600.64	\$24,520.00	\$21,505.68	\$26,950.00	\$22,850.12	\$30,515.00	\$25,743.32	\$26,370.00	\$17,752.96	\$30,190.00	\$11,450.81
Profit/Loss	-\$4,967.00	\$1,553.23	-\$4,477.00	\$1,928.02	-\$5,187.00	-\$1,767.47	-\$11,452.00	-\$1,973.89	-\$7,307.00	-\$481.46	-\$11,127.00	\$2,530.87

Operating starting balance	\$8,482.61	\$12,282.74	\$14,207.90	\$12,437.57	\$10,460.82	\$9,977.23
Operating ending balance	\$12,282.74	\$14,207.90	\$12,437.57	\$10,460.82	\$9,977.23	\$12,506.66
Reserve starting balance	\$16,556.41	\$14,309.51	\$14,312.37	\$14,315.23	\$14,318.09	\$14,320.22
Reserve ending balance	\$14,309.51	\$14,312.37	\$14,315.23	\$14,318.09	\$14,320.22	\$14,321.66
Difference	\$1,553.23	\$1,928.02	-\$1,767.47	-\$1,973.89	-\$481.46	\$2,530.87

Note: 2019 Public Outreach budget increased by \$4,275 at the Spring Assembly

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Issue	Deadline	Issue	Deadline
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Website: www.md-al-anon.org

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www.alanon-maryland.org

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(240) 285-9831

Online Alateen Meetings for Maryland & DC

Do you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking upsets you?

Alateen is for young people (ages 9-19) whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. All young people are welcome and can attend any or all of the meetings.

Day and Time	Zoom Link, Meeting ID & Password
Sundays 7:00 pm	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83491122082?pwd=aJnbnjZQZVJMRjJqMHJhY3UUVF6UT09 Meeting ID: 850 8785 2562 Passcode: 821502
Mondays 7:30 pm	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9740789758?pwd=WXZpMnE5eEl3N2ZQWDJRc3J1dGxTQT09 Meeting ID: 897 5578 6747 Passcode: 717885
Thursdays 7:30 pm Not being held at this time	Join Zoom Meeting https://positivepsyche.biz.zoom.us/j/85710995221?pwd=SXdsZlRvNnMVhaa1RvbXBadkRWMIpUUT09 Meeting ID: 857 1099 5221 Passcode: 939018
Saturdays 11:00 am	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83580763081?pwd=SUFtRjJlHWUZO3R3I3YUNwdGp5U1Rndz09 Meeting ID: 852 9632 3586 Passcode: 240291

IMPORTANT Guidelines for the meetings:

- There will be 2 adults (called Alateen sponsors) who host the meeting
- Only Alateen member and newcomers may attend
- The meeting will begin on time, so please don't be late
- For security purposes, your video must be enabled for you to join – we need to always know who is in the meeting
- Unless you are speaking, please mute your mic
- The meeting is for one hour

See the Area Alateen website for more information about Alateen: www.alateenmddc.com

Area 24 Group Records Instructions: New Trusted Servants & Temporary Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting Updates for WSO, Area & AIS Group Records!

**Update your WSO Group Record with your New Telephone Contacts, CMA,
GR & Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting Information.**



Trusted Servants: WSO expanded the Meeting Location Special Instruction section in the Group Record to allow for “Face to Face” (FTF) & “Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting” Comments/Information. This displays on WSO’s “Find A Meeting Page” for the Newcomer & Returning/Visiting Member to use to attend your meetings.

Instructions on how to update your group’s WSO Group Record:

1. From Al-Anon’s homepage (<https://al-anon.org>). Select “Members” tab”; then Select “Group Resources”; then Select “Group Records”; then Select “Group Change Form on this page & input your group’s data. OR cut and paste: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/> directly into your browser, input your information and submit. Your input into the WSO Group Change Form is re-directed to the Area 24 Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) for their data entry into the WSO Group Records Database within seven days of receipt.
 - AGRC Process: AGRC updates WSO record, which is uploaded within an hour to the WSO database & is available on WSO website.
 - AGRC notifies the meeting’s GR/CMA, DR and AIS (when meeting is located in an AIS area) & requestor if not GR/CMA/DR/AIS via email.
2. WSO expanded the Meeting Location Special Instructions section of the Record to accommodate detailed information on FTF meeting instructions & ad hoc electronic meeting information.
3. Other Group Records Change Options:
 - Email Area 24 Group Records Coordinator, Flemena B at records4area24@marylanddc-alanon.org with updated information for input or Send USPS mail to 9157 Helaine Hamlet Way, Columbia, MD 21045, or call 1-443-756-9699 for input.

Check WSO’s “Find a Meeting” feature to see how your meeting is listed for the Newcomer and visiting Member: <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/>.

AGENDA
Fall 2021 Assembly Meeting of the
AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS OF
MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Saturday, October 23, 2021

Conducted via Teleconference using Zoom

Log-in starts at 9:15 am (Tech assistants will help people log-in and rename themselves)
Meeting begins at 10:00 am

Open with Serenity Prayer
Reading of the Steps: Alvah G
Reading of the Traditions: Art S
Reading of the Concepts and Warranties: Patrick (D12)

Dolores M, Chair Welcome:

Good morning everyone. We have 57 members attending-we are glad to have everyone despite the challenges we continue to experience.

Roll Call and establishing Substantial Unanimity: Flemena B., Acting Group Records Coordinator.

It's Flemena's first roll call! Flemena used the attendee list of voting members to record voting members. Art S and Joe D assisted by verifying the number of members voting for each District. 45 voting members present. Flemena read the explanation of Substantial Unanimity from our Service Manual.

Call for substantial unanimity by Charles S for 2/3 of voting members to represent substantial unanimity. Motion passed. 30 members will represent substantial unanimity today.

Approval of Minutes from the Spring 2021 Assembly: Paul C., Secretary

Minutes were published in the September 2021 edition of the Al-Anon-Cer. **Motion to approve Spring 2021 AWSC Minutes, by Paul C. Motion approved.**

Delegate's Report: Phil B.

Board of Trustees Update **July 2021 Board Week**

- Literature sales above YTD Budget, still lower than normal
- Donations are below YTD Budget by \$111K
- Budget was revised for balance of year

Board of Trustees Update

- 2022 Strategies will be announced in October 2021 Board Meeting
- Trustees and Executive Committee Members now required to become certified AMIAS

Conference Leadership Team

- Theme for 2022 World Service Conference was selected from 40 different suggestions

Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding

WSC will be held in Tarrytown, NY and include visit to Stepping Stones

The Conference Leadership Team consists of 7 members of the WSO staff and it's trustees. Acronym is CLT. The CLT is tasked to create the WSO agenda to facilitate the active voice of the Conference and effective group conscience of our fellowship.

WSO Finance Update

- Annual Budget revised for various reasons:
 - Expenses lower mainly due to open positions
 - Contributions lower than budgeted.
 - Literature orders were higher than expected
- WSO thanks everyone for their contributions, literature purchases and support

WSO Finance Update

YTD AO June 2021

	YTD Actuals	YTD Original Budget	Total Original Budget	Revised Budget
Revenue:				
Literature Sales - net	\$ 918,415	\$ 831,585	\$ 1,924,400	\$ 1,993,000
Contributions	\$ 1,261,535	\$ 1,373,092	\$ 2,882,110	\$ 2,543,535
Other Income	\$ 330,771	\$ 292,500	\$ 585,000	\$ 563,600
Total Revenue	\$ 2,510,721	\$ 2,497,177	\$ 5,391,510	\$ 5,100,135
Total Expenses	\$ 2,493,674	\$ 2,732,645	\$ 5,465,290	\$ 5,333,888
Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 17,047	\$ (235,468)	\$ (73,780)	\$ (233,753)

Lets Continue to support

our Districts,

our AIS'

and WSO!!

A couple of questions\requests to show slides again. Maureen asked for any available details about delays of publishing literature due to supply chain issues. Phil has no detail beyond what is posted on the WSO site concerning what items are not available.

Dolores encourages literature depots to report supply issues when they give their reports. Baltimore AIS reports that they have plenty of literature. Dolores suggested posting AIS contact info in chat.

Joe D asked Phil to explain what Stepping Stones is. Phil described the significance of the history of Bill and Lois's home. He described the home, the gift shop (former garage), and a detached building up on a hill-where Bill wrote much of his contributions to AA literature.

Idalia's research about 2 open WSO positions: The WSO has 2 open positions and has not found suitable candidates for these open positions. The current WSO budget includes funding for these positions.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Budget: Charles L.

2021 Fall Assembly Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported on the status of the budget as of September 30. Income and expenses have both continued to be low, but so far there is a surplus of over \$10,000 for the year and a bank balance of about \$35,000. This includes the refund for the 2020 insurance of almost \$2,800. Major expenses still to be paid in 2021 are \$3,060 for the 2022 World Service conference and the budgeted contribution to the World Service Office (WSO) of \$5,000. The total of all remaining expected expenses is about \$8,400.

The projected result for 2021, based on expected expenses and hoped-for contributions, is a surplus of over \$5,700. This estimate is very dependent on the amount of contributions for the rest of the year. Contributions from groups and districts are projected to continue to be down significantly. There have been generous individual contributions. The projected bank balance at the end of the year is projected to be about \$30,000, which is about \$3,000 above the 2021 prudent reserve.

Some groups have resumed meeting in person, so contributions may increase. Groups meeting by phone and internet are encouraged to continue to collect funds to support Area 24, the World Service Conference, the district, and the local AI-Anon Information Service if they are served by one. Individuals can also contribute directly to the WSO and Area 24 at their web sites and to their AIS by check.

There were some 2021 budget adjustments approved by the assembly. The 2022 area proportion of the cost of the World Service Conference (WSC), which is to be paid in 2021, was increased by \$960. This increase is because in 2022 the WSC will be held at Stepping Stones, as it is every three years, rather than Virginia Beach and because the areas have started paying for simultaneous translation. The AI-Anon-Cer budget was increased by \$130 to cover increased printing and mailing costs. The assembly also increased the contribution to the WSO by \$2,500.

The budget approved for 2022 has five changes from the 2021 amended budget. The budget for three areas decreased. The expected insurance payments decreased by \$4,500. The expense for the 2023 World Service Conference is projected to be \$460 less because it will be back in Virginia Beach. The budget for the web and technical services decreased by \$200 because the payment for the web is every two years.

The budget for sending the past delegates to the Northeast Regional Delegates Conference is projected to be \$500 higher because 5 past delegates plan to attend, an increase of one. The 2022 budget for Legal and Professional services increased by \$300 because the IRS will require that we file our return electronically.

The area is fortunate that the prudent reserve is projected to be above the maximum level recommended by the WSO. This, along with the generosity of individual members, will continue to fund vital area services until more groups meet in person again and contributions increase. After we have a final number for the prudent reserve at the end of 2022 the spring assembly will decide if any surplus should be contributed to the WSO.

Q: Lucinda- Al-Anon-Cer printing and mailing costs increased. Are contributions made by those who choose to pay for the mailed copies reflected in budget? A: Charles noted only one \$15.00 payment has been made.

Ruth R asked about possibility of having other members print out copies for those who are requesting paper copies. Charles noted periodic requests to convert to electronic versions.

Joe noted 22 printed copies being mailed. There is only a good faith effort to collect payments.

Mindy asked about how to sign up for the Al-Anon-Cer-Joe will assist

Brant's question-what is the requested donation for a year of printed copies? A-\$15.00

Patrick asked about a \$10 difference in Web Services budget numbers. Charles will correct it.

Lori R: What has been the surplus for prior years? What has been the annual WSO contribution in prior years? A: Charles noted surpluses have been similar in past years. Prior WSO contributions have been \$5k\year.

Q: Will the additional proposed contribution to WSO come from the anticipated surplus? A-Yes

Dolores made a motion to send an additional \$2500 contribution to the WSO for 2021: Motion passed.

Charles asked for a motion to approve additional expenses for Al-Anon-Cer and Delegate expense, over budgeted amounts. Motion passed

Q: Alateen meeting expenses-Why are they budgeted much higher for 2022 than 2021 actual expense? A: No Alateen meetings are currently face-to-face, so expenses were very low in 2021. More normal expense levels should be budgeted for 2022.

Q: Can the treasurer have some discretion in approving small increases? A: Steering Committee has this authority, to approve overbudget amounts if "small"

Charles mentioned he “may have found a way to submit electronically” his IRS filing-at a small cost vs. using a CPA to submit the reports, which might cost about \$300.

Question by Charles about insurance-what assumptions can we safely make about our insurance costs? A: Gil L tried to anticipate how many groups and events might need to be covered and has provided his estimates based on his best prediction, but does not feel any material concern.

Question from Spring Convention chair-can the Spring Convention borrow from the Area, if the anticipated increase in facilities cost of \$5000, cannot be reduced or eliminated? A: Expectation is break-even for any Convention. Approval from the Area Assembly would be needed to borrow. It was noted that the Spring Assembly would be too late to approve a loan. It would be needed to be dealt with today.

Charlie S suggested a motion to allow the Steering Committee to approve a loan. Should there be a limit to the amount? Should it be capped at \$5000. (We had a vote and the Assembly approved the Steering Committee to work with the Spring Convention Committee and adjust the budget up to \$5000 if needed for the Spring Convention between now and the next Assembly.)

Idalia also suggested reaching out to prior Chairs to see if they have insights\contacts at the host facility, so that the facility can gain a better understanding of what our fellowship is, and how we might be able to reduce or eliminate the increased costs.

Motion to approve the 2022 proposed budget by Charles. Poll launched. Motion approved to adopt the proposed 2022 Budget. Motion approved.

Dolores then asked the Assembly for a motion be presented to allow the Steering Committee to work with the Spring Convention to amend the budget with a \$5000 cap, if needed, to assist the Spring Convention committee with securing the College for 2022’s Convention. Joe D: So moved. Seconded. Motion passed.

Tax exemption issues, especially AIS Literature Depot paying sales tax

Charles presented slides prepared to assist in answering the questions:

Maryland Sales Tax DC is similar

- **Who Pays and Collects Sales Tax?**
- **Tax Exempt Certificate**
- **Legal Structure of AFG of MD and DC, Inc**
- **Can the groups and districts be part of the corporation?**
- **AI-Anon Traditions**

Who Pays and Collects Sales Tax?

- **Anyone owes sales tax on items bought in MD or to be used in MD**
- **Organizations with a Reseller's Permit do not need to pay sale tax on items to be resold.**
- **Sales tax is collected by the seller in MD.**
- **If sales tax is not collected the purchaser should pay MD directly.**

Tax Exempt Certificate

- **501c(3) organizations can get a tax exempt certificate.**
- **Do not have to pay tax on purchase of items not resold.**
- **The items must be used by the organization.**
- **The organization still needs to collect tax on items sold.**
- **Sales to tax exempt organizations still need to be reported to MD.**
- **Area 24 does not have a DC certificate.**

Legal Structure of AFG of MD and DC, Inc

Purpose

- **Provide service to the groups and districts.**

Members

- **Group Representatives (not the groups)**
- **District Representatives (not the districts)**
- **Area 24 Directors and Coordinators**
- **Convention Officers**

The above slide details the members of the Area 24 Corporation

Baltimore AIS pays sales tax for Baltimore AIS purchases as Dolores understands it-but no one was on the meeting to confirm this. She will ask Carolyn after the meeting.

Charles pointed out that gaining an exemption certificate only moves the collection of tax down to the next level (the AIS, for instance).

Terry's understanding is tax must be paid at some level. Where the tax is collected should not be pushed down to the Districts, in her opinion.

Lunch Break at 12:43-to return at 1:20

Dolores welcomed everyone back and asked for the Serenity Prayer

Approval of Calendar of 2022 Meetings: Dolores, Chair

Spring AWSC Meeting:	March 26, 2022	Virtual
Spring Assembly:	May 21, 2022	Virtual-subject to motion by Joe D
Fall Assembly AWSC:	Sept 24, 2022	Virtual-subject to motion by Joe D
Fall Assembly:	October 15, 2022-	subject to motion by Joe D

Dolores asked for confirmation on having a virtual Spring AWSC meeting, instead of face to face. She also wants to avoid conflicts with other events in the Area. She also noted proposed "End of Summer" for the AWSC meeting proposed for August 27 (instead of September date normally used) Dolores will then ask for discussion about other Area meetings being virtual and face to face.

Discussion of moving Fall AWSC meeting-concerns of back to school and late vacations.

Motion to approve revised dates for Area 2022 meetings. Dates requested are revised above. Motion passed

Point made: We need to have a tally again, of voting members present, as some members have not returned from AM session. 41 voting members present-27 votes needed to pass motions.

Dolores then asked about virtual\face to face meeting format.

Motion made by Joe D: For planning purposes we will have all 2022 meetings virtual, and will revisit the question at Spring AWSC meeting, and maintain\change our meeting format accordingly.

Motion Approved

Coordinator's Reports: 2 to 3 minutes each (if possible)

Area Alateen Process Person, Sarah R:

Sarah could not attend, due to a conflict with an Alateen Roundup occurring the same day. She did provide the below report.

There are currently 4 Alateen zoom meetings. Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Saturday. The same kids come to each meeting as reported by the Alateen Coordinators during our monthly meetings. Each meeting hosts 1-7 teens per meeting. Ages range from 9-17

Teens are not taking charge of meetings, the AMIAS's find they are doing most of the work, but they show up and participate when asked. Some participate more easily than others.

Alateen funds have not been used due to not having in person meetings. There is active discussion about when and how to go back to in person meetings. There are a few things to consider:

- AMIAS's need to be comfortable with the COVID risk
- Meeting places need to be open and available and with COVID protocol
- Zoom meetings allow teens to go to 4 meetings a week and some of them go to multiple meetings a week. We don't want that to no longer be available
- Teens from out of area are regularly attending meetings. If we stop zoom, they lose their regular meeting
- We have lost a small fraction of teens that do not have WIFI or internet access or just don't feel comfortable disclosing family matters IN THEIR HOMES
- Considering some sort of hybrid solution. Discussion is on table with Coordinators at monthly meetings.

Budget

No additional funds needed at this time for Alateen budget. Teens have purchased materials from website or from Amazon. Will ask for refunds for expenses as they come up. Website crashed in Feb 2021 cost \$79.99 to fix

Requested \$160 for replenishment of Alateen material. It was paid by the area.

Outreach

There are no active outreach initiatives at this time due to COVID.

Recertification Training

There were 3 recertification training sessions this year. ALL AMIAS's had to attend one of the zoom training sessions in order to be recertified. There was no online quiz available. Training sessions were 4/11 and 5/16 and another in August. 50 Certified AMIAS's. 25 actively working meetings. 2020 we had 84 AMIAS

We currently have 727 subscriptions to the electronic version of the Al-Anon-Cer! There are regular requests via the Area 24 website to add new subscribers to the newsletter. There is really no cost for the electronic versions.

There are only 22 subscriptions for paper copies of our quarterly newsletter. It costs about \$120 per edition for the 22 copies. This includes printing and postage. We are currently requesting that those desiring a paper edition make a \$15 annual donation to Area 24 – please indicate on the check that it is for the newsletter.

I have requested an increase in the annual budget for the newsletter from \$420 and that should have already been addressed by the time you are reading this.

Please note that Group Reps (or CMAs), District Reps, Area Officers & Coordinators, Past Delegates, Regional Trustee and Area Information Services may request a paper copy that the Area will pay for. Obviously, not many people are currently doing that.

Several years ago, the Area made a concerted effort to purge and update the paper mailing list. Apparently, there were many recipients who didn't want the newsletter and the number of people on the mailing list was greatly reduced, saving a lot of money.

If anyone has any suggestions as to content or delivery of the Al-Anon-Cer, do not hesitate to reach out to me at the email address provided in the newsletter.

Also, if there are any electronic or paper delivery issues or updates, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Yours in service, Joe D

Archives, Lucinda W.

The Fall Convention Committee has given her the past Convention banners. There are now 29 and counting. They have been stored by Lucinda now. They are available from her for any need. The Fall Convention still has ownership of them, and they can request them back.

Public Outreach Coordinator, Idalia R.

PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT AREA 24 ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 23, 2021

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) celebrated recovery month by announcing there will be a new National Center for Recovery—Elevating the importance of recovery and peer recovery support services within the US
- We are still looking for Alateen sharing for the “Just for Tonight” book mark for Alateens—al-anon.org/sharing

WSO is getting calls for local support on the 211 Help Line. They are asking if we can look into working with the local organizations spreading the word of the Al-anon Family Groups— Currently the local 211 outreach services has a toll free number (888-425-2666) and main line

- a local Baltimore number (410-467-8710, Hamden Family Center) Left my number with the Hamden Center in case they need help getting up again with meetings—Left my number for the 211 Resources Coordinator to call me if they need any help from our Area.
- New PSA's launched---WSO is distributing them to national stations—currently working with WSO with our local list of stations and contacts.
- Due to COVID restrictions many organizations are still holding off on face-to-face opportunities---even doctor's offices are still not putting magazines out in their lobby area. If you know of any opportunities where we can put out literature or direct people to our website please reach out to me.
- Picked up archive of Public Outreach information from Rita our previous Public Outreach Coordinator

Website, Charles L.

Charles said there were no announcements. He encouraged visiting the site www.marylanddc-alanon.org

Insurance Coordinator, Gil L.

Insurance Coordinator Report for FALL ASSEMBLY October 23, 2021

1) Effective April 1, 2021, we changed insurance carriers. The new carrier combined coverage for two prior policies into one new policy. This new policy covers Commercial General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Abuse and Molestation, and Directors and Officers Liability. We maintained similar coverage limits at a much lower cost.

2) If your meeting place or event requests a Certificate of Insurance (**COI**), please open the Area 24 website (www.marylanddc-alanon.org)→ select Resources, and then Area 24 Forms→Insurance Certificate Request. Obtain the information and then send it to me. Our insurance brokers, will send out the **COI** to the meeting place or event by email. Include your email if you also want a copy. There are no charges for these certificates. Conventions or multi-day events may also obtain a **COI**, however, there may be an insurance charge that Area 24 will cover.

Gil also noted the slide presented by the Treasurer showing the legal definition of the Area. He also noted the AIS's actually are separate legal entities, they are not covered by the Area 24 insurance coverage. Group treasurers are also not covered. He just wanted to increase understanding of limitation of Area 24 insurance coverage.

Numerous questions were asked-one member reported

Gilbert Lavine

Insurance Coordinator

Spring Convention Chair, Jesse A.

Jessie noted contract is in negotiation still and it has additional 4 open positions exist, one being Co Chair, who would be chair next year. June 10-12, 2022 is the date for the Spring Convention. She also is seeking out some feedback on who would likely attend.

Question: Idalia asked about process of holding off committing to date. A-the College has our 2020 deposit. They would likely keep our 2022 deposit, if we commit to a 2022 Spring Convention. The deposits would be applied to future years, if when we hold the Convention at the College.

She will be meeting with the College next week. Jan 1, is the deadline for making the 2022 commitment.

Fall Convention Chair, Alvah G

They have met goal of attendee's in person, so everything is a go. She is grateful for her Committee, and for Covid protocol, please visit the host facility site, for their current protocol. <https://rccbonsecours.com/>The in person reservations are full. 500 person limit for the virtual (Friday) portion.

AA Convention Liaison, Katie CS.-No Report

Literature Coordinator, Vicki B.

The Display Board is available-please contact her. She will also be getting in touch with Literature Distribution centers as they reopen.

Reports from AIS's:

Anne Arundel County-No Report

Washington, Suburban MD AIS Maureen M:

The AIS-DCSMD report is basically the same as reported in the Spring of 2021.

Maureen noted that they will have a test reopening of the office on October 30 to -judge it's use/need, to have it open going forward.

(ed-below is Maureen's report to the Fall AWSC-included for reference)

- Current Status –decrease in # of AFGs in AIS - now 90 registered meetings due to lack of service from 96 pre-pandemic.

Face-to-face meeting: 13 FTF to date (14 Sept 21). Some are hybrid with Zoom or Free Conferencecall.com Ad Hoc meetings Status: same 61/90 AFGs & 1/2 Alateen

- meetings. Ad Hoc/Hybrid Access info on AIS website (<http://www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org/index.php/site/meetings/>) includes two Spanish speaking meetings.

AIS Service Center & Washington Area Literature Distribution Center status:

- Business meetings' attendance continues via Free Conference Call (FCC) video & audio: 12-15, resumed 9/23/21 (No meetings during July-August).
- Plans to re-open Service Center & LDC in August delayed due to Delta variant. Telework for clerk continues to be effective for Newcomers & member inquiries. Members' donations offsetting use of prudent reserve.

AIS-DCSMD Activities since March Report:

- AIS-DCSMD Service Workshop: Convened 90-minute Workshop: Journey into Al-Anon Service Work, May 15, 2021. Phil B, area delegate, Terry C, D 15 DR and Betty R, Former Delegate Kansas, Panel 55 shared on service structure and topics
- Outreach to the Public and Libraries (Open Service positions)
 - Members staffed two Information Tables: National Night Out (requested by Bowie Police Department 3 Aug (outdoor event) & Montgomery County's International Overdose Awareness Day, 25 Aug (info provided by a member, outdoor event, but indoor due to weather).
 - A Spanish-speaking member is discussing an outreach project to Spanish speaking community and is discussing ideas. New to this type of services.
 - Senior Beacon Directory (Print version) lists for AIS-DCSMD contact information in its mental health section - distributed in all MC Libraries and other locations – this has been an unsolicited listing in this annual publication for many years.

Future Plans & Activities: Sept. meeting agenda:

- Possible virtual Fall/Winter Workshop – ex. Speakers, in lieu of in-person Fall Luncheon which had Al-Anon, AA and Alateen speaker format.
- During announcements at an in-person meeting two members proposed a picnic TBD at September Business meeting by attendees.

Baltimore AIS

Meetings are hybrid for the AIS. About 1/3 of non-business meetings are hybrid in their area.

Reports from as many groups as we can get to (at least 1 group in each district represented)- How are groups doing?

Due to time constraints, no reports were given from our Groups during the meeting.

We ended with the Serenity Prayer, and meeting adjourned at 3:05pm

Paul C
Area 24 Secretary