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General Conference Prep

By Ernie M.
Area 16 Delegate

In February, I first received the Agenda Items for the 67th General Conference. Our area secretary sent out the agenda items to our area chairpersons and officers and followed the DCM assignment list for their individual district/zone agenda items. I have received so much help and information from our area's DCMs/Alt DCMs, and Committee Chairpersons. During the pre-conference meeting in Macon last April, so much information and guidance was provided to me from them. This information has helped me immensely in preparing for conference. You will receive the 67th Conference Report at the May Assembly. When this Message has gone to print, I will have had the opportunity to represent Area 16 at the 67th General Service Conference in Rye, New York beginning on April 22nd. I have been asked to be the monitor for a workshop at the Conference –

“Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation”.

The Southeast Cluster Forum in February was well attended (over 150 present) and the District 17 Cluster (Spanish) had over 75 present. Presentations at both Cluster Forums were excellent along with the food and hospitality at both.

At the May Assembly, Area 16 will be hosting Bob W., our current Trustee-At-Large/US. I have asked him to do a presentation during the GSR workshop Saturday afternoon and share his AA Story (Experience, Strength and Hope) on Saturday evening. Remember the Area will be voting on the motion to adopt “electronic voting” for elections. The Area will also receive the ad-hoc committee report to move all related expenses to the Prepaid Convention currently being paid by the GSSA account to the pre-paid account.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Area 16 Webmaster – Jonathan W. Make him feel welcome at our Assembly. Also, Diane M. will be

presented for your approval as our new Communications Committee Co-Chair. Thank you both for stepping up to fill two of our most important vacancies.

Area 16 along with Area I (Alabama), will be hosting the SSAASA IV (Southern States A. A. Service Assembly) in Atlanta, November 2017. Rebecca T., our **Assembly** Chairperson will be our Area representative on that committee and I know we will have a lot of volunteers to help her as the time nears. Also, remember that at the May Assembly we will be receiving nominations for the new Delegate to be elected in September for the year 2018/2019 (Panel 68). Please review the qualifications and procedure in your GA Service Manual.

If any of the Districts in Area 16 would like either myself or your Alternate Delegate to attend you district meeting, please let us know and one of us will make their best effort to be there.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt_delegate@aageorgia.org

Participation: Leadership- “I am Responsible”

By Rick M.
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

I'm currently involved in my home group-sponsored Concept Study, and while studying Concept IX, I read Bill's included essay on “Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need”. I believe the entire essay is a great example of this year's Participation theme and sub-topic - Leadership). Due to a recent personal experience, I was particularly reflective on the following passages at the very end of his essay:

“While this article was first thought of in connection with our world service leadership, it is possible that some of its suggestions can be useful to anyone who takes an active part in our Society.

This is true particularly in the area of Twelfth Step work, in which nearly all of us are actively engaged. Every sponsor is necessarily a leader. The stakes are about as big as they could be. A human life and usually the happiness of a whole family hang in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he

times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his prospect on by personal spiritual example—these qualities of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.

We thank God that Alcoholics Anonymous is blessed with so much leadership in all of its affairs.”

These **essay** statements “rang true” to me recently, as my family suffered the loss of a member to the effects of alcoholism. During this sad time, my sponsor took time out of his schedule and fulfilled a “responsibility” by calling with his condolences, support, and spiritual experience. Even though I was surrounded by loving family members, his call was perhaps my most comforting message during this sorrowful time; to me, my sponsor demonstrated true Leadership and Responsibility. “Every sponsor is necessarily a leader.” “What the sponsor says and does...” I continue to feel so grateful to A.A. and its leaders for these blessed examples in my life today - “taking an active part in our society”.

The Southeast Cluster Forum was held on February 25th, hosted by Districts

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3, 4, & 5 in Savannah. Once again, over 75% of the over 150 attendees, were first-time attendees! Following the Southeast, the next Cluster Forum held was hosted by District 17 (Spanish) in Atlanta, March 18th and they also did a fantastic job with their theme presentations and participation. The next Cluster Forum will be hosted by East Central districts (8, 9, 12A, & 12B) on June 17th (see flyer in this issue). Please come out, bring someone new to these service events, and join us for fun and very informative cluster forums!

Our 64th Prepaid convention will be hosted by District 7 Zones A and B, held in Macon, October 12-15th, at the Macon Marriott City Center (see flyer in this message). A great line-up of speakers is already set along with many activities. Please register now for a great time.

I continue to look forward to “Participating” with all of you this year as we contribute to our future through service.

TREASURER / treasurer@ageorgia.org

Keep Contributions Coming

By Rusty L.
Area 16 Treasurer

I survived my first Assembly. It was actually pretty exciting and I really enjoyed presenting our financials to everyone. I want to take the opportunity to thank those of you who gave me feedback during the Assembly weekend, both congratulations and critiques. It's helpful as I attempt to provide you the financial information you want and need.

Area 16 did an amazing job with our finances in 2016. As I reported, Total Income was \$268,034.71 and Total Expenses were \$243,621.97 for a Total Profit of \$24,412.74. You told us what you wanted to do via the budget and you responded by providing the contributions to make it all happen. Area 16 AA is simply amazing and I want to thank

you for your efforts!!

Your DCMs approved the 2017 budget of \$262,785.73, so I want to encourage you to continue your contributions to GSSA to fund those services for all of us and for all suffering alcoholics in Georgia. I know you can do it.

Additionally, the Augusta Pre-paid Convention was a great success, coming in under budget. With the Macon Pre-paid occurring this year, Athens to follow in 2018, and probably Savannah in 2019, I want you to consider continuing your contributions to fund our **State** Convention as you have in the past. Let's make our Conventions open and available to all alcoholics in Georgia.

Thanks again for all you do to financially support your Area. You are the financial lifeblood of AA in Georgia.

SECRETARY / secretary@ageorgia.org

Keeping Us Informed

By Joan M.
Area 16 Secretary

This is not my first (or even my second) attempt at writing this article. When I was a Committee Chair I had plenty to write about. There was a workbook I could reference, a website I could go to specifically devoted to my Committee. Secretary? Very little printed material on being a Secretary. So, I tend to get stuck when I start thinking about what I want to convey to everyone about being a Secretary. If there isn't much written about it in our literature, it must not be a very important job. Right?

Ah, but that is not true. The Secretary position is one of the most important positions in our fellowship. As group, district/zone, area and special committee secretaries, we are the recorders of AA history. We put down in **writing** what is happening in our part of the AA world and in turn pass that infor-

mation on.

Have you ever been to a business meeting where everyone who *could* attend *did* attend? Rarely does that happen. Meeting minutes keep those of us who could not attend stay informed. And why on earth do I keep asking Districts/Zones to send their minutes to district-minutes@ageorgia.org? Short answer—so we stay informed. Area 16 covers the entire state of Georgia. It is virtually impossible for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend every district meeting in our Area. By sending in your District Minutes you help keep them informed. Groups secretaries, you can send your minutes in to your district/zone secretary to keep them informed.

If you attending the May Assembly in Macon, please come to the Secretary/Treasurer Workshop held Saturday morning. See you there.

**SELF-SUPPORT
GROUP CONTRIBUTION
PLANS TO AA SERVICE
ENTITIES**

“To help support AA’s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, *through an informed group conscience*, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group’s financial situation.”- *Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix*

Self-support begins with each of us as part of a group. After group expenses are paid, remaining contributions should be disbursed to cover the expenses of our service entities so others can discover the miracles of AA.

Below are sample distribution plans. The group conscience should be informed on the financial needs of each of the service entities when making their distribution decisions as those needs change over time.

Group Conscience Decision

State Office, Macon:	_____	%
District/Zone:	_____	%
Central Office:	_____	%
Pre-Paid Convention:	_____	%
GSO:	_____	%
Total:	_____	<u>100</u> %

Sample Distribution

	A	B
State Office, Macon:	50%	30%
Central Office:	-	35%
District/Zone:	10%	5%
Pre-Paid Convention:	10%	10%
GSO:	30%	20%

Mailing Addresses:

GSSA (State Office) & Prepaid Convention

P.O. Box 7325
Macon, GA 31209

GSO (General Service Office)

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

If you need additional information, please call 478-745-2588

GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org

4 Season of Service with Grapevine & LaVina

By Dorman P. Chair
Robert M., Co-Chair
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

The first season of this new event began March 1st and ends May 31st. The topic for the first season is; Grapevine in your Homegroup. Join other members in the Southeast Region in sharing your experience about how you carry the message in your homegroup with GV and/or LV. Here are a few ideas: 1-Do you have a GV/LV representative? 2-Is your meeting a GV meeting? 3-Do you read the GV Daily Quote? 4-Does your group subscribe to GV/LV? How to participate; 1-Write and share your or your group's experience on the topic (up to 300 words). 2-Include an anonymity-protected photo, if you'd like. 3-Tell them how you'd like to sign

your story. 4-Provide your name, town or city, email address, phone number and region. 5-Upload written work and an optional anonymity-protected photo to the form online or mail to: Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10115. Future Season topics- Grapevine and La Vina in Committee Work... June/July, Working with others with Grapevine & La Vina... August/September/October, Using Grapevine's and La Vina's Digital Tools... November/December This event runs from March 1st – December 31st, 2017. Please visit aageorgia.org, click on the 4 Seasons window to learn more. Robert and I look forward to seeing you at Cluster Forums and Grapeathons this year, Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be of service to Area 16.

PI/CPC / picpc@aageorgia.org

PICPC & Veterans

By Chase S., Chair
Max S., Co-Chair
Area 16 Public Information/Cooperation
With the Professional Community Committee

Up for discussion at the General Service Conference 2017 is improving communication about AA with professionals who come in contact with armed services veterans and men and women in the armed services. This particular discussion topic is near and dear to my heart because I was once a veteran who needed professionals with good information on AA. Having been ordered into substance abuse counseling several times, I never truly got useful information on AA. **Military** bases, at home and abroad, have a lack of alcoholics anonymous meetings. That tells me a lot right there. Through many different disciplines, and treatment options, the military has the resources and the man power to address the special needs of service members and veterans. That in combination with local or district PICPC committees, is a recipe for success. I personally live in a city dominated by a US Army base, and in all of my years of work in this committee, -have never considered that the hand of AA needs to be there and that it is my charge to make sure that it is. I see this as an opportunity to grow. I am challenging myself to reach out to my local F ort, by way of the professionals there. We look forward to seeing all of you in May, at GSSA, and hearing your thoughts on the discussion.

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Accessibilities Kit

By Don O., Chair
Christie G. Co-Chair
Area 16 Treatment / Accessibilities
Committee

I have recently received the new Accessibilities **Kit** and Workbook and there is a lot of very useful information and suggestions that have been added that will be very helpful in our attempts to make meetings accessible to ALL who wish to attend meetings," Accessibility Issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in AA, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual or emotional. Our annual Area 16 Treatment/ Accessibilities Workshop is scheduled for June 24 2017 at the NABA Club 1809 Briarwood Rd,

NE. Atlanta. The time is 12:00pm-4:00pm, It is being hosted by District 13 Zone G, check out the flyer. We look forward to seeing everyone May 20th at the Assembly we will have two workshops at 11:00 am and 9:30 pm if you have any questions or concerns about taking meeting into a Treatment Facility or getting your group involved in taking meeting our workshops are a great place to come get a lot of really good shared information. Please come to the workshops and share your ideas with us help us to be the best committee that we can be. Remember that you can always contact us at treatment@aageorgia.org or you can call us Christie and I are both listed in the directory.

ARCHIVES / archives@aageorgia.org

Archives Committee Report

By Gary N., Chair
Fred I., Co-Chair
Area 16 Archives Committee

The District 17 Spanish Metro Atlanta Cluster Forum was held at the Grupo Sobriedad Latina Clubhouse in Doraville, Georgia on March 17. A presentation was made on the history of the Spanish edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The first translation may have been made in Cleveland and sent to the New York headquarters. However, that version was lost. A translation was made in New York City, but the knowledge of how this translation arrived in any Spanish speaking country is not clear. We know that four main Spanish versions evolved in this hemisphere. The four versions were from Mexico, El Salvador, Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican translation was reprinted by the GSO by April of 1955.

A fifth version evolved by 1962 translated into Castilian Spanish which became used in Spain.

But none of these versions were formally validated by the GSO. The translations varied depending on the local dialect. The contents of the translations sometimes seemed to leave certain ideas behind.

The GSO eventually hired a Spanish Services coordinator who expressed much concern about the shortcomings of the **printed** version. A new translation was made and this First Spanish Edition was published in 1986. However, this version ended with Dr. Bob's Story. No Spanish version to date had included stories similar to the American editions.

By 1990, a Second Edition was published that included 12 Spanish original stories along with two translated American stories "Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three" and "Women Suffer Too."

A Third Spanish Edition was published in 2008 that included 32 new Spanish stories. This Edition was the first that approximated the size and weight of an American Big Book.

The English text of the presentation will be provided to the GSSA

FROM YOUR EDITOR

There is something special that happens when a group of committed service members come together to discuss the business of AA. At the beginning of April, the Area 16 officers and the DCMs throughout Georgia came together to discuss the items that will be on the table at the General Service conference in New York. This event occurs every year to help our Area Delegate (this year Ernie M.) gain the collective opinions, knowledge and inspiration to represent all of us at the General Service Conference.

I always come to such gatherings with my own set of **ideas** but am amazed with the thoughts provided by others. They are thoughtful, based on our common goals and loaded with well-expressed personal experiences. It is a pleasure and an inspiration to play any part in such a gathering. Go Team!

— Jenine M., Area 16 Editor

COMMUNICATIONS / communications@aageorgia.org

Mission of AAGeorgia.org

By Ron G., Chair
Diane M., Co-chair
Area 16 Communications Committee

Please welcome Diane M to the Communications Committee as Co-Chair. I am looking forward to working with Diane on communications in Area 16.

The Area Web Committee has begun a process to evaluate the mission of our website -aageorgia.org. As technology has evolved over the last ten years, the role of the Area website has also evolved – both from the availability of technology among our fellowship and other interested parties, and the tools used to maintain, refresh, and **evolve** content on a website. The use of GPS mapping capability accessing meeting locations in Area 16 is just one example. The Web Committee – both present and immediate past members – has undertaken a process to propose an update to the mission of our website. I would anticipate sending a new mission statement to our Area Office Committee in the next several months. More on this

activity in future editions of The Georgia Message.

The Communications Committee continues to look for an English – Spanish translator to serve as co-editor of The Georgia Message to assure that The Message is available to all members of our Fellowship in Area 16. If interested, contact communications@aageorgia.org. Diane and I look forward to seeing you at the May Assembly and/or the June East Central Cluster Forum. message of recovery is available.

SSAASA
4th Southern States
Alcoholics Anonymous
Service Assembly

November 10-12, 2017

Sheraton Atlanta Airport
Atlanta, Georgia

Register: www.aaarea1.org/ssaasa.html

**MACON MARRIOTT CITY
CENTER RESERVATIONS**

NEED A ROOM AT THE MARRIOTT FOR ASSEMBLY?

CALL (478) 621-5300, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY, TO GET THE GROUP RATE. PLEASE REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE IS May 5, 2017.

Gratitude

By **Cathy B., Chair**
Ken P., Co-Chair
Area 16 Corrections Committee

I can speak first hand to the powerful reaction of an inmate who reaches out to AA when given the smallest gift: a Grapevine, a letter of encouragement, or even a Big Book. In my experience, these members of AA desperately want what we have, and are willing to go to any length to get it. Serving those behind the walls who want our way of life has been one of the most rewarding, humbling experiences in my recovery.

If you would like to have a humbling experience by reaching out to some of these inmates, there are several ways to help. First, volunteers are always needed to respond to the "Bridge the Gap" pamphlets we receive. Literature, correspondence, and even sponsorship through the mail are an incredible gift. The most rewarding experience in my view also comes with the biggest commitment; to carry the message of AA behind the walls of a state prison.

To carry the message behind the wall, you first must be trained. The next training session will be Saturday, May 27th from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the State Office in Macon. Upon successful completion of the training and

approval by the State of Georgia, you will need to contact one of the three Regional Offices closest to you to make an appointment to get your badge. This is done the third Saturday of each month, and you **MUST** call the Friday before by noon to confirm your appointment.

Finally, there will be two Corrections Workshops during the Georgia State Service Assembly. The first will be at 11 a.m. and the evening workshop will take place at 9:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there, and are always

HOW TO CONTACT TRUSTED SERVANTS

To preserve anonymity, the Georgia Message of AA does not contain personal phone numbers, personal email addresses or the password to access protected information on www.aageorgia.org. Here are some tips on how to reach trusted servants:

1. Use the official email addresses for Area 16 trusted servants located above articles, in our service directory or on aageorgia.org.
2. To get a phone number, use the service directory given to each group at the January Assembly or call our Macon office at 478.745.2588.
3. The password to access protected web content can be obtained from the service directory, your GSR, your DCM, the Area office in Macon, webmaster@aageorgia.org or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to: communications@aageorgia.org or editor@aageorgia.org.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to the readers, not as an endorsement by the State Assembly. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

May 7	Metro Service Breakfast NABA / Atlanta
May 19-21	Georgia AA Service Assembly Macon/Marriott
May 27	Corrections Certification Training Macon/GSSA 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
June 2-4	Girlstock International Atlanta
June 17	East Central Cluster Forum Includes (8,9,12A,12B) Dublin
June 24	2017 Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities Workshop Atlanta

The deadline for the articles for the message for July and August is June 1st. There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated.

Please Mail to: G.S.S.A., P. O. Box 7325, Macon, Ga. 31209

Birthday Contributions

District 2, Zone A

Alamo Group
 Glenda McD. – March 5, 1992
 Reese – March 6, 2006
 Richard U. – March 5, 2014
 Eric W. – March 9, 2016
 Clarence – March 15, 2016

District 3, Zone B

Hoboken Group
 Whitney B. – January 7, 2014

District 3, Zone D

12 & 12 Group
 Jean G. – February 8, 1968
 Happy Hour Group
 Courtney C. – March 6, 2011

District 5, Zone C

Liz W. – March 20, 1997

District 6

College Step Study Group
 Spencer G. – February 6, 1986
 Serena B. – February 9, 2009

District 8

Wrightsville Serenity Group
 Chris M. – August 17, 2009

District 9

Swainsboro Group
 John R. – February 8, 2008

District 10, Zone C

Fellowship Group
 Lucy L. – January 23, 1975

District 11, Zone B

Conyers New Beginning Group
 Richard R. – February 17, 1985

District 13, Zone A

The Chapter 3 Group
 Ellen B. – November 28, 2012

District 16, Zone B

First Things First Group
 Dianne G. – January 31, 2016

District 16, Zone C

Buford Group
 Dot H. – February 16, 1986

District 16, Zone E

Morning Miracles Group
 Lindsey B. – January 25, 1998

Things We Cannot Change

District 11 Zone B

No Name Nooners Group

Bob M
 Sobriety Date – January 9, 1987
 Passed – March 3, 2017

District 13 Zone A

Past Area Treasurer 1987-1990

P. Glen Strickland
 Sobriety Date – November 17, 1971
 Passed – March 19, 2017

New Groups

District 13 Zone A

Laugh Out Loud Group
 5390 McGinnis Ferry Rd
 Alpharetta, GA 30005
 Monday at 6:15 p.m. Men's Closed

District 13 Zone A

Women Empowering Women Group
 15770 Birmingham Hwy
 Alpharetta, GA
 Monday 10:00 a.m.
 Women Open Discussion



WORD SEARCH

The words that are within the Word Search below can be found highlighted in each of the Area Officer articles in this newsletter.

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i	g	v	y	s	s	f	f	j	h
n	r	x	o	k	e	s	s	a	y
t	o	d	v	l	k	m	k	s	f
e	u	k	i	z	v	y	b	i	o
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n	m	i	l	i	t	a	r	y	y

<p>Hosted by</p> <p>DISTRICTS 8, 9, 12A, & 12B</p> <p>Registration begins at 9 AM with program at 10 AM</p>	<p>GROWTH</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diversity – Outreach and Attraction 2. Safety – An Important Consideration 3. Communication – Today and Tomorrow 	<p>PARTICIPATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fellowship vs. Membership 2. Leadership – “I am Responsible...” 3. Is Your Voice Heard? 	<p>CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spirituality and Money 2. Fully Self-Supporting Our Obligations 3. Apathy and Power of the Purse
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EAST CENTRAL CLUSTER FORUM



Stubbs Park
 100 South Drive
 Dublin, GA
 31021

Saturday, June 17 at Stubbs Park

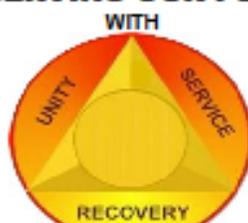
What are Cluster Forums? Cluster Forums provide a unique opportunity to share valuable experience, ask questions, and speak new ideas. How do they work? They are sharing sessions designed to enhance and widen communications among members of AA, service, and potential service people, and representatives of the Groups, Districts, and Area.

Coffee, Drinks, Snacks, & Lunch Provided

64th GEORGIA STATE PREPAID CONVENTION OCTOBER 12-15th 2017 MACON, GA

Macon Marriott City Center
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon GA 31217
478-621-5300

"PRESERVING OUR FUTURE"



AND THE
"STEPS - TRADITIONS - PROGRAM - FELLOWSHIP"

SPEAKER PANEL

Chris S. - Sharpsburg, GA
Donna H. - Billings, MT
Earl H. - Scottsdale, AZ
Elyse J. - Clarkston, GA (Al-Anon)
Jim R. - Helen, GA
Kent C. - Sandusky, OH
Sandy H. - Port Charlotte, FL

NAME _____ NAME ON BADGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ HOME GROUP _____

GROUP: AA AL-ANON ALATEEN

INTERESTED IN: GOLF KAYAKING \$30.00

SPECIAL NEEDS: HEARING (SIGNER AVAILABLE) SIGHT

WHEELCHAIR OTHER _____

Mail Registration Form to:

64th GEORGIA STATE PREPAID CONVENTION, PO BOX 5713, MACON GA 31208

Or Register On-line at:

www.aageorgia.org/prepaid.htm

Out-of-State Registration Fee: AA & Al-Anon \$25; Alateen \$10— Cash or Checks Only

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, EMAIL US AT 64THPREPAID@AAGEORGIA.ORG

GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND
MACON CENTREPLEX – CONVENTION CENTER
May 2017

FRIDAY May 19

8:00 PM Room 308	OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING Chairperson Dist.7A, Allen B., New Freedom Group	*Translated in Spanish
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SATURDAY May 20

9:00 AM Ballroom A	DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS Ernie M. Delegate / Rick McN. Alternate Delegate	
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9:00 AM Ballroom B	Assembly 101: Getting the most out of your Assembly Rebecca T. Area Chair / Tom H. Office Committee Chair	*Translated in Spanish
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10:00 AM Room 313	WEB COMMITTEE Ron G. Chairperson	
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11:00 AM Room 310	ARCHIVES MEETING Gary N. / Fred I. Chairpersons	
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11:00 AM Centreplex Ballroom	COMMUNICATIONS MEETING Set up A/V system Ron G. Chairperson	
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11:00 AM Room 324	CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING Rick McN. Alternate Delegate	
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11:00 AM Room 303	CORRECTIONS MEETING Cathy B. / Ken P. Chairpersons	
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11:00 AM Room 312	GRAPEVINE MEETING Dorman P. / Robert McC. Chairpersons	
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11:00 AM Room 308	PI/CPC MEETING Chase S. / Maxwell S. Chairpersons	
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11:00 AM Rm 308	SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP Joan McN., Area Secretary / Rusty L., Area Treasurer	*Translated in Spanish
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11:00 AM Room 309	TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING Don O. / Christy G. Chairpersons	
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1:00 PM Room 308	DCM MEETING Ernie M., Delegate	*Translated in Spanish
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1:00 PM Centreplex Ballroom	GSR ORIENTATION (Part 2 of 3) Kenneth J., Past DCM 5B	
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SATURDAY May 20

3:00 – 5:00 PM Centreplex Ballroom	<u>GSR WORKSHOP</u> (Including reports from area chairs) 1. "Participation in AA" – Fellowship vs Membership – Mike S., DCM 14D 2. Presentation by – Past U.S. Trustee at Large, Bob W. Ask-It-Basket (Tom H., Rebecca T., Ernie M., Rick McN., Rusty L., Joan McN., Mike S., Bob W.)	*Translated in Spanish
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SATURDAY May 20 (Continued)

8:00 PM	AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING	*Translated in Spanish
Centreplex Ballroom	Chairperson – Sherry T., DCM 14D 12 Steps – Randell H., DCM 18E Traditions – Phillip G., DCM 10C Speaker – Past U.S. Trustee at Large, Bob W.	
9:30 PM	AREA WORKSHOPS	
GSSA Office	Archives	
Room 303	Corrections	
Room 312	Communications	
Room 308	Grapevine	
Green Room	Intergroup/Central Office	
Room 308	PI/CPC	
Room 309	Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities	

SUNDAY May 21

9:00 AM	<u>AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING</u>	*Translated in Spanish
Centreplex Ballroom		

CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER Rebecca T., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Delegate's Report – Ernie M.
2. Recognize Past Area Officers
3. Approve Minutes from January 2017 Business Meeting
4. Report from 2017 Pre-Paid – Macon
5. SSAASA 2017 Report
6. Area Officer's reports (Alt. Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer)
7. Bob W. Past U.S. Trustee at Large

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Savannah bid for 2019 Pre-Paid. (vote)
2. Motion: Area 16 adopt electronic voting procedures for elections, period. (vote)
3. Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: "I move that all GSSA Office and Area Service Committee related expenses associated with the Prepaid Convention be reimbursed from the Prepaid Convention Account rather than GSSA."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of new Area Committee Chairs / Co-Chairs
2. Nominations for Delegate and Alt Delegate
3. General Sharing
4. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer (Spanish/English)

PLEASE NOTE

IN ORDER TO VOTE ON SUNDAY, A GSR MUST BE SIGNED IN FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING. (You may sign in at registration desk during the weekend, at the specified times.)

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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