

DELEGATE / delegate@aageorgia.org

Leadership in AA

By **Patty L.**
Area 16 Delegate

Leadership in Alcoholics Anonymous is very important to our future. I will be addressing Concepts IX and X at the end of this article, and both are pertinent to our leadership. We need to carefully select our trusted servants using the guidance of Concept IX and its description of good leadership in AA. In addition, Concept X states that providing our trusted servants with an appropriate level of authority in accordance with their position increases their effectiveness. However, we don't have to be a trusted servant to exercise leadership in our meetings: Bill W.'s writings - and those members that I follow - all say that if our Fellowship is to last into the future, it is up to us to protect it. All of us are responsible for making the hand of AA always available to the newcomer. We can ensure this by understanding the Traditions and Concepts, and most importantly, maintaining the integrity of our program as it is described in the "Big Book". At our September Assembly we will be electing our Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and I hope that your vote is selecting the best leader

for us.

An example of leadership that each of us can exercise is maintaining our personal anonymity, and the anonymity of those attending our meetings. Many of our members are enjoying the growing popularity of social media on the Internet. Our Tradition of anonymity gets fuzzy when a member uses his/her cell phone to take a picture of friends at an AA function and posts it on Facebook. If the photo and the caption with it do not mention AA or anything that would lead someone to know the photo includes AA members, it is ok to post (with permission of those in the photo). But if in the photo background is poster that says "One Day at a Time" or the caption for the photo says "We had a great anniversary celebration at the clubhouse tonight," one of the people who might be friends with any of the people linked to the photo could recognize this as AA jargon and question their friend's membership in AA. The leadership opportunity is to educate the person posting the photo with the proper way to do that without risking a break of anonymity for the persons in the photo. I know that not all of you use the Internet or Facebook, and you're wondering what I am talking

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about. Well, this applies to sharing with others who we saw at a specific meeting and what they shared at a meeting. You just never know who you might be affecting when you discuss openly who was at your home group last night. So, it's best that we avoid having those conversations, and help others to understand our Tradition of anonymity. That is leading by example.

I have said it before and I will keep repeating it - the future of Alcoholics Anonymous is in our hands. We are responsible. I am doing my part - are you? Below I have listed Concepts IX and X, with a few questions to consider from the GSO publication "Concepts Checklist":

Concept IX: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

- Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?
- Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election?

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ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt_delegate@aageorgia.org

Love in service

By **Tom H.**
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

My first service job was opening a meeting, setting up the room, and making coffee for a Sunday evening meeting. The job required getting to the meeting an hour and a half early, because we used a large coffee pot that took one hour to brew the coffee. I held this position for one year. I was told it is important to have the coffee ready when people start to arrive for the meeting. I was only late once, the coffee wasn't ready, and I immediately understood the importance of having the coffee ready. I was not met with the affection I had been used to when the coffee was done on time.

One Sunday evening there was a

football game I wanted to attend, so I called my sponsor to ask if he would cover me for the night. He said he would cover me, and asked why I couldn't be there. I told him about the football game. He then told me that the next time I wanted a drink, to just call the quarterback of the team - and hung up the phone. I missed the game, and was taught an early important lesson about commitment to service - even though I pouted through the entire meeting because I had to make coffee!

I also remember showing up to this meeting the first night after my year-long coffee commitment ended. The meeting was set up differently, the literature rack seemed empty, and the coffee didn't taste quite right. To my amazement no one else seemed to notice. I had a hard time letting go

of my coffee pot. My only job at that point was to show the next person where the coffee pot was stored - not to criticize the way they made it. When I ask someone to sweep the floor, I shouldn't tell them which broom to use! Most of us who have grown up in General Service have had this experience.

This September, and in the following months, many of us will rotate from coffee maker, GSR, DCM, and the like. Let us remember to thank these members for their commitment to AA's future. Most of us will never know how much our service meant to the person just trying to find a meeting. Yes, even the important job of making sure the meeting is open, and greeting folks with a friendly smile - and a hot cup of coffee.

'I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.'

TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org

A big thank you!

By Don M.
Area 16 Treasurer

Thank you for your support! As this is written, Group contributions to GSSA and GSO are up from last year. Thanks to your giving and your trusted servants carefully watching expenses, we are not in danger of going out of business any time soon.

While we're on the subject of money, contributions to the Prepaid Convention are below last year. Remember, we are able to put on a "free" convention only due to the generosity of the group contributions. Is your group supporting the Convention?

However, I can't help but wonder if we're doing everything for the still suffering alcoholic that we are capable of. If we gave sacrificially could we extend the hand of AA to even more people? Is there someone in your community who needs us? Is there someone in your District who could use our help? Is there someone in our state who is reaching out for help? Do these know that we are available to help them? Is it our mission to reach out to them? How can we do a better job of carrying the message?

See you at the Assembly. Remember that we have a workshop for Secretaries and Treasurers Saturday at 11AM.

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

District 1, Zone A

- Nikki H. - One Year
- Paul H. - Two Years
- Danielle B. - Three Years
- Carl T. - 18 Years
- Steve D. - 25 Years
- John K. - 27 Years
- Sonny V. - 28 Years

104 Plus Years for the 1/4 Bainbridge Group

District 3, Zone D

Jean G. February 8, 1968
12 & 12 Group
Mary F. May 16, 1991
Women's Group

District 6

Rhett K. June 30, 2000
East Highland Group

District 7, Zone A

Tamera P. June 4, 2001
Living Sober Group

District 7, Zone B

Russell H.
Warner Robins Group

District 10, Zone B

Joe D. August 1, 1987
Douglasville Group

District 10, Zone D

Deborah K.
Senoia Second Chance Group

District 13, Zone B

Rheba S. June 18, 2009
Early Bird Group

District 13, Zone J

Tom H., June 10, 1988
Gem City Group

District 15, Zone A

Doug H. June 16, 2003
Summerville AA Group

District 16, Zone E

Michelle W. June 19, 1984
Lakeland Group

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

In her article, our Delegate (Patty L.) addresses Concepts IX and X to illustrate how good service leadership at all levels is vital to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. At our upcoming Assembly, we will be electing our Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Their service resumes are included in this issue of the GA Message. Please take the time and review each candidate's history to make an informed decision. Your vote is important to our future. - Jane H., Editor, Georgia Message of AA

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P.O. Box 7325
Macon, GA 31209

SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org

The AA home group

By Ernie M.
Area 16 Secretary

"With membership comes the right to vote upon issues that might affect AA as a whole."

As with all Group Conscience matters, each AA member has one vote, and this, ideally is voiced through the home group. Pg. 13, Pamphlet P-16, "The AA Group." Although many of us attend different meetings, we should only vote in our home group.

We will be holding the Area Election for Delegate and Alternate Delegate

beginning 2012 at the September Assembly in Macon. All resumes for these service positions are in the current Georgia Message. Be sure any changes in your groups GSR or Alternate GSR are properly registered with the Area Office prior to Assembly (by September 10th) per the Georgia AA Service Manual, page 13.

I have received several e-mails dealing with the duties of the "Group Secretary". What better time for them to attend the Secretary/Treasurer workshop at the assembly in September when we have the Area elections. The whole weekend process would be extremely beneficial to all our Group/

Zone/District Secretaries as they are one of the most essential "trusted servants".

Please continue to send your District/Zone minutes to: districtminutes@aageorgia.org.

I am still asking the Alternate DCMs to send me their email address to me so I can include them in any information sent to the DCMs and allow better dissemination of that information to Groups.

If there is anything I can do please contact me at secretary@aageorgia.org.

CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org

Bridge the gap

By Harold W., Chair
and Jim T., Co-Chair
Area 16 Corrections Committee

Our Corrections experience has taught us that the most important time in an inmate's recovery is the first 24 to 48 hours after his or her release. Many inmates, who attend AA meetings in a correctional facility, choose not to attend meetings on the outside upon their release. The reasons for this vary, but in most cases it is because they are too nervous, frightened or ashamed to walk into a strange AA meeting alone.

Given the fact that about half of our state's inmates are incarcerated as a direct result of alcohol, it is no wonder why we have a 45% recidivism rate in

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Georgia, and that it has not changed significantly in over 30 years. It is estimated that for each 1% this recidivism rate can be reduced, it would save the taxpayers of Georgia \$7 to 10 million. This is where we, of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be of service.

Our Bridge the Gap Program, which has been in place for over twenty

years, hopes to help inmates find AA on the outside by giving them "a friendly ear," who will make them feel at home in their AA community. Neither Alcoholics Anonymous nor Bridge the Gap provides housing, food, clothing, employment, money or other welfare or social services, but we do help to guide newcomers to find these things for themselves. Our only purpose, as Bridge the Gap volunteers, is to help newcomers enter the mainstream of AA and their communities.

We hope that you will consider becoming a Bridge the Gap volunteer. Together, we can make a difference! Volunteer forms are available on our Area 16 website or at Assembly and Cluster Forums. If you have questions, as always, please contact us by phone or email.

GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org

The voice of AA

By Mary A., Chair
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

I often struggle to find the exact words to express how much the AA Grapevine contributes to the fellowship and to the service work we carry out. How best do I describe to the member who has not read our meeting in print the purpose of our precious magazines. I believe this is best described in The AA Grapevine Statement of Purpose:

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. Widely known as a "meeting in print," the AA Grapevine communicates the

experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity, and service. Founded in 1944, the Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through magazine subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of Grapevine items.

The awareness that every AA member has an individual way of working the program permeates the pages of the Grapevine, and throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of AAs around the world. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either AA or the Grapevine.

As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the

Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to the AA movement as a whole . . . Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Grapevine will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous. . . . Like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement it is to mirror, there will be but one central purpose: The Grapevine will try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs."

My suggestion to our membership is to take the time to read the AA Grapevine statement of purpose in your next meeting, group or district meeting. Share and Carry the message of the AA Grapevine. "Read it, subscribe to it, write for it and use it in your Twelve Step work."

PI/CPC / pi/cpc@aageorgia.org

Fellowship and service

By Teri F., Chair
and Ed T., Co-Chair
Area 16 Public Information/Cooperation
with the Professional Community
Committee

Having just returned from a great weekend of fellowship and service in Monroe, Georgia, I feel energized for the upcoming events we will be involved with. There was great interest in PI/CPC work in the Monroe area; Area 16 is fortunate to have such enthusiasm. By the time you receive this

Message, summer will be ending and we will have participated in the NW Cluster Forum, the PI/CPC workshop in Buford, and the Georgia School of Addiction Studies in Savannah (we were asked to set up a booth for Alcoholics Anonymous). Thanks to Frank S. and Heather T. for all their organizing, and to all the volunteers who participated this year.

But we still have doctors, lawyers, probation and parole officers, judges, and the general public that need to be informed about what AA is and what it is not. It's a large task at

times, but rewarding. And it's of the utmost importance to the still sick and suffering alcoholic who may need a referral. If you're leaving literature at professional offices, setting up a booth at health fairs, or talking to a Rotary Club or other professional group, you are doing some important work. Please remember that our display boards can be borrowed if you have a professional presentation. We thank you for all your efforts. If Ed or I can be of any assistance to your Group or District, please give us a call. We are here to serve you.

COMMUNICATIONS / communications@aageorgia.org

Translators needed!

**By Shari M., Chair and Bill F., Co-Chair
Area 16 Communications Committee**

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and that you are staying cool! Reason number 1,001 to attend AA: We usually have air conditioned meetings! A few times in my drinking years I chose to buy liquor over paying the power bill and it got awfully hot. Thank goodness I don't have to live that way today thanks to this amazing program.

The Communications Committee is still hard at work on the Area 16 web site redesign. We are currently changing the look and feel of the site to make it easier to navigate. The con-

tent will remain the same, however. We will be presenting the final version of the website at the September Assembly. Your constructive feedback was very helpful from our workshop in May, and we have implemented some of your suggestion. So thank you to everyone who participated.

The Communications Committee also is working on getting the Georgia Message of AA published in Spanish in a more consistent manner. We were able to publish almost every Message in Spanish last year but this year we have run into some bumps in the road with our translation. So please, if you are bilingual and capable of translating English into Spanish, let us know by emailing us at communications@aageorgia.org. It is a tremendous

opportunity to be of service to District 17, the Spanish-speaking District that overlays all of Area 16.

Bill F. and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Assembly in September.

NEXT MESSAGE DEADLINE

The deadline for the articles for the Message for November and December is October

1. There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however, all contributions are appreciated.

Please mail to:

GSSA, P.O. Box 7325, Macon, GA 31209. The Georgia Message of AA is published by Area 16.

TREATMENT / treatment@aageorgia.org

We are responsible

**By Jimmy S., Chair and Willie S., Co-Chair
Area 16 Treatment Committee**

I want to thank District 7 for hosting the Treatment Facilities Committee Workshop that was held in Macon on June 25th. We had some very good facilities professionals discuss what works and what doesn't work along with several new Treatment representatives. There was some very useful and informative information provided about carrying the AA Message into Treatment Facilities and about how Bridge the Gap program works. I also want to thank our GSSA Office Manager (Tamera P.) for her guidance and support for those Treatment Representatives that were not able to attend that Workshop.

While there are no special AA members, there are many members that have special needs.

he Committee Co-Chair (Willie S.) was not able to be at the June 25, 2011 Workshop due to health reasons, but we hope and pray for his return to

the Assembly. At our September 2011 Assembly, there will be two Treatment Committee Workshops; the first one will be at 11:00 Saturday Morning and the other one will be at 9:30pm that evening. Please plan to attend the September 2011 Assembly or request that someone from your District, Zone or Group bring back information to you.

Area 16: let us not forget the Special Needs/Accessibilities Program. While there are no special AA members, there are many Members that have special needs. When faced with the challenges of accommodating someone with a special need, we would do well to remember: "I am responsible ...when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there, And for that, I am responsible."

ARCHIVES / archives@aageorgia.org

Truth and freedom

**By James H., Chair and Claudia S., Co-Chair
Area 16 Archives Committee**

Hey Friends! Don't know a lot of news, getting honest has been a great instrument and tool for me. I've been sober around fourteen years now and the more honest I am (not just with my alcohol addiction but with everything in general), the more happily and usefully whole I become. Over the years, it's been piece-meal, one step at a time, starting with the foundation to stop drinking completely. The astonishingly difficult problems

that I accrued in my addiction seem to have rolled away in a few short years. I've heard story after story of the same thing happening in my home group and have witnessed it in the new friends I've made. All I can do is work on being honest; the God of my understanding does the rest. So far the effort has been more than worthwhile. I must say he had his work cut out for him in my case. I haven't even had a parking ticket in like twenty years. What a spiritual awakening to look at my credit report and see zero - zero, zero, paid in full and not have to live in fear of the police knocking at the door over something

that I did last year.

Claudia S. called me this afternoon. She's working on the Archives budget for 2012, which is when she and I will rotate. She will make a great Area 16 Archives Chair for 2012 and 2013. I'm preparing for Monroe, Dallas and Metro Atlanta Forums, and of course the September Georgia State Service Assembly at the Macon Marriott. I urge you all to attend and have fun. I wish you all to live in the truth, with the freedom it produces. With the God of our understanding's help, we could evolve into a people of truth and justice; a place where joy can prevail.

CALENDAR

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

Sept 2-5

53rd ICYPAA
San Francisco

Sept 16-18

Georgia AA Service
Assembly
Macon/GSSA

Oct 20-23

58th Georgia Pre – Paid
Convention
Gainesville

Nov 5

Metro Cluster Forum
Sandy Springs

Nov 10-13

32nd Annual
Chattahoochee Forest
Conference
Helen, GA/Unicoi State
Park

Nov 12

DCM Planning Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Macon/GSSA

NEW GROUPS

District 2 Zone A

We Can Recover
Group
Ray City Youth Center
1101 GA 125, Ray City,
GA 31645
Meets on Thursday and
Saturday nights at 7:00
p.m., Open Discussion

District 13 Zone A

Perimeter Group
Apostles Church of
Sandy Springs
6025 Glenridge Dr. N.E.
Meets on Tuesday
nights at 8:00 p.m.

District 16 Zone F

KIS (Keep It Simple)
Group
Hart County Hospital
138 W. Gibson St., Hart-
well, GA 30643
Meets on Friday nights
at 6:30 p.m., Closed
Discussion

**THINGS WE CANNOT
CHANGE**

Laura W.

Passed: June 22, 2011
Sobriety Date: June 23,
2007
Home Group: New
Southside Group
Macon, GA

Joe M.

Passed: August 4, 2011
Sobriety date: June 5,
1980.
Home Group: New
Freedom Group
Athens, GA

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CITY CENTER**

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ASSEMBLY? CALL
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WITH THE GEORGIA
STATE SERVICE
ASSEMBLY, TO GET THE
GROUP RATE. ALSO
REMEMBER PRIOR TO
ASSEMBLY CUT-OFF
DATE IS SEPTEMBER
2, 2011 FOR GROUP
RATE.**

**SUGGESTED
SELF-SUPPORT PLAN**

Our fellowship must be self-supporting. We offer a suggested support plan for the GSRs to share with their groups. By being self-supporting, we can fully discharge our responsibilities to our beautiful fellowship in Georgia.

In those Districts and Zones where there is no central office, we suggest that the income, after all group expenses have been paid, be allocated as follows:

State Office, Macon – 50%
GSO – 30%
Pre-Paid Convention- 10%
District/Zone – 10%

In Atlanta, Augusta and any other District/Zone which supports a central office, we suggest that the income, after all group expenses have been paid, be allocated as follows:
Central Office – 35%
State Office, Macon – 30%
GSO – 20%
Pre-Paid Convention – 10%
District/Zone – 5%
or whatever percentages are in accordance with your group conscience.

Mailing addresses:
G.S.S.A. (State office)
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.

HOW TO CONTACT TRUSTED SERVANTS

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

- A. Use the official email addresses for Area 16 trusted servants located on articles, in our service directory and on aageorgia.org.
- B. 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.

- C. The password to access password-protected web content can be obtained from the service directory, your GSR, your DCM, webmaster@aageorgia.org, the Area office in Macon or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to communications@aageorgia.org or editor@aageorgia.org

Go to aageorgia.org or call 478-745-2588 for information

Georgia State (Area 16) Assembly

Marriott Macon City
Center,
Macon, September 2011

FRIDAY September 16

8 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

Chairperson – Hosted by District
7B

SATURDAY September 17

9:00 A.M.

DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS

Patty L., Delegate / Tom H.,
Alternate Delegate

9:00 A.M.

DCM/GSR 101: Great sharing for everyone

David M., Area Chair / David S.,
Office Committee Chair

10 A.M. WEB COMMITTEE

Tom B. / Shari M., Chairpersons

11 A.M. - 1 P.M. GSR Sharing Session (SPANISH-SPEAKING)

Julio E., GSO

11 A.M. ARCHIVES MEETING

James R. / Claudia S.,
Chairpersons

**11 A.M. CONVENTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tom H., Alternate Delegate

11 A.M. CORRECTIONS MEETING

Harold W. / Jim T., Chairpersons

**11 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS
MEETING**

Shari M. / Bill F., Chairpersons

11 A.M. PI/CPC MEETING

Teri F. / Ed T., Chairpersons

11 A.M. GRAPEVINE MEETING

Mary A./Joan Mc., Chairpersons

11 A.M. SECRETARY/TREASURER

WORKSHOP

Ernie M., Area Secretary / Don
M., Area Treasurer

**11 A.M. TREATMENT FACILITIES
MEETING**

Jimmy S. / Willie S., Chairpersons

1 P.M. DCM MEETING

Patty L., Delegate

1 P.M. GSR ORIENTATION

***Translated in Spanish**

Gene T., Past DCM 12

3 P.M. Reports from Area

Committee Chairs / Area Chair,
David M.

GSR WORKSHOP

***Translated in Spanish**

Sponsorship

1. Importance of a Home
Group – Pam S., DCM 11C

2. Leading by Example –
Attraction not Promotion – Tim
E., DCM 2B

3. Recovery Service Unity –
Trent K., DCM 13D

Ask-It-Basket (David S., David
M., Patty L., Tom H., Ernie M.,
Don M., Pam S., Tim E., Trent K.)

**8 P.M. AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER
MEETING *Translated in Spanish**

Chairperson – Amado G., DCM
17

12 Steps – Patti D., DCM 2A

Traditions – Jim M., DCM 13I
Speaker – Julio E., GSO Staff

9:30 P.M. AREA WORKSHOPS

Archives GSSA Office

Corrections

Communications

Grapevine

*Intergroup/Central Office
(Translated in Spanish)

PI/CPC

Treatment

SUNDAY September 18

AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING

9 A.M. Delegate's Report

Patty L., Area 16 Delegate

BUSINESS MEETING

David M., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Report from the 58th

(Gainesville) Pre-Paid
Convention.

2. Report from 59th (Pine
Mountain) Pre-Paid Convention.

3. Area officer's reports.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from
May 2011 Area 16 Business
Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Delegate
2. Election of Alt. Delegate
3. Approve the theme for 2012
– "Anonymity: Our Spiritual
Responsibility in the Digital
Age."
4. General Sharing

PLEASE NOTE

**IN ORDER TO VOTE, A GSR MUST
BE SIGNED IN FOR THE BUSINESS
MEETING BEFORE 9 A.M. SUNDAY
MORNING.** (You may sign in
anytime during the weekend at
registration desk.)

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.

I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the
hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am
responsible...
Area16 Gssa@2006

Please check with
Registration when you
arrive to find out in which
room the workshops
or meetings you are
interested in attending will
be held.

DELEGATE / continued from page 1

- Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them?"

- Do I set a positive leadership example?

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such

authority well defined.

- Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by GSRs, DCMs and our area Delegates?

- Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of AA?

- Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority?"

AREA 16 NEWS AND EVENTS

Call for Translators:

Are you a member who speaks and/or writes both English and Spanish? Area 16 needs your help for translation of the Message and verbal translation at our Assemblies. Please email communications@aageorgia.org if you can help.

WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!

Area 16 Delegate Election will be held during the September Assembly. Please find the service resumes of the Delegate nominees in a one page, front and back insert in this Message. Service resumes are also available online, at www.aageorgia.org. Go to the Service Directory tab, and click on Georgia Message. Resumes are password-protected.

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GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY

AA's Future Begins with Us

58th Georgia State Pre-Paid Convention
Georgia Mountain Center
Gainesville, GA
October 20 - 23, 2011

Featured Speakers:

Mari G - Toronto, ON

Charlie Y - Savannah, GA

Steve S - Sherman Oaks, CA

Angie P - Cincinnati, OH

Donna H - Huntley, MT

Don M - Louisville, KY

Ellen C - Addison, TX (Al-Anon)

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Hilton Garden Inn
\$89 single / \$105 double
Breakfast included
770-532-3396

Days Inn
\$60 room rate
Continental breakfast
770-535-8100

Super 8
\$60 room rate
Continental breakfast
770-533-9009

IMPORTANT: Reserve rooms by September 29th & specify 58th Georgia Prepaid Convention to guarantee block rate

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name on Badge: _____ Home Group: _____

*** Out of state registration fee \$25.00 AA&Al-Anon and \$10.00 Alateen (Due at registration) payable to 58th GA State Prepaid Convention*** Mail registration form to: 58th Prepaid Convention, P.O. Box 3314, Cumming, GA 30028

Group: AA Al-Anon Alateen

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