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## "We"

By Ernie M.  
Area 16 Delegate

Step One - "WE" – Daily Reflections, Pg. 151.

In February I first received the Agenda Items for the 66<sup>th</sup> General Conference. As I was looking at all the pages, my head started to swim. For this individual who hasn't been to school in years, I was petrified at what I was going to have to go through before Conference. Then I remembered the "WE" of this program. Our area secretary sent out the agenda items to our area chairs and officers and followed the DCM assignment list for their individual district/zone agenda items. Prior to that Conference, I have had so much help from our area's DCMs/Alt DCMs, and Committee Chairpersons for which I am extremely grateful. This information has helped me im-

mensely in preparing for conference. You will receive the 66<sup>th</sup> Conference Report at the May Assembly.

When this Message has gone to print, I will have had the opportunity to represent Area 16 at the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference in New York beginning on April 16th. Our week this year will begin with a trip to "Stepping Stones" on Saturday morning prior to conference instead of afterwards. I am truly looking forward to that experience. Thank you all for the opportunity to represent Area 16.

Area 16 along with Area I (Alabama), was awarded the "bid" to host the SSAASA IV (Southern States AA Service Assembly) in Atlanta, November 2017. Rebecca T., our Assembly Chairperson will be our Area representative on that

committee and I know we will have a lot of volunteers to help her as the time nears. The Southwest Cluster Forum in Albany, was well attended and very informative. Almost half were 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees.

During the May Assembly we will be receiving your nominations for the new Secretary and Treasurer to be elected in September for the year 2017/2018. I am looking forward to seeing more new faces at assembly in May.

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## An Informed Group Conscience

By Rick M.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

As I write this article only a day has passed since our first Cluster Forum of the year hosted in the Southwest (Albany), by Zones 1A, 1B, 2A, & 2B. This was a great time and very well attended by many for their very first forum experience. The presentations and skits were right on target with their "Spiritual Way of Life" messages. The food, hospitality, and welcoming atmosphere were excellent and the effects will continue to attract attendees to more of these events. My congratulations to all in the Southwest on your planning, collaboration, and carrying of the message to all those in attendance.

As we typically do at these events, an Ask-It basket was passed to allow attendees to submit questions. In my article this month, I would like to discuss with you the question I re-

ceived. It is directly related to one of this year's theme topics – "Informed Group Conscience – The Key to Unity". The question has 2 parts: "What is an informed group conscience?" and "How does a group become informed?". These are both very good (and timely) questions. At our upcoming May assembly, we will hear reports from two different Ad Hoc committees, on two very different topics. Both these reports will start our process for being "Informed".

For the first part - "What is an informed group conscience?" – I'm always reminded, "The answers are in our literature". In this case, the Group Pamphlet (P-16) does contain a good answer to this question (though not the only place to find an answer): "The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken." Unanimity = State of being unanimous.

And on the second part of the question - "How does a group become informed?". Also in the Group Pamphlet: "This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly - discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count - precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience.

I have experienced the best results with this particular answer from the Group Pamphlet: "The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes."

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**Is it a Flower or a Weed?**

By Diane M.  
Area 16 Treasurer

Each Spring my garden comes to life. One plant has a small, pretty blue flower that grows on long stalks and blooms from Spring to Fall. I loved this plant when it first appeared, but after a few years it began to take over my garden. I attempted to get rid of it by digging it up, only to find that it spread further into the flower bed and into the grass. This pretty little flower has now become a weed.

This Spring I realized this blue flower is an analogy for my character defects. The 12 & 12 tells me that just as God gave us flowers, He gave us natural

instincts that are “perfectly necessary and right,” and then these instincts “so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper function... then drive and dominate us and insist on ruling our lives.” These natural instincts, or “our great natural assets” become liabilities if they are left unchecked. Just as my pretty blue flower was so beautiful when kept within its boundaries has now become a weed, my God given instincts become character defects when they get out of control.

I now look inside myself for weeds – have I let one, or more, of my God given assets exceed their proper function?

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**Cluster Forums**

By Deborah K.  
Area 16 Secretary

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Southwest Cluster Forum hosted by the groups in District 1 Zone A. I want to congratulate all our members who participated in hosting this event. It was a wonderful day!

The event was well-attended (despite poor weather and the holiday weekend). Many of the attendees were newcomers who were attending their very first Cluster Forum. The spirit of the day allowed for sharing and communication among the members and with the State Officers and Service Committee Chairs/CoChairs. The groups presented skits and brief presentations on the theme, “Our Spiritual Way of Live: Steps, Concepts, and Traditions”. The skits were entertaining and informative. The individual presentations truly

spoke the language of the heart we so often hear about in AA. I left there feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. I was also very well fed from the delicious lunch provided.

Secondly, I want to thank the hosts for the wonderful welcome and hospitality. It is such a joy to be able to travel anywhere in the state and feel at home. I saw many familiar faces but also made new friends to share my journey in recovery.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a Cluster Forum, I would strongly encourage you try to attend one in your area. Our next Cluster Forum will be the West Central Cluster Forum in June.

Please remember to submit your District/Zone meeting minutes to [districtminutes@aageorgia.org](mailto:districtminutes@aageorgia.org)

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

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

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

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

**Group Conscience Decision**

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

**Sample Distribution      A      B**

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

Mailing Addresses:

**GSSA (State Office)**

P.O. Box 7325  
Macon, GA 31209

**GSO (General Service Office)**

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

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

GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org

Grow your Grapevine

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

Grapevine had a subscription challenge last year, Missouri won the Grapevine challenge and Delaware won the La Vina challenge. Georgia finished 39<sup>th</sup> for Grapevine and 6<sup>th</sup> for La Vina.

This year they have a fun way to get members more involved. It's called "Grow Your Grapevine". Get together with friends, your home group, as a group of groups, district or area to complete as many Grow Your Grapevine activities as you wish and record those on an Arbor Card. You are a team if you say you are a team. These yearlong activities can be completed between March 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017. There are 15 activities in all, here are a few of them:

1. Buy a Carry the Message Gift Subscription Certificate
2. Submit a written or recorded audio story
3. Buy GV print or online subscription(s)
4. Introduce someone to Grapevine
5. Submit a photo for If Walls Could

Talk.

Some Grow Your Grapevine activities can only be done during certain seasons, see page 7 in the magazine or aagrapevine.org/grow for the quarterly activities. The spring activities are:

- A. Register your Grapevine Representative (GVR) with the GV office
- B. Locate one of Bill W.'s Tradition articles in the Grapevine Story Archive and
- C. Listen to The Language of the Heart in Audio.

Get your Arbor Card online or from the magazine. The Arbor Card in the March issue is located at the back of the magazine next to "At Wit's End." Submit as many Arbor Cards as you wish throughout the year, the Area with the greatest number of Arbor Cards will be featured in a magazine section and online in 2017. All submitted Arbor Cards will be entered into a drawing. Five winners will receive a selection of Grapevine books and other items. Be sure to add Area 16 to your Arbor Card and visit the online page, [www.aagrapevine.org/grow](http://www.aagrapevine.org/grow) to learn more.

PI/CPC / picpc@aageorgia.org

Where does the Year Go?

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

By the time this goes to press, we will have already held the annual Pre-Conference meeting in Macon. I am always truly amazed being a part of this process as DCMs and Alternate DCMs converge to discuss the Conference items for the year. In the ten years I have participated in this event, I am blessed knowing there are so many people who are involved in the process of making Area 16's voice heard at the Conference level, and how knowledgeable our trusted servants are in the different areas of service. Thank you to all who make this process so engaging, and to those who work hard to bring their voice to the tables.

We are looking forward to another great Assembly coming up in May. We invite all who are interested in Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities to our workshops at 11:00 am and 9:30 pm. We will have discussions relating to the various aspects of the committee, and we look forward to your participation!

Our annual Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities Workshop has now been set for 2016. This year's event will be hosted by District 14A. The workshop this year will be held at the Third St. Clubhouse, 203 East 3rd Street, Rome, GA, 30161. The schedule is:

- Lunch at 12:30
- Workshops: Treatment/Special Needs at 1:30
- Wendie Storey from Highland Rivers at 2:30
- Speaker from Men's Facility at 3:30

As always, we encourage everyone to make sure their meeting schedules accurately reflect whether their groups are handicap accessible, as well as being familiar with the literature available in the "Special Needs" section of the literature catalogue.

Treatment / treatment@aageorgia.org

Service & Sacrifice

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

January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Area 16 PI/CPC committee exhibited at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) conference at the Cobb Galleria, in Atlanta, GA. Starting on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>, we opened a booth amongst other vendors. Most were solely in the market for these professionals. Several conference attendees visited our table and asked great questions. We were also visited by several members of

our fellowship, with 111 combined years of sobriety. We provided local meeting schedules and gave general direction. These members were especially grateful for AA being represented. Other attendees approached us wanting to learn more about AA and what we do to assist professionals in the local community. We asked many of our visitors how they utilize AA in their work and received recommendations. All of them seemed to have a history with referring to Alcoholics Anonymous and held our program in the highest regards.

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

### The 3rd Tradition Revisited

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

The month of April, 2016 is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA's Twelve Traditions. Where would we be without them?

The Long Form of the Third Tradition as originally written by Bill W. ended with the sentence: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group." When Bill W. wrote about the Third Tradition in the Grapevine on February, 1948, an additional clause had been added: "provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation." There may be no musts for an individual AA member, but there is a must for an AA group: it must have "no other affiliation." Bill wrote: "Here our purpose is clear and unequivocal."

In mid-1949, the Short

Form of the Third Tradition was abbreviated in the singular for the member: "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." These words apply to an individual and do not negate what Bill W. had already expressed. He had written in February, 1948: "Few, if any, would wish our groups to be designated by religious denomination." Don't those words apply equally to the presence or absence of religion?

But the moment any group creates their own outside affiliation, hasn't the group become an outside issue to AA? When the First and Fourth Traditions are added to the discussion, aren't Bill W.'s opinions on the matter crystal clear?

While Bill W. has been described by some as being very permissive and accepting,

we should carefully recognize both forms of the Traditions as he wrote them. He authored the words he thought gave AA the best chance to endure future challenges. Thus, shouldn't we follow both sets of the Twelve Traditions? The Short Form of the Third Tradition applies to the individual; the Long Form of the Third Tradition applies to the individual and the group.

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

### Future Communications

By Ron G., Chair  
Gary J., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Communications Committee

I have recently had several opportunities to share experience about Area 16 with our website, our Area newsletter (The Georgia Message of AA) and our experience with Area wide communications in general. Bill W., in his address to the 1960 General Service Conference, said: "We are in yet an era of change. Our Twelve Steps probably won't change, the Traditions, not at all likely. But our manner of communications, our manner of organizing ourselves for function or service-let us hope that this goes on changing for the better, forever. There is a

very natural resistance we have toward change. We are apt to say, "Well, it worked very well the way it was, so why change?" But, after all, we have undertaken several tremendous changes."

Over the last fifteen years, we are increasingly dependent upon the web and electronic based communications. Electronically, we get meeting schedules, receive The Georgia Message of AA, signup for the Area Pre-paid convention, order literature, review Committee Reports, submit changes to our Group and District information, submit and review Assembly motions, and the list goes on and on. However, we continue

to utilize the former methods of print communications in order to prevent the exclusion of anyone not receiving the Georgia Message of AA and allow for individuals and groups to develop an informed group conscience. This duplication of communication has both financial and human resource costs. Recently, I became acutely aware that we are not providing timely communication to the Fellowship. We will begin the process of tackling these issues regarding the use of financial and human resources to improve communications and stewardship of our resources. I need your help: please send me your thoughts or attend the Communications Committee meetings on Saturday at the next Assembly.

**CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org**

**Let's Get Certified**

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

Bill W. at the St. Louis Convention told with obvious glee about what he called "AA's first prison group" which came about in 1942. The warden, Clinton Duffy, recognized the special needs of the inmates imprisoned for crimes committed while drinking. As Warden Duffy said about the program he proposed "would include education, vocational training, medicine, psychiatry and religion. But the alcoholic did not seem to fit *completely* into this program...all the rest would not help him if the problems which drove him to drink were not solved." He looked upon AA as a tool to help rebuild lives.

Since Warden Duffy's comments came Warren T. and other members in the San Francisco area. Warden Duffy said, 'Had it not been for the regular help and understanding given by our AA friends outside, the San Quentin chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous would most assuredly have failed. *AA Comes of Age*, Page 89.

Here in Georgia, we still have some prisons that have no one in their area certified to bring in an AA meeting. Most of Georgia's prisons are south of Macon. Therefore, this is where our greatest need for volunteers resides. We have been told the vast majority of our state's inmate population suffers from alcoholism and drug addiction and the inmates have a difficult time reentering society after release. We in AA have the ability to carry the message of recovery and to positively affect many lives.

The next certification training to become a volunteer to carry meetings into Georgia Prisons will be May 28, 2016 to be held at the State Office in Macon at 8 am. If you are interested in getting certified to go into a state prison, please plan to attend. This is provided free of charge, and is only open to AA members. We will bring the coffee and donuts. normally start at around 8:00 a.m.

**MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER RESERVATIONS**

NEED A ROOM AT THE MARRIOTT FOR ASSEMBLY?

CALL (478) 621-5300, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY, TO GET THE GROUP RATE.

**THE CUT OFF DATE IS April 20, 2016.**



**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.*

<b>May 20-22</b>	<b>Georgia AA Service Assembly</b>
	Macon/Marriott
<b>May 27-29</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Spanish State Convention</b> Doraville
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Corrections Certification Training</b>
	Macon/GSSA 8:00am-1:00pm
<b>June 2-5</b>	<b>SERCYPAA</b> Atlanta
<b>June 3-5</b>	<b>Girlstock International</b> Atlanta
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Grape A Thon 16B</b> Athens
<b>June 25</b>	<b>2016 Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities Workshop</b>
	Rome
<b>June 25</b>	<b>West Central Cluster Forum</b> Perry
	(6,7A,7B,10A,10C, 10D,11C)

The deadline for the articles for the message for July and August is June 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 2, Zone B**

Baytree Fellowship Group  
George B. – February 10, 1980

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

Union Street Group  
Sandy J. – March 30, 1990

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

12 & 12 Group  
Jean G. – February 8, 1968

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

Pembroke Group  
Jean McC. – January 9, 1980

### **District 6**

College Step Study Group  
Spencer – February 6, 1986

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

Perry Group  
Thomas C. – March 25, 2008

### **District 8**

I Am Responsible Group  
Tommy M. – December 7, 2010

### **District 10, Zone C**

ABC Group  
Lucy L. – January 1975

### **District 10, Zone D**

ABC Group  
Dianne M. – March 8, 1989

### **District 11, Zone A**

Blue Chips Group  
Cathy P – January 3, 2001  
Walton County Group  
Jocelyn B. – January 1, 2010  
Tony M - February 2, 2010

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

Twelve-Step Sisters Group  
Sandi T. – February 6, 1984  
Jeanne M. – February 21, 1991  
Claudia – January 1, 2015  
Twelve – Step Sisters Group  
15 Year Anniversary

### **District 13, Zone H**

Jenine M,  
5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Group  
February 2016 Anniversary

### **District 13, Zone I**

Diane M – 28 Mar 1988  
Sunday Step Group

### **District 16, Zone A**

Nacoochee Women's Group  
February 2012 Anniversary

### **District 16, Zone C**

Buford Group  
Dot H. – February 16, 1986

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

Chestatee Group  
Joe D. – March 22, 2007  
Morning Miracles Group  
Lindsey B. – January 25, 1998

### **District 17**

Sobriedad Latina Group  
Bertin A. – September 5, 2010  
Antonio G – January 22, 2008  
David T. – December 24, 2003  
Sobriedad Lantina Group  
24 Years Anniversary

## **New Groups**

### **District 3 Zone A**

Girls Night Out Group  
St James Episcopal Church  
2229 Starling St.  
Brunswick, GA 31520  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Women

### **District 5 Zone A**

Primary Purpose Group  
1010 West Hwy 80.  
Bloomington, GA 31302  
M , Tu, W, Th, F 6:00 p.m. open  
Guided Big Book Study

### **District 5 Zone B**

Patriot Group  
Ft Stewart  
Bld 1153 Italy St.  
Ft Stewart, GA 31315  
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. open

### **District 13 Zone H**

Stepping Out Group- Clubscape  
1472 Richard Rd.  
Decatur, GA 30032  
Open Step Study

### **District 14 Zone C**

Young and Alive Group-Action  
Church

271 Marietta Rd.  
Canton, GA 30114  
Friday 9:00 p.m. open Young  
People

### **District 16 Zone E**

Browns Bridge Group  
Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian  
Church  
7620 Lanier Dr.  
Cumming, GA 30041  
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. open

### **District 17**

Vive y deja vivir Group  
445 Windy Hill SE  
Suite #235  
Marietta, GA 30060  
Daily 8:00 -10:00 p.m.

## **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](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org).

**GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND  
MACON CENTREPLEX – CONVENTION CENTER  
May 2016**

FRIDAY May 20, 2016

8:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING \*  
Chairperson T.C., DCM 7B Room 306

SATURDAY May 21

9:00 AM DELEGATE'S MEETING  
with AREA CHAIRS Ballroom A  
Ernie M. Delegate / Rick McN.  
Alt Delegate

9:00 AM Assembly 101: Getting the most out  
of your Assembly \* Ballroom B  
Rebecca T. Area Chair / Tom H. Office  
Committee Chair

10:00 AM WEB COMMITTEE Room 313  
Brandon S. Chairperson

11:00 AM ARCHIVES MEETING Room 310  
Gary N. / Fred I. Chairpersons

11:00 AM CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Rick McN. Alternate Delegate Room 324

11:00 AM CORRECTIONS MEETING \*  
Tim E. / Cathy B. Chairpersons

11:00 AM COMMUNICATIONS MEETING  
Ron G. / Gary J. Chairpersons Room 312

11:00 AM GRAPEVINE MEETING Room 306  
Dorman P. / Robert McC. Chairpersons

11:00 AM PI/CPC MEETING Room 308  
Chase S. / Maxwell S. Chairpersons

11:00 AM SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP\*  
Debi K., Area Secretary / Diane M.,  
Area Treasurer Ballroom C

11:00 AM TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS/  
ACCESSIBILITIES Room 309  
John L. / Don O. Chairpersons

1:00 PM DCM MEETING \*  
Ernie M., Delegate Room 306

1:00 PM GSR ORIENTATION (Part 2 of 3) \*  
Sharon L, Past DCM 14D

Centreplex Ballroom

SATURDAY May 21

3:00 – 5:00 PM GSR WORKSHOP \*  
Centreplex Ballroom  
(Including reports from area chairs)  
Connecting with Each Other  
Singleness or Purpose – Staying Pertinent  
in a Changing World - Gina J., DCM 16A

Informed Group Conscience – The Key TO  
Unity – Frank M., DCM 13D  
Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service  
Neil T., DCM 13E

Ask-It-Basket (Tom H., Rebecca T., Ernie M.,  
Rick McN., Diane M., Debi K., Gina J.,  
Frank M., Neil T.)

8:00 PM AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING \*  
Chairperson Kelly K., DCM 9  
Centreplex Ballroom

12 Steps Jim O., DCM 14B  
Traditions Jenine M., DCM 13H  
Speaker Tracy M., DCM 7A

9:30 PM AREA WORKSHOPS  
Archives Centreplex Ballroom

Corrections \*  
Communications Room 312

Grapevine Room 306  
Intergroup/Central Office \* Green Room

PI/CPC Room 308  
Treatment/Special Needs/  
Accessibilities Room 309

SUNDAY May 22

9:00 AM AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING \*  
Centreplex Ballroom

CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER

Rebecca T., Area 16 Chairperson  
Delegate's Report – Ernie M.  
Recognize Past Area Officers  
Approve Minutes from January 2016 Business  
Meeting  
Area Officer's reports (Alt. Delegate, Secretary,  
and Treasurer)

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Athens Bid for 2018 Pre-Paid. (vote)  
Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: A  
policy be created to move funds between the Pre-  
Paid and GSSA prudent reserves such that the  
Pre-Paid reserve balance does not exceed 200%  
or fall below 150% of the most recent three-year  
average convention cost. GSSA cannot move  
more funds to the Pre-Paid reserve account than  
was previously received from the Pre-Paid.  
Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: To  
eliminate the Area Workshops after the Speaker  
Saturday night of the Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

Candidates/Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer  
Candidates/Nominations for SE Trustee and U.S.  
Trustee at large  
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.

\* Translated in Spanish



# West Central Cluster Forum

**Saturday June 25, 2016**

**Hosted by Area 16 District 7B;**

**Includes (6, 7A, 10A, 10C, 10D, 11C)**

Perry Alno Clubhouse

203 South Street

Perry, Georgia 31069

Contact Number: (678)332-4152

Take I-75 Exit 135

Look for the Perry Water Tower

Clubhouse is right behind the Perry Water Tower

## “Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, & Concepts”

### Connecting With the Newcomer

1. All Inclusive – Never Exclusive
2. Are We Doing Enough to Help the Newcomer – Are We Going to Any Length?
3. Home Group – Where It Begins

### Connecting With Each Other

1. Singleness of Purpose – Staying Pertinent in a Changing World
2. Informed Group Conscious – The Key to Unity
3. Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service

### Connecting With A.A. as a Whole

1. Participating in All of A.A.
2. Understanding Self-Support
3. Reaching Out to the Next Generation of A.A.'s

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**PROGRAM: 9:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

**Coffee and Snacks will be provided.**

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