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## Our trusted servants

By Tom H.  
Area 16 Delegate

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season and that the New Year is filled with many blessings one day at a time. In January many of us begin new service positions. Whether you have experience in service or this is a new experience, being a trusted servant has responsibilities and finding our way has always been an exciting and challenging experience, at least it has been for me. With this in mind I wanted to write about what it means to be a trusted servant as described in Traditions 1 & 2 and in Concept 3 using various pieces of literature including the AA Group pamphlet, the "12 Traditions", and the "AA Service Manual."

AA service positions have titles but they do not bring authority. Titles in AA describe services and responsibilities. My service experience has taught me to do the job the Group Conscience has asked me to do, report back to the body I serve, and not to govern. I am still learning that my service title only describes the job – it is not a status symbol. If we have no AA status or titles at stake we won't compete for praise and then we can truly serve as we are needed. Anonymity has many forms and one of them is to forgo personal prestige for the work we do to help other alcohol-

ics. Our needed service work is for the newcomer and is stated so well in Tradition One – "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity."

If the services of the group are not squarely met the group will surely wither and die. If there is no group where will the newcomer go? The Traditions are not only a set of ideas and principles that make for unity, they discourage disunity. I realize my ego typically makes me want to enlarge my authority and prestige when I hold a service position and when I don't have a title I resist heavy-handed management when someone else holds that service position. Both extremes lead only to disunity and the group suffers.

Tradition Two reminds me that there is one ultimate Authority and it is not me. This Authority expresses itself in a well-informed group conscience. The only title I really have is 'trusted servant.' This frees me so that I may devote my attention to carrying out the Fellowship's primary purpose. GSRs have often been referred to as the 'guardians of our traditions' but this is only to assist the group with tradition related problems. My role as this guardian is not to correct, only to inform. The ultimate Authority will reveal itself in the group conscience. You may be thinking, "What happens when the Group Conscience is wrong?" Bill W. was very clear that

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groups have the right to be wrong. Accepting this spiritual freedom has been a tough pill for this alcoholic to swallow though I have found it to be the best course.

Concept Three in its simplest form defines our service responsibility and authority and is known as our 'Right of Decision.' How do we balance this ultimate authority and delegated responsibility we are all given whether our title is coffee maker or trustee? Well, the coffee maker must act on his own occasionally as a trusted servant even though he has instructions on how much coffee should be made as guided by the Group Conscience. And a GSR that simply acts on the instructions of the Group is just a messenger and not a trusted servant at all. We "trust our responsible leaders to decide how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." This Right of Decision should not be used as a reason to exceed authority or as excuse for failing to consult the group before an important decision is made. So we see that Traditions 1 & 2 and Concept 3 tell us we should act and lead, at all times, as trusted servants only. I hope that I am able to follow the wisdom in these three principles and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

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## Spirit of rotation

By Rebecca T.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

At the beginning of each year we have incoming Group, District and Area Officers. As Alternate Delegate, I am excited to meet your area's incoming as well as current officers and members through the Cluster Forums. In November, I attended the Metro Area Cluster Forum which had a different format. The format of the Forum was a panel of 3 presenters. Area officers and Committee Chairs were there to answer questions. The panel

format gave the attendees an opportunity to hear sharing from the Area officers and committee chairs along with the presenters.

Also, with the New Year is the rotation of where the Cluster Forums are hosted. The forums will start the first Saturday in January with the Southwest Cluster Forum hosted by 2A in Moultrie. In February the Southeast Cluster Forum will be hosted by 3D in St. Simons Island. The Forums are monthly throughout Area 16 until September.

The theme for the Cluster Forums this year is "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Re-

sponsibility in the Digital Age", along with eight (8) subtopics. I am excited to hear your experience, strength and hope on these topics. When I think of the topic it reminds me of AA's responsibility statement – "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." The question I need to ask myself and I challenge you to ask yourself is "How am I being responsible in the digital age?" I look forward to seeing and meeting you at the Area events and Cluster Forums throughout the year.

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**TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org**

## Prudent reserve

By Don M.  
Area 16 Treasurer

From time to time I am asked, "How much is a prudent reserve and what do we do with money over and above our prudent reserve?"

First of all, we need to be sure that the message is carried to the still-suffering alcoholic by our Group. Once we are convinced that we are doing what we can to accomplish this, we're ready to determine what our Group's prudent reserve should be. Each Group must determine this amount for themselves. Most Groups keep enough money in reserve to carry them for a period of time if financial contributions fall short. The period of time that we should cover varies by Group. Some allot a month's average expenses as their group's prudent reserve; others keep more than that.

It is up to the Group Conscience. If you feel that your Group has an unrealistic view of the prudent reserve, it is up to you to bring that to the Group's attention in a kind and loving way. Remember, in the long form of Tradition Seven, it is stated, "Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority."

After determining your group's prudent reserve, then you're ready (as a Group) to decide what is to be done with all funds in excess of that. Whatever the decisions made

by your Group, they should be the right decision for your Group. The business of other Groups is of no concern to the rest of us unless it affects AA as a whole.

## BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

### District 2, Zone B

Kerry A. September 6, 2010  
Crisp Co. Group

### District 3, Zone A

Caroline F. February 19, 2011  
Third Step Group

### District 3, Zone B

Terry P. July 4, 2002  
Nahunta Group

### District 5, Zone A

Ernie M. January 18, 1989

### District 5, Zone B

Frank S. October 28, 1990  
White Bluff Group

### District 5, Zone C

Jane G. October 23, 2007  
New Women's Group  
Shari M. December 8, 2005  
Savannah 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

### District 12, Zone A

Ben D. September 22, 1981

**Birthday Contributions continued on page 5**

## A new adventure

By Ernie M.  
Area 16 Secretary

As we all begin 2012, I am looking forward to serving Area 16 with our new Delegate (Tom H.) and Alternate Delegate (Rebecca T.). I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. During this past year I have had the opportunity to attend 8 workshops throughout the Area. I am looking forward to the new workshops this year with the first being the Southwest Cluster just before January's Georgia State Service Assembly.

For the newly elected District Committee Members (DCMs), Alternate DCMs, Group General Service Representatives (GSRs) and Alternate GSRs - please be sure that your email address has been given to me or the Area Office. Hopefully all the Group Information Sheets have been updated by now so our Area Directory will be more accurate. The online directory is updated at the beginning of each month, so hopefully there will be only a few changes left to make. Please have your newly elected District/Groups Trusted Servants attend the DCM/GSR 101 Workshop on Saturday morning and your Secretaries

and Treasurers attend the Secretary/Treasurer Workshop as well. Please continue to send your District/Zone minutes to: districtminutes@aageorgia.org If there is anything I can assist your group with, please contact me at: secretary@aageorgia.org

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## ABOUT THIS ISSUE

A new year brings new beginnings. We extend our gratitude for those trusted servants who will be rotating out and a warm welcome to those who will be rotating in. We appreciate your experience, strength and hope as we trudge the road to happy destiny. Thank you for your service. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!  
- Jane G., Editor, Georgia Message of AA

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## Expanding our reach

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

New Year's greetings from the Area 16 Corrections Committee! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holidays. Harold and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the January Assembly or at the various Cluster Forums around Georgia throughout 2012. We are very excited about the opportunities we have for carrying AA's message of recovery into correctional facilities this year.

In 2011, our Corrections Committee volunteers were very successful in expanding the reach of our services. Numerous new meetings were started up in our Area's county jails and state prisons. In some cases, we were able to get AA into facilities that have never had our meetings before, and in

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others, we were able to re-start meetings that had gone by the wayside years ago. In addition, we received 162 "Bridge the Gap" Inmate Forms (as of the end of November), which

represent up to an 800% increase over previous years. This is due to the outstanding job our volunteers did by carrying the forms in to the inmates and explaining how "Bridge the Gap" works. As a result, we were able to help inmates transition into AA on the outside in every District/Zone in Area 16. Also, many members across Georgia signed up to participate in the Corrections Correspondence Service, which is coordinated by the General Service Office.

Our 2012 Corrections Certification Training sessions are scheduled for January 28th, May 26th, and September 29th and will be held at the state office in Macon. If you are interested in getting certified to go into state prisons, please plan to attend. These are provided free of charge and are only open to AA members. Questions? Please feel free to email or give us a call!

**GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org**

## New from the Grapevine

By Joan M., Chair  
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

I'm very excited to be serving Area 16 as your Grapevine Chair. I was a GSR when I first started coming to Macon, and made the rounds to all the Committee meetings. Walter and Mary "hooked" me and I've continued to show up at the Grapevine meetings.

Over the years I have had many jobs in AA, either in my Home Group, or at the District level. I have been the Grapevine rep at both levels of service. Sometimes I think everyone

knows about the Grapevine. But as I sit behind the Grapevine table at our many events, I realize not everyone knows what it is, or it's rich past. Even if they are familiar with the magazine, sometimes they are unaware of all the other wonderful publications Grapevine has to offer.

In December 2011, Grapevine will be offering "Language of the Heart" as an eBook? The Spanish version of the eBook will be available in 2012. Purchases will be available thru aagrapevine.org.

Our two new books in print, "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety II" are big hits. As always, the books are filled

with stories previously printed in the Grapevine magazine on the specific topic.

The Grapevine has always been a part of my sobriety. It allows me to check in with AA outside of Area 16, the articles certainly give me something to think about, help me keep an open mind, and I love it when I see a picture in the section "If Walls Could Talk", of a room I've shared in.

If you know of anyone looking for service work at the Area level, please submit a service resume to our new Delegate Tom, and continue to help spread the message of the Grapevine.

**PI/CPC / picpc@aageorgia.org**

## Another year - wow!

By Ed T., Chair  
Area 16 Public Information/Cooperation  
with the Professional Community  
Committee

For all intents and purposes, I should not even be alive today. I need to remember this and make the very best of every day. If someone would have told this low bottom drunk 22 years ago he would be of service at the state level, I would not have believed it possible. Yet by the grace of God, here I am.

I am honored to serve as your Public Information/Cooperating with Professional Communities (PI/CPC) Chairperson for Area 16. Trying to fill Teri's

shoes will not be an easy task. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Patty L. for giving me this opportunity and to Tom H. for his continued support.

We had the opportunity to have a booth at the Conference on Social Work Education at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis October 27th thru 30th. AA was well represented. We gave out more literature than any other conference I have attended. Everyone seemed happy we were there. I would like to give a special thanks to Jemal and Horace from 13D for their help greeting and meeting with the Social Workers.

I am looking forward to seeing all of

you at the PI/CPC Workshop in Macon at Georgia State Service Assembly weekend. John B. of 16D and his crew have had great success around Buford, GA; he has (in military fashion) volunteered himself and his crew to come share with us how to get involved in PI/CPC and make it work in your District. This should be a great event and we'll all walk away with a great deal of knowledge. I know I will. Remember, there is no unemployment in AA! Come join us and we will help find you something to do in PI/CPC service work.



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## Thank you

By Bill F., Chair and  
Chuck L., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Communications Committee

Hello and thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful Committee. I want to thank Shari for her total dedication and the wonderful job she did as the Chair. She and Tom B. have done such a great job on the Website and she and Jane have done such a great job with the Message - totally revamping it, shortening it to half of the original size and yet maintaining its' integrity, and saving some much needed money to boot. I personally find the Message easier to read because of the different font, so thanks for that too.

Last year, along with the concentration on the Message and the Website, a lot of work went into translating the publication, as well as with signers

and translators at the different events around the state. We are continuing to look for people to help in this area; it is probably going to be our largest project for this year. If you know anyone interested in helping, please let us know and we will definitely put you to work!

I would also like to thank Katy M. and all the other volunteers that put on the Metro Cluster Forum. It was a great event and a very good example of how the work in translation makes such a difference in an event like that. District 17 was very well represented, and I got to see the translation in action. It allowed all the attendees to contribute and understand equally, and the unity was intense. As I was leaving I could see the gratitude on everyone's faces for such a well run, unified event.

Please check out the new Website and let us know what you think. I look

forward to seeing everyone at the Assembly in January, and look forward to working with you this term. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

## 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:

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

## Service, service, service

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

*"I am responsible ...when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there, And for that, and I am responsible."*

The Treatment Special Needs/Accessibilities Committee wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do hope that everyone had a wonderful and sober Holiday.

I feel so grateful today and to show my gratitude: SERVICE, SERVICE, SER-

VICE. "Practical Experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail." (Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 89)

Let's not forget all the Alcoholics with Special Needs (Pamphlet # P-83). In this pamphlet you will read the experiences of AA members who are hearing and visually impaired, those who are housebound chronically ill and those who may be disable due to brain damage or stroke. These are the stories of people who found AA and are living new and productive lives free from alcohol.

November 5, 2011 was the last GSSA

Cluster Forum (Metro Atlanta) for the year and it was great - both well attended and informative. The forum was also conducted using a new format where everyone could participate and ask questions.

On January 21, 2012 the Georgia State Service Assembly will be in Macon. I look forward to seeing all the new Districts', Zones' or Groups' Treatment Representatives there at both our workshops.

I want to thank you for allowing myself and Willie S. to be of service to you and hope you all have a Happy New Year.

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## Why archives?

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

I had picked up what would be my last white chip when I was asked to attend a Group Conscience meeting. I had no idea what I had agreed to attend, but I was at the point in my recovery where I was willing to do anything to stay sober! At that meeting I was put in charge of the group literature. Since being given that job, I have consistently held at least one service position, whether it was at the Group, District or now, State level.

I remember hearing a speaker tape of Johnny H. when I was new in the program. He said that when AA asks, and the calendar is empty, the answer is yes. I have tried to adhere to this simple statement ever since.

Now why Archives? When I was somewhere around one year sober, my sponsor took me along to interview an old timer, Bo H. This was about 17 years ago, when AAs across Georgia were collecting information for the book "We Share". "We Share" is book published by Area 16 that tells the story of every district in GA: how groups started, where they started,

who started them, how some ended, and some general history of AA in Georgia.

Two years ago, Patty L. called me and asked if I was interested in the Archives co-chair position at the state level. During the last two years I have been humbled working with James R. and others throughout the state of Georgia. When Tom H. asked me if I wanted to be the Archives chair in 2012, I was again humbled and grateful to be able to serve AA for Area 16. I can not imagine sobriety without service work.

**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.

**Jan 7**

Southwest Cluster Forum  
Moultrie – Includes  
(1A,1B,2A,2B)

**Jan 20-22**

**Georgia AA Service Assembly**  
Macon / Marriott Convention  
Center

**Feb 3-5**

Southeast Delegate Get  
Together  
Atlanta

**Feb 18**

Southeast Cluster Forum  
St. Simons – Includes(3A,3B,3C,3  
D,4,5A,5B,5C,5D)

**Feb 17 & 18**

Unity Weekend  
Buford

**BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS  
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**District 13, Zone F**

Alan M. November 10, 2002  
Living Sober Group

**District 13, Zone J**

Jocho B. September 8, 2010  
Leland-Mableton Group  
Michael P. September 15, 2004  
Depot Group

**District 14, Zone A**

Wayne B. October 5, 2010  
Rome Group

**District 14, Zone B**

Connie S. September 21,  
2002  
Cartersville Closed Discussion  
Group

**District 15, Zone A**

Tom S. October 4, 1980  
Sharing Hope Group

**District 16, Zone E**

October Birthdays  
Chestatee Group

**NEW GROUPS**

**District 9**

One Percenters Group  
Emanuel Women's Facility  
714 Gum Log Rd., Swains-  
boro, GA 30401  
Meets on Sunday at 5:30  
p.m. & Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
closed  
meeting

**District 13 Zone B**

Entirely Ready Group  
Covenant Presbyterian  
Church  
2461 Peachtree Rd. N.E.,  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
Meets on Thursday at 8:00  
p.m. & Saturday at 8:00  
p.m.

**District 16 Zone E**

Transmitelo Norte Group  
7th Ave., Gainesville, GA  
30501  
Meets on Daily 8:00 p.m.

**THINGS WE CANNOT  
CHANGE**

**Coretha M.**

Sobriety Date: October 19,  
1975  
Passed: September 2, 2011  
Home Group: Golden Isles  
Group  
Brunswick, Georgia

**Lois H.**

Sobriety Date: 31 Years  
Passed: October 19, 2011  
Home Group: Blue Ridge  
Book Study Group  
Blue Ridge, Georgia

**J.T. G.**

Sobriety Date: August 25,  
1974  
Passed: October 29, 2011  
Home Group: The Third Step  
Group, Brunswick, Georgia

**Kenny B (Little Kenny)**

Sobriety Date: 38 Years  
Passed: November 24, 2011  
Home Group: Henry County  
Group, Stockbridge, Georgia

**Dale P.**

Sobriety Date: February 28,  
1993  
Passed: December 4, 2011  
Home Group: Hawkinsville  
Group. Hawkinsville, Georgia

**John B.**

Sobriety Date: July 14, 1986  
Passed: December 9, 2011  
Home group Old Clinton  
Group in Gray

**SUGGESTED  
SELF-SUPPORT PLAN**

Our fellowship must be self-supporting. We offer a suggested support plan for the GSRs to share with their groups. By being self-supporting, we can fully discharge our responsibilities to our beautiful fellowship in Georgia.

In those Districts and Zones where there is no central office, we suggest that the income, after all group expenses have been paid, be allocated as follows:

State Office, Macon – 50%  
GSO – 30%  
Pre-Paid Convention- 10%  
District/Zone – 10%

In Atlanta, Augusta and any other District/Zone which supports a central office, we suggest that the income, after all group expenses have been paid, be allocated as follows:  
Central Office – 35%  
State Office, Macon – 30%  
GSO – 20%  
Pre-Paid Convention – 10%  
District/Zone – 5%  
or whatever percentages are in accordance with your group conscience.

Mailing addresses:  
G.S.S.A. (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.

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:webmaster@aageorgia.org), the Area office in Macon or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org) or [editor@aageorgia.org](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org)

**Go to [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) or call 478-745-2588 for information**

# Georgia State (Area 16) Assembly Weekend Marriott Macon City Center, Macon, January 2011

**FRIDAY January 20 8 P.M.  
OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING**  
Chairperson – Melanie B., GSR for  
the New Beginnings Group Dist. 7A

**SATURDAY January 21 9:00 A.M.  
DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA  
CHAIRS**  
Tom H. Delegate / Rebecca T.  
Alternate Delegate

**9:00 A.M.  
DCM/GSR 101: Great sharing for  
everyone**  
\*translated in Spanish  
at the Assembly  
Patty L. Area Chair / David M.  
Office Committee Chair

**10 A.M. WEB COMMITTEE**  
Tom B. Chairperson

**11 A.M. ARCHIVES MEETING**  
Claudia S. / John B. Chairpersons

**11 A.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
Rebecca T., Alternate Delegate

**11 A.M. CORRECTIONS MEETING**  
Room 306  
Harold W./Jim T., Chairpersons

**11 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS  
MEETING**  
Bill F./Chuck L., Chairpersons

**11 A.M. PI/CPC MEETING**  
Ed T., Chairperson

**11 A.M. GRAPEVINE MEETING**  
Joan M., Chairperson

**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**  
Tom H., Delegate

**1 P.M. GSR ORIENTATION**  
Janie C., Past DCM 16E  
\*translated in Spanish

**3 P.M. Reports from Area  
Committee Chairs**  
Area Chair, Patty L.  
\*translated in Spanish

**GSR WORKSHOP**  
1. Social Web Sites – Theresa L., ALT  
DCM 8  
2. Safety in AA: Our Common Wel-  
fare – Joette P., ALT DCM 16C  
3. Diversity – Let's Keep Our Doors  
Open for any Who May Suffer from  
Alcoholism. – Maggie M., Alt. DCM  
10A  
Ask-It-Basket (Tom H., Rebecca T.,  
Patty L., David M., Ernie M., Don M.,  
Theresa L., Joette P., Maggie M.)  
\*translated in Spanish

**8 P.M. AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER  
MEETING**  
Chairperson – Tom P., DCM 16F  
12 Steps – Allison M., ALT DCM 13B  
Traditions – Javier P., DCM 17  
Speaker – Michael B., DCM 3D  
\*translated in Spanish

**9:30 P.M. AREA WORKSHOPS**  
Archives GSSA Office  
Corrections  
Communications  
Grapevine Room 303  
Intergroup/Central Office  
\*translated in Spanish  
PI/CPC  
Treatment

**SUNDAY January 22  
AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING**  
\*translated in Spanish  
**9 A.M. Delegate's Report**  
Tom H., Area 16 Delegate

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Patty L., Area 16 Chairperson  
1. Final report from the 58th  
(Gainesville) Pre-Paid Convention.  
2. Report from 59th (Pine Moun-  
tain) Pre-Paid Convention.

3. Area officer's reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
1. Approve minutes from the  
September 2011 Area 16 Business  
Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
1. Approval of New Chairs and  
Co-Chairs of Area Committees.  
2. Receiving Bids for 2014 Pre-Paid  
Convention.  
3. General Sharing.

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**IN ORDER TO VOTE, A GSR MUST BE  
SIGNED IN FOR THE BUSINESS MEET-  
ING BEFORE 9 A.M. SUNDAY MORN-  
ING.** (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...

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**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 DECEMBER 28, 2011 FOR GROUP  
RATE.**

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.

AREA 16 NEWS AND EVENTS

**Southwest Cluster Forum**  
**Colquitt County Ag-Complex**  
**350 Veterans Parkway North**  
**Moultrie Ga 31788**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30**  
**A.M.**

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

**LUNCH: BBQ Sandwiches**

**Coffee and Breakfast foods will**  
**be available as well.**

**please see [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) for**  
**schedule and details**

**Southeast Cluster Forum**  
**Sat. Feb. 18, 2012**

**Saint Simons Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
**205 Kings Way**  
**Saint Simons Island, GA**

**Registration/Coffee & donuts**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Program begins at 9:30 A.M**  
**What is a Cluster Forum?**

*If you aren't sure about the answer to this question, you're not alone. It's a service workshop put on by regional "clusters" of districts in Georgia. This one is sponsored by 3-D. This is an opportunity to meet your Area 16 Officers and experience a fun and informative look at various AA topics.*

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# 59<sup>th</sup> Georgia State Prepaid Convention

*Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital age*

**Where: Beautiful Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga.**

**When: October 18th-21st, 2012**

## Event Speakers

**Tommie D Oakland Park FL.**

**Scott L Nashville TN.**

**Jane H Tallahassee FL.**

**Dick S Marietta GA.**

**Wallace B Sanford NC.**

**Charlie C LA.**

**Deb H New Orleans LA.**

## Event Activities

**Golf Tournament\***

**4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop**

**Poker Run**

**Comedian**

**Dancing**

**Fishing\***

**Picnic\***

**Tennis\***

*\*Note: Some Activities Require a fee*

## Lodging

**Mountain Creek Inn \$99 p/night\***

**1 Bdrm Cottage \$160 p/night\***

**Mountain Creek Inn Junior Suite \$99 p/night\***

**2 Bdrm Cottages \$320 p/night\***

**Villa Bdrm \$180 p/night\***

*\*Includes free pass to Calloway Gardens, included in block rate.*

*Please check [www.pinemountain.org](http://www.pinemountain.org) for more lodging and camping info.*

**IMPORTANT:** Reserve rooms by Sept. 18, 2012 and specify 59<sup>th</sup> Georgia Prepaid Convention to guarantee block rate.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Out of State registration fee AA & Alanon \$25.00 Alateen \$10.00 (Due at Registration) Payable to:

59<sup>th</sup> GA State Prepaid Convention... Mail form to **59<sup>th</sup> Prepaid Convention P.O. Box 544 Sharpsburg, GA 30277**

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

Please check affiliation AA  Alanon  Alateen

Want to volunteer? Should we contact you by phone \_\_\_\_\_ or by email address above\_\_?

Please check activities you will participate in: Golf  Fishing  Tennis  Picnic  Poker Run

Any special needs? Wheel chair  Sight  Hearing  Other \_\_\_\_\_

See state website [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) for online registration & printable form  
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