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To Lead by Example Rather Than an Iron Fist

By Rebecca T.
Area 16 Delegate

Happy New Year! With each new year, many of us start a new position in Alcoholics Anonymous. I am grateful to be part of a society which you never have to know all of the answers, but possess a willingness to search for the answer. The mentors who gladly share their experience are invaluable to me.

My thoughts are steered toward Tradition Two – “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” This tradition also applies to our Area. The essay on Tradition Two refers to two classes of servants – “elder statesman” and “bleeding deacons.” In my experience I have had an occasion to be in either class. The more I serve and move further down the triangle, I hope to lead more by example than iron fist. Also, in the moments when I pause and reflect back on how others have handled situations, I can see a loving God working in our Area. I want to keep the newcomer in mind at all times since the decisions of today will affect AA of tomorrow.

Bill W. wrote an article in April, 1959, for the Grapevine – “Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need.” This Grapevine article, located in Language of the Heart, provides great insight and ideas to reflect on in any service position. The article states many qualifications for a good leader. “One of the qualifications for leadership is give and take-

the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us ‘all – or-nothing drunks.’ Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises.” I need to always keep in mind that “the good is the enemy of the best.”

This last fall we attended The Southeast Additional Regional Forum which was held in Charleston, WV. The Regional Forum is where GSO comes to an Area. The General Manager, Editor of the Grapevine, one of the AAWS Board of Directors, one of the Class A Trustees and our Southeast Regional Trustee were in attendance. On Saturday were

different presentations by the Delegates within the Southeast Region. After each session there was a call for questions and time for general questions. Nearly half of the 200 plus people in attendance were there for the first time at a Forum. They were encouraged to ask questions. No one was made to feel their question was dumb or that they should already know the answer. To the contrary, they were thanked for the question and were given an answer. I hope this year we can further encourage newcomers to both sobriety and service to attend the different Cluster Forums throughout the year because our Area officers and committee chairs want to pass along what is going on in Area 16. Furthermore, we want to encourage questions and ideas from the fellowship. Love and Service is our code.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt_delegate@ageorgia.org

Winter Forums

By Ernie M.
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

I hope the Holidays were a joyous time for all. I took this time to absorb the blessings and responsibilities you have given to me as your new Alternate Delegate. As I begin this journey I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve Area 16. At the recent DCM planning meeting in November the first two Cluster Forums were planned - the Southwest Cluster (District 2A) on January 4th in Rochelle, GA and the Southeast Cluster (District 3C) on February 15th in Nahunta, GA.

Following our State Convention in

October, I had the opportunity to attend the SSAASAIL (Southern States AA Service Assembly) in Baton Rouge, LA, Nov 1st -3rd with service workshops conducted by both present and past southern area Delegates & Alternate Delegates. What an awesome learning experience. The committee expected about 100 attendees, and over 200 service-oriented individuals were in attendance. Workshops were conducted in all areas of service work, but I feel that the concepts workshops were the most beneficial for me.

I am looking forward to meeting the Area's newest trusted servants in January 2014.

TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org

Self Supporting in 2014

By Gene T.
Area 16 Treasurer

Happy New Year to all! What a year we had in 2013! First, I want to say that I am very proud to have had the opportunity to serve Area 16 as your Treasurer; it has been an honor and privilege to serve you. As you all know it has not been a very good year for me and my family, but we did get through some very tough times and we are all healthy again except me. I will undergo another knee surgery right after the January Assembly and will be down for another 6-12 weeks with rehab and PT, which I just love. Please say a

prayer for my speedy recovery and I'll be golfing before you know it.

Now for money talk....we ended 2013 with a slight deficit, and I challenge each of us to remember the message of "self-supporting through our own contributions." So this January look for some interesting ways to make our Assembly self-supporting. Last year we collected more money during the Assembly than ever before, and I challenge you all to do the same for 2014.

Our Pre-Paid Convention is on our front burner this year and we will be making some good changes that will

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allow us to keep better track of our finances. Our Budget & Finance Committee will be more involved with the Pre-Paid than before, and that is a good thing for all of us.

Please look at your groups' contributions to our Assembly and our Pre-Paid. We need the groups to continue to donate so we can really say that we are "self-supporting through our own contributions."

Have a great year and may God bless you all.

SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org

The Upside Down Triangle

By Shari M.
Area 16 Secretary

Recently, I was at a meeting and someone referred to me as having a "high up" position in AA. I usually don't cross-talk in meetings, but I was moved to correct her by saying "No, it's low!" I think there is a misconception sometimes in the rooms about our trusted servants, that those who serve at the Area or District level are "up high" while those that serve at the local level are "below." In fact, the exact opposite is true. AA is unique in that our service structure is constituted of an upside down triangle, rather than the triangle of other organizations, where one or two leaders direct the groups, members, or employees below them. In AA, the groups, and members at large, direct the actions of our trusted servants at the group, district and Area levels. So, in actuality, the Office Committee reports to and serves the GSRs, not the other way around. Area 16 can, and should, be run by the GSRs, not the DCMs, not the Office Committee, and not GSO. Sometimes

at the Assembly a member will come up to me and say "What should our group do about this?" I often feel like they want me to respond as Area Secretary so that they can go back to the group and say "Well, the Secretary said we should do this." But I tell them that group decisions should be made at the group level, by the group conscience, as outlined in our Fourth Tradition. Area Officers are your trusted servants, here to assist in carrying out the conscience of

Area 16, not to direct members or groups. What a beautiful reality, and remembering this, that I am only here to serve God and others, helps keep me humble and happy on a daily basis.

I look forward to seeing everyone in southwest Georgia at the Southwest Cluster Forum in Cordele on January 4 and then to the January Assembly, January 17-19 in Macon.

Happy New Year!



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News and Notes from the GSO of AA

GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org

Sharing the Responsibility

By Janie C., Chair and Dorman P., Co-Chair
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

“What’s portable, colorful, historic, life-saving, inspiring, humorous, international, original, up-to-date, packed with stories and staple-free?”

If you answered “the AA Grapevine,” you are correct! As the *Grapevine Representative Handbook* (www.aagrapevine.org) so aptly states, the AA *Grapevine* is a vibrant tool for recovery. Established in 1945 to foster communication between groups that were spread across several states, newcomers and long-timers alike continue today to find articles, information, and humor in the pages of each monthly issue that inspire connect them to others who walk the path of recovery from the disease of alcoholism. The Grapevine’s appealing covers, timely topics, and “real world” feeling makes

this little magazine a comfortable and friendly way for many to first read about the experiences of others who have found a solution to their drinking problem. It is *accessible* to many different types of readers – a topic that we seem to be talking about these days in Alcoholics Anonymous.

However, did you know that the dollars your group sends to support our General Service Office, our State Assembly, your local Intergroup, your district, or your home group do *not* help to support the publication of the AA Grapevine? The Grapevine is an entirely self-supporting entity, and is *only* funded through the sale of subscriptions, books, and other Grapevine materials. The Grapevine does not accept cash contributions, but uses any donated funds to purchase subscriptions for others.

What can we do to assure that this

valuable resource continues to survive and thrive? Although Georgia has historically been among the top Southeastern states in sales (behind Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia), this number has gone down over the past few years. With the beginning of a new year, I urge you to consider making a commitment to subscribe to the Grapevine and/or La Vina if your resources allow. Encourage your group to subscribe, and donate those copies to Corrections, Treatment, or PI/CPC; give subscriptions for anniversaries, or include issues in your group’s newcomer packets; use a Grapevine article for a discussion meeting, or perhaps dedicate a weekly meeting to the study of Bill W.’s compiled writings for the Grapevine in the book *Language of the Heart* – a decision my own home group made several years ago.

Let’s take responsibility for *our* AA Grapevine. Who knows? The issue you miss may have just been the one with the very message you needed to hear.

PI/CPC / pi/cpc@aageorgia.org

PI/CPC at Work

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

As the January Assembly approaches, I am looking forward to seeing some old friends and meeting some new friends. I want to invite anyone interested in PI/CPC and all PI/CPC representatives to our workshops at 11 AM and 10 PM on Saturday. If you are not sure what PI/CPC is, this is a great opportunity to find out! We are looking forward to hearing what the groups and districts are working on with regards to PI/CPC.

If your group or district does not have a PI/CPC representative, please consider getting one. There is always a lot of service work available. I consider PI/CPC service work as being on the front lines of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, whether it’s by letting the public know what and where AA is or letting our professional friends know how we can help the still suffering alcoholic.

Chase and I are looking forward to serving you this upcoming year.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Happy New Year! Today I’m preparing for a trip to England, near Newcastle. Part of those preparations includes finding a meeting to attend while there. How awesome it’s been to peruse the UK website and search for meetings near my hotel. I know that attending a meeting almost 5,000 miles from home will help me feel connected regardless of how they format their meetings. Now if I can only remember that their 19:30 is my 7:30pm so I won’t be late for the meeting :)

—Amy F., Area 16 Editor

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**Kick off the new year with service work. To learn how you can serve through AA, come to the Service Assembly in Macon, January 17-19, 2014.**

**ARCHIVES / [archives@aageorgia.org](mailto:archives@aageorgia.org)**

**Service Work Works**

By Claudia S., Chair and John B., incoming Co-Chair Area 16 Archives Committee

I was around twenty-four hours sober when I was asked to be the literature representative for my home group. I don't believe the people that nominated me knew I had recently relapsed, but my sponsor did. She thought it was a grand idea, and so I had my first service position. Prior to this, I had picked up more white chips than I can count. From that day to this day, I have always had at least one service job. It could be at the group, district or at the state level. I have been GSR twice, district treasurer, district archives rep, district grapevine rep, group treasurer, cake person, supply person, group PI/CPC rep and group grapevine rep. The point for this drunk is that I have not had to pick up a drink since I took that first job as the group literature representative. That's been a little over twenty years ago.

Doing service work helps me get out of myself, and my self will – which is my biggest problem. I hear lots of people, some with years of sobriety, say service work just isn't for them. I don't get it, because I know for me without service work, I would not be sober and at peace.

I sponsor lots of women, and as we read the Big Book I point out every time the book mentions, passing it on, service work, altruistic work, helping the fellow alcoholic, sharing our experience strength and hope.... Before you even get to page one, you can read how important it is to give it away.

As I close out this last article as the Archives representative, I am grateful for being able to serve and wondering what God has for me next. Oh, and if you still see me hanging around for the next year or so it's because I will stay with the "We Share" committee until the book is completed.

**COMMUNICATIONS / [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org)**

**Assembly Evaluations**

By Chuck L., Chair and Ron G., Co-Chair Area 16 Communications Committee

Happy New Year to everyone in Area 16! Given that our appointments are approved at the January Assembly, Ron G. and I will rotate in as the new Chair and Co-Chair of the Communications Committee. It has been an honor to serve as Co-Chair with Bill F. His enthusiasm and love of our fellowship is infectious and makes service work a joy. Bill and everyone who has been and is involved with communications have made our job easy by establishing a high standard within Area 16. Our charge as I see it is to maintain that standard and, where possible, build on their excellent work.

Have you ever wondered what happens to those Assembly Evaluations that you are asked to complete? Do they really read them? Do they affect how the

Assembly is run? After each Assembly (since September 2012) they are entered into a database, analyzed and then used by the Office Committee and Standing Committee Chairs to improve the Assembly experience. I personally have seen several things changed because of your feedback. Not only are the comments important, but even entries such as service position and years attending help the committees to improve how and what is communicated at each Assembly. Your ratings and comments are taken seriously and do make a difference, so keep them coming.

Both Ron and I are looking forward to serving Area 16 and would encourage anyone who has questions or would like help improving communications within their group, district, committee or whatever to call on us.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service, and see you at Assembly!

**TREATMENT / [treatment@aageorgia.org](mailto:treatment@aageorgia.org)**

**Let's Keep It Up in 2014**

By Willie S., Chair and John L., Co-Chair Area 16 Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities Committee

This has been a wonderful year for us in Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities. We enjoyed very good workshops at the Assemblies, the Cluster Forums, the Pre-Paid as well as the Annual Statewide Workshop. And thanks to all the volunteers (individuals and groups) who help in getting the message into facilities and solving or helping with problems that have surfaced.

We want to take this time to say thanks to all... let's keep it up in 2014. The Annual Treatment Workshop for 2014 is scheduled for June 14, 2014. The hosting district has not been decided yet, so if your district or group is interested in hosting the workshop, have your trusted servant contact us ASAP so we may begin the planning.

The Treatment Committee coordinates the work of individual members/groups/districts/zones in carrying the AA message to alcoholics in treatment settings and bridging the gap between treatment and the local AA groups. And while there are no special AA members, there are members with special needs: hearing, visually-or speech-impaired, homebound, wheelchairs, walkers, disabled or ill. These members, we hope, will never be excluded from AA meetings, twelve step work or service.

We need your help as part of our overall service structure in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, where shared experience, whether creative solutions or difficulties, may benefit us all.

As always, if we can be of service please don't hesitate to contact us through [treatment@aageorgia.org](mailto:treatment@aageorgia.org).

**Pink Cans: Small Change Brings Big Results**

By Jim T., Chair  
Tim E., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Corrections Committee

A large number of inmates in correctional facilities in the U.S. and Canada are in prison because of alcohol, and the flip side is that many of these alcoholics have found the Fellowship in prison. But the quest for sobriety doesn't come easily behind the walls. Most incarcerated alcoholics have just one meeting a week available to them, and many others are on waiting lists and can get to none at all. That reality underlines the need to send literature into prisons to carry the message in print through the Big Book, other A.A. books and pamphlets, and the A.A. Grapevine.

How to raise enough money to keep a supply of literature flowing? Corrections committees throughout the service structure make raising money for literature a priority, and one idea that has become popular in some areas is having a pink can prominently displayed on group literature tables.

The concept originated (as far as we know) in the Northern California Area

in 1957. The area Hospital and Institutions committee (H&I) was rapidly expanding its work in prisons, and the need for literature was increasing by leaps and bounds, to the point where it could no longer be met by individual contributions. Someone came up with the idea of passing around a can at group meetings, explaining that the pennies, dimes, and quarters dropped in the can were intended for alcoholics in prisons and hospitals. How to make the cans stand out? Paint them pink. The idea caught on, and eventually groups throughout North America began displaying pink cans on their literature tables. In the beginning, some members were afraid that donations to the pink cans would decrease group contributions, and mindful of that possibility, the committee has always emphasized the importance of providing clear information. They send each group a flyer explaining what the cans are for, print information in local A.A. newsletters, and always suggest that the secretary emphasize the importance of contributions to group expenses first.

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:webmaster@aageorgia.org) or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to: [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org) or [editor@aageorgia.org](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org).

**The deadline for inclusion in the GA Message for March/April is February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

There are no subscription fees for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated. Please mail to: GSSA, P. O. Box 7325, Macon, GA 31209 or email [editor@aageorgia.org](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org).

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 4</b>           | <b>Southwest Cluster Forum</b><br>Rochelle (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B)                   |
| <b>January 17-19</b>       | <b>Georgia AA Service Assembly:</b> Macon/Marriott                            |
| <b>January 20</b>          | <b>70<sup>th</sup> Savannah Group Anniversary Party</b><br>Savannah           |
| <b>January 25</b>          | <b>Corrections Certification Training</b><br>Macon/GSSA 8:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m. |
| <b>January 31 – Feb. 1</b> | <b>Unity Weekend:</b> Snellville                                              |
| <b>February 7-9</b>        | <b>Southeast Delegate Get Together:</b> Atlanta                               |
| <b>February 15</b>         | <b>Southeast Cluster Forum</b><br>Nahunta (6, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10C, 10D, 11C)     |
| <b>March 7-9</b>           | <b>17th Annual Flint River Roundup:</b> Albany                                |
| <b>April 11-13</b>         | <b>Spring Miracles:</b> Covington                                             |

**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 GA State Service Assembly to get the Group Rate.**

**Note that the cut-off date is December 18, 2013.**

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### **Birthday Contributions**

#### **District 1, Zone B**

Americus Group  
Mary R. – August 27, 2000

#### **District 3, Zone D**

St. Simons-Goodwill Group  
R.V.H. – November 5, 1977

#### **District 5, Zone A**

Garden City Group  
Jane G. – October 23, 2007

#### **District 7, Zone B**

Warner Robins 24 Hour Group  
Frank W. – July 16, 2000

#### **District 8**

I Am Responsible Group  
Kenneth P. – Septmeber 6, 2006  
Fran L.,- September 12, 2011

#### **District 11, Zone B**

12 Step – Sisters Group Anniversary  
12 Step – Sisters Group  
Kathie M. – October 22, 1983  
Paula L. – October 5, 2012

#### **District 12, Zone A**

Martinez Group  
Judy S. – November 1, 1985

#### **District 13, Zone D**

Tucker Group  
Mark S. - September 14, 1991

#### **District 13, Zone E**

New Life Group  
Donna A. – June 14, 2009

#### **District 13, Zone G**

Deaf Sober Group  
Kerri J. – October 3, 1994

#### **District 13, Zone K**

Judy R., 9 Years  
Depot Group Michael P. – September 15, 2004

#### **District 14, Zone A**

Rome Group  
Danny J. – October 29, 1989

#### **District 14, Zone B**

Cartersville Closed Discussion Group  
Linda J. – October 5, 1986

#### **District 15, Zone A**

Sharing Hope Group  
Tom S. – October 4, 1980

#### **District 16, Zone E**

Chestatee Group  
Mike J. – October 10, 2010

### **New Groups**

#### **District 1 Zone A**

Lumpkin St. Group  
Cuthburt UMC  
187 Lumpkin St.  
Cuthbert, GA 39840  
Meets Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.  
Closed meeting

#### **District 3 Zone A**

The Uptown Group  
133 W. Cherry St.  
Jesup, GA  
Meets Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
Closed meeting

#### **District 7 Zone B**

Broad Highway Group  
Alkanon Club  
1001 N. Carl Vinson Pkwy.  
Warner Robins, GA 31093  
Meets Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Open

#### **District 3 Zone H**

Bottom Feeders Group  
Park Avenue Church  
486 Park Avenue  
Atlanta, GA 30312  
Meets Monday, Wednesday at  
8:00 p.m. and Saturday at 7:00  
p.m.  
Open meeting

#### **District 14 Zone C**

PPG 3 Legacy Group  
7700 Highway 92  
Woodstock, GA 30189  
Meets Monday at 9:30 a.m. and  
Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Closed meeting

#### **District 16 Zone B**

Everything's Agape Group  
538 Sycamore St.  
Suite C  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
Meets Tuesday - Sunday at Noon  
Open

#### **District 17**

Todo es posible Group  
Iglesia Catolica Holy Trinity  
Situado 101  
Walt Banks Rd.  
Peachtree City, GA  
Meets Monday at 8:00 p.m.

### **Things We Cannot Change**

John C.

Past Area Archivist 2002-2003  
Sobriety Date – 45 Years  
Passed – October 16, 2013

### **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:

**GSSA** (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.*

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## GA STATE (AREA 16) SERVICE ASSEMBLY AGENDA—MACON CENTREPLEX – CONVENTION CENTER

### FRIDAY January 17

8:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING\*  
Chairperson – District 7A  
Room 306

### SATURDAY January 18

9:00 AM DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS  
Rebecca T. Delegate / Ernie M. Alternate Delegate  
Ballroom A

9:00 AM DCM/GSR 101: Great sharing for everyone at the assembly\*  
Tom H. Area Chair / Patty L. Office Committee Chair  
Ballroom B

10:00 AM WEB COMMITTEE\*—Room 313  
Andrew M. Chairperson

11:00 AM ARCHIVES MEETING—Room 310  
John B. / Gary N. Chairpersons

11:00 AM CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING—Room 324  
Ernie M. Alternate Delegate

11:00 AM CORRECTIONS MEETING\*—Room 303  
Jim T. / Tim E. Chairpersons

11:00 AM COMMUNICATIONS MEETING—Room 312  
Chuck L. / Ron G. Chairpersons

11:00 AM GRAPEVINE MEETING—Room 306  
Janie C. / Dorman P. Chairpersons

11:00 AM PI/CPC MEETING—Room 308  
LeAnne O. / Chase S. Chairpersons

11:00 AM SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP\*—Ballroom C  
Shari M., Area Secretary / Gene T., Area Treasurer

11:00 AM TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING—  
Room 309  
Willie S. / John L. Chairpersons

1:00 PM DCM MEETING\*—Room 306  
Rebecca T., Delegate

1:00 PM GSR Orientation (Part 1 of 3)\* - Centreplex Ballroom  
Cathy B., Past DCM 16E

3:00 – 5:00 PM Reports from Area Committee Chairs\*  
Tom H., Area Chair  
Centreplex Ballroom

GSR WORKSHOP\*

1. Communicating Our Legacy of Recovery  
Harold N., DCM 10C
2. Pre-Paid Inventory Process  
David N., DCM 13H
3. Passing it on through Sponsorship  
Fran M., DCM 12A

Ask-It-Basket (Tom H., Rebecca T., Patty L., Ernie M., Shari M., Gene T., Harold N., David N., Fran M.)

\* translated in Spanish

### SATURDAY January 18 cont'd

8:00 PM AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING\*  
Chairperson – John W., DCM 2B  
12 Steps – Judy R., DCM 13K  
Traditions – Ron C., DCM 15B  
Speaker – Maggie M., DCM 10A  
Centreplex Ballroom

9:30 PM AREA WORKSHOPS

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Archives                   | GSSA Office |
| Corrections                | Room 303    |
| Communications             | Room 312    |
| Grapevine                  | Room 306    |
| Intergroup/Central Office* | Green Room  |
| PI/CPC                     | Room 308    |
| Treatment                  | Room 309    |

### SUNDAY January 19

9:00 AM Delegate's Report\* - Centreplex Ballroom  
Rebecca T., Area 16 Delegate

BUSINESS MEETING\* - Centreplex Ballroom  
Tom H., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Recognize Past Area Officers
2. Approve minutes from the 9/13 business meeting
3. Final report from the 60th Pre-Paid Convention
4. Report from 61st (Jekyll Island) Pre-Paid Convention
5. 2015 International Volunteer Committee report
6. Report from the "We Share" Committee
7. Report from Pre-Paid Inventory
8. Report from Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV seminar
9. Area officers' reports

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion: That the person who tapes the Area Assembly is given the Pre-Paid Convention. Amended: That the person who tapes the Area Assembly is given the Pre-Paid Convention that year.
2. Report for Ad-Hoc Committee: That the aageorgia.org website be permitted to provide web links to the following outside vendors, providing that a disclaimer page is shown as user exits our website: (a) area assembly hotel; (b) the GA Pre-Paid Convention host hotel; (c) the current payment provider of our literature.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of new Chairs and Co-Chairs of Area Committees
2. Receiving bids for 2016 Pre-Paid Convention
3. General Sharing

### **IMPORTANT:**

IN ORDER TO VOTE, A GSR MUST BE SIGNED IN FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING. (You may sign in at the 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 depends our lives and the lives of those to come.

Gssa@2006

# SOUTHWEST CLUSTER FORUM

Hosted by 2B

Location: Newt Hudson Agricultural Center  
630 County Farm Road  
Rochelle, Ga. 31079



SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.  
PROGRAM: 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS  
*Coffee and Breakfast foods will be available as well.*

## "Living in the Heart of AA"

- a) Recovery, Unity and Service- Our Responsibility – District 2B
- b) Passing it on Through Sponsorship – District 2A
- c) Participating in Our Common Welfare through Contributions – District 1B
- d) Inventory- A Guiding Tool to Our Future – District 1A

### Additional Topics To Be Covered As Well

"Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path."

*Alcoholics Anonymous*, page 58