



Cluster Forums ⁽¹⁾

What are Cluster Forums?

Cluster Forums are sharing sessions designed to enhance and widen communication among AA members, service and potential service people, and representatives of the Groups, Districts, and Area. A Cluster Forum is not a formal decision-making body, thus no formal actions come about as a result of a Forum. Rather, Cluster Forums are gatherings that provide a unique opportunity to share valuable experience, ask questions, and spark new ideas. There is no registration fee for Cluster Forums. The expenses are covered by the Districts of each Region and through “passing the basket” at each Forum. The locations and agenda for Cluster Forums are worked out jointly by the DCMs of each Forum. Flyers for each Cluster Forum should be forwarded to the Area Office as soon as possible for listing in the “Georgia Message of AA”.

There are four ⁽²⁾ Cluster Forums held each year in different regions of the state, on a rotating basis. The topics for Cluster Forums have been the Conference Theme for many years. At each September Assembly, the GSRs vote to adopt the Conference Theme for the Georgia State Service Assembly, our Prepaid Convention, and the Cluster Forums.

Ideas for Presentation at Cluster Forums:

Informative Skits	Panel Discussions	Individual Presentations
Questions & Answers	Group Participation	Ask-It Basket
Roundtable Discussions	Mix of All of These	

Ideas for Adding to the Theme:

Area Officer Reports	Area Committee Reports	Conference Agenda Items
Area Finance Report	GSO Finance Report	Hot Topics in Area 16
Service Opportunities Fair	Hot Topics in the District	Group Challenges

Area 16 Cluster Forum Regions:

Southwest	District/Zones 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
Southeast	District/Zones 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D
District 17	District 17 with Spanish to English translation
West Central	District/Zones 6, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10C, 10D, 11C
East Central	District/Zones 8, 9, 12A, 12B
Northeast	District/Zones 11A, 11B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 16E, 16F
Northwest	District/Zones 10B, 10E, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 15A, 15B
District 13	District/Zones 13A, 13B, 13D, 13E, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13I, 13J, 13K, 13L

⁽¹⁾ *At the DCM Planning Meeting in 1995, the DCMs elected to change the name of the “Cluster Workshops” to “Cluster Forums”. One of the goals in changing the name was to change the attitude from “those are only for people in service”, and to have better informed AA members in Area 16.*

⁽²⁾ *An eighth Cluster Forum was added in 2008 at the DCM Planning Meeting. This number was reduced to four in 2014 as a cost-cutting/efficiency measure for Area 16.*

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