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**Happy New Year!
Out with the old and
in with the new. All of
us will miss the wit
and wisdom of those
trusted servants who
have rotated out but
look forward to
getting to know those
who are rotating in.
Look for their first
articles in this issue!
- Chuck L., Editor,
Georgia Message of
AA**

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DELEGATE / delegate@aageorgia.org

The power of “we”

By **Patty L.**
Area 16 Delegate

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a sober New Year's celebration. I am excited about our January Assembly. It is a new year, with new GSRs and new DCMs. We have a GSR/DCM 101 Workshop Saturday morning during the Assembly for the newcomers (to the Assembly). This is a great opportunity to learn how we conduct business at the Area level in Georgia. You can ask questions, review the agenda, and have access to two of our past Delegates, David M. and David S.

Please note that the dates are January 21-23, 2011. We hold our Assembly on the third full weekend (counting the Friday) in January, May and September. It falls a little late in the month this time.

I wanted to update you all on the overall success of the Grapevine survey that we participated in following the 2010 General Service Conference. The Delegate for Area 52, North Carolina, had an idea that we could aggregate the survey results from all 93 Areas - those that wanted to participate. The data would be standardized - we all used the same survey - and coded so that we could analyze the results as a whole. Deborah, the Delegate, put together a team of volunteers to help her pull together all of the results. I am happy to report that 62 Areas participated, and over 8,000 surveys

will be included in our report to the Grapevine Board. Wow - it is amazing what we can do when we come together. We also responded to the issues of full faces of actors in videos, and anonymity and social media. Thank you for your participation. Your time and effort to provide input directly impacts the Committee process at the General Service Conference, as the Fellowship is heard through these reports.

For my Message articles in 2010, I attempted to provide a bit of information about two of the Traditions in each article. This year I will address the Concepts. It is difficult to cover them in depth, but my hope is to spark an interest by including a Concepts Checklist for two of them each month. You can use this for a Concepts study in your home group, or with a group of AA friends.

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of AA as a whole, and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the District, Area, or the local Inter-group meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of AA?

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

ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt_delegate@aageorgia.org

Extending our presence

By Tom H.
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

Each year during the holiday season, my selfishness fades as I begin extending heartfelt messages to family and friends. It is a joy to express my sincere gratitude to family

and friends for saving my life through our God given program. I pray that your holiday will be filled with joy, and the coming year be filled with all good things in life.

The excitement phase for the holidays and the New Year has begun for me. It has been a long time since I can remember feeling the joy building inside me. This feeling is not about presents, though, it is about the presence of God. What I will do with the gift of that presence is extend it to others who will not get presents -

those that have not yet found sobriety, those who will struggle getting through the holidays sober, and those who may be in their first 30 days of sobriety. Aha, the struggling sober drunks within our Fellowship!

I recently attended a meeting on Thanksgiving night at a treatment center. Though this meeting is usually covered up with sober AAs from the outside, there were only a couple of us from the outside in attendance. See **ALTERNATE DELEGATE** on **Page 3**

SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org

A new adventure

By Ernie M.
Area 16 Secretary

First of all, I hope that all had a great holiday season. I had the opportunity to carry the message to the local prison on Thanksgiving evening, and what an experience! The inmates were grateful that someone took the time to care about them and be willing to share their experience, strength and hope with them. We spent almost two hours together and I came out with so much more than I had given.

When I first got sober, my sponsor told me to look at each day as the beginning of a new adventure. Nervously, humbly, and with gratitude, I am beginning another new adventure as your Area Secretary. Our first Assembly Secretary/Treasurer Workshop will be in January. I encourage all new Group, Zone, and District Secretaries and Treasurers to attend our workshop on Saturday morning. I am sure you will find items of interest to all, and information to take back to your individual groups.

If you haven't attended an Assembly before, please look at the agenda in this edition of The Message, and find an area of interest for you. I welcome you to attend our workshop in the morning, and a different work-

shop of interest to you on Saturday night after the speaker meeting. Make this weekend your new adventure. As Katy has said before: "If you do not yet have a job in AA, I highly recommend that you find one...think of the Area Assembly as an AA job fair." Whether you're a trusted servant, or a newcomer to the assembly, be sure to register before 9 a.m. Sunday. I am looking forward to attending the 2010 Southeast Regional Forum in Myrtle Beach, SC, and our Southwest Cluster Forum in January before the Area Assembly. If there is anything I can do please, contact me at secretary@aageorgia.org. See y'all in Macon.

TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org

Our personal responsibility

By Don M.
Area 16 Treasurer

“Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” - Tradition Five as found in the Twelve

Steps and Twelve Traditions, I finally purchased after my sponsor insisted a number of years ago. “The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle,” the book says on page 150.

Wait a minute. Why is the Treasurer writing about the Fifth Tradition? Shouldn't he be talking about Tradition Seven? You know - money and all that. Well, I'm writing about Tradition Five because it is the basis of our existence. We exist to carry the

message of recovery to each other. And one of the ways we carry this message is through the literature of the Fellowship - the books and pamphlets. And who supports the work of producing and distributing this literature? Why, it's the individual AA member who contributes to his home group so that it is still there when the next person comes into our midst. This individual AA insists that See **TREASURER** on **Page 3**

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I take that responsibility seriously. I pray that we all do.

his home group make contributions to the District, Intergroup, Georgia State Service Assembly and General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous so that the entire package is ready for the next drunk who needs our help.

Contributing to the service structure of AA provides us with a sense of ownership, belonging, participation and responsibility. This money is used to carry the message of recovery throughout the world. While we believe in corporate poverty (“just enough”), it does take money to assure

that we are here and ready to help “the still suffering alcoholic”. Area 16 (the state of Georgia) leads all other Areas in the United States in our percentage of groups that contribute to the General Service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. Congratulations to you and your group! Yet we aren’t fully self-supporting. The General Service Office sells literature to make up the shortfall. On the Area level, we have to dip into our reserves to make up the difference. As my sponsor said to me, “Aren’t you glad we were here to welcome you when you stumbled in? Don’t you want the next person to find the relief you found when you came here?” He made it clear that the continued presence of Alcoholics Anonymous was my responsibility. I take that responsibility seriously. I pray that we all do.

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%
- G.S.O. – 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%
- G.S.O. – 20%
- Pre-Paid Convention – 10%
- District/Zone – 5%
- or whatever percentages are in accordance with your group conscience.

Mailing addresses:
G.S.S.A. (State office)
P.O. Box 7325
Macon, GA 31209

G.S.O. (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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To see the newest of our Fellowship begin their path toward freedom from alcohol is always a joy, and for them to see us is also a joy. The gratitude expressed on the faces of these men because a few of us outsiders would come on Thanksgiving night for support was truly a gift.

Perhaps what they don’t know quite yet is that our presence at the meeting was for our own sobriety more than it was for their sobriety. These folks, and many in similar situations, will have many of the feelings we all had during the last of our drinking days - namely loneliness and despair. I hope you will join me in extending our presence (presents) to them and to each other as we venture toward another day sober.

I also wish to extend a big thanks to Clint and Katy for their service to Area 16, and a welcome to Don and Ernie to the Office Committee. We are truly blessed in our great state to have the participation in general service that we enjoy.

As far as upcoming events, our SW Cluster Forum will be held on January 8th in Albany, the January Assembly will be held January 21 - 23 in Macon, and the Southeast Cluster Forum will be held on February 26th in Midway. Flyers for the Cluster Forums and further information on the Service Assembly can be found on our website, www.aageorgia.org.

District 5
Frank S. October 28, 1990

District 5, Zone A
Bill A. October 31, 1997
Pembroke Group

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BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

District 3, Zone D
Julie P. September 16, 1986
12 & 12 Group
Deborah C. September 16, 1996
Happy Hour Group

GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org

Gifts of the Grapevine

By Mary A., Chair
and Georgia C., Co-Chair
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

One thing is obvious from information shared during the round table discussion at the September Assembly; members who read the Grapevine continue to find it an invaluable tool in their own recovery and as a 12 Step tool. Overwhelmingly, those who shared gave Grapevine subscriptions as gifts and used it in 12 Step work in Corrections and Treatment. Not surprisingly when asked what they would change, several suggested ways the price could be reduced such as going back to printing in black and white. Thank you to all who attended and shared your ideas and concerns. I also wanted to thank the individuals and groups who took the time to fill out and submit the Grapevine surveys. The information collected will be compiled with other areas to be presented to the Delegates at the next Conference.

The New Year brings new options for subscribing to the Grapevine. You can now order the Digital Grapevine for \$19.97 a year (12 issues) or \$4 a month. Discounts apply when you subscribe to more than one version. (One year subscriptions only). For more information visit aageorgia.org. The new Grapevine publication, Spiritual Awak

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enings II will be available at the January Assembly.

Georgia and I hope to see you at the Georgia State Service Assembly in January. We have some great plans for our meetings. The morning session will be a Grapevine 101 for new Grapevine/LaViña Reps and the evening session will be on attraction not promotion where we will be creating Grapevine displays. We hope to have some great sharing and of course fun.

Until next time, "Read it, subscribe to it, write for it and use it in your Twelve Step work."

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• Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions? Concept II: The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of

our whole Society in its world affairs.

- Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the "Conference")?
- What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's GSR, DCM, and Area Delegate report back

to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?

- Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

HOW TO CONTACT TRUSTED SERVANTS

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

A. Use the official email addresses for Area 16 trusted

servants located on articles, in our service directory and on aageorgia.org.

B. To get a phone number, use the service directory given to each group at the January Assembly or call our Macon office at 478-745-2588.

C. The password to access password-protected web content

can be obtained from the service directory, your GSR, your DCM, webmaster@aageorgia.org, the Area office in Macon or other trusted servants.

Please provide any feedback to communications@aageorgia.org or editor@aageorgia.org

CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org

Granting patience

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

Greetings from the Area 16 Corrections Committee! Harold W. (Incoming Corrections Chair) and I (Incoming Corrections Co-Chair) are very excited about the upcoming year and the service opportunities that it will afford all of us. Tom H., our outgoing Corrections Chair, has been a little under the weather lately, but sends his sincere thanks to everyone in Area 16 for the opportunity he has had to be of service as Corrections Chair for the past two years. We are very grateful for Tom and his tireless

efforts during this period. He has been, and continues to be, a valuable resource for Harold and myself during this transitional period as the new rotations take effect.

We would like to invite all District Corrections Representatives and DCMs who are part of the Corrections Committee to join us at the State Service Assemblies in January, May, and September. We will hold our regular committee meetings at 11 a.m. on Saturday at each Assembly. We would also like to invite any Group Reps and members who have an interest in Corrections work in Alcoholics Anonymous to join us for the Saturday morning sessions. Our aim is to focus on District Reports, procedures, and new ideas at the Saturday morning meetings. We'll save our discussion and question and answer sessions for the Saturday evening

meetings, which are held at 9:30 pm, following the Open Speaker Meetings at Assembly.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Cluster Forums held around the State and also at the 58th Prepaid Convention in Gainesville this year. We will be having our regular Corrections Training Sessions on Saturday, January 29th, and then the fourth Saturday in May, July and September at the State Office in Macon. These are offered free of charge and are open to all AA members interested in being certified by the Georgia Department of Corrections to carry the AA message of recovery into the various facilities around the state. As always, please feel free to contact us at corrections@aageorgia.org if you have any questions or need assistance.

TREATMENT / treatment_facilities@aageorgia.org

Spirit of rotation

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

The Holiday season is upon us once again and I have gratitude today, and I owe it all to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. We suggest, to stay sober, that we trust in God, clean house and help others. The Treatment Committee wishes all a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year.

The spirit of rotation has fallen upon the Treatment Committee and I want to commend and thank Maurice C. for his outstanding service work as Committee Co-Chair and Chair. His dedication, hard work, and commitment have made sobriety possible to many alcoholics. As the incoming Treatment Committee Chair, I will

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics...”

continue to seek his advice. I'd like to thank Area 16 for the confidence that you have again placed in me by allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Treatment Committee Chair. I also want to congratulate and welcome Willie S. as the new incoming Treatment Committee Co-Chair. His experience, strength and hope will be great assets to the Committee.

January 21, 2011 will be the first GSSA Assembly weekend for 2011 for all newly elected and appointed Treatment Representatives. For those service workers that are carrying the message of AA into treatment facilities, please plan to attend our workshops, that Saturday morning January

22, 2011 at 11 a.m. and then Saturday evening at 9:30 p.m., we will be discussing what works and what may not work within different facilities, and how to stay within the Traditions. “Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics, It works when other activities fail, This is our Twelfth suggestion, carry this message to other alcoholics, you can help when no one else can, you can secure their confidence when others fail, remember they are very ill,” (Chapter 7, Working with Others, page 89).

At the workshops we'll also discuss Special Needs/Accessibilities. Beginning this year, (2011) all Special Needs/Accessibilities requests should come through the Treatment Facilities Committee. This approach is on a trial basis for now, and will be evaluated and decided upon by Delegates at a later date. Hope to see everyone at the Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS / communications@aageorgia.org

New year, new look

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

Happy New Year! I hope this year brings everyone one happy, joyous and free day after another! I am excited to share once again that Bill F. has been named Communications Co-Chair, and will be confirmed at the January Georgia State Service Assembly. I have had the opportunity to see Bill a few times recently, and he is a fabulous person who has already proven to be a huge help to the Communications Committee.

As I mentioned in the previous issue of the Message, we had 227 Anonymity and Social Media surveys to submit to GSO! Thank you so much to everyone who participated and filled out a survey, particularly the DCMs who took the time to distribute them. It is greatly appreciated, and I will be sure to keep everyone apprised of any feedback that we receive. If you didn't get the chance to check out the October issue of the Grapevine, the topic was Anonymity and the Internet, and there were a number of very interesting articles. I

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would recommend that if you haven't read it yet to get your hands on a copy!

The next project that Communications will be undertaking will be the redesign of the Message. As most of you know, due to budget constraints the Message will be printed in black and white only once our current copier contract expires. We are considering making the Message a bit shorter in length, among other changes. We will be discussing the Message during the Communications workshops at the Assembly, so we'd love to hear your input, or you can email me at communications@aageorgia.org. I am very much looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in January!

NEXT MESSAGE DEADLINE

The deadline for the articles for the Message for March and April is February 1. There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however, all contributions are appreciated. Please mail to: GSSA, P.O. Box 7325, Macon, GA 31209. The Georgia Message of AA is published by Area 16.

ARCHIVES / archives@aageorgia.org

Reborn into joy

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

I am reminded how mentally and physically sick I was; spiritually I was dead and bankrupt. John Barleycorn had his way with me regularly - I didn't know there was

another God. I hope you all had a great holiday season and am looking ahead to a good and sober New Year.

We have a great agenda planned for the Cluster Forums in 2011 all over the state of Georgia, already located in Albany, Macon, Midway, Buford, Newnan, Atlanta, Gainesville, Carrollton and all around. Hope to see you when it comes to your area.

Thanks to Claudia S., our Archives Co-Chair - the foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous has a much stronger setting than before. I prayed just this

morning for the many that have lost pride in themselves to John Barleycorn (or whatever you may call him) - and that they find a resource in the God of Miracles.

I hope you will all find true serenity and happiness in the New Year. Ya'll know I do a lot of donation type things around the community, but I realize it isn't nearly enough. I don't know much more new to report. Guess we'll see ya'll next time.

PI /CPC: PI/CPC@aageorgia.org

New challenges

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

The new year is upon us with new challenges and some old. Thought we could take a couple of minutes to review what exactly your PI/CPC Committees do. As with all committees our primary service is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Your PI (Public Information) Committee does this by providing accurate AA information to the public when requested. PI committees visit schools, businesses, and community meetings for that purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local

media, emphasizing our Tradition of anonymity, singleness of purpose and no affiliation, as well as offering AA public service announcements to radio and television stations.

Your CPC (cooperation with the professional) committee provides accurate information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, educators, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders, industrial managers, government officials, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism, and or working in the drug court systems. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

The best way to get started is to order the workbooks or the kits (which includes the workbooks) as they are filled with helpful ways to get started, sample letters, pamphlets to be used, guidelines, and suggestions for do-

ing non-AA talks. The importance of knowing general AA history and familiarity with our Traditions is essential in this line of service. You can also visit the websites; aageorgia.org or aa.org, and can view and download many of the letters and guidelines. The websites are filled with information for getting started.

We hope too that we will see many of you at Assembly this month. We will once again work on display boards at our 9:30 p.m. workshop. Our 11 a.m. workshop will be a business and sharing meeting, so bring your ideas, what has worked in your district, or what has not. Bring your questions too; as someone may have a suggestion or solution. Ed and I look forward to working with you this new year and are both at your service so call us or e-mail us, talk to us at the Cluster Forums or invite us to your area and we can share with your committee there.

CALL FOR STORIES!

In response to three 2010 General Service Conference recommendations, there is a call for stories from AA members. The specific requests are below:

1. Stories that reflect a wide-range of spiritual experiences from AA members who, with any belief or non-belief, have found a solution to the concept of spirituality and sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. Stories to update the pamphlet "AA and the Armed Services" from AA members that have recent experience in active duty or veterans of the armed services.

3. Stories that humanize the impact of Seventh Tradition monies to communicate to the Fellowship the importance of self-support.

Manuscripts should be 500-800 words and double spaces. Include your name and

address on a separate piece of paper. All author's anonymity will be observed.

The deadline for submitting stories is February 15, 2011. They can be emailed to literature@aa.org or mailed to Literature Coordinator at General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10163. See the Box 459 Winter Edition for more information.

CALENDAR, GROUPS, ETC. / gssa@bellsouth.net

CALENDAR

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

January 8

Southwest Cluster Forum
Albany
(see flyer p. 10)

January 21 - 23

Georgia State Service
Assembly
Macon / Marriott Convention
Center

January 29

Corrections Training
Macon/GSSA

February 4 - 6

Southeast Delegate Get
Together
Atlanta

February 18 - 19

Unity Weekend
Buford

February 26

Southeast Cluster Forum
Midway
(see flyer p. 11)

**MARRIOTT MACON 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. ALSO REMEMBER PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY CUT-OFF DATE IS JANUARY 7, 2011 FOR GROUP RATE.

**BIRTHDAY
CONTRIBUTIONS
(Cont'd from p. 3)**

District 5, Zone C

Jane H. October 23, 2007
Becky S. October 29, 1998
New Women's Group

District 10, Zone D

David J. November 19, 2000
Turin Lost & Found Group

District 11, Zone B

Kathie M. October 22, 1983
Twelve-Step Sisters Group
November 3, 2000
Twelve-Step Sisters Group

District 14, Zone A

Danny J. October 29, 1989
Kenny C. September 21, 2002
Rome Group

District 14, Zone B

Linda J. November 5, 1986
Clint Y. October 5, 1993
Connie S. September 21, 2002
Cartersville Closed Discussion
Group

District 14, Zone C

Billy M. July 28, 1993
Mike M. February 2, 2004
Vincent M. February 4, 2007
Tracy S. July 22, 2007
Kathleen B. January 1, 2008
Brian S. March 15, 2008
Kevin T. May 29, 2009
Stephanie S. July 14, 2009
By The Book Group

District 15, Zone A

Tom S.
Sharing Hope Group

**THINGS WE
CANNOT CHANGE**

George A.

Home Group: One Day At A Time
Group
Cartersville, GA
Sobriety Date: June 1968
Passed Away: August 13, 2010

David H.

Home Group: One Clarkston 12
Step Group
Tucker, GA
Sobriety Date: October 1, 1980
Passed Away: October 11, 2010

John M.

Home Group: McRae Group
McRae, GA
Sobriety Date: December 25, 1985
Passed Away: June 10, 2010

Charlie K.

Home Group: Starmount Group
Columbus, GA
Sobriety Date: January 2, 1982
Passed Away: October 29, 2010

Billy L.

Home Group: Madison Group
Sobriety Date: August 11, 2005
Passed Away: October 8, 2010

Billy T.

Home Group: Cook County Group
Adel, GA
Sobriety Date: November 1, 2004
Passed Away: August 10, 2009

Bruce V.

Home Group: McRae Group
McRae, GA
Sobriety Date: December 29, 1975
Passed Away: September 26, 2010

Francis "Sonny" W.

Home Group: Equal Time Group,
Rockmart, GA
Sobriety Date: February 9, 1979
Passed Away: November 3, 2010

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Georgia State (Area 16) Assembly Weekend

Marriott Macon City Center,
Macon, January 2011

FRIDAY January 21

8 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

Room 306

Hosted by District 7B

SATURDAY January 22

9:00 A.M.

DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS

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

9:00 A.M.

DCM/GSR 101: Great sharing for everyone

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

10 A.M. WEB COMMITTEE

Tom B., Chairperson

11 A.M. ARCHIVES MEETING

James R. / Claudia S., Chairpersons

11 A.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom H., Alternate Delegate

11 A.M. CORRECTIONS MEETING

Harold W. / Jim T. Chairpersons

11 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

Shari M./ Bill F. Chairpersons

11 A.M. PI/CPC MEETING

Teri F. / Ed T., Chairpersons

11 A.M. GRAPEVINE MEETING

Mary A. / Georgia C., Chairpersons

11 A.M. SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP

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

11 A.M. TREATMENT FACILITIES MEETING

Jimmy S., / Willie S., Chairpersons

1 P.M. DCM MEETING

Patty L., Delegate

1 P.M. GSR ORIENTATION

Rebecca T., Past DCM 16E

3 P.M. Reports from Area Committee Chairs / Area Chair, David M.

GSR WORKSHOP

An Informed Group Conscience: The Voice of AA

1. Self Support – Where do money and spirituality mix? – Janie C., DCM 16E

2. Humility – Accepting the group conscience. – Becky S., DCM 5C

3. An Informed Group Conscience– Using the three legacies.– Julia H., DCM 13B

Ask-It-Basket (David S., David M., Patty L., Ernie M., Don M., Tom H., Janie C., Becky S. Julia H.)

8 P.M. AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Chairperson – Darius W., DCM 13H

12 Steps – Gina B., DCM 7A

Traditions – Mark J., DCM 16D

Speaker – Greg L., DCM 16B

9:30 P.M. AREA WORKSHOPS

Archives GSSA Office

Corrections

Communications

Grapevine

Intergroup/Central Office

PI/CPC

Treatment

SUNDAY January 23

AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING

9 A.M. Delegate's Report

Patty L., Area 16 Delegate

BUSINESS MEETING

David M., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Final report from the 57th (Athens) Pre-Paid Convention.

2. Report from 58th (Gainesville) Pre-Paid Convention.

3. Area officer's reports.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from September 2010 Area 16 Business Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of New Chairs and Co-Chairs of Area Committees.

2. Receiving bids for 2013 Pre-Paid Convention.

3. General Sharing.

PLEASE NOTE

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

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

I Am Responsible

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

Area16 Gssa@2006

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

SOUTHWEST CLUSTER FORUM

(LOCATION)

**LIBERTY EXPRESSWAY CHURCH
1109 LIBERTY EXPRESSWAY SOUTH (HWY 19)
ALBANY GEORGIA**

(DATE AND TIME)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

PROGRAM FROM 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH: GRILLED BURGERS AND HOTDOGS COOKED BY JOHNNY M.



“WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR A.A.’S FUTURE – LET IT BEGIN WITH US”

ALCOHOLICS IN A DIGITAL AGE – PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 2A

- 1 – PRACTICING OUR TRADITIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE
- 2 – CARRYING A.A.’S TRADITION ONLINE
- 3 – GRAPEVINE: “A.A.’S MEETING IN PRINT” AND MORE...

AN INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE: THE VOICE OF A.A. – PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 2B

- 1 – SELF-SUPPORT: WHERE DO MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX?
- 2 – HUMILITY: ACCEPTING THE GROUP CONSCIENCE
- 3 – AN INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE: USING THE THREE LEGACIES

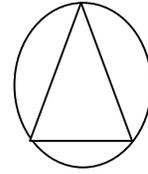
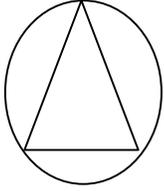
DIVERSITY IN A.A. – PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 1A

- 1 – THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART IS SPOKEN HERE
- 2 – THE HAND OF A.A.: INCLUSIVE, NEVER EXCLUSIVE
- 3 – TRADITION FIVE: OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

SPONSORSHIP – PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 1B

- 1 – IMPORTANCE OF A HOME GROUP
- 2 – LEADING BY EXAMPLE: ATTRACTION NOT PROMOTION
- 3 – RECOVERY, UNITY, SERVICE

SOUTHEAST CLUSTER FORUM



WHEN: FEBRUARY 26, 2011

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM

START 9:00 AM

WHERE: MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

249 MARTIN RD

MIDWAY, GA 31320

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- A. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN A DIGITAL AGE:
 - 1. PRACTICING OUR TRADITIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE.
 - 2. CARRYING A.A.’S MESSAGE ONLINE.
 - 3. GRAPEVINE – “A.A.’S MEETING IN PRINT” AND MORE...
- B. AN INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE: THE VOICE OF A.A.:
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DIRECTIONS

FROM SAVANNAH: TAKE I-95S TO EXIT 76. TURN RIGHT ONTO HWY 84. TURN RIGHT ONTO HWY 17. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT (YOU WILL SEE A GULF GAS STATION SIGN). CHURCH IS ON THE RIGHT.

FROM HINESVILLE: TAKE HWY 84 TOWARD MIDWAY. TURN LEFT ONTO HWY 17. TAKE FIRST RIGHT (YOU WILL SEE A GULF GAS STATION SIGN). CHURCH IS ON THE RIGHT.

FROM RICHMOND HILL: TAKE HWY 17 SOUTH TOWARD MIDWAY. TAKE A LEFT ONTO MARTIN ROAD (IF YOU GET TO HWY 84, YOU PAST THE ROAD). CHURCH IS ON YOU RIGHT.

FROM BRUNSWICK: TAKE 95 N TO EXIT 76. TAKE LEFT ONTO HWY 84. THEN FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM SAVANNAH. OR TAKE 17 N ALL THE WAY TO MIDWAY. THE TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT AFTER YOU CROSS HWY 84. CHURCH WILL BE ON THE RIGHT.

AA's Future Begins with Us

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

Featured Speakers:

Mari G - Toronto, ON

Charlie Y - Savannah, GA

Steve S - Sherman Oaks, CA

Angie P - Cincinnati, OH

Donna H - Huntley, MT

Don M - Louisville, KY

Ellen C - Addison, TX (Al-Anon)

****Holiday Inn (Host Hotel)**
\$95 single / \$105 double
Breakfast included
770-531-0907

**** Hampton Inn (Host Hotel)**
\$85 room rate
Breakfast included
770-503-0300

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

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

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

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

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name on Badge: _____ Home Group: _____

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

Group: AA Al-Anon Alateen

Interested in Volunteering: Contact by phone: _____ or e-Mail above: _____

Participate in following activities: Golf Motorcycle Poker Run Boat Ride

Special Needs: Wheelchair Sight Hearing Other _____

See state web-site www.aageorgia.org for on-line registration & printable registration form .
For more information e-mail us at 58thprepaid@aageorgia.org

12th STEP SUCCESS STORIES

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By Anonymous
Area 16