

January 2012

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The Akron Area Al-Anon Newsletter

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Need literature?? We have it! At  
the Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup  
Office!  
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Akron Intergroup Meeting

Tuesday 1/3/12 @ 7:30 pm
Open to all Al-Anon Members,
Group Reps, District Reps
You are Encouraged to Attend!
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*If your group information has  
changed please update using  
the enclosed form by sending to  
WSO with a copy to the  
Intergroup Office at :*

**3614 Manchester Road Suite 103  
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Anniversaries and Conferences

Tuesday January 31st, 2012
Tuesday Triangle AFG
30th Anniversary
St Paul's Episcopal Church
1361 West Market St Room G-3
Akron, OH

February 17 & 18, 2012
AAAC Conference
Save the Dates
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### Have you seen the new website?

Akron's new site is [www.afg-akron.org](http://www.afg-akron.org)  
Meeting schedules, program  
information, Meeting On Wheels info  
and links to Ohio, Cleveland and  
World Service Office sites!!  
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Meeting Topics

January 2012

Tools to Recovery
Monday@ 7 pm
Cornerstone Church
578 Killian Rd
Akron, OH 44319

January 2 Al-Anon New Year's Resolutions
January 9 Overview of the Steps- Mark S.
January 16 Step 1
January 23 Tradition 1
January 30 Guilt or Resentment, which do you prefer?

Falls PM
Thursday at 8:00 pm
First Christian Church 2nd Floor
2253 Third St
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

January 5 Lead – Sharon B.
January 12 Step 1 – Ron H.
January 19 What Keeps you Coming Back?
January 26 Serenity Prayer

Remember that sharing your meeting topics can be a life line for a fellow Al-Anon member who is looking for answers.

Please note: If your group would like to publish topics in the newsletter, please email or mail them to the Intergroup Office by the 15th day of the Month prior to that newsletter. For example, for the October Newsletter, please have your topics in by September 15th.

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New Meeting UPDATES!

To ensure the doors to our meetings are open at the places we say they are ~ updates about meeting times, location and status are always welcome!

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Meeting on Wheels

Sponsored in January by:

First Things First AFG

Wednesday Jan 18 – 8P – St Thomas

Wednesday Jan 25 – 6:45P – Oriana House

Saturday Jan 28 10:30 A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Meeting Minutes Akron Area Al-Anon Intergroup Meeting 12/06/2011 @ 730 pm-855pm

----- Agenda Topics -----

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer

Introductions – Present at the Meeting were ISR or Alternate ISRs:

Saturday Serenity – Sharon B. (Chair).	Uniontown – Phil B. (Co-Chair)	Happiness & Acceptance- Pat W
Keep It Simple – Edith L.	District 51 Step – Janet S.	Falls PM – Tara
Tools for Recovery – Charlotte C.	Kent – Becky Z	Wadsworth – Roberta T.
Barberton – Cindy T. (OAA & Steering Committee)		
Medina Tuesday – Craig R.	Tuesday Triangle – Amy	

Officers:

Rex M. (Steering Committee)	Linda K (Alateen Coordinator)	Leah (Steering Committee)
Michelle R (Archives)	Richie (Webmaster)	

Visitors:

Reminded everyone the goal is for our meeting to last around an hour, to fill out sign in sheet, copy of agenda, financials and handouts available. Also that Intergroup By-Laws are available if anyone needs a copy. Read Steps.

Secretary – Phil B. – (temporary/rotating). Craig made a motion to waive reading of November’s minutes, seconded by Rex and passed unanimously. Amy made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Craig, and passed unanimously.

Co-Chair - Phil B - 28 newsletters mailed, 46 emailed, and posted on website. One correction to the hardcopy newsletter under the Meetings topics page the Falls PM meeting is in Cuyahoga Falls not Wooster.

Treasurer - Lisa – (temporary/ Janet assisting) Janet reported the Review of Financials/Treasurer report for Lisa who could not attend. Income for November was \$1,704.32, Expenses \$1,181.67, Net Income \$522.65. Year to date Net Income is \$3,831.28. Intergroup finances in the black. Alateen Year To Date is \$-505.06 but there is still a positive balance of \$2,416.43 in Alateen Savings. The MOW Balance of \$11.98 is incorrect and will be corrected next month. Under miscellaneous items we had \$155.00 in pin sales in November and received a refund of \$127.37 from our old copier lease. Still looking for a Treasurer and Co-Treasurer. Motion to accept report by Janet, second by Phil, passed unanimously.

Literature – Phil for Tom & Jeff– An \$800 order was placed and received last week. Richie raised the question whether World Serviced was investigating the possible use of electronic literature. Sharon reported that WSO is asking Area delegates for feedback on whether members are asking for electronic versions of our literature. Sharon noted that a good part of our Intergroup income is from hardcopy literature sales.

PIC & Co-PIC - Skip & Jeff – Skip was not present to report. Sharon related a story our delegate reported visiting the gatehouse at Stan Hywet and their guide was not aware that there were Alanon meetings in the Akron area.

MOW – Sharon for Linda C (Mickie G is assisting) – Thank you to Kent Friendly for covering November St Thomas and Edwin Shaw meetings and Janet and Mickie G. for covering Oriana House meeting. For December Linda C. will be doing the Edwin Shaw meeting and Janet S. the St Thomas meeting. No Oriana House meeting in December. 2012 schedule has First Things First in January and Happiness and Acceptance in February. Janet reported a call today cancelling the Edwin Shaw meeting on 12/10/11. The complete 2012 schedule with dates is on the website. Groups are needed to volunteer from March on.

Alateen - Linda K. –We have a new state Alateen coordinator Rose from Toledo. March 10, 2012 is Sponsor’s Workshop, Spring Rally is April 28, 2012, June 8-10, 2012 is Founders Day. Linda is still working on speakers for Founders Day. KOMIAC is July 27,28,29 at Baldwin Wallace. If anyone is interested in volunteering for KOMIAC let Linda know. Linda announced she would be stepping down as Akron Alateen coordinator after KOMIAC.

Office Coordinator – Roberta – 35 calls in, 32 calls out, 16 schedules sent out, 17 literature orders, 21 voicemails, and volunteers in office 18 of 21 days. We have volunteers assigned all 5 days during the week. Roberta sold 9 pins at the District 48 Holiday Party. Roberta is sending a letter to the other Ohio Intergroups to promote the sale of our Anniversary Pins. Roberta also reminded ISR’s to update their groups registration information. This is important to keeping schedules and other information up to date.

OAA Liaison - Cindy – Summaries of World Service Conferences will be posted to the WSO Members Website. Cindy reported that visits to Stepping Stones (Lois and Bill's Home in New York) need advance notice. November 20 Chairman's report to the delegates is available on the members website.

Districts 51, 25, 48 & 56 – DR 51 (Ginny C – Not present), DR 25 (Mickie G- Not present), 48 (Allen D. – Not Present) and 56 (Charlie P. – Not Present). Sharon reported she will be the new District 51 DR. Mickie is also looking for her replacement for District 25) Gratitude night was a success. District 48 Holiday Party was also a success.

Webmaster – Richie – Status of Website for November: 556 unique visitors, 718 total visits. Average time spent on the site is 3minutes, 55 seconds – which is still good! Richie brought up he had heard that WSO is discouraging putting designations on meetings (such as mens, womens, gay etc.) . No one was able to confirm this. Sharon will follow up with our delegate. There were positive comments at the Founders Day meeting on our Website. Thanks for your service Richie!

Archives- Michelle R. – Michelle advised she will need to get gloves, temperature and humidity gages and a pH test pen to check the acidity of the paper for determining the condition and quality of the environment of our archives. If needed we could get a buffer spray if acidity is a problem. All items will cost around \$56.00. Michelle is going to proceed with purchasing some of these supplies.

Steering Committee - Rex, Leah, Cindy – Leah advised that her investigation of fingerprinting costs for AMIAS (Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service) is \$30.00 for Summit County. Skip C. had volunteered he could do the fingerprinting for free. Members or the Districts would still need to pay the cost of the background checks. Rex said he would follow up with the State on the latest information. We can then confirm Skip C. meets the requirements . Once we know what needs to be done Richie volunteered to post information on the Website. No update on pins or coins.

Founder's Day –Sharon & Phil – Founder's Day meeting was last night (December 5, 2011). Sharon reported we requested if AA could pay the registration costs for the Alateen speakers. After some discussion the Founders Day Committee advised this was would create an issue as they currently do not pay registration costs for other panel speakers and were concerned this would set a precedent. Several individual members of the Founders Day committee advised they would be willing to personally pay the registrations from their own pockets for the Alateen panel if it is needed. Registration cost will be \$20.00 each or \$80.00 total. Sharon brought this up for discussion if Akron Al-Anon Intergroup would be willing to pay for these registrations. Janet made a motion that Al-Anon Intergroup (from Al-Anon funds) pay for this year Alateen panel registrations (\$80.00). Seconded by Rex. There was some further discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Phil brought up that AA plans to more strictly enforce a policy of no badge, no entrance to meetings at Founders Day. Just be aware this could extend to Al-Anon meetings as well. Al-Anon preparations for our part in Founders Day are in progress. We have a Long-Timers Panel set and confirmed for Friday afternoon's meeting which will be chaired by Janet S. Sharon has submitted CD's to the Founders Day Committee from Chas and Judy from Cambridge Springs Pa. An alternate couple Don and Karen M. from Lake Witney, TX will also be submitted for approval. Phil B. will be chairing Saturday morning's panel (10:00 AM) whose topic is "Acceptance, Detachment, Compassion the Keys to Recovery". The skit (11:30 AM) will be "The Merry-Go-Round named Denial" directed by Ginny C. Linda is working on the Alateen Panel will be at at The Saturday afternoon workshop (2:30 PM) is titled "Feelings, Fear, and Freedom" chaired by Karen McKay from Canton.

Rex brought up that some AA meetings make a donation of Founders Day registrations to those in need. Sharon mentioned that the Founders Day Committee stated they will not be doing complementary registrations in any form this year.

Old Business – Discussion of Spending Requests.

Linda C and Skip C were not present to formally request funds for MOW and PIC. Sharon thought Linda and Skip should be present to explain their need for funds similar to what Michelle did for Archives. Leah stated Steering Committee will discuss and present at next month's meeting. Richie stated that Webmaster will need \$60.00 for hosting and \$10.00 or \$12.00 for domain name. Pat W. moved we authorize a spending allowance for the Webmaster of \$100 for 2012 . Seconded by Tara and passed unanimously.

New Business – Spring Workshop

There has not been a committee meeting. Since last fall's workshop focused on Steps 1,2,&3. This Spring's Workshop would be Steps 4,5,&6. Further discussion was tabled until after the committee meets again.

AAAC

There were some questions concerning the AAAC Conference and its cost. Richie who is on the AAAC committee gave a short explanation of what the conference committee was doing and requested help with how to get the word out. It was suggested the newsletter and mailings to past registrant as well as visiting meetings. Rex also suggested sending to state website.

Meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration
Submitted in Service, Phil B.

(Looking for a Secretary and Treasurer to step in for service!) Please let us know if you are interested!

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
INCOME STATEMENT

DATE: Nov-11

PREPARED BY: Lisa T.

AL-ANON INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature	\$1,329.83	\$23,445.51
Group Donations	\$80.42	\$3,353.89
Individual Donations	\$8.50	\$1,000.61
AIR Conference		\$1,200.00
Subscriptions	\$50.00	\$502.00
Filers		\$160.00
Miscellaneous(1)	\$155.00	\$1,732.00
Ohio State Sales Tax	\$80.57	\$1,515.15
Total Income	\$1,704.32	\$32,909.16
AL-ANON EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Rent	\$600.00	\$6,600.00
Gas	\$38.85	\$517.12
Electric	\$57.09	\$501.31
Phone & DSL	\$166.22	\$1,812.12
Answering Service		\$239.57
Newsletter Postage		\$74.88
Office Postage	\$20.00	\$102.21
Office Supplies	\$403.11	\$403.11
Literature	\$415.88	\$14,324.11
Copier (2)	-\$127.37	\$1,245.27
Miscellaneous(3)	\$11.00	\$1,889.20
Alateen		\$0.00
Ohio State Sales Tax		\$1,368.98
Total Expenses	\$1,181.67	\$29,077.88
Net Income - Expenses	\$522.65	\$3,831.28
AL-Anon Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Deposits		\$0.00
Withdrawals		\$0.00
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	\$0.00

ALATEEN INCOME	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Group Donations	\$79.00	\$564.31
Individual Donations		\$320.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00
Total Alateen Income	\$79.00	\$884.31
AL-ATEEN EXPENSES	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Literature		\$173.58
Kormiac		\$1,110.00
Miscellaneous		\$105.79
Total Alateen Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,389.37
Net Alateen Inc.-Exp.	\$79.00	-\$505.06
Alateen Savings	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Deposits	\$	\$884.31
Withdrawals		\$1,389.37
Net Savings Dep.-WD	\$	79.00
		-\$505.06

AKRON AREA AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET

DATE: Nov-11

PREPARED BY: Lisa T.

	Balance Carried Forward	\$
Checking Account Deposits		\$1,704.32
Alanon Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ -
Alateen Savings Deposits	Interest	\$ 79.00
		\$ -
Total Income & Deposits		\$ 1,783.32

Checking Disbursements		\$1,181.67
Alanon Savings Withdrawals		\$ -
Alateen Savings Withdrawals		\$ -
		\$ -
Total Expenses & Withdrawals		\$ 1,181.67
Current Balance		\$ 12,687.59

Checking Account Balance	\$3,031.60	Archives Balance	\$559.82
Prudent Reserve	\$7,008.63	MOW Balance	\$11.90
Alateen Savings	\$2,416.43	(Included In Alanon Funds)	
Petty Cash	\$231.11		
Total Current Account Balances	\$12,687.77	Al-Anon Out of Balance	\$0.18
		Alateen Out of Balance	\$0.00

Total Accounts Receivable	11.25.11	\$1,371.24	
PIC Lit distributed at selling price	Current	\$0.00	YTD
MOW distributed at selling price	Current	\$10.00	YTD
Literature Inventory			

Groups That Helped Keep The Doors Open
Al-Anon Donations
 Firestone Park
 Massillon Serenity
 Medina Tuesday
 Wadsworth
Alateen Donations
 Firestone Park
 First Things First

Delinquent Group Accounts
 Hudson Friday - \$40.00

90 Days Over
 120 Days Over
 Fairlawn Tuesday - \$305.03

Notes

- (1) \$155 pin sales
- (2) Refund from GE Capital (copier lease)
- (3) \$11 Office copy of Forum

Join Us In Our Anniversary Celebration!!

Tuesday Triangle AFG

30th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Lead: 8:00 p.m.



*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1361 West Market Street, Room G-3
Akron
Cake & fellowship to follow*



The 3 C's to Serenity

We didn't **cause** it, can't **control** it, and can't **cure** it.
 We may be powerless, but we're not helpless!

Conference Rate: \$80

Includes Snacks on Friday evening and Dinner
 Saturday evening.

Friday February 17, 5pm – 9pm
 Snacks and Fellowship
 Lead

Saturday February 18, 9am – 11pm
 AM Panel
 Workshop

PM Discussion
 Double Lead
 Dance & Social Fellowship

Friday February 17
Saturday February 18

Our Lady of the Elms (High School)
 1375 West Exchange St, Akron, OH 44313

Registration and check due in full by
February 3, 2012

Please, no walk-in attendees will be accepted.

mail completed registration form and check to:
 2012 AAAC Conference
 C/O Carmen Von Soosten, Treasurer
 80 Devon Lane, #201
 Akron, OH 44313-6851

Questions?

visit: <http://www.afg-akron.org/conference>

email: conference@afg-akron.org

call: Teri 330.620.6152 or Becky 330.678.9340

Please make your checks payable to AAAC.

2012 Individual AAAC REGISTRATION FORM -- Please print clearly -- Thank you.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Is this your 1st AAAC? _____

Special Dietary Meal Needs: _____

Al-Anon Meeting on Wheels 2011-2012 Schedule

Updated 12.7.11

Co-Chairs

Linda C – 330-703-9571

Mickie G – 330-810-3913

October 2011 – Let's Step It Up AFG

Saturday Oct 8– 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Wednesday Oct 5 – 6:45P – Oriana House – Kick-off – Linda C to Chair

Wednesday Oct 26 – 8P – St Thomas

November 2011 - Kent Friendly AFG

Saturday Nov 5 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

Wednesday Nov 23 – 8P – St Thomas

Wednesday Nov 30 – 6:45P – Oriana House – Mickie G to Chair

December 2011 -

Saturday Dec 10 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents) – Linda C to Chair

Wednesday Dec 21 – 8P – St Thomas – Janet S to Chair

January 2012 – First Things First AFG

Wednesday Jan 18 – 8P – St Thomas

Wednesday Jan 25 – 6:45P – Oriana House

Saturday Jan 28 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

February 2012 – Happiness and Acceptance AFG

Wednesday Feb 15 – 8P – St Thomas

Saturday Feb 25 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

No Feb meeting for Oriana House

March 2011 –

Wednesday Mar 7 – 6:45P – Oriana House

Wednesday Mar 14 – 8P – St Thomas

Saturday Mar 24 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

April 2012 –

Wednesday April 11 – 8P – St Thomas

Saturday April 21 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

No April meeting for Oriana House

May 2012 –

Wednesday May 2 – 6:45P – Oriana House

Wednesday May 9 – 8P – St Thomas

Saturday May 19 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

AI-Anon Meeting On Wheels – 2011-12 Schedule
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June 2012 –

Wednesday June 6 – 8P – St Thomas
Saturday June 16– 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday June 27 – 6:45P – Oriana House

July 2012 –

Saturday July 14 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
No July meeting for Oriana House and St Thomas

August 2012 –

Wednesday August 1 – 8P – St Thomas
Saturday August 11– 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday August 29 – 6:45P – Oriana House
Wednesday August 29 – 8 P – St Thomas

September 2012 –

Saturday Sept 8 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday Sept 26 – 8P – St Thomas
No Sept meeting for Oriana House

October 2012 –

Saturday Oct 6 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday Oct 24 – 6:45P – Oriana House
Wednesday Oct 24 – 8 P – St Thomas

November 2012 -

Saturday Nov 3 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday Nov 21 – 6:45P – Oriana House
Wednesday Nov 21 – 8 P – St Thomas

December -

Saturday Dec 1– 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)
Wednesday Dec 19 – 6:45P – Oriana House
Wednesday Dec 19 – 8 P – St Thomas
Saturday Dec 29 – 10:30A – Edwin Shaw (Adults + Adolescents)

“I am thankful that today I can look back and say with gratitude that attending this program and giving service to AI-Anon gave me a wonderful and fulfilling way of life.” Having Had a Spiritual Awakening page 128

Thank you for your service!

There are some things to tell you about. Some items are from the 2011 World Service Conference other items are information for you to take back to your group and include in your report over the next few weeks.

A report was given about the IAGSM. This was the 15th Bi-Annual International Al-Anon General Service Meeting where 34 members were present representing 14 service structures from around the world. The theme was "Many Structures, Many Voices, One Purpose." The meeting itself is very similar to our World Service Conference. Every fourth year this meeting is in the US. The meeting will be in South Africa in 2012. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees represents our conference structure, the US and Canada, at the IAGSM.

International guests, Rosa A, from New Zealand, and Maria Evangeline, from Mexico, shared a bit about themselves and their service structure. How amazing it was to get to know them better and see first hand how Al-Anon Family Groups is connected around the world.

A report was given about the trip to Northern Europe and contact made with service structures in that region of the world. A trustee and the Associate Director of Member Services – International shared their photographs and stories about these service structures. Once again I felt connected to Al-Anon Family Groups around the world.

During the week, skills workshops were held. Delegates were able to participate in two of the three sessions offered. I chose to attend Communication—Active Listening and Communication—Presentation and Reporting Skills. These workshops were designed to help Delegates with giving reports and listening to member's concerns in their own Areas.

Two topics discussed were chosen by the Delegates. The first of these topics was about technology. After the topic was introduced, there was a lot of discussion. A question I heard which could extend the conversation on technology was: keeping our principles in mind how can Al-Anon make the best use of technology while maintaining all of meaningful aspects which made Al-Anon effective? I heard it said technology is a way to keep in contact with remote groups. I also heard, "It would be nice to develop an APP to assist in finding meetings". One other thing I heard about technology is many members do not even know one thing about technology and are a little afraid to use technology. Not knowing how to use technology is one thing, but having the willingness to learn how to use technology is also important. Willingness!!! Where have I heard that before? During this discussion it was strongly suggested that all members in service have e-mail accessibility. If they do not have a personal account, having a reliable, e-mail buddy is highly, even strongly recommended because more and more information is being sent electronically and not through the USPS now.

The second topic had to do with diversity, addressing diverse populations, and undocumented immigrants. Diversity has been discussed during a few past World Service Conferences. However, undocumented immigrants were added to the discussion. One point I remember from the discussion is: Areas need to develop and implement a plan for their location in regards to reaching out to minority populations.

We had a speaker come from outside the fellowship and give a presentation. The topic was "*Cultural and Linguistic Competence*" *A Strategy Towards Diversity and Inclusion*" Through the exercises done during the talk I have a greater understanding of cultural factor that influence diversity. I refer you to page 32-33 of the 2011 Conference summary for more information about this topic.

The Annual Report and the Audit Report were received and approved. The Budget was presented. A discussion about the budget was held. Approval was given to the annual budget. During the week, the ways our contributions are used were presented in the form of short skits called Vignettes. It was mentioned that each group needs to continue sending contributions to WSO so services to groups can continue. Groups receive services whether they send contributions or not. Plea letter contributions go to public outreach and not to operations.

Members have asked what the difference between AFG and AFG, Inc. is. Let's see if I can explain it through my understanding. AFG, Inc is Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc and is the organization. The Board of Trustees is legally responsible for AFG, Inc, and exists in the eyes of the law. It has tax exempt status. It is the legal arm and protects our logo, copyrights, and trademarks. It conducts the business of Al-Anon. It has the By-laws of the corporation, which can be amended by the Trustees and it has a governance document. It recognizes the World Service Conference as the ultimate traditional authority. --- Al-Anon Family Groups, the fellowship, does not exist in the eyes of the law nor does it have

tax exempt status. It is the traditional arm providing meetings and a service structure. It provides support for individual members. It has a governance document, the World Service Conference Charter, which can be amended by the World Service Conference. It recognizes the Board of Trustees as the chief service arm of the Conference.

During the week we attended the open Policy Meeting. The discussion was about dual members and how they can be in service. This discussion cannot be found in the Conference Summary as Policy Meetings are not a part of the Conference but Conference members are invited to attend the open meeting. Questions were asked and answered in the Knowledge Based Decision Making format. While information was shared more questions came up. More discussion will be held on the topic of dual members and service. I encourage all of you to look at the Policy Up-Date posted quarterly on the members' website. www.al-anon.org/members

TEAM events have begun. TEAM is Together Empowering Al-Anon Members. Areas reported about how their TEAM event had more interaction between attendees, how the event linked their service work and recovery, and the events leadership was shared between WSO staff/volunteers and the host committee. The reports told how members attending the event felt more connected to the presenters. TEAM events can be part of another event or can be a stand alone event. The topics for the workshops, talks, etc are geared to what the host committee would like but would include three sessions which have been determined ahead time which are presented at each TEAM event. A question I have for AFG of Ohio, when would be a good time for us to have a TEAM event?

Let's look for a moment at the Concepts of Service. They are on page 19 in your Service Manual and in a section explaining the Concepts of Service which begins on page 171. In Concept six, seven, and eight the Board of Trustees is mentioned. As stated on page 63, The Board of Trustees is the legal entity responsible for administration of Al-Anon funds and services. Explanation of what the Board of Trustees does begin on page 129. Ohio is in the North Central Region of the United States and will be electing a Regional Trustee in 2012. The process for electing Regional Trustees was adopted in 2010 and is described in the 2010 World Service Conference Summary (p. 26-28). Persons interested in becoming a Trustee may obtain resume forms from the Area Delegate. A candidate's resume must be presented to the Area for approval before the August 15th filing deadline in the year in which they are applying.

Thought and Task Forces gave presentations during the week. The Thought and Task Force presentations are included in this year's conference summary. (Pages 42 -60) The topics covered by these groups may continue in future discussions. The Thought Force I will mention was titled "Thought Force to Support Areas in Dealing with Groups Whose Activities Fail to Consider Al-Anon or Alateen as a Whole". For example, groups who are not registered, high pressure groups, groups who talk about the book called Alcoholics Anonymous (AA "Big book"), outside literature groups, etc. Six strategies for dealing with such groups were given. Members were asked to which strategy they liked, disliked, and were there additional strategies. Personally I found the discussion to be interesting. You can find the complete discussion on pages 53-3 in the 2011 Conference Summary. I suspect the discussion will continue in the future.

At this year's Spring Assembly I talked about the "Do Not Refer" discussion which was held at the World Service Conference. I will not go into further detail about that discussions but I do want to refer all of you to this year World Service Conference Summary which includes the discussion from the floor. This discussion begins on page 35. This is the beginning of a conversation. Any up-dates can be found on the members' website (www.al-anon.org/members), click on inside WSO, then go to Board of Trustees and select Policy Up-Date. As I mentioned in the spring, Districts and Al-Anon Information Service Council locations are encouraged to develop a policy for their location in regards to not referring members to certain meetings. An Area policy is needed also.

My conference assignment for 2011 is being a member of the Literature Committee. The motion and discussion about the new piece of literature being developed can be found on page 78 of this year's Conference Summary. Our Literature Coordinator, Ginny will have more information about the new piece of literature.

Things you all can download from the member's website include *Group Inventory –Use of Conference Approved Literature (CAL)* – (S-62), *Joy of Service* (S-57), and *Links of Service* S-28. I encourage you to download a copy of these service pamphlets and take them to your home group for discussion. To find them go to the members' website, click on Publications and go to "other items to download". Guidelines can also be found on the members' website also and can be found under Group Services.

Podcasts are available on the members' website. When on the home page, click on "for Members and Groups". Topics include

- How the group functions as a community
- Structure of the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship
- The need for GR's and the GR duties
- How do I become a GR

A publication called *Area Highlights* can also be found on the members' website, click on Publications. A list of items available will pop up, click on *Area Highlights*. No Longer will groups have to wait for the District Representative to send them a copy. *Area Highlights* is compiled at our World Service Office and consists of articles and ideas on a variety of topics from around the US and Canada.

Taking a Group Inventory Guideline G- 8 has been revised and expanded into two parts, G-8a and G-8b. The Guideline G-8a was expanded to include additional question for all Al-Anon and Alateen groups as well as a special section for Alateen and Alateen Sponsors. Guideline G8b includes methods for taking an inventory and a section for reflections as well as a list of additional resources for groups. This Guideline is now posted on the members' website under Group Services.

This is a note I received from WSO. "In the spring of this year, some Al-Anon groups were invited to share a message with their members presenting them with an opportunity to participate in a scientific research project that would study aspects of family recovery from the effects of alcoholism. Following the invitation, some members had questions about Al-Anon's policy of cooperating with – but not affiliating with—researchers."

Al-Anon has cooperated with professionals for over 60 years now. As stated in Tradition 11 our basic public relations policy has always been based on the distinction between attraction and promotion. A further explanation can be found in the *2010-2013 Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual* on Page 107.

Have you checked out the members' website recently? There are active blogs with pod-casts added each month to the Traditions blog. Other blogs are "For Member's and Groups", "Thinking Abundantly in", and the Concepts.

Speaking of the Members' website, everyone can find letters from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees along with Policy Up-dates and financial information by clicking on Inside the World Service Office (WSO) then going to Board of Trustees. I encourage all of you to read these letters.

Some of you have received an e-mail from WSO with a newsletter to groups. District Representatives and a few others in the Area also received this note for their information. Notes from time to time will be sent to groups via e-mail. These notes will also be sent to DR's for their information. Plea letters will continue to be sent via USPS and will not be sent via e-mail, but notices about plea letters will be sent to DR's on e-communities.

My report this time has referred numerous times to the members' website and e-mail. I highly, strongly, seriously recommend each of you have an e-mail account or a very reliable e-mail buddy. The address needs to have your anonymity protected. Like sallysuemember@onedayatatime.com last names omitted but last initial is okay. More and more information is now being sent electronically and no longer through the USPS.

Can you picture yourself in Vancouver? Mark your calendar for July 5-7, 2013. A day of service is being planned for July 4th. Registration and housing will be sent to groups in the fall of 2012.

I have one more question for everyone. What skills building topics would you like to see us cover next year? Ideas and suggestions can be given to me this weekend or e-mail to me and I will pass the information onto our next Area Chairman.

Next year the World Service conference will be held in Stanford Conn. The theme will be, "Our Spiritual Journey – we get as we give." I send best wishes to all of you as you continue your spiritual journey.

I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to service as your Delegate on Panel 49. I am truly grateful for the all the encouragement, help, and enthusiasm given to me by each of you. I am honored to have served as your Delegate.

Friday of the 2011 World Service Conference was an emotional day. That evening, my Panel presented our skit. Our skit included things that had been accomplished during our three conferences as well as poking fun at ourselves. We ended the skit with a song. (Sing it here.)

Thank you for letting me share.

As always, One Day At A Time Yours in service, Sandra F

Treasurer's Report – Ohio Area Assembly
Report Period January 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011

MONEY RECEIVED		
DONATIONS AND OTHER INCOME		AMOUNT
Group Donations		6,406.35
Plea Letter		2,873.75
Personal Donations (total of 1)		50.00
Greater Cincinnati Information Service		249.40
Youngstown Information Services		100.00
AI-A-Notes Subscriptions (total of 4)		24.00
Interest Union Bank 30 Mo. CD 1-1 to 4-18-11 (\$113.51 total int. to date deposited to checking)		46.13
Return of 2011 Ohio Area Convention Float		2,000.00
2011 Ohio Area Convention		671.34
Spring Assembly Voting		331.00
Un-reimbursed '11 Treasurer, travel, equip. expense		71.90
	TOTAL INCOME	12,823.87
MONEY EXPENDED <i>Spent</i>		
'10 2-Day Fall Assembly flyers reimbursement		-12.68
'10 2-Day Fall refund of excess return		-154.62
'11 2-Day Fall Assembly fliers		-32.03
RESERVE FUNDS		
Active Past Delegate Expense		-200.00
Action Comm./Coordinators Fund (AMIAS groups, POC)		-896.21
Equipment (printer cartridges, easels, table cover, etc.)		-421.11
BUDGETED EXPENSES		
		-5088.39
ADVANCE BALANCES Alternate Delegate – (book balance)		-942.06
2010 remaining balance		142.06
2010 Checks # 1082, #1083, #1084, #1085, #1086		-2806.12
	TOTAL EXPENSES	-10,411.16
	BALANCE 12-31-10	35,031.22
	INCOME	12823.87
	EXPENSE	-10411.16
	BALANCE 10-1-11	37,443.93
WHERE THE MONEY IS		
Union Bank Co., Pemberville		
3 year CD (matures 4-7-12)		21,011.25
30 month CD (matures 10-9-12)		5,000.00
Checking Account - Fifth Third Bank		11,432.68
	TOTAL CASH ON HAND	37,443.93
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Robin Rex, TREASURER		



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