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Carrying the Message in a Trying Time

By Debi K.
Area 16 Delegate

As I begin this new year, I can look back on 2020 and find gratitude for the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous that kept me sober and sane during a challenging time. I am grateful to our Fellowship for keeping me connected to our focus on recovery, unity, and service.

I believe that only Bill W. could have imagined AA as it is today. Bill was known for his grandiose ideas and seemingly improbable dreams. However, here we are, hosting many meetings across the worldwide web and coming together from all corners of the globe!

We continue to face the challenges of a global pandemic and will adjust our activities and events accordingly. Our January Assembly will be held

virtually on Jan. 16th and 17th. We have a full schedule of workshops and meetings. I encourage our DCMs to attend our new workshop, DCM 101, presented by Rick M., Area Chair, at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Please refer to the Agenda in this copy of the Message for Zoom IDs and passwords for our Committee and Trusted Servant Workshops. We have plans for Cluster Forums and will keep a watchful eye on our Governor's Executive Orders to ensure we are complying and keeping our membership safe.

The Office Committee has had time to review our actions from past Area Assemblies and have discovered items we should address with our members. We will be discussing these at our Business Meeting on Sunday morning.

For those of you who were at Assembly in May 2020, you will remember the report from the Action Planning Committee on Your Voice Mat-

ters. However, some of you may not have participated in the Your Voice Matters activity at our May 2019 Assembly. In August 2018, our General Service Board (GSB) issued a report on an audit that was conducted by an independent firm, Impact Collaborative. In May 2019, Area 16 brought our members together to weigh in on the recommendations of the report. At that meeting, we had over 300 members provide input on what Area 16 did well and areas we wanted to improve in regard to our communication with the

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Important January Assembly Update

The Georgia State Service Assembly scheduled for January 15th -17th will be held virtually, and not in-person, on January 16th and 17th. Please note that we will have committee meetings, GSR training, DCM training and an open Speaker meeting.

In consideration of the current state of emergency in Georgia due to the COVID-19 virus, it was felt to be prudent to put the health and safety of our members first.

A copy of the agenda for this Virtual Assembly is included in this newsletter (Pages 10 - 11) and is available online at aageorgia.org.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE / alt_delegate@aageorgia.org

The Spirit of Rotation

By Jim T.
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

I hope everyone had a pleasant and safe holiday season! I would like to welcome our two newest members of the Office Committee: Kelly G. (Area 16 Treasurer) and Liz W. (Area 16 Secretary). We look forward to having both of you as part of the Office Committee. There will be great things for all of us to accomplish in 2021.

This is an exciting time of the year. All over the world, new trusted servants are rotating into new service positions in Alcoholics Anonymous. New learning opportunities await us around every corner. I firmly believe that the spirit of rotation in our Fellowship is one of the greatest gifts that we have inherited from those who came before us. It ensures that we always have fresh ideas, new energy, and inspired growth potential within our service structure.

In the Long Form of Tradition 9, it states, "Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary." It then goes on to reference the trustees of the General Service Board, who are the custodians of our Traditions and the receivers of voluntary AA contributions. Of all of these, it states, "All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness". As varied as these service roles are that Tradition 9 describes (group secretary to trustee on the General Service Board), they all have one thing in common: each of these positions rotate.

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TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org

New Kid on the Block **By Kelly G.** **Area 16 Treasurer**

I am excited and honored to start this new adventure as your Area 16 Treasurer. Christy G. has been gracious in spending (virtual) time with me, so I am updated regarding our Area's financials. I am extremely grateful for her kindness as well as that of the Office Committee throughout this process.

Even through an odd year, it is impressive what our members, groups and committees have been able to accomplish. Our ability to adapt amazes me as we keep our primary purpose at the forefront of our minds: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Many groups have migrated to virtual meetings in an effort to continue to carry the message but in a way that is safe for all members. With this comes some challenges, both technological and administrative.

A question arising from virtual

meetings is: "If the group doesn't have expenses, why should we pass the virtual Seventh Tradition basket?" This is referring to the fact that groups are fully self-supporting without expenses like rent, coffee, etc. Although this is true, groups also help support services within Alcoholics Anonymous. Inter-groups, GSSA, and GSO are continuing to operate and would need to cover operating expenses to continue providing meaningful services.

There are many free, digital payment platforms available, including Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Cash App, to help facilitate the passing of a virtual basket at meetings.

We would like to continue to serve Area 16 to the best of our ability. If your group would like assistance setting up these applications, please know that I am available to all of you. Thank you for all that you do to support your Area.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. I am excited to meet and be with you all: virtually and/or in person.

SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org

Adjusting to an Ever-Changing World **By Liz W.** **Area 16 Secretary**

Welcome to a new year in sobriety. I am so excited and honored to be serving as your Area secretary. Last year saw many challenges, and many changes, especially in our use of technology. I suspect that this year will bring changes of its own, and we will all have to be ready to adjust our sails according to how the wind blows.

Service has always been a huge part of my recovery, and it has allowed me to feel like I am a small part of the greater whole. Being of service, in any way, has the power to do that. I was taught that if I want everything that sobriety has to offer, I have to participate in all three sides of the triangle: Recovery, Unity and Service.

If you are new to service, welcome to a new chapter in your recovery. As secretary, you might be asking yourself "What am I supposed to do?" There is a PowerPoint presentation on the website at aageorgia.org. You can find it under the Secretary tab. It sums up what you need to know. If you have the

opportunity to attend the January 2021 Area Assembly online, there will be a presentation of that information, and you can ask questions, if you need to. If you are unable to attend, but you still have questions, I will do my best to answer them. Just drop me a line to secretary@aageorgia.org.

One of the most important parts of my job is to keep the records of our Area. That information includes who the trusted servants of your group are, what day of the week and time that your group meets, what kind of meeting you are providing, and where those meetings are being held.

If you want to know what information is currently on record, the Area Directory is online. This is a password protected area, and the password is Gssa@2006. Once you have entered the password into the system, you will be good to go for anything else that is password protected. You won't have to enter it again. If you need to make changes to your meeting information, or to the list of your trusted servants, that can also be done online. If you

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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:	100 %

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) & Prepaid Convention
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

New Monthly Meeting

By Whitney S., Chair

Mark J., Co-Chair

Area 16 Grapevine Committee

2020 brought on many challenges for us all. We have all learned new ways of doing things, especially when it comes to Alcoholics Anonymous. Mark and I talk a lot and one thing that was especially important to us was how we can better reach members of Area 16. Zoom has been a wonderful tool for Alcoholics Anonymous. We have decided to have a monthly Grapevine meeting every second Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. ET. We want to be of service the best way we can, especially during these times.

In this meeting, we will discuss all things Grapevine. We want to hear from

members and reps on challenges you may be facing as well as what we can do to help you. It came to us after our last Assembly, where members were telling us of ways that they have utilized Zoom. We have lots of plans for 2021. We hope that you will join us and be part of all the new things to come from Grapevine.

Please join us for our first meeting on January 10th at 9:00 a.m. (and every second Sunday of the month at that time)

Zoom ID: **864 0033 3733**

Password: **606541**

Thank you for allowing us to serve and may you all have a wonderful new year.

Treatment /Accessibilities treatment@aageorgia.org

Changes Coming with 2021

By Karen S., Chair

Pearce M., Co-Chair

Area 16 Treatment /
Accessibilities Committee

The new year brings all sorts of change. First our committee would like to say thanks to Richard R., the former committee chair. You will be missed.

Our committee looks forward to working with all our reps and anyone else who wants to be involved through service work. Please reach out to us at Treatment@aageorgia.org.

Once again, we will be having our workshop via Zoom for the January Assembly. If anybody has any specific topics or areas of concern you would like to have discussed, please let us know. Also, we would love to hear from any groups or individuals that have a presentation that they would like to share during the workshop.

This year we would love to have a Treatment and Accessibility workshop. Please let us know if your Area may be interested in hosting.

COULD YOU BE THE BRIDGE?
This year we would like to work on building a strong Bridge the Gap program. There is lots of work to be done in helping someone make it to their first meeting upon being released from a facility. Let's remember the words of Bill W.: "To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world."

Let us all step up and make a difference.

PI/CPC / picpc@aageorgia.org

Considering Multiple Approaches

By Micah G., Chair

William B., Co-Chair

Area 16 Public Information and Cooperation With the Professional Community Committee

Pushing through to accommodate new arenas is what 2021 is all about for PI/CPC. This means considering multiple approaches based on what is happening both in your zones and the Area. It is an important time to ask for help when needed but also to include others into a plan of action. As a service representative, I may not consider myself tech savvy, yet embracing digital platforms to help carry the message has been important. The other side is that I may be well-versed in technology and not considering a proportion of people that need help understanding and navigating platforms.

I encourage all representatives of PI/

CPC to consider both avenues when taking action this upcoming year. What efforts are being made to help keep meeting info updated on the website as well as making sure paper schedules are stocked in public locations that are open? How can local hotline and intergroup numbers be shared? Digital copies of pamphlets are available on the www.aa.org website and can be attached to emails being sent to professionals. This is an easy and safe way to distribute literature.

We also can mail packets to locations holding physical literature if it feels unsafe for you to go in person. Adhering to your personal safety precautions is important.

Remember to ask for help from those available to accomplish your tasks.

Contact us if you need support at picpc@aageorgia.org

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are confused about where to go to look for all of that, the PowerPoint presentation can guide you.

If you are a District Secretary, there is information for you in that PowerPoint presentation as well. Your District infor-

mation is also in the Area Directory, and it needs to be updated any time there is a change to the officers in your District. That includes the DCM and their Alternate, and the chairpersons of your District Committees, like PI/CPC and Corrections. Please

do not forget to send your District Minutes into us at district-minutes@aageorgia.org.

I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you all throughout the year. May you bloom on your journey of service and grow through changes as they happen!

ARCHIVES/ archives@aageorgia.org

Finding New Ways to Carry the Message

By Mike S., Chair

Mark G., Co-Chair

Area 16 Archives Committee

We all know how trying 2020 was been with the pandemic. We have been forced to find new ways to carry our message of recovery to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Our old method of face-to-face meetings has been severely limited. Thankfully our Fellowship includes some of the best technology minds in the business who stepped up and helped us go to a digital platform. Without them our Fellowship may have floundered. Special thanks to you IT guys.

The Archives Committee has gotten back to work on our reel-to-reel digitiz-

ing project and is progressing well. We have finished the cataloging portion of our Archives Room and are working on the digitizing portion. We hope to make it available for the Fellowship soon.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Archives Committee presentation of "An Evening With Bill W. In Pictures". Special thanks to our presenter, Drew H. Just in case you missed it we have made it available on our website at aageorgia.org under the Archives Committee tab. It requires the standard password.

We would like to remind groups to continue to send us your experience as it relates to surviving the COVID-19 pandemic to be archived for future reference.

The Best Is Yet To Come!

COMMUNICATIONS communications@aageorgia.org

I Don't Know!

By Chuck H., Chair

Janie C., Co-chair

Area 16 Communications Committee

I did not know the difference between a demand and a simple request, even though our literature says it "is plain to anyone" (end of Step 7). But when I raised my hand during that Step Study meeting, and asked, there were several people who were happy to explain. Communication requires a receiver who is ready. For me, "contempt prior to investigation" doesn't always look like an attitude of not needing to know. It usually takes the form of me thinking that I already know.

One of the great benefits of service work in AA has been recurring situations where I have to admit that I don't know and ask for help. The Communications Committee is blessed with many talented people who have stepped forward to provide that help. There are translators, editors, web developers, computer programmers, and other volunteers who have rendered extraordinary service.

We currently have a need for a volunteer to help publish this newsletter. It would require about 12 hours of work once every two months to take all of the articles submitted from our different service areas, and checked by our editor, to arrange into a newsletter format. Like most service work, it would involve some on-the-job training and opportunities for learning, growth, and humility. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at: communications@aageorgia.org

Even in those areas that I think I know well there are new opportunities for learning, as long as I don't close myself off from all new information and experience.

CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org

How to Help

By David J., Chair

Dawn U., Co-Chair

Area 16 Corrections Committee

Being at a new year, you probably are still making New Year's resolutions (your sponsor may call them commitments). These are important because progressive service helps to deal with our progressive disease. Here are a few thoughts on ways you can help:

Pink Cans: For a few pennies a meeting, you can help get AA materials for an isolated inmate. Last year you helped to purchase over 250 English Big Books and many in Spanish and French. Almost 400 pamphlets were sent as well. Recent contributions have helped, but we are seeing more requests.

Corrections Correspondence: There are inmates that have no meeting at their prison. Being an AA Pen Pal lets them (and you) work on the Steps.

Bridge the Gap: When an inmate is released, they have a choice – an AA meeting or going back to their old life. Want to make a difference? Volunteer for Bridge the Gap and meet a newly released inmate at your Home Group.

Grapevine / Behind the Walls: Sharing your story with the AA Grapevine makes a difference because Grapevine issues go into prisons. Inmates need to know how to stay sober when released, also known as living life on life's terms.

Inside Meetings: Nothing beats the process that began when Bill sat down with Dr. Bob. Walking into a prison or jail and sharing changes lives. Service ranges from a weekly commitment to once-a-year speaker commitments. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines Fellowship as a "community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience." Alcoholics Anonymous is certainly a Fellowship. And, on a more direct level, so is the Corrections Committee.

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.

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At our General Service Office in New York, the same practice of rotation occurs with our staff members. Not only does our staff at GSO rotate assignments on a regular basis, but they also rotate offices. Quite literally!

Conversely speaking, the failure to rotate our service positions generally leads to unhealthy results. Oftentimes resentment, complacency, and even apathy occur when someone stays in the same position too long. I've seen too many instances where someone will stay in a service position simply because "no one will stand for this position". Experience has shown me that no service position in AA ever gets filled unless it is at first vacant (or becoming vacant). If a service position that is vacant is needed, it will get filled.

Each of our members that wants to, should have the opportunity to serve our Fellowship. The spirit of rotation is what makes that possible. We will always need the varied skills and talents that our members bring into AA service, irrespective of their background. So, we welcome all of you who are starting a new service position at this time. As I often say, there's no such thing as unemployment in AA!

Birthday Contributions

District 7, Zone B

Sisters in Sobriety Group
Betty H - September 29, 2005

District 8

I Am Responsible Group
Ken P - September 6, 2006

Wrightsville Serenity Group
Chris M - August 17, 2009

District 12, Zone A

Ben D - September 22, 1981

District 13, Zone A

Chapter 3 Group
Rick M - November 1, 1994

District 13, Zone G

Deaf Sober Group
Kerri J - October 3, 1994

District 16, Zone B

Usual Suspects Group
Jim T - August 1, 2007

District 17

Marvin C - "15" years

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still suffering alcoholic, the professionals in our community, and within our Fellowship. The Action Planning Committee, appointed in September 2019, took those recommendations and developed Action Steps, aligned with the GSB Strategic Plan. We are moving forward with those recommendations in a variety of ways, including improvements to our website and email system, improved communication with the DCMs and the GSRs, and supporting new DCMs.

Our Area is continually striving to improve how we carry the message!

Other items at our Business Meeting include a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on a motion that was made at our September Assembly. The motion reads: I make a motion that page 13 of the Georgia State Service Manual be amended as follows: On page 13, under the heading "Changing Guidelines in the Georgia AA Service Manual" the following be added: In the event such motion fails to receive a two-thirds majority, a subsequent motion, having the same or similar substance, shall not be allowed for a period of 5 years.

It will be important to consider the report from the Ad Hoc Committee with your home group members to receive input from an informed group conscience.

I am grateful to you for the opportunity to serve as your Panel 70 Delegate. It has been a unique experience for the "Pandemic Panel 70s". I am amazed to watch you come together to ensure Alcoholics Anonymous continues to thrive!

Please join me on Zoom the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for coffee and conversation. You can always reach me at delegate@aageorgia.org

District 10, Zone E

Living Sober Group
Carrollton Senior Center
220 West Avenue
Carrollton, GA 30117
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Open Discussion

New Groups

District 3, Zone A

Beyond Human Aid Group
Alco Service Club
1521 MLK Jr Blvd
Brunswick, GA 31520
Monday 7:30 P.M.

Language of the Heart Group
ZOOM - Brunswick, GA
Monday - Saturday 10:00 A.M.

District 7, Zone B

Design for Living Group
Alkanon Club
1001 N. Carl Vinson Parkway
Centerville, GA 31047
Monday 7:00 P.M. Open Big Book
Thursday 6:30 P.M. Open Big Book

District 8

New Beginnings Group
Behind Doctor Office Outside
1013 Fernwood Drive, Suite C
Milledgeville, GA 31061
Monday - Saturday 7:00 P.M.
Open Discussion

District 10, Zone D

No Name Group
Coweta Force
48 E. Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263
Monday - Friday at Noon
Open Discussion

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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. Please check with the organizers closer to the date regarding cancellations or changes.

Glenville 24 Hour Birthday Party	Cornerstone Bible Church	January 2
Coffee & Conversation (7:00 P.M.)	Zoom Meeting (link aageorgia.org)	January 6
Grapevine Committee (9:00 A.M.)	Zoom ID 864 0033 3733 PW 606541	January 9
Georgia AA Service Assembly	Virtual (See Agenda on Pages 10 - 11)	January 16 - 17
Hilton Head Mid-Winter Conference	South Carolina	January 29 - 31
Coffee & Conversation (7:00 P.M.)	Zoom Meeting (link aageorgia.org)	February 3
Southeast Delegate Get Together	Atlanta	February 5 - 7
Grapevine Committee (9:00 A.M.)	Zoom ID 864 0033 3733 PW 606541	February 13
Flint River Round Up	Albany	March 12 - 14

***The Message* article deadline for March and April publication is February 1st.**

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

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District 13, Zone A

Friends of Bill W. Group
Salvation Army
202 Waterman Street
Marietta, GA 30060
Wednesday at Noon

District 14, Zone C

Modem2Modem Group
ZOOM - Acworth, GA
Sunday & Monday 2:00 P.M.
Open Discussion
Wednesday 9:00 P.M.
Open Discussion Big Book

Serenity Time Group
Plaza - ROCC
1558 Marietta Highway, Suite 220
Canton, GA 30144
Sunday 2:00 P.M.

District 16, Zone B

Virus Or No Virus Group
ZOOM - Athens, GA
Daily at Noon and 6:30 P.M.

District 17

Hispanos de Douglasville Group
8318 Duralee Lane
Douglasville, GA 30134
Daily at 7:00 P.M.

Things We Cannot Change:

John Hunter

Passed December 25, 2020
Recorder of Area Assemblies and
Conventions for the last 2 years.
We appreciate his dedication and
service to Area 16. He will be
greatly missed.

ASSEMBLY RESERVATIONS

**Need a room at the Hampton
Inn & Suites of Dublin for As-
sembly? Call (478) 246-6055**

**Please remember to tell them
that you are with the (GSSA)
Georgia State Service Assem-
bly, to get the Group Rate.**

**Please remember that the cut
off date is up to one week pri-
or to Assembly if rooms are
still available.**

**Room reservation comes with
Free Wi-Fi and Free Breakfast.**

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Proxy Voting*

This procedure is an effort to be sure that all Area 16 A.A. groups “have a vote” at the “Virtual Assembly” business meeting Sunday, January 17^h, 2021. It is recognized that not all A.A. service members have access to current technology.

***Proxy voting** is a form of GSSA Assembly Business Meeting **voting** whereby, a (registered) GSR (or duly appointed Alternate) of a Group may delegate his or her voting power to another member from the same Homegroup. **Proxy voting is only used to enable voting due to a registered GSR or Alternate GSR not having a Virtual Assembly capable device (e.g., Smart Phone, Tablet, PC, or Internet connectivity).** This is not intended to give voting privileges for any other reasons to any other individuals. Office Committee members, DCMs or Alternates, and Committee Chairs/Co-chairs are not eligible as a Proxy.

We have several items that will be voted on at the Virtual Assembly in January. If any GSR or the duly appointed Alternate GSR is unable to attend the virtual assembly due to not having a capable device, we offer the following Proxy voting:

Proxy voting procedure: GSSA must be notified no later than January 11th, 2021 of the requirement for Proxy voting. Please direct your notification to Secretary@aageorgia.org or gssa@aageorgia.org, or you may call the GSSA office at 478-745-2588.

The following information MUST be provided:

District/Zone, GSR (or alternate GSR) name, Homegroup. **The GSR/Alternate must be registered with GSSA to be eligible for Proxy voting.**

Proxy Name (person who will vote), Homegroup, Email address, and telephone number. **Proxy must be a member of the same Homegroup.**

The person designated and approved by GSSA as the Proxy will be notified of the Proxy voting procedure prior to January 15th. Notification will be by email, phone, or both.

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.

Zoom Guide For Meeting Attendees

1. Downloading the Zoom app:

- a. Zoom can be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download> OR
- b. If you haven't downloaded Zoom, you will be prompted to when you click the link to join a meeting.

2. Joining a Zoom Meeting:

- a. You can join by clicking on a link that is emailed to you.
- b. Meetings can also be joined by entering a unique meeting ID.

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>

Login: <See Agenda>

Password: <See Agenda>

The Meeting will begin once the hosts starts it

3. Participating During a Meeting

a. Camera:

All attendees can decide whether to have their camera on or off.
Simply click 'Start Video' or 'Stop Video' on the controls bar.

b. Microphone:

You have the option to 'mute' or 'unmute' your microphone so others can hear you.
To 'mute' or 'unmute' yourself, click the microphone icon in the bottom left of the screen.

It works best to keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking.

When you are 'unmuted' other participants can hear any background noise that your microphone picks up.

The host has the option to mute everyone.

c. Chat:

You can also type a message by clicking on the 'chat' button. **Chat will only be used to send a technical question to the host.**

You can select whether to send the message to everyone or just the host.

This is a good way to submit a technical question or clarification to the host.

d. Raise Hand:

The host may ask participants to raise their hands for a vote or in response to a question.

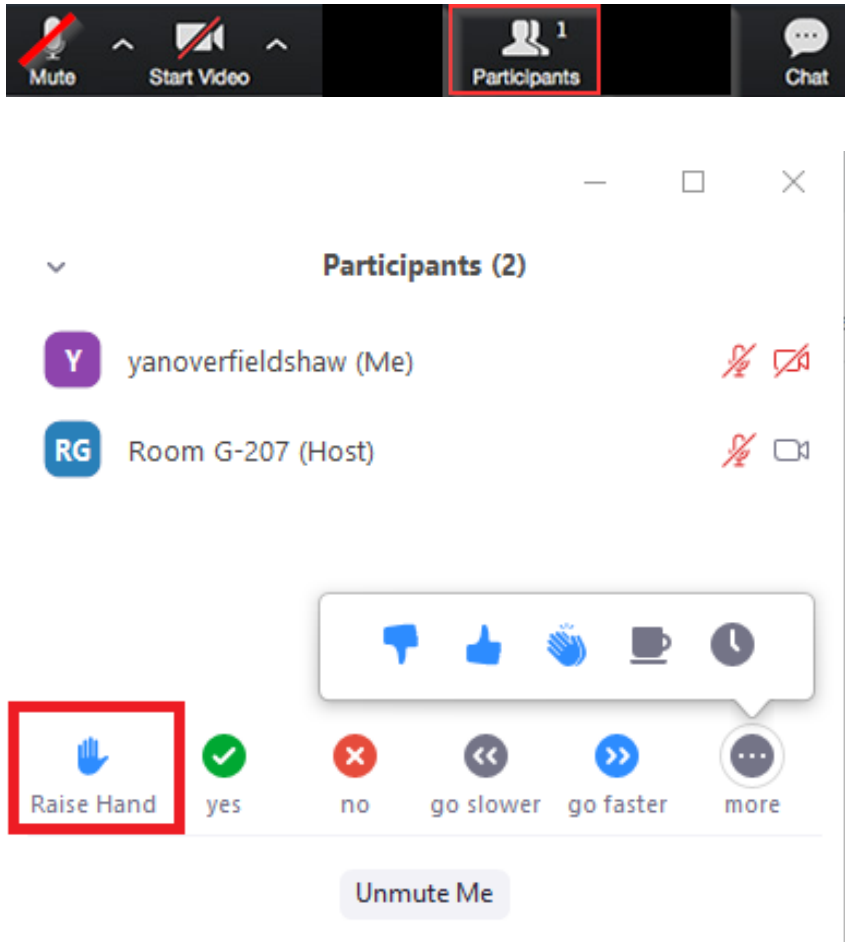
To raise your hand, click the white hand icon on the controls bar. (see Page 12)

Click it again to lower your hand.

The host can also lower all hands if they choose to do so.

Zoom Guide For Meeting Attendees (continued)

**RAISE HAND AND VOTE
ARE AVAILABLE UNDER
PARTICIPANTS**



TO CALL IN OVER THE PHONE:

It is also possible to participate over the phone instead of using the Zoom app.

Join by dialing the teleconferencing number provided in the invite.

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Enter the meeting ID when prompted using your dialpad.

*6 to unmute yourself

*9 to raise your hand (to vote or comment)

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GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND

Zoom Virtual Meeting*

January 2021

SATURDAY January 16, 2021

9:00 AM DELEGATE'S MTG w/ AREA CHAIRS Zoom ID **818 2336 4842** PW **314394**
Debi K., Delegate / Jim T., Alternate Delegate

9:00 AM NEW!!! DCM 101 (2 hour session) Zoom ID **220 172 1415** PW **DrBob1935**
Rick M., Past Delegate, Area Chairperson

10:00 AM New to Assembly? Assembly 101 Zoom ID **290 322 9495** PW **DrBob1935**
Ernie M., Past Delegate, Office Committee Chairperson

Committee Meetings

10:00 AM WEB COMMITTEE Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**
Dave L., Chairperson

10:00 AM ARCHIVES MEETING Zoom ID **467 859 5504** PW **DrBob1935**
Mike S. / Mark G., Chairpersons

10:00 AM CORRECTIONS MEETING Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**
David J. / Dawn U., Chairpersons

11:00 AM GRAPEVINE MEETING Zoom ID **220 172 1415** PW **DrBob1935**
Whitney S. / Mark J., Chairpersons

11:00 AM PI/CPC MEETING Zoom ID **467 859 5504** PW **DrBob1935**
Micah G. / William B., Chairpersons

11:00 AM TREATMENT/ ACCESSIBILITIES MTG Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**
Karen S. / Pearse M., Chairpersons

Committee Workshops

11:00 AM CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING Zoom ID **522 313 4796** No Password
Jim T., Alternate Delegate

11:00 AM SECRETARY/TREASURER MTG Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**
Liz W., Area Secretary / Kelly G., Area Treasurer

1:00 PM DCM MEETING Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**
Debi K., Delegate

1:00 PM GSR ORIENTATION (Part 1 of 3) Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**
David S., Past Area Delegate, Area 16 (GA)

3:00 PM GSR WORKSHOP Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**
(Including reports from area chairs)
Presentations:
1. AA in Time of Change - Vivian Mc., DCM 13F
2. Leadership in AA - Concept 9 - Shannon G., DCM 16C
3. Service in a Changing World - John S., DCM 13D
Ask-it-Basket (Ernie M., Rick Mc., Debi K., Jim T., Liz W., Kelly G.)
Submit questions via email to askit@aageorgia.org

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SATURDAY January 16, 2021 (Continued from Page 10)

8:00 PM AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MTG Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**
Chair: Amy R., DCM 13B
12 Steps: Doug H., DCM 1A
12 Traditions: Ronald M., DCM 13H
Speaker – Bobby O., DCM 5D

SUNDAY January 17, 2021

***Join Meeting:** Zoom Meeting **Login: 709 870 9964**
Zoom Meeting **Password: DrBob1935** (password is case sensitive)

Please be sure to use the following for your naming in the meeting: 1 or 2 (1 if eligible to vote, 2 if not voting), First name, Last name or initial, Service position or “Member” (if no current service position), District. & Group
Example – 1 Dave L GSR 16D Lunch Bunch or 2 John S. Member 13B Easy Does It Group. Zoom allows you to rename yourself once in the environment.

9:00 AM Fellowship/Familiarization with Zoom Virtual Assembly environment – hosted by
Communications/Web Committees

AREA 16 Virtual BUSINESS MEETING

Traducido en español
Teléfono: **218-288-2594** PIN: **508 303 063#**

CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER

Rick M., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Delegate's Sharing – Debi K.
2. Recognize Past Area Officers
3. Approve Minutes from September 2020 Business Meeting
4. Report from 2021 Pre-Paid Convention - Jekyll Island
5. Area Officer's reports (Alternate Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Vote: Motion made in May 2017 - “Area 16 adopt electronic voting procedures for the upcoming elections for a one year trial period.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ad-Hoc Committee report on the following motion: “Page 13 of the Georgia State Service Manual be amended as follows: On Page 13, under the heading of Changing the Guidelines in the Georgia AA Service Manual the following be added: **In the event such a motion fails to receive a two-thirds majority, a subsequent motion, having the same or similar substance, shall not be allowed for a period of 5 years.**”
2. Vote - Motion made in September 2020 – “Change our Grapevine Committee name to Grapevine/Lavina Committee in line with the 70th GSC Advisory Action.”

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval – New Area Chairs & Co-chairs
2. Discuss Motion from Sept 2003 Assembly: “Office Committee, State Chairperson, along with the DCMs and GSRs abide by this GA State Manual at the Assembly level as it is written (last revised copy). And any motion pertaining to the Manual brought to this Assembly floor and is defeated is not brought to this Assembly floor for two years as done by GSO.”
3. General Sharing
4. Adjourn with Responsibility Statement (Printed at the bottom of Page 4)

PLEASE NOTE

**IN ORDER TO VOTE ON SUNDAY, A GSR MUST BE SIGNED IN TO THE (Virtual) BUSINESS MEETING
BEFORE 10:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING**

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THE GEORGIA MESSAGE OF AA

January 1, 2021

Dear District Committee Members,

Happy New Year! As we approach a new year, I pray for your health and happiness and find gratitude in the knowing I have the tools of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to keep me relatively sane and sober through this global pandemic. We have been through an interesting year. I want to thank you for your continued service to Area 16 and Alcoholics Anonymous during this unprecedented time. We are fulfilling our primary purpose of reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers in new and creative ways. I love hearing about all your efforts. AA finds a way!

As you know, the Office Committee made the decision to hold a virtual Area 16 Assembly, Jan. 16-17, 2021. We continue to observe Governor Kemp's Executive Order to limit group sizes to less than 50.

I am excited that we will be holding the Assembly weekend activities starting Saturday morning with workshops from our Area Committees, Assembly 101, GSR 101, DCM Meeting, and the GSR workshop. Following the guidance from our members through the *Your Voice Matters* activity, we will be starting a new workshop for our DCMs, DCM 101. This workshop, hosted by Rick M., Past Delegate will be held at 9:00 AM Saturday morning. We will hold our Saturday night speaker meeting. Bobby O., DCM 5D, will be our speaker!

On Sunday morning, we will host our business meeting. Each of these events will be on Zoom making it easier for all of you to attend without incurring the costs of travel and hotel. This will allow some members who do not typically attend our Assembly Weekend to participate! Please see the agenda for Saturday and Sunday included with this letter. We will have unique Zoom ID and Passwords for each workshop. We hope to see each of trusted servants take part in this virtual event!

As always, we will have important business to address at our Sunday morning business meeting including a vote to approve changing the *Grapevine Committee* name to *Grapevine/LaViña Committee*. I am looking forward to the participation of all our groups through their GSRs. An informed group conscience is the heartbeat of AA!

We understand some of our trusted servants may have difficulty accessing Zoom, therefore, we have developed a process for designating a "proxy". Please read the document included with this letter. Of course, since these procedures vary from processes outlined in the Georgia A.A. Service Manual, we will have a vote for your approval prior to conducting any business.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Virtual Assembly! Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can support you in any way!

Debi Keane
Panel 70 Area 16 Delegate

Join Debi on Zoom on the first Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

For Coffee & Conversation