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## Unity Through Traditions

By Rebecca T.  
Area 16 Delegate

Summer is coming to a close and school is back in session. For me, when school starts I know the September Assembly is around the corner.

Tradition 1 states "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity". In AA Comes of Age pg.97, it goes on to say "Probably no society sets a higher value on the personal welfare of the individual member than does AA. But long ago we found that the common welfare had to come first; without it there could be mighty little personal welfare." The section on Tradition 1 concludes on pg. 98 with "Pride and fear and anger—these are the prime enemies of our common welfare. True brotherhood, harmony, and love, fortified by clear insights and right practices, are the only answers. And the purpose of AA's traditional principles is to bring these forces to the top and keep

them there. Only then can our common welfare be served; only then can AA's unity become permanent."

With the fall comes the election season for our groups, districts and Area 16. I began serving because someone asked me to come join them. Throughout my years in service I have had people inspire me to take the next service position when I did not feel I could do the job and in turn I have encouraged others. For me this is a part of unity. When we encourage others to do what they are not sure they can do. Invite them to come serve alongside of you.

In Language of the Heart pg.89 on Tradition 9 it states "With such assurances, we shall without a doubt continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry our AA message to others; to make for ourselves a finer, greater Society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity."

We are blessed here in Georgia with an Area office and several central offices to help make Twelve Step work possible. Imagine if we had to keep a bunch of literature stored in a self-storage building to dig through every time we needed several Big Books or more pamphlets. Who would handle the thousands of phone calls or keep up with meeting lists and web sites. I am grateful for our special workers and volunteers who make it easier for you and me to carry out 12th Step work. It amazes me how we continue to find ways to reach out to the suffering alcoholic. May I remember it is by unity that I am here today.

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## Off to Columbus

By Ernie M.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

I had the opportunity and privilege of representing Area 16 at the Al-Anon Convention in July. I thoroughly enjoyed the speakers and the workshops available. Your State Officers and Committee Chairs (or Co-Chairs) attended the Northwest Cluster Forum in Douglasville in August. It gave us all a chance to be available for the individuals who aren't able to attend the Area 16 General Service Assemblies and answer any questions they may have had. Information given by

the committees offered a chance for everyone to hopefully find their individual niche in service work. Our next Cluster Forum will be in District 17 in November (see the flyer in this Message).

As we head into the fall season, we will have our elections and several motions will be brought to the floor for a vote. Your GSR (and/or Alternate) will hear the Ad-hoc Committee reports on the motions made in May. (1) Pre-Paid Convention; transforming it from a prepaid to paid convention. (2) **Giving** the DCM the right to vote and make motions at the Assem-

bly in September.

Last, but not least, our 62<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Prepaid Convention will be held in October 2015 in Columbus, GA. The committee has put together an excellent group of speakers and events for this year's Convention. We (Area 16) supported our International Convention in Atlanta –let's support our own Area Convention in October.

I look forward to seeing you all at Assembly. Bring a newcomer with you.

**TREASURER / [treasurer@aageorgia.org](mailto:treasurer@aageorgia.org)**

### Carrying the Message through Contributions

By Diane M.  
Area 16 Treasurer

I had the privilege of attending my first International Convention. It was a phenomenal experience. I hope you also were able to be a part of welcoming the world to Atlanta. I was thrilled to meet so many happy and joyous people from all parts of the world and continue to be amazed at how our domestic and international growth has been possible. When I pondered the growth of our simple program I was led back to our traditions. They are the reason AA has survived and continued to expand to help the suffering alcoholic like me.

As Treasurer, I would be remiss if I didn't point out the significance of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition in making all

of this possible. Bill W. wrote: "AA's far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our AA adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die.... Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion – to our survival as a Fellowship."

Let's all show our gratitude for AA being there when we reached out for help through our basket contributions and making sure those contributions are being used in accordance with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – supporting our groups and service committees which are "absolutely essential to our continued expansion – to our survival as a Fellowship."

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### Language of the Heart

By Deborah K.  
Area 16 Secretary

Bill Wilson often referred to the communication of one alcoholic to another as "the language of the heart". I could not have seen a better example of this than what I had the opportunity to witness and participate in at the 2015 International Convention. What an amazing experience!

The 2015 International Convention celebrated AA's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in grand style. The speakers at the Big Meetings represented a diverse cross-section of our membership. Each one shared a story of triumph and expressed the theme of the convention, "happy, joyous, and free". I had to keep an ample supply of tissues close by as it was difficult to keep a dry eye when they spoke directly to my heart.

I had the privilege of volunteering in the Volunteer Headquarters where I met fellow alcoholics from all over the world. We had hundreds of AAs coming in every day who wanted to be of service in any way they could. Many of these folks returned day after

day to offer to be of service. Everywhere I turned, I saw one alcoholic helping another- people giving directions, helping find lost objects, and sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Their enthusiasm was palpable.

The Volunteer Headquarters became a place where many of the conference attendees came to "hang out", relax, and share a cup of **coffee** with others. There were many occasions during the 5 days I was there where I participated in 1:1 sharing sessions about recovery and our common journey.

Although there are subtle differences in AA around the world, the language of the heart is the same no matter where we are. I was so proud to be one of the many "green shirt" volunteers and have this wonderful opportunity.

Please continue to submit your district minutes to [districtminutes@aageorgia.org](mailto:districtminutes@aageorgia.org) and keep your group information updated on the [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) website so those still suffering know when and where to find your group.

### FROM YOUR EDITOR

This past month my daughter was in a horrific car accident with a teenage **drunk** driver. My daughter and her friend were both injured severely. When I went to the impound lot to remove items from her totaled car, I was in line with several others. One of them told me he was picking up his car after getting a DUI. I asked him if he were going to get help for his drinking. His response "it was only my first DUI". Although I said nothing more, I wanted to say "How many DUIs do you need before you get help", "Are you going to wait until you hurt yourself or others"?

This experience was a strong reminder how important the work of our Treatment, Corrections and PI/CPC work is. We can't just wait for people to walk into the rooms of AA to get help. We can't let TV be their only source of knowledge about alcoholism and recovery. We need to make sure we ALL are vigilant in reaching out and bringing the true story to those close to our doorsteps.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for all of us that have found new life in sobriety through AA and our 12 steps to not just keep what they have found but to reach beyond our doors? Reach out to your Treatment, Corrections and PI/CPC reps to see where you can be of service.

— Jenine M., Area 16 Editor

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**Encouraging Readership**

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

Ever wondered how you or your group's Grapevine rep might encourage members to read, support, or contribute to the Grapevine as a tool for recovery?

Here are a few suggestions for announcing the Grapevine at your meeting:

I just received this month's copy of the Grapevine. The theme is \_\_\_\_\_ Listen to this line from one of the articles..."

The new issue of the Grapevine is available, and a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ Group is featured in the section "If Walls Could Talk!"

The Grapevine has a new book out titled "Sober and Out". See me after the meeting to find out how to own a copy.

Have you signed up to receive Grapevine's Quote of the Day yet? It is easy!

There are 3 ways to receive your GV: print, digitally, or both ways.

Have you seen the latest GV? There is an article and a photograph by Georgia AA members.

Do you know the best way to support the Grapevine? That's right! Subscribe! I have subscription cards to get you started. See me after the meeting.

Have you ever considered submitting a story to the Grapevine? Guidelines can be found at aagv.org for print, digital, or **audio** submissions.

Are you a photographer? Grapevine is taking entries for their annual photo contest. If selected, your photo will appear in Grapevine's wall calendar.

Do you have any previously read Grapevine issues piling up at your house? Donate them to the group for newcomer packets, or share them with treatment or correctional facilities.

Looking for that perfect gift for your sponsor or sponsee? How about a subscription to the Grapevine?

Which one of these will you try out at your next meeting?

**Treatment  
treatment@aageorgia.org**

**All About Service**

By John L, Chair and Don O, Co-Chair  
Area 16 Treatment/Special Needs/  
Accessibilities Committee

By the time this newsletter goes to press, we will have had another great round of service events in Area 16. Among those are The Northwest Cluster Forum and District 16B's PI/CPC, Treatment, Special Needs/Accessibilities workshop in Athens. It is so awesome to be able to attend and participate in activities such as these and meet people who are fired up about service work.

The Area 16 Service Assembly is coming up before we know it. I remember the first Assembly I attended in 1989 which included the Delegate's election. I was amazed how many alcoholics were there. I was also completely touched hearing Bill A. from GSO tell his story that Saturday night. I had been Alternate GSR for a short time, but after that Assembly, I was hooked on service work. The people, the workshops, the speaker, and the business meeting all combined into one unforgettable experience.

We encourage all, whether in a service position or not, to attend Assembly to learn all they can about the **service** opportunities in AA. During our next Assembly morning workshop, we have a guest scheduled to share with the group his experience concerning closed captioning. We will be taking questions and encouraging discussion on any topics concerning the area of Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities. At our next Assembly, please join us at 11:00 Saturday morning and again at 9:30 Saturday night.

I know for a fact the above examples are not isolated incidents. They were wide spread. As far as what I experienced over the week of the International Convention, we as group presented the "Big Book" and our theme "Happy, Joyous and Free".

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**Daily PI/CPC Work**

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

One of the sayings I used to hear frequently in the rooms was "I might be the only Big Book someone will read". What a meaningful saying for those members choosing to do Public Information or Cooperation with the Professional Community work. As members of Alcoholics Anonymous we do not speak for AA as a whole, there are no AA spokespeople, but we all have our own stories we share and live. We are sometimes the only exposure that still suffering alcoholics or **family** and friends of an alcoholics have to AA. This brings me to my gratitude of the amazing fellowship we belong too. Over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend the world came to visit us for the International Convention in Atlanta. Sixty-plus thousand once

hopeless alcoholics converged on downtown Atlanta and the surrounding area performing PI/CPC service work.

How did we do PI/CPC service work?

Public information: I was in a food court buying coffee, the cashier said to me "I am overwhelmed by the kindness of all you guys. My brother could use this. He has a problem with drinking. Are there meetings in Atlanta?" I was able to give her the Atlanta central office website and phone number.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: As a group we had many positive encounters with the Atlanta Police Department, I do not know this for sure but imagine their predisposed ideal of having to deal with 60+ thousand drunks was what nightmares are made of. I am sure they did not know what to expect. What I experienced was a lot of "thank you's" from these police officers managing traffic and keeping us safe in downtown Atlanta. Imagine the positive message we gave these officers. They usually deal with us when we are drunk and belligerent. Now we are sober and grateful. I am sure we planted many positive seeds.



## ARCHIVES / archives@aageorgia.org

### The River

By John B., Chair and  
Gary N., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Archives Committee

Having mastered the art of procrastination, by the time this alcoholic considered arrangements for the International Convention, the nearest accommodation was at least ten miles away. The next option would be to commute using MARTA from the Atlanta airport.

The following journey allowed me to witness a sight that I would not have deemed possible. A river of AA's. The headwaters originating in all parts of the world. Its tributaries all streaming to Atlanta and converging at baggage claim at the airport. The river winds around the corner to the MARTA station, up the escalator, to the waiting northbound train.

The train was crowded. Many speaking different tongues, but there was a sense of unity, a spiritual connection. On one trip there was a group from South Africa. The next day we were with a group from Argen-

tina.

The river continues to the Five Points station, up to the next level and another short ride. It continues up the escalator to street level, back into the stifling heat of the Georgia summer. Then, as we round a corner, there is the first glimpse of the Georgia World Congress Center. An awesome sight.

We were on the last leg of this journey. One could see the anticipation on the faces, a gleam in the eyes as this river of AA's approached their final destination. We were there, shepherded all the way by our wonderful volunteers.

Through the eyes of your Area 16 Archivist and for many of us this was a once in a lifetime experience, a **gift**. We have special memories. Why not share them before they start fading. Please take a few minutes to write them down and send to your Archives where they can be preserved and shared with future members.

## 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:

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| 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:

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|---------------------|-----|
| 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.*

## COMMUNICATIONS / communications@aageorgia.org

### Communications Improvements

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

The 2015 International Convention is now in the past. Our lives in "love and service" are once again focused on carrying the message of AA to those who suffer from alcoholism in our groups, our communities and our Area. The Communications Committee was formed as a result of an Area 16 inventory and is focused on communications between Area officers, Office & Area Committees, District/Zone Officers, GSRs, Groups and their members. The goal is to improve communications in order to help carry AAs message in Area. The newly formed Communications Committee hopes to take actions now and in the future which will lead to lasting improvements in our recovery community. Some areas of concentration

include (1) The Georgia Message of AA – how it is produced and distributed. (2) The aageorgia.org website in cooperation with our Area PI/CPC Committee and communication within the Area. (3) Communications with our Hispanic Language District 17, as well as other Spanish language meetings and the Area as a whole. We feel we are taking steps in the right direction; however, much more remains to be done. We always need translation, editing, and web site skills to foster improved communication. We are currently working feverishly to complete a long standing project of the Area's; the update to "We Share - a book of Group and Area histories". Editors and word processing experts have completed the conversion of the original "We Share" manuscript to an electronic format and the editing of the individual Group and Area

histories. What remains is to integrate those histories into the electronic manuscript, complete a final edit of the manuscript and work with our printer/partner to provide the books for distribution within the Area. The book "We Share II" will be available for distribution by the end of 2015. If you have skills that would help with these activities, please contact the Area Chair or Co-Chair.

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**Coins for Cons**

By Tim E., Chair  
Cathy B., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Corrections Committee

"Our hope is that when this chip of a book is launched on the world tide of alcoholism, defeated drinkers will seize upon it, to follow its suggestions. Many, we are sure, will rise to their feet and march on. They will approach still other sick ones and fellowships of Alcoholics Anonymous may spring up in each city and hamlet, havens for those who must find a way out." Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 153.

Area 16 Corrections receives many requests every year from inmates who are wanting a copy of the Book "Alcoholics Anonymous" or other AA literature. Sometimes a member bringing a meeting into a prison will need books and other literature to adequately carry the AA message. Thus far, thanks to the contributions of

our members, we have been able to supply every literature need.

Because of your generosity, the Coins for Cons contributions pay for the Big Books we provide to inmates giving us the opportunity to carry the message of recovery into Georgia prisons through our literature. Without that book, we who are members of AA can agree, we may never have gotten sober. Please help by contributing to Coins for Cons. Those **coins** in your pocket could change an alcoholic's life. Thank you!

Our next certification session to carry meetings into Georgia Prisons will be held September 26, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the GSSA Office in Macon. Please feel free to call us e-mail us at [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org)

**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 SER-  
VICE ASSEMBLY, TO  
GET THE GROUP  
RATE.**

**THE CUT OFF DATE IS  
December 16th, 2015.**

**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.*

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| <b>September 3-6</b>   | <b>57<sup>th</sup> ICYPAA</b><br>Miami, Florida                                                         |
| <b>September 18-20</b> | <b>Georgia AA Service Assembly</b><br>Macon / Marriott                                                  |
| <b>September 26</b>    | <b>Corrections Certification Training</b><br>Macon / GSSA 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.                         |
| <b>October 2-4</b>     | <b>Women's Recovery Workshop</b><br>Rockeagle                                                           |
| <b>October 15 - 18</b> | <b>62<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Pre-Paid Convention</b><br>Columbus                                          |
| <b>November 7</b>      | <b>District 17 Forum (Espanol)</b>                                                                      |
| <b>November 7</b>      | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gratitude Dinner</b><br>Hosted by Dist 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B<br>Fish Camp; Albany, GA |
| <b>November 14</b>     | <b>DCM Planning Meeting</b><br>Macon / GSSA 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                                         |
| <b>November 20-22</b>  | <b>SSAASA (Southern States AA Service Assembly)</b><br>Huntington, WV                                   |

The deadline for the articles for the message for Nov and Dec is Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 3, Zone D

St Simons - Goodwill Group  
Lee D. – July 8, 1976

### District 7, Zone B

Warner Robins 24 Hour Group  
Frank W. – July 16, 2000  
Flint River Group  
Erica G. – March 5, 2015

### District 10, Zone E

Striving for Serenity Group  
Debi W. – April 10, 2009

### District 11, Zone C

Stockbridge Group  
Malik – June 18, 2009

### District 13, Zone B

Triangle 8:00 Evening Group  
Laurence F. – June 19, 1990  
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### District 13, Zone J

Gem City Group  
Tom H. – June 10, 1988

### District 14, Zone D

Dallas Group  
David G. – June 22, 2001

### District 16, Zone E

Chestatee Group  
Rufus – June 24, 2007  
Rick P. – June 25, 2011  
Gainesville Classic Group  
Ron G. – June 14, 1986

## New Groups

### District 10 Zone D

No Matter What Group  
Franklin Church of God  
12002 GA Hwy 100.  
Franklin, GA  
Monday 6:30 p.m. open

### District 13 Zone J

King Springs Group  
Faith United Methodist Church  
4336 King Springs Rd.  
Smyrna, GA 30082  
Tuesday 8:00 p.m. closed

## Things We Cannot Change

### George S.

Sobriety Date – November 13, 1981  
Passed – July 13, 2015  
Home Group – Baldwin County  
Milledgeville, GA

### Tony L.

Sobriety Date – November 27, 2002  
Passed – July 28, 2015  
Home Group – McRae  
McRae, GA

### Rhodes W

Pink Elephants Group  
Dist 5 Zone D  
Passed on August 5, 2015  
Sobriety date July 10, 1996

## 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](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](http://aageorgia.org).

## 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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## Georgia State (Area 16) General Service Assembly Agenda

### FRIDAY Sept 18

|         |                                                  |          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 8:00 PM | OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING *                        |          |
|         | Chairperson Kayse R. Cochran Home Group Dist. 7B | Room 306 |

### SATURDAY Sept 19

|                |                                                                                                              |                     |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 AM        | DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS<br>Rebecca T. Delegate / Ernie M. Alternate Delegate                     | Ballroom A          |
| 9:00 AM        | Assembly 101: Getting the most out of your Assembly *<br>Tom H. Area Chair / Patty L. Office Committee Chair | Ballroom B          |
| 10:00 AM       | WEB COMMITTEE<br>Brandon S. Chairperson                                                                      | Room 313            |
| 11:00 AM       | ARCHIVES MEETING<br>John B. / Gary N. Chairpersons                                                           | Room 310            |
| 11:00 AM       | CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING<br>Ernie M. Alternate Delegate                                                  | Room 324            |
| 11:00 AM       | CORRECTIONS MEETING *<br>Tim E. / Cathy B. Chairpersons                                                      | Ballroom DE         |
| 11:00 AM       | COMMUNICATIONS MEETING<br>Chuck L. / Ron G. Chairpersons                                                     | Room 312            |
| 11:00 AM       | GRAPEVINE MEETING<br>Janie C. / Dorman P. Chairpersons                                                       | Room 306            |
| 11:00 AM       | PI/CPC MEETING<br>LeAnne O. / Chase S. Chairpersons                                                          | Room 308            |
| 11:00 AM       | SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP *<br>Debi K., Area Secretary / Diane M., Area Treasurer                         | Ballroom C          |
| 11:00 AM       | TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING<br>John L. / Don O. Chairpersons                             | Room 309            |
| 1:00 PM        | DCM MEETING *<br>Rebecca T., Delegate                                                                        | Room 306            |
| 1:00 PM        | GSR ORIENTATION *<br>Becky S., Past DCM 5C                                                                   | Centreplex Ballroom |
|                | Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities                                                                      | Room 309            |
| 3:00 – 5:00 PM | GSR WORKSHOP *<br>(Including reports from area chairs)                                                       | Centreplex Ballroom |
|                | 1. Diversity in AA. – Our Heritage of inclusion – Arthur O., DCM 13E                                         |                     |
|                | 2. Safety and respect in A.A. – Allison B., DCM 11A                                                          |                     |
|                | 3. TBD                                                                                                       |                     |
|                | Ask-It-Basket (Patty L., Tom H., Rebecca T., Ernie M., Diane M., Debi K.,<br>Arthur O., Allison B., TBD      |                     |

\*translated in Spanish

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### Georgia State (Area 16) General Service Assembly Agenda

#### SATURDAY Sept 19 (continued)

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| 8:00 PM | AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING *<br>Chairperson – Dianne M., DCM 13D<br>12 Steps – Joel D., DCM 10D<br>Traditions – Kathryn E., DCM 11B<br>Speaker – TBD.       | Centreplex Ballroom                                                                      |
| 9:30 PM | AREA WORKSHOPS<br>Archives<br>Corrections*<br>Communications<br>Grapevine<br>Intergroup/Central Office *<br>PI/CPC<br>Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities | GSSA Office<br>Ballroom DE<br>Room 312<br>Room 306<br>Green Room<br>Room 308<br>Room 309 |

#### SUNDAY Sept 20

|         |                            |                     |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 AM | AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING * | Centreplex Ballroom |
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| CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER<br>Delegate's Report – Rebecca T.<br>Recognize Past Area Officers<br>Approve Minutes from May 2015 Business Meeting<br>62nd GA Pre-Paid Convention report (Columbus, GA)<br>2015 International Convention report<br>We Share II report<br>Area Officer's reports (Alt. Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer)<br>trustee-at-large/U.S. report – Bob W. | Tom H., Area 16 Chairperson |
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#### OLD BUSINESS

- Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: Move that the Area 16 State Convention be transformed from prepaid to paid.
- Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: To allow DCM's the right to vote and introduce motions at Assembly.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Vote on using the 2016 General Service Conference theme and workshop titles for the 2016 Cluster Forums.
- Elections for Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Nominee Deborah C., Ernie M., Hank R., and Rick M.

#### GENERAL SHARING

- Adjourn/Lord's Prayer (Spanish/English)

#### PLEASE NOTE

**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 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.

Gssa@2006

\*translated in Spanish



## Delegate Candidate Resumes

**Hank R.** Address 709 Highland Drive Savannah GA. 31406  
District / Zone 5C Home group After Five Group Sobriety date 11/1/1994

### AA service positions

2008-2010 GSR After Five Group  
2010-2015 Intergroup Phone Volunteer  
2011 New Years Eve Co-Chair District 5  
2011-2013 Alt.DCM District 5 Zone C  
2012 New Years Eve Co-Chair District 5  
2013 New Years Eve Chair District 5  
2014 Ad-Hoc Committee Chair for Prepaid Convention Inventory  
2015 Captain Guest/Welcome International Convention  
2013-2015 DCM District 5 Zone C

**Ernie M.** Address P.O. Box 588, Rincon, GA 31326 (207 Old Middleground Rd.)  
District / Zone 5A Home group New Horizons Group, Rincon, GA Sobriety date 1/19/1989

### AA service positions

1991 Alternate GSR, Easy Does It Group, District 5C  
1991-1992 39<sup>th</sup> GA Prepaid Convention (Cruise Chair, Hospitality & Registration Committees)  
1992-1993 GSR, Easy Does It Group, District 5C  
1993 Secretary/Treasurer District 5C  
1993 Chairperson, District 5's New Year Eve Gala  
1993-1994 Outside Sponsor Charter Hospital, Savannah, Georgia  
1994 Alternate DCM District 5C (Resigned Oct 94 –Health Reasons)  
1995 Hosted District 5's New Year's Eve Gala  
1997-1998 Treasurer Savannah Area Intergroup  
1998-1999 46<sup>th</sup> GA Prepaid State Convention Committee (Entertainment Committee)  
2000-2002 Secretary/Treasurer District 5A  
2002-2003 Alternate DCM District 5A  
2004-2005 DCM District 5A  
2004-2005 DCM District 5A  
2005 Presenter for GSR Workshop, GSSA, "How Do We Carry the Message"  
2005 Presented Bid for District 5 to host 54<sup>th</sup> GA Prepaid Convention at GSSA  
2005 Chairperson, Southeast Cluster Forum, DisIOIOTtrict 3, 4, 5  
2005-2007 Co-Chair 54<sup>th</sup> Georgia Prepaid Convention, Savannah  
2005-2008 Outside Sponsor Effingham County's Men's Prison, Springfield, GA  
2006 GSO's Southeast Regional Forum, Atlanta, member Registration Committee  
2007-2009 Treasurer, New Horizons Group  
2008 Food Committee, Southeast Cluster Forum, District 3, 4, 5  
2008 Corrections Committee Workshop, District 5  
2009-2010 Recording Secretary District 5  
2010 Facilitator –North Central Florida Men's Workshop  
2010 Southeast Cluster Forum-District 3, 4, 5, - Participant  
2011-2012 New Horizons Group Treasurer  
2011-2012 Area 16 Secretary (Georgia)  
2013 Southeast Cluster Forum. District 3, 4, 5 – (DCM-Designated Coffee Maker)  
2014-2015 Alternate Delegate Area 16 (Georgia)



## Delegate Candidate Resumes

**Deborah C.**     **Address** 3282 Lakeside Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520  
**District / Zone** 3D **Home group** Happy Hour Group, St. Simons  
**Sobriety date** 9/16/1996

### AA service positions

|           |                                                                            |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2005-2007 | Alt-GSR/Happy Hour Group                                                   |
| 2007-2009 | GSR/ Happy Hour Group                                                      |
| 2008      | Organized food and venue for SE Cluster Forum                              |
| 2008      | Organized Dist 3 workshop/ Dick A. presented making film House of Miracles |
| 2008-2010 | Treatment Center Rep Dist. 3D                                              |
| 2010      | SE Cluster Forum/ Organized and participated in hosting                    |
| 2010      | Workshop for Dist 3/ Jeopardy game on Steps/Traditions/ Concepts           |
| 2010-2012 | Alt-DCM Dist. 3-D                                                          |
| 2011      | Participated in SE Cluster Forum                                           |
| 2013      | Chair Workshop Dist -3 On Sponsorship                                      |
| 2013-2014 | Ad-Hoc committee member/ Area 16 on Prepaid Convention Inventory           |
| 2012-2014 | Chair/ 61 <sup>st</sup> GA Prepaid Convention Jekyll Island, GA            |
| 2015      | Speaker 2015 International Convention/ Topic Meeting                       |
| 2015      | Ad-Hoc Committee/ Secretary                                                |

**Rick M.**     **Address** 265 Sand Wedge Lane, Johns Creek, Ga. 30022  
**District / Zone** 13A **Home group** There is a Solution **Sobriety date** 11/1/1994

### AA service positions

|              |                                                                                             |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1998-2006    | 12 Step Service List – Treatment Facilities – Into Action Group, St. Louis, Mo.             |
| 2000-2001    | Alternate Treasurer - Into Action Group, St. Louis, Mo.                                     |
| 2001-2002    | Food Chair Beginner Meeting - Into Action Group St. Louis, Mo.                              |
| 2002-2003    | Treasurer - Into Action Group St. Louis, Mo.                                                |
| 2004-2005    | General Service Representative - Into Action Group St. Louis, Mo.                           |
| 2006         | Grapevine Representative - Into Action Group, St. Louis, Mo.                                |
| 2008-2011    | Corrections Representative, District 13 Zone A                                              |
| 2008–Present | Certified Corrections Volunteer AA–Phillips State Prison, Buford, Ga.                       |
| 2012         | Co-Treasurer/Coins–for–Cons Sub-Committee Chair,<br>Metro District 13 Corrections Committee |
| 2013         | Co-Chairperson - Metro District 13 Corrections Committee                                    |
| 2012-2013    | Secretary - Metro Atlanta District 13 DCM Committee                                         |
| 2012-2013    | Alt. DCM - District 13 Zone A                                                               |
| 2013         | Chair – AD Hoc Committee, Special Needs Accessibilities<br>Change Name/ Service Manual      |
| 2014         | Presenter – District 17 Cluster Forum                                                       |
| 2014         | Chair - Ad Hoc Committee, Third Legacy Voting Procedures<br>Service Manual Change           |
| 2014-Present | January, May, & September – Host, Metro Atlanta Service<br>Breakfast, District 13           |
| 2014-Present | DCM – District 13 Zone A                                                                    |
| 2014-Present | Chair Metro Atlanta District 13 DCM Committee                                               |
| 2014-Present | Chair, Topic Meeting Greeters & Counters, 2015 International AA<br>Convention               |
| 2015-Present | 12-step Service Volunteer – Sunrise Detox Facility,<br>There is a Solution                  |
| 2015         | Speaker – GSSA Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting, January                                 |



**Resumes continued on previous page**

**From the Host Committee: THANK YOU**

By Patty L.

Atlanta 2015 International Convention Chair

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta was a huge success. The Volunteer Host Committee worked tirelessly for over a year to plan volunteering for that week. We had volunteers everywhere. The green shirts were mentioned in almost every conversation I had about the convention. People used words like friendly, helpful, enthusiastic, present and knowledgeable about you, our volunteers. Thank you for making this a memorable occasion for our guests. We had about 4,500 volunteers and there were 56,000 attendees to the convention. Our volunteer shifts started on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and went thru Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. You did it! You welcomed the world to Atlanta with your warm southern hospitality. We had fun and many, many unforgettable experiences. Thank you - the Volunteer Host Committee.



## **2015 Del Estado De Georgia**

**Alcoholicos Anonumos  
Grupo Liberacion Azteca, Tiene El  
Honor  
Distrito 17, Area 16**

**DE INVITARLOS A LA CELEBRACION DE NUESTRO, CLUSTER FORO. EL DIA  
SABADO 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2015**

**REGISTRACIONES DE 7AM-9AM  
REUNION D 9AM-1PM**

**TEMAS DE LA CONFERENCIA DE CERVICIOS GENERALES, CELEBRANDO  
80 ANOS DE RECUPERACION, UIDAD Y SERVICIO.**

**LA BASE PARA NEUESTRO FUTURO.**

**LOS TEMAS DE LAS PRESENTACIONES/DISCUCION**

- 1. NUESTRO VIENESTAR COMUN POR MEDIO DE LA GRATITUDE EN ACCION.**
- 2. (a) LA DIVERCIDAD aa NUESTRA HERENCIA DE INCLUCION**
- 3. (b) LA SEGURIDAD Y RESPETO-LA PRACTICA DE NUESTROS PRINCIPOS, EMPIEZAN EN NUESTRO GRUPO BACE.**
- 4. (c) LA PRESERVACION DE NUESTRAS TRADICIONES POR MEDIO DE LA EVOLUCION DE LA TECNOLOGIA**
- 5. (d) EL INVENTARIO: MIRAR ATRAS PARA IR ADELANTE.**

**INFORMES DE LOS COMITES DEL AREA**

**INFORME FINAL, mCD**

**PALABRAS DE AGRADECIMIENTOS ALA DELEGADA SALIENTE Y LOS COMITES**

**REFRIGERIO AL TERMINAR LA REUNION**

**GRACIAS POR SU ATENCION, CON AMOR Y SERVICIO.  
NICOLAS MCD**

# 62nd Georgia State Prepaid Convention

October 16th - 18th 2015

Columbus, Georgia Iron Works and Convention Center



**"Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service"  
The Foundation of Our Future."**

## AA Speakers

Lisa W. - Pensacola, FL  
Danny B. - Spring, TX  
Don L. - Bellingham, WA  
Tim T. - West Lake, OH  
Marilyn S. - Los Angeles, CA

## Al-Anon Speaker

Bo T. - Birmingham, AL

## Host Hotel Information

### *Columbus Marriott*

800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901  
(706)-324-1800

### *Courtyard Marriott \**

1400 3rd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867  
(334) 664-9840

(Request the Georgia State Prepaid Convention room rate.)

\*Hospitality Room will be provided at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel

## Activities

Dance  
Golf  
Poker Run  
White Water Rafting  
Zip Lining  
Bicycle Ride  
Morning Walk  
Saturday Night Dinner with Speakers

## 62nd Georgia Prepaid Convention October 16—18, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check affiliation: AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen ☐

Check if you are interested: (Some activities require payment)

Poker Run ☐ Golf ☐ White Water Rafting ☐ Bicycle Ride ☐ Morning Walk ☐ Zip Lining ☐

Saturday Night Dinner with Speakers (\$26.00 due with registration form) ☐

\*\*\* Saturday Night Dinner with Speakers Payment is due by September 20, 2015\*\*\*

Any Special Needs? Wheelchair ☐ Sight ☐ Hearing ☐ Other ☐

Note: Out of state registration fee \$25.00(Due at Registration) Payable to: 62nd Prepaid Convention

Mail all checks and registration forms to: P.O. Box 6221, Columbus, GA 31907

\*\*\*For more information and to register for activities go to [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) or email [62ndprepaid@aageorgia.org](mailto:62ndprepaid@aageorgia.org)\*\*\*