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## Our Guiding Principles

By Rebecca T.  
Area 16 Delegate

Within our Steps, Traditions and Concepts are guiding principles. The principle behind Step 1 is honesty. The principle behind Tradition 1 is unity. The principle behind Concept 1 is responsibility. The first Step, Tradition and Concept are the bedrocks of the program.

Without honesty I am unable to recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. In the Twelve & Twelve it states, "The principle that we shall find no enduring strength until we first admit complete defeat is the main taproot from which our whole society has sprung and flowered." I did not admit complete defeat when I first came into AA; however I did feel and see others who were living differently. The Fellowship kept me coming back long enough to work the steps and admit defeat.

Unity is a cherished quality of our society. Without you, there will be no me. Today I am grateful to be part of a program which we can do together what I cannot do by myself. I need you more today than when I first got here, and today the penalty of not being active in AA is greater. In the Twelve & Twelve it states, "Without unity, the heart of AA would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly." The question to ask myself is, "What am I doing to encourage Unity is all aspect of my life?"

AA groups hold the ultimate responsibility for our world services. Bill W. stated, "With great freedom comes great responsibility." Today, I have responsibility to my group. In my group we hold everyone accountable

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who has a service position to report back to enable us to have an informed group conscience. I still amazed today when a matter comes up how a loving God can work through our group, to the Area and on to the General Service Conference. I need to ask myself if I am being responsible with the service position which I hold.

Through our Steps, Traditions & Concepts we can effectively carry AA's message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic while maintaining a spirit of love, trust, cooperation and unity.

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## Communication is a Must

By Ernie M.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

As we continue into this new year, communication has become a must. With several motions having been presented at the January Assembly and adhoc committees being appointed by our Delegate, the informed group conscience is more important than ever. It is the responsibility of our DCMs to keep their GSRs informed, and the GSRs to keep their respective Group informed. In the Pamphlet "the AA Group," page 15 states that "the concept of the 'Home Group' has still remained the strongest bond between the AA member and the Fellowship."

Page 29 states that "the informed

group conscience implies that all pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes." I encourage all newly elected trusted servants to read, study and review all pertinent information received from their DCM or from Assembly before asking their group to vote on any issue. Please allow time for your groups to hear and understand issues instead of a last minute vote just before Assembly.

The Southwest and Southeast Cluster Forums have gone well, and we've had good attendance at both. I encourage all AA members to attend their regional Cluster Forums from a learning aspect of the workings of our Fellowship. Your Delegate and I

are looking forward to District 17's Cluster Forum in March and the West Central Forum in April.

If either the Delegate or I can be of service to your District, please feel free to invite us to your District meeting and one of us will do our best to attend.

### *Best Practice:*

**When emailing more than one fellow AA at a time, remember to use the BCC field. By using BCC rather than the To field, you shield each address from others, therefore protecting anonymity.**

**TREASURER / [treasurer@aageorgia.org](mailto:treasurer@aageorgia.org)**

## **A Balanced Budget**

By Gene T.  
Area 16 Treasurer

I hope all are well after our ice storm of 2014. I had a number of trees fall around my house and not hit it, but then I had half a tree fall on my truck and car and smash it pretty flat. We lost power, but we did have heat. We are blessed to have survived so well. I am recovering from knee replacement (again) and can't do very much to clean my yard, but I have great neighbors and wonderful friends in the program that will help.

Now for the money.....the Area 16 Budget & Finance committee has been charged with coming up with ways we can cut expenses and increase revenue so we can have a balanced budget and increase our Prudent Reserve. We will come to you in May and let you know how we should proceed with this balancing act.

Remember to make sure you take your group's money and distribute it in accordance with your group conscience. Suggested distribution is listed in this newsletter. However, please

make sure your group's finances are taken care of first, and then make money available to others. Your "Group Conscience" is the driving key here where money is concerned.

Remember, if each group gave \$1.00, we would have over \$770 a month. It all adds up, so give and we will cut expenses where we can to assist in a balanced budget (my dream).

Thank you all for your well wishes and may God Bless you all.

**SECRETARY / [secretary@aageorgia.org](mailto:secretary@aageorgia.org)**

## **Ch-ch-changes**

By Shari M.  
Area 16 Secretary

Greetings all! I hope everyone is having a very healthy and prosperous year so far. I am excited to share that I have recently moved back to Atlanta from Savannah. I could not be happier to be here. It is where I grew up, and thanks to being active in service, I already have plenty of AA friends here. It has been interesting because I feel like a newcomer, or an out-of-town visitor, as it's been awhile since I lived here. This has been a good experience for me, and it has opened my eyes to a few items that I tend to overlook when I get comfortable somewhere. I am using the website all the time to figure out where to go to meetings (I'm doing 90 in 90, and since I have said it publicly now I really am going to have to do it!). So, once again, please be sure to make sure that your group information, meeting times and driving directions are updated. Be as clear as possible with the driving directions especially, and be sure to include any

landmarks or notes that might help a newcomer or visitor find your meeting place. You can update your group information and driving directions under the Find a Meeting tab on our website, [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org). So help me and help others by keeping things up-to-date!

Also, the new year brings new trusted servants. If you are a new DCM or Alternate DCM, remember that Area 16 uses a special email for each district to keep in touch with all of you. You can access your email box here: <http://www.aageorgia.org/service.html>, and if you have any questions please email [webmaster@aageorgia.org](mailto:webmaster@aageorgia.org). If you are an outgoing DCM, be sure to share the email information with your incoming DCM or Alternate. Upcoming events in Area 16 include the Southeast Cluster Forum in Nahunta on February 15 and the District 17 (Linguistic) Cluster Forum on March 22 in Norcross. I hope to see all of you there.

Get involved! You can go anywhere in the Area and find a friendly and familiar face!

**[www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org)**

## **HOW TO CONTACT TRUSTED SERVANTS**

To preserve anonymity, the Georgia Message of AA does not contain personal phone numbers, personal email addresses or the password to access protected information on [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org). Here are some tips on how to reach trusted servants:

1. Use the official email addresses for Area 16 trusted servants located above articles, in our service directory or on [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org).
2. To get a phone number, use the service directory given to each group at the January Assembly or call our Macon office at 478.745.2588.
3. The password to access protected web content can be obtained from the service directory, your GSR, your DCM, the Area office in Macon, [webmaster@aageorgia.org](mailto:webmaster@aageorgia.org) or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to:  
[communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org) or  
[editor@aageorgia.org](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org).

**GRAPEVINE / [grapevine@aageorgia.org](mailto:grapevine@aageorgia.org)**

**Happy Birthday, Grapevine**

By Janie C., Chair and Dorman P., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

The AA Grapevine turns 70 this year! In honor of this anniversary, our Grapevine office in New York has put together The *Grapevine Anniversary Kit* (found by clicking [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org), "Resources/GVR, "Grapevine News") with links to the following:

- Grapevine PowerPoint presentation (history, information)
- Guidelines for contributing to the Grapevine
- Grapevine Editorial Policy (selection process, etc.)
- Guidelines for writer's workshops
- "Record Your Story" workshop guidelines and tips
- Grapevine Rep (GVR) registration form
- Grapevine Today Fact Sheet

- AA Grapevine 2014 catalog (all books and other materials)
- Downloadable GVR Flyers and Postcards
- Grapevine Today Fact Sheet

Although there will certainly be larger scale festivities in Akron, Ohio planned for Founder's Day in June, there are many things we can do as individuals and groups to promote the Grapevine in our area. How can I help my group/district/zone to celebrate the Grapevine's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

- **Become a Grapevine Rep** for your group, district, or zone.
- **Make a Grapevine display** using colorful complimentary materials from the Grapevine. and of course - a subscription table! Contact us if we can help at [grapevine@aageorgia.org](mailto:grapevine@aageorgia.org).

- **Subscribe to the Grapevine** yourself if are able, and **encourage your group** to do the same; give subscriptions instead of cakes for birthdays, include in newcomer packets, pass on back issues to corrections, PI/ CPC, or treatment centers.
- **Give Grapevine books and materials as gifts** to sponsees, sponsors, and recovery friends.
- **Write for the Grapevine.** See [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) for guidelines and suggestions.
- **Sing "Happy Birthday" to GV** during your group's announcements.

Let's do our part to make 2014 "the Year of the Grapevine" in Area 16. Happy birthday to our "meeting in print" – and many more.

**FROM YOUR EDITOR**

I attended an interesting meeting in my home group where the topic was about distinguishing between helping and enabling. The line can be very blurry indeed. Am I helping the suffering alcoholic when I let a blatant lie or act of denial pass without question? If I continue to pay his way, am I keeping him from learning financial responsibility? At times it seems so heartless not to extend "help", but I am reminded that I have no right to keep someone from hitting their own bottom. For many, only then can the real healing begin.

—Amy F., Area 16 Editor

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**Assembly Recap**

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

What a beginning to 2014! We had a great Assembly with great participation. PI/CPC representatives from around Georgia shared their experience, strength and hope with us all, and it was very exciting to hear how we are reaching alcoholics throughout the state. In our evening meeting we talked about how to do PI/CPC work with a limited budget. If you need some ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to Chase or me. We are grateful and willing to help.

We are excited about using the Young People's posters to get information out on how to contact AA for the still suffering alcoholic. Another great way that a district or a group can carry the message is by sponsoring a literature rack in a public area, such as a doctor's office, library or a bondsman's office, to name a few possible locations.

The two cluster forms we have had this year have been great. I love meeting new friends and seeing old friends involved in service. Please let us know if we can be of service.

**"My AA life took a dramatic turn after I attended the Prepaid Convention. I promise, it can change your life, too."  
- GSR, Striving for Serenity Group**



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

### The Mission of Archives

By John B., Chair and  
Gary N., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Archives Committee

Hello, my name is John, and I am an alcoholic. First let me express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the membership of Alcoholics Anonymous in Georgia as your Archives Committee Chair. Also, thanks to Claudia S. for her guidance and patience over the past two years.

A debt is also owed to the past Archivist's chairs who, through their dedication and hard work over the years, have blessed us with the fine archive that we benefit from today. The archive display is an example of this work.

Serving as our Co-Chair is Gary N. He brings to the Archives a vast historical perspective of AA and the people who forged the fellowship that we are blessed with today. I am looking forward to serving with Gary. You will see him around the Archive display. Take a moment to chat and maybe ask a question. You will be in for a real treat (and learn).

As we move into a new year, let's take a moment to review the mission and purpose of your Area 16 Archives, which is located in the GSSA office in Macon.

The mission of the Area 16 Archives is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, including Georgia, to make the history of the organization accessible to AA members and other researchers, and to provide a background for understanding AA's progression and traditions.

Our purpose lies within our Fifth Tradition of carrying the message. In addition to carrying the message of AA, the Archive's purpose is to collect and preserve the message carried by those who came before us. These treasures come in many forms, such as records, literature, documents (letters for example) and audio.

We have embarked on a project to make the Archive content easier for Georgia members to access via utilizing technology to digitize the content. Stay tuned.

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

### Carrying the Message

By Willie S., Chair and John L., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Treatment/Special Needs/  
Accessibilities Committee

The Assembly workshops in January were once again awesome! Very well attended and the participation was great. Thank you to all who participated! We had several AA's share their experiences as members with special needs and how the fellowship is addressing those needs.

Our 2014 Workshop for 2014 will be held in Albany, GA on June 14, 2014 at the Fish Camp. It is being hosted by Districts 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B. This year, PI/CPC and the Grapevine will participate in the workshop. The workshop will last until noon, and after lunch the Founder's Day Celebration meeting will take place. What a wonderful day of fellowship, food, fun, and important information on carrying the AA Message. We look forward to seeing you all there.

In the realm of Special Needs/ Accessibilities, we have been talking at Cluster Forums and the Assembly workshops about pre-preparing for members coming into the meetings who have special needs. One simple thing we can do is to make sure group listings on the aageorgia.org website are coded for those groups who have handicap-accessible meeting places.

Another area in which we can be prepared is to know what AA literature is available to help members with special needs. Do you know what literature is available in audio format? Braille? ASL? Look over the literature catalog and be prepared. It may not be cost-effective to stock these items, but if you have a member attend your meeting for whom these may be of help, you'll already know what's available.

Other suggestions from discussions are to use PA systems to help hearing impaired members hear better, or make sure to speak clearly when sharing and face members who may have hearing deficits. It is also good to eliminate cross-talk and background noises to aid in helping members who have hearing difficulties. There are other areas where we can carry the message being added daily. So, we need those willing to carry the message to sign up as volunteers as soon as possible so we don't miss the opportunities being offered to us.

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

### Communications at the District Level

By Chuck L., Chair and  
Ron G., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Communications Committee

It was great to see everyone at the January Assembly, both old friends and new alike. Thanks to Ron G. and Richard S. for staying on top of the needs of our Hispanic members attending assembly by ensuring translation services were available. Amy F., our editor, has been hard at work making sure that the Georgia message gets published and also transposing the Georgia Service Manual from Microsoft Word to Microsoft Publisher. This conversion will allow easier updates and give the manual a more professional look while making it easier to read and use. Look for it at next Assembly.

While the committee continues to

review area publications as one of our primary directives, the hot topic at the Saturday evening workshop this last Assembly was communications at the district level. How effective are communications from, to and through the DCM, groups and Area 16 as a whole? Communications is not just being able to disseminate information, but being able to receive it as well. In other words, the ability to listen! That is why I would like to invite as many DCMs and GSRs who can to attend the Saturday evening Communications workshop at the May Assembly and weigh in on "Communications at the District Level" so that we may listen and learn. Please be thinking about communications within your district and then come to the workshop to share your experience, strength and hope with others. See you there!

**CORRECTIONS / [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org)**

## **New Corrections Service Pieces**

By Jim T., Chair  
Tim E., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Corrections Committee

Greetings from the Area 16 Corrections Committee. At the two Corrections Workshops at the September 2013 Assembly, discussions centered on primarily two topics: 1) what is the appropriate level of involvement for AA corrections volunteers with our inmates, and 2) why is there very little published information available for our Coins for Cons Program (otherwise known as the "Pink Cans")? During the latter part of 2013, we consulted the Corrections Desk at GSO, along with the AAH & I Committee in Northern California, to produce two new service pieces to better answer these questions. These two documents can be found on our Area 16 website, [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org), by clicking on the Service tab, followed by Area 16 Service Committees, then Corrections.

The first document, "Area 16 Corrections Guidelines," provides information collected from both AA literature and the Georgia Department of Corrections Volunteer Handbook. It discusses what

AA does and does not do, which comes directly from the GSO flyer, F-2, entitled "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous." The second section, from the GDC Volunteer Handbook, gives 15 quick and simple rules for our volunteers to follow while inside correctional facilities.

The second document, "Pink Cans," is a reprint from a Box 4-5-9 article that was published in the October-November 2006 newsletter, entitled "Pink Cans: Small Change Brings Big Results." In addition, the reader will find some points concerning implementation, management, and reporting of this valuable resource for providing literature to our state's inmates who suffer from alcoholism.

We hope that these two documents will be useful for not only our corrections volunteers, but for any of our groups and members who may be interested in learning more about Corrections. Both are available in PDF format on our website and may be downloaded and printed for your use. As always, please contact us at [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org) with any questions or comments.

## **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:

**GSSA** (State office) P.O. Box 7325, Macon, GA 31209.

**GSO** (General Service Office) P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

*If you need additional information, please call 478.745.2588.*

### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

*Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the State Assembly. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided. **The deadline for inclusion in the May/June GA Message is April 1, 2014.***

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>March 1-2</b>      | Grupo Sobriedad Latina Anniversary: Doraville<br>Speaker: Irene, LaVina Editor, NY |
| <b>March 7-9</b>      | 17th Annual Flint River Roundup: Albany                                            |
| <b>March 22</b>       | District 17 Cluster Forum (Espanol): Norcross                                      |
| <b>March 22</b>       | Workshop: Living the Traditions in our Daily Relationships: Fayetteville           |
| <b>April 5</b>        | West Central Cluster Forum<br>Macon (6, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10C, 10D, 11C)                |
| <b>April 11-13</b>    | Spring Miracles: Covington                                                         |
| <b>April 12</b>       | DCM Pre-Conference Meeting<br>Macon/Marriott 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                |
| <b>April 26-May 3</b> | 64 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference: New York                              |
| <b>May 16-18</b>      | Georgia AA Service Assembly: Macon                                                 |

### **MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER RESERVATIONS**

**Need A Room at the Marriott for Assembly?  
CALL (478) 621-5300**

**Please remember to tell them that you are with the GA State Service Assembly to get the Group Rate.**

**Note that the cut-off date is April 16, 2013.**

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### **Birthday Contributions**

#### **Unknown District**

Carol T. 20 Years  
Sonny V. 30 Years

#### **District 1, Zone B**

Americus Group  
Fred Y. – December 11, 2007

#### **District 2, Zone A**

Mary C.

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

Susan R. – 36 Years  
Third Step Group  
Donnie F. – October 12  
Today Group  
Susan R. – December 20, 1977  
John D. – December 8, 2006

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

New Horizons Group  
Ernie M. – January 19, 1989  
Pembroke Group  
Dan R. – September 3, 2000  
Saving Grace Group  
Frank McD. – December 15, 2001

#### **District 5, Zone B**

White Bluff Group  
Frank S. – October 28, 1990

#### **District 5, Zone C**

Savannah Group  
Shari M. – December 8, 2005

#### **District 6**

Edgewood Group  
LeAnne O. – January 20, 1991

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

Flint River Group  
Brenden F. – January 2, 2009

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

Fellowship Group  
Lucy L. – 1975

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

Walton County Group  
Allison B. – December 5, 2005

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

Salem New Life Group  
Jeanette M. – 4 Years  
12 Step – Sisters Group  
Paula L. – October 5, 2012

#### **District 13, Zone A**

Heather D. – December 13, 2009  
Clean Air Group  
Bill M. – December 15, 1993

#### **District 13, Zone D**

Three Legacies Group  
Rick K. – 17 Years  
Sandy K. – 17 Years

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

5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Group  
Jenine M. – February 28, 2008

#### **District 15, Zone A**

Summerville AA Group  
September 9, 1994

#### **District 16, Zone B**

Lumpkin Street Noon Timers Group  
Ginger G. – January 29, 1992

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

A Vision For You Group  
Heather D. – December 20  
Lakeland Group  
Janie C. – December 28, 2002

### **New Groups**

#### **District 3 Zone B**

Back To Basics Group  
S.E. Community Church  
790 Maycreek Dr.  
Kingsland, GA 31548  
Meets Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

#### **District 6**

Lower Chattahoochee Valley Group  
First Baptist Church of Cusseta  
104 Mount Olive St.  
Cusseta, GA 31805  
Meets Monday & Thursday at 8:30 pm

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

Warm Springs Group  
VFW Post 4670  
7510 Roosevelt Hwy.  
Warm Springs, GA 31830  
Meets Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

#### **District 13 Zone A**

Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventures  
Group  
Journey Christian Church  
11365 Crabapple Rd.  
Roswell, GA 30075  
Meets Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

#### **District 13 Zone B**

Triangle Men's Group  
Triangle Club  
702 Lakeshore Cr. N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30324  
Meets Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (open)

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

No Expectations Group  
Kirkwood United Church of Christ  
2033 Hosea L. Williams Dr. N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30317  
Meets Friday at 8:00 p.m.

#### **District 13 Zone K**

Generation Next Group  
Kirkwood Presbyterian Church  
618 Acworth Due West Rd.  
Kennesaw, GA 30152  
Meets Friday at 8:00 p.m.

#### **District 14 Zone B**

Crossroads Recovery Group  
615 Grassdale Rd.  
Cartersville, GA 30121  
Meets Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

#### **District 14 Zone C**

Lady A's Group  
H.O.W. Place  
6268 Bells Ferry Rd.  
Acworth, GA 30102  
Meets Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
Open, Women Predominate

#### **District 16 Zone B**

Keep It Simple Group  
2191 Gabilee Church Rd.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
Meets Monday and Thursday at 7:00  
p.m.; Women Predominate

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

Sober in Suwanee Group  
Suwanee Parish Methodist Church  
754 Brogdon Rd.  
Suwanee, GA 30024  
Meets Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

You're Not Alone Group  
Community Recovery House  
227 West Moreno St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
Meets Monday at 6:00 p.m.



### Things We Cannot Change

District 13 Zone A  
Clean Air Group  
"Papa" Bill M.  
Sobriety Date – October 2, 2013  
Passed – December 23, 2013

District 10 Zone A  
We Can Help Group  
Jerry T.  
Sobriety Date—July 6, 1998  
Passed—January 14, 2014

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**Area 16 Assembly**  
**Marriott Macon City Center, Macon,**  
**January 19, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Delegate Report – Rebecca T., Panel 64**  
**Delegate**

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Area 16 Delegate. How many people are here for their first Assembly? Who has a new service position which began in January? I love being part of a Fellowship which you are not alone. Also, I can reach out to others who have done the same position and ask for help. There is nothing more reassuring to me than for someone to state they felt the same way or you are on the right track. The person before me did a great job of giving me information for my current role, but I know I will have more questions.

My report will be brief because we have a lot of business to take care of today. I love the January Assembly to start out the year. Today we will hear several reports and talk about motions which have been tabled and a new motion. AA in Georgia is alive and well.

Since our last Assembly in September we had 1 more southeast region event which was Southern States Alcohol Anonymous Service Assembly, otherwise known as "SSAASA". SSAASA was hosted by Louisiana and Mississippi areas. The event was great and a lot of good sharing. Throughout the weekend the different workshops were presented by people who are currently in the different service positions. For example for the GSR and DCM workshops, they had a GSR and DCM for each state present. Current and past delegates presented on the Concepts. I attended the workshop for delegates which a current and past delegate shared their conference experience. They also asked other delegates to share on topics such as new comer feeling, fears, and stay in the moment,

etc. The energy of the weekend was similar to our service assembly weekends. The southeast region will hold SSAASA every other year.

In February we have the Southeast Delegates get together for both current and past Delegates and Trustees which we will attend. This is a great event because the Southeast Delegates support each other and it is a place to share experiences. It is hard to put into the words the closeness of the Delegates in the Southeast Region and how we are there for each other. We will have time with our current Southeast Trustee Chet P.

A couple of the Delegates put together a list of all of the current Delegates who will attend the conference this year. The list is used to ask questions and get shared experience. One poll was asking how many Areas have a service manual, and use electronic payment for literature. There have been updates; however the final poll will come out over the weekend. There are many Areas who have a service manual or guidelines which they use in conjunction with the AA Service Manual.

At the November GSO Board meeting the Trustees' International Committee approved the recommendation that Patty L. serve as the local Volunteer Host Committee Chair for the 2015 International Convention.

GSO sent out a notice regarding eBooks and their availability last month. We forward the information on to the DCM's to pass along. You can now purchase the eBook version of the Big Book at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and iBooks. Please note the publication from GSO will state "AA World Service Inc". Other books will follow. Also, GSO is updating their web site. GSO is considering stronger language for the disclaimer page to other web links. I went to the AA website and click to go to AA Grapevine page and a disclaimer page came up not just a little paragraph. Very clear I was leaving AA website.

This week I received the latest Activity Update from the Public Information desk at GSO. The announcement was more information about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the 1<sup>st</sup> printing on the Big Book. The official publication date as noted by U.S. copy right office is April

10<sup>th</sup>, 1939. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition will be published in April 2014. The Anniversary Edition will use the same thick paper and be the same size. You can pre order the book for \$12.00 plus tax while you are here today, see the table in the lobby. Who has already placed an order? We want to have enough books on hand, so please pre-order. The books will be available until the middle of 2015. To date GSO has 60,000 books pre-ordered.

Also, they attached service material regarding Anonymity Online. Included in the article is a quote from Bill W.'s last message – quote "On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use AA for sick and selfish purposes." We will send out the information to you.

Before our next Assembly I will head to New York for the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. The Conference works on a committee system and each Delegate is assigned a committee. I have been selected to serve on the Finance committee for the next 2 years. Brookins B. also served on this committee. The trustees have been working on items which will go to the conference committees. Our Southeast Trustee sent out the minutes from the November board meeting which included several items which will be sent to the conference committees to take into to consideration. One item which will go to the Literature Committee is to consider granting the approval to the use the "circle and trainable" with the words recovery/unity/service as an unofficial service mark on AA literature where the publishing Department determines it appropriate. The committees review all of the background information and then bring back recommendations to the conference.

In February I will receive the background information which we will forward to the DCM's. In April we will have the DCM pre-conference meeting to assist me in preparing for the conference. Each year the incoming Delegates share with the Conference their Area highlights. The highlights are published in the final Conference report, however I wanted to share them with you.

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Area 16, Georgia Highlights:

Area 16 spans from the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, through the Plains of South GA, to the Atlantic Ocean with 784 groups. The groups are divided among 50 districts and zones. Along with our Linguistic district which covers the entire Area which is the state of GA.

Each year we have 8 cluster forums which encourage unity within the Area by the Area Officers and committee chairs going to different parts of the state. The purpose of the forums is to "provide a unique opportunity to share valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas."

We have 3 Assemblies a year held in Macon which is centrally located in the state. Also we have a pre-conference and pre-planning meeting with our DCM's and Committee Chairs.

Our Area has maintained our State convention to be "Pre-Paid" by the groups so there is no registration fee for in-state members. Currently Area 16 is the only Area which has a Pre-Paid convention. The convention moves throughout the state based on a bid process.

Area 16 has a State office in Macon. The office manager maintains the list of groups, distributes literature and answers all kinds of questions. We also have a separate room which is temperature controlled to store our archives. Our archives committee continues to catalog all of the items which have been donated throughout the years. The project currently going on is We Share II, which is the history of the groups in GA, old timers and Delegates. We Share our GA Experience was originally published in 1995. We Share II will be published early 2015.

Area 16 is excited to host the 80<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Atlanta. Please come join the world in 2015!

**Business Meeting:**  
**Approval of minutes from September 2013 Assembly by show of hands.**

**Recognize past Area officers:** Clint Y. past Treasurer, David M. past Delegate/Treasurer, Harold I. past Treasurer, Glenda M. past Secretary, Bill M. past Treasurer, Katy M. past Secretary.

**Report of the 60<sup>th</sup> Prepaid Convention – Atlanta, GA – 2013 – Art H. (Chair):**

Recognized Convention Committee, stated that all Zones participated, Convention was held at Hyatt, the hotel rate was \$135 per night, parking was \$19 per day. Approximate attendance was 1,400, we were slightly limited on hotel choice by the fact that we needed a room that could hold 1,500 people, hence the higher hotel rate. Every effort was made to be inclusive. Financial final report: Total cost was \$48,864.48. We spent over \$20,000 in coffee, coffee cost was \$35 per gallon. Speaker travel was approximately \$8500. Rooms and parking were provided for state officers, AI-Anon Delegate, committee chairs and office manager at a cost of around \$6,000. \$9683.04 in other expenses.

**Report of the 61<sup>st</sup> Prepaid Convention – Jekyll Island – 2014 – Jack C. (Treasurer)**

Convention will be held at the Convention Center on Jekyll Island Oct. 16-19 2014. Previous co-chair Peggy L. had to step down but Glen H. from Nahunta has stepped in. Treasurer is Jack C., Secretary is Winnie K., Vera L. and Kim C. are Program Co-Chairs. Skip S. is Hospitality Chair, Wylie G. and Carol B. are Speaker Chair and Co-Chair. Host hotel is the Hampton Inn, Westin is being built next to Convention Center but we are unsure if it will be open in time for Convention. Speakers are Tom H., also Adrienne B. of NY, NY, Dick A. of Lilburn, GA, Georgia B. of LaCrescenta, CA, Bob D. of Las Vegas, NV, and Joy H. of Kansas City, KS. Colleen H. is AI-Anon Chair and AI-Anon speaker is Corrie L. of Montgomery, AL. Dick and Barbara A. will do relationship workshop based on Twelve Traditions. Registration Chair and Co-Chair are Kathleen H. and Julie C. Please register here or online, also please register for special events. Entertainment Chair is Ben S, there will be a band Saturday night, Low Country Boil Saturday at lunchtime for \$27 per person, Golf Tournament Saturday at 9:30, price is \$40 per individual or \$160 per team. Motorcycle and bicycle poker run are also included. Jekyll also has dolphin tours, mini golf, turtle center. We will have yoga on the beach and young people's activities. Volunteer chair is Cheryl F., all are welcome to volunteer. Concessions will be available for purchase at Convention Center.

Hotel info: Hampton Inn (host hotel) rates begin at \$129 per night use code GPC 912-638-3533

Days Inn: rates begin at \$91 888-635-3003

Quality Inn: rates begin at \$79 912-635-2202

Villas by the Sea: rates begin at \$79 800-841-6262

Holiday Inn: rates begin at \$139, scheduled to open June 2014, [www.hijklresort.com](http://www.hijklresort.com)

Condo or house rental: Skip A. realtor Parker Kaufman 888-453-5955, 912-269-9951 (cell)

Megan J. Jekyll Realty 888-333-5055, 912-269-4100 (cell)

There is a campground on Blythe Island Park and also off exit 29 Parking fee to get on Island is \$6 per day but you can come and go as you like.

**Report from Patty L., 2015 International Convention Volunteer Host Committee Chair:**

Dates are July 2-5 2015. Q and A section on the International is available in Box 459, including: Registration will begin September 3, 2014, cost will be around \$100, housing will be assigned after you register. Role of the host committee is to organize volunteers. Patty appointed committee including: Tom H., Bill F., Jim T., Lori G., Rusty L. January will be volunteer kickoff meeting. Subcommittees will begin meeting in March 2015.

**Report from We Share Our Georgia Experience, Claudia S.:**

Please check website to see if your group history has been submitted. So far we have received 310 groups to date, 5 Delegate histories and 4 old-timer stories. We are working on a rough draft of new book, please order your copies here or online.

**Prepaid AdHoc Committee Report, Cathy B., Past DCM 16E:**  
Cathy gave highlights from the following inventory report and recommendations:

Area 16 – The State of Georgia holds its convention yearly. The convention is bid two years in advance during the Assembly meeting in January, and awarded during the Assembly meeting in May. This will give the awarded district time to elect their own convention committee (also known as host committee, and Pre-paid Committee).



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This means that there will be up to three Convention Committees operating at the same time (the current year, the next year, and the one just awarded). Each committee is at a different phase of preparation for their respective convention.

At each Assembly, on Saturday at 11 am, there is the Convention Committee Meeting. This meeting is facilitated by The Alternate Delegate (the designated representative of the Office Committee). Each Host Committee presents their report as to where they stand. This way, the newer committees can observe and gain the experience of the committees that are further along in the process.

In the final year before their convention, the Host Committee reports to the Assembly on Sunday.

### **GSSA Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs**

#### **Background:**

The Committee Chairs include: Grapevine, Communications, PI/CPC, Corrections, Treatment/Special Needs, and Archives.

It is not required, but is expected that both the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs attend the Pre-Paid Convention. Their expected duties are to make sure their table at the Convention is covered.

At this time, there is nothing in the Georgia AA Service Manual under State Convention (pg 31-32), that allows for compensation for room, mileage, nor meals.

It has become general practice for the Host Committee of the Prepaid to pay for the room of either the Chair or Co-Chair, but not both out of the Pre-Paid Budget. Their mileage and meals are not reimbursed for either of them.

There is no accommodation for either of them from GSSA Budget.

At this time, in GSSA Budget, there is an allowance for the State Office Committee Members:

Meals – three days @ \$40/day

Mileage- 400 miles (round trip @ .32/mile)

#### **Questions:**

1. Should the Prepaid budget cover all expenses, or should GSSA budget cover some?

Committee Chair **AND** Co-Chair (Both of them):

1. Should both the Committee Chair **AND** the Co-Chairs rooms be paid for?
2. Should both the Committee Chair **AND** the Co-Chair be reimbursed for their mileage?
3. Should both the Committee Chair **AND** the Co-Chair be reimbursed for their meals?

Committee Chair **OR** Co-Chair (Only one of them):

1. Should the Committee Chair **OR** the Co-Chairs room be paid for?
2. Should the Committee Chair **OR** the Co-Chairs be reimbursed for their mileage?
3. Should the Committee Chair **OR** the Co-Chair be reimbursed for their meals?

**RECOMMENDATION: The Prepaid budget should include**

**hotel rooms for the Area Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs and the GSSA budget to include reimbursement meals and mileage (per the Area guidelines) to attend the Prepaid Convention.**

### **Office Committee**

#### **Background:**

State Officers include: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, and Area Chairperson

The Office Committee include: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Chairperson, Office Committee Chairperson, and Office Manager.

It is required that the Office Committee attend the Pre-Paid Convention.

**Item 5** in The Georgia AA Service Manual (pg 31): Rooms will be furnished for **State Officers**, Convention Chairperson, Co-Chair and all speakers. Meals furnished for speakers only. It has become common practice to furnish rooms for the entire Office Committee.

There is accommodation in GSSA Budget (Note 3) Georgia State Prepaid Convention, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Chairperson, and Office Committee Chairperson.

Meals – three days @ \$40.00 /day

Mileage- 400 miles (round trip@ .32/mile)

The Office Manager is not required to attend, but has been invited to attend the Pre-Paid Convention. It is not part of the duties of the Office Manager to attend the Pre-Paid. There is no accommodation in GSSA Budget (Note 3) for Office Manager for meals or mileage.

It has become general practice for the Host Committee of the Prepaid to pay for the room of the Office Manager.

1. Should the Prepaid budget cover all expenses, or should GSSA budget cover some?
2. Should the manual be changed to include entire Office Committee rather than “State Officers”
3. Should the Office Manager’s room be paid for?
4. Should the Office Manager’s meals and mileage be reimbursed?

**RECOMMENDATIONS: Reimburse the Area Office Manager for the hotel room, meals and mileage (per the Area guidelines) in the GSSA budget to attend the Prepaid Convention.**

**The manual should be changed to provide rooms at the Prepaid for the “Office Committee” rather than “Area Officers”. This would cover the room expense of #2 if the change is made as the Area Office Manager is a member of the Office Committee. The manual allows for rooms to be provided to the Area Officers.**

### **Speaker Dinner**

There is not always a Speaker Dinner, but IF there is, who should be reimbursed? Office Committee?

Add: Area Committee Chairs; Add: Area Committee Co-chairs? Office Manager? Should it be voluntary, and request they pay?

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Office Committee and Area Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs would be required to pay for a ticket to speaker dinners that maybe scheduled by the Prepaid Host Committee in honor of the speakers. Attendance would be voluntary for these members.

## **Pre-Paid Convention Treasury**

### **Background:**

The conflicts between the manual and current practices occur in items 7 and 8 on page 32.

**Item 7** in the Georgia AA Service Manual (pg 32) states that a petty cash advance will be furnished to the Convention Treasurer in an amount determined by the Office Committee and that expenditures from the Convention petty cash account will be reimbursed to the Convention upon receipt of initialized bills from the Convention Chairperson or Finance Chairperson.

The practice for at least six years has been to provide a cash advance to the Convention Committee upon request and issue additional funds upon request of the Convention Committee with no bills required. All accounting for expenses is supplied after the Convention.

**Item 8** in the Georgia AA Service Manual (pg 32) states that large bills to be paid before the Convention will be forwarded to the State Assembly office for payment.

The practice has been to advance funds to the Convention Committee upon request with all accounting supplied after the Convention.

**Item 8** also states that major expenses will be paid by the State Treasurer in attendance at the Convention.

Here again, funds have been provided upon request of the Convention Committee with all accounting supplied upon completion of the Convention.

### **Question:**

1. As of January 2013, the procedure set out in the Manual as stated above (Items 7 and 8) is being implemented.

Should this practice continue? With cooperation of the Convention Treasurer, should the Budget and Finance Committee recommend the budget for the Prepaid Convention?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The manual should be changed to reflect a \$500 Prepaid Convention fund to be provided to the Host Committee. Any expense over \$500 will be sent to GSSA for payment. The Area Treasurer will review the Prepaid Committee expenditure report at least quarterly along with all receipts to back up expenses. The "petty cash" fund name should be changed to "Prepaid Convention fund".

The Prepaid Convention finances will be carried out according to the amended manual recommendation in #5 of this document.

The Prepaid Convention budget to be recommended by the Budget/Finance Committee in cooperation with the Prepaid Convention Treasurer.

## **Host Committee**

### **Background**

It is not required, but it is expected that someone(s) from the Host Committee of each Prepaid, attend each of the Assemblies to report progress at the Saturday Prepaid Meeting.

It is required that we have a report from the current Host Committee, preferably the Chair, at the Assembly Business Meeting.

There is nothing in the manual that allows for the host Committee to be reimbursed for their room, meals, or travel to attend the Assemblies throughout the 3 year term of service.

It has become general practice, at the Host Committee's discretion, to budget, and reimburse, the number of Host Committee Chairs as they see fit. This could include room, meals, and/or travel.

1. Should the Host committee be limited to a certain amount of money, toward reimbursing Host Committee Chairs to attend assembly?
2. Should the host Committee be limited to the number of people sent to Assembly throughout 3 year term?
3. Should the Host Committee have a sliding scale throughout 3 year term? Example First year Chair or Co-Chair Only?
4. Should there be something in the Service Manual covering the attendance of the Host Committee at the Saturday 11 a.m. workshop and Sunday morning business meeting at Assembly?

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Prepaid Committee should limit the number of committee members that are reimbursed to attend the Assembly. The following recommendation was made during the inventory process: The group created a chart of suggested attendance and reimbursement:

|                 | Past Chair          | Current Chair & Co-Chair | Next Year Chair     |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan. Assembly:  | Full (Sat. & Sun.)  | Full                     | Mileage only (Sat.) |
| May Assembly:   | Mileage Only (Sat.) | Full                     | Mileage only (Sat.) |
| Sept. Assembly: | Mileage Only (Sat.) | Full                     | Mileage only        |

**Full reimbursement is equivalent to mileage at \$0.32 per mile, 1 night room at the Marriott and \$40 for meals at the current Area travel guidelines.**

**Based on above chart, only 4 people are "required" (aka funded), others may come at Districts' and groups' expense.**

### **Relationship of the Office Committee and the Pre-Paid (Host) Committees**

#### **Background:**

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**Item 4** of the Georgia AA Service Manual under State Convention (pg 31) states: The Officers of the State Assembly are automatically members of the Convention Committee. Other names for the Convention Committee are Pre-Paid Committee or Host Committee.

The Pre-Paid Committee is not autonomous from Area 16 Office Committee. It is one of collaboration and cooperation. The Alternate Delegate is the designated representative of the Office Committee, and facilitates the Saturday Planning Meeting at the Assembly. Additionally, the Alternate Delegate tries to attend some of the Host Committee's planning meetings. The Treasurer typically attends some of the current Host Committee's planning meetings too.

An email address has now been set up for all the Host Committee's to send their minutes, and these are then forwarded to Office Committee.

Questions:

Please discuss ideas and ways that the Host Committees and the Office Committee's relationship can be strengthened.

1. Should the Host Committees be a sub-committee of the Office Committee?
2. Should the travel budget of the Alternate Delegate and/or Treasurer be adjusted to compensate for the additional travel? How often should the Alt Delegate and/or Area treasurer attend the monthly planning meetings?

Within 2 hours of their home

- 1) Monthly
- 2) Quarterly
- 3) When invited

Greater than 2 hours of their home

- 1) Monthly
- 2) Quarterly
- 3) when invited

Additional suggestions?

**RECOMMENDATION: Recommendations to strengthen the relationship between the Prepaid Committee and Host Committee:**

- **An Office Committee liaison (Office Committee discretion to accommodate geography and availability) attend all meetings (we have this in place with the Alt Delegate, maybe the recommendation could be to add to the Alt Delegates Responsibilities)**
- **Making clear in the Service Manual that Prepaid is not autonomous (suggestion: specify that Prepaid "serves" Area 16)**
- **Include a Prepaid workshop at GSSA**
- **Clarify Prepaid Committee and Office Committee in manual (Office Committee is clarified and doesn't need to be added, Prepaid Committee maybe can be outlined)**
- **Use Skype or conference call technology to allow for remote participation for the Office Committee.**

**The GSSA budget should be modified to accommodate travel reimbursement for Office Committee active participation in the Prepaid Committee meetings.**

**Content of Convention**

**Background:**

**Item 10** In the Georgia Service Manual (pg 32) states: The AA Program will consist of all meetings being listed as open AA meetings. There will not be designated meetings such as institutional, medical, etc. as part of the program.

**Item 11** in the Georgia Service Manual (pg 32) states: Workshops, sharing sessions, etc. may be part of the convention program at the discretion of the convention committee.

Question:

1. Should item 11 in The Georgia Service Manual be modified to include: "All workshops and sharing session materials be based only on AA approved literature?"

Historically, the Pre-Paid theme has been tied to the GSO theme for the year.

Question:

1. Should the theme be approved by the Office Committee?

Discussion:

Please discuss content of entire Convention. This includes entertainment and any other thoughts you have regarding content.

Please discuss thoughts on Pre-Paid Convention as a whole.

**RECOMMENDATION: Modify the Manual to change:**

**"Workshops and sharing session materials be based only on AA approved literature" to "All AA workshops and sharing sessions etc. may be part of the convention program at the discretion of the convention committee" to "All AA workshops and sharing session materials be based only on AA approved literature."**

**Recommend adding to the Manual that the Prepaid Convention start on Friday instead of Thursday due to low attendance and added expense.**

**Report from Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV Seminar, Tamera P., Area 16 Office Manager:**

Purpose of seminar was to help with communication between offices, GSO, AAWS and GV. Got to meet people I talk to in NY in person. Words cannot explain the experience of office managers sharing their experience together. Helped me to connect with people in a way I found very helpful. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be a part of something greater than me.

**Area Officer's Reports:**

**Ernie M., Alternate Delegate:** Upcoming events: Saturday Jan. 25 at state office Corrections Training from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unity Weekend Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Southeast Delegate Get-Together beginning of February, SE Cluster Forum Feb. 15 in Nahunta, March 7-9 Flint River Roundup, Dist. 17 Cluster Forum March 22, April 12 DCM Pre-Conference Meeting, April 5 West Central Cluster Forum, General Service Conference April 26-May 3, Next Assembly May 16-18.

**Shari M., Secretary:**

Attendance Report for the January Assembly:

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| DCMs                            | 45  |
| Alternate DCMs                  | 29  |
| District Secretaries/Treasurers | 9   |
| GSRs                            | 252 |
| Alternate GSRs                  | 64  |



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| Group Secretaries/Treasurers | 20  |
| Grapevine Reps               | 15  |
| Treatment Facilities Reps    | 15  |
| Correctional Facilities Reps | 16  |
| Communications               | 2   |
| PI/CPC Reps                  | 13  |
| Archives Reps                | 11  |
| Members                      | 63  |
| Total Attendance             | 554 |

Please keep group information updated on aageorgia.org. Service directories were distributed yesterday at DCM meeting, but since copier broke in office, if you are missing some, Tamera will mail them to you.

### **Gene T., Treasurer:**

Area 16 and GSO Birthday envelopes available. Area 16 is \$7,140.73 over budget, will need to take money out of prudent reserve. Have 5 and a half months prudent reserve that we will be taking \$7,140.73 out of prudent reserve. Approved \$20K deficit budget for 2014. Baskets were passed. Contributions are steady, expenses are increasing.

### **Old Business:**

Motion on the floor: That the person who tapes the Area Assembly is given the Prepaid Convention that year. Tom gave history of motion. Questions and discussion from the floor, question was called. Motion approved by show of hands. Minority opinion was voiced: "All tapers are not created equal". Also cost of taper travel was pointed out. One person changed vote after minority opinion. Second vote: motion was carried by a show of hands.

Report from AdHoc Committee on motion: That the aageorgia.org website be permitted to provide web links to the following outside vendors, provided that a disclaimer page is shown as user exits our website. 1. The Area Assembly host hotel. 2. The Georgia Prepaid Convention Host Hotel 3. The current payment provider of our literature. Miriam W. was committee chair which included Tom B., past web administrator, Bob S., Rick T, Fran M. Committee first researched other Area websites. Committee met via teleconference findings included: Current Prepaid hotel had a specific link that we could not get group rate unless using that link, GSO has more resources to build a proprietary shopping cart than Area 16 does, Andrew N., current web administrator can build interstitial page to advise user they are leaving our site. Fran stated that hotel links were a slippery slope but okay with Paypal. Rich stated there was a large variance in other Area websites regarding outside links but most sites contained a disclaimer that user would be leaving the site. Did not feel that using Paypal was not breaking traditions. Dissenting member Bob felt that it came close to an actual or implied endorsement. Tom stated what is the difference between providing the link on a flyer or adding the link to a page. Consensus of Committee was that it would be a good idea, and would not constitute an endorsement or be breaking any of the Traditions to provide outside links with disclaimers to the Assembly hotel and current Prepaid hotel and Paypal. However the motion as stated needs to be withdrawn and amended because of the Paypal link being incapable of being implemented. That we should move forward with existing motion with an amendment to drop number 3.: The current payment provider of our literature.

Discussion and questions from the floor. Joe R. GSR at time of

motion accepted amendment, Jessica, who seconded motion, seconded amendment.

### **New Business:**

Approval of Area Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs: Chuck L. Communications Chair, Andrew N., Web Administrator, Ron G., Communications Co-Chair, Chase S., PI/CPC Co-Chair, Janie C., Grapevine Chair, Dorman P. Grapevine Co-Chair, John B. Archives Chair, Gary N. Archives Co-Chair, Brandon C., Alt. Web Administrator

Receive bids for 2016 Prepaid Convention:

Pat J., DCM 7A proposed Convention be held in Macon, October 20-23 at the Marriott Macon City Center, room rate \$129 per night, free parking, would serve breakfast lunch and dinner, listed activities and attractions around Macon.

Fran M., DCM 12A proposed Convention be held in Augusta October 20-23. Chairperson would be Jimmy H., Fran would be co-chair, to be held at Marriott Riverfront, have had convention here before, they are very amenable to having us. Room rate \$125 per night, \$6-\$9 parking fee, ballroom can hold 1500 people, large hospitality room, they already have a block of rooms with a temporary hold, overflow hotels are available.

### **General Sharing:**

Jessica K., GSR Northside Young People's Group made a motion that: The ELECTION PROCEDURE AND VOTING as outlined on page 27 and 28 in the Georgia Service manual be changed to reflect the THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE in the AA service manual on page S21 and S22. Nathan W. GSR Candlelight seconded.

It was stated by Jessica that the overwhelming majority of 92 areas adhere to the Third Legacy procedure. Delegate will appoint ad hoc committee. Questions and discussion followed. Frank S. GSR White Bluff pointed out that the wording of the motion only addresses Delegate and Alternate Delegate on pages 27 and 28 in Area 16 Service Manual, not Secretary and Treasurer on page 29. Jessica amended motion to include page 29 as well. Nathan agreed to amendment.

New motion: The ELECTION PROCEDURE AND VOTING as outlined on pages 27, 28 and 29 in the Georgia Service manual be changed to reflect the THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE in the AA service manual on page S21 and S22. Motion is tabled. Delegate will form ad hoc committee to report to Assembly in May.

Kim A., GSR Turin Lost and Found stated that the Prepaid Ad Hoc Committee had made recommendations that had not been addressed. Linda S., GSR Gratitude Group 12A made motion to adopt the recommendation of the Prepaid Ad Hoc Committee. Chris M, GSR Wrightsville Serenity Group 8, seconded. Delegate will form ad hoc committee to report in May.

Kerry M. Alt. DCM 2B: We used to have districts recognized for 100% contributions, we no longer do that. Tom stated that he stopped it because districts who could not get 100% were getting beat up.

Motion to close Mike, seconded by Chris, GSR Wrightsville Serenity Group seconded. Closed with Lord's Prayer in Spanish, then followed in English at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari M., Area 16 Secretary

# 61st Georgia State Prepaid Convention

October 16th-19th, 2014

## Jekyll Island Convention Center

*Living in the*  *of A.A.*

### AA Speakers

Kickoff Tom H., Marietta, GA  
Adrienne B. New York, NY  
Dick A. Atlanta, GA  
Georgia B. LaCresenta, CA  
Bob D. Las Vegas, NV  
Joy H. Kansas City, KS

### Al-Anon Speaker

Corrie L., Montgomery, AL

### Activities

Dances - Golf - Low Country Boil - Poker  
Run - Dolphin Tour - Turtle Center - His-  
toric District - Kayaking - Beach Walks -  
Bike Riding - Horseback Riding

Our Host Hotel is to be the

### Hampton Inn and Suites

Beachview Drive  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527  
(912) 635-3733

Please watch our website:

[www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org)

for updates on additional  
accommodations and room rates.

### 61st GA State Prepaid Convention October 16-19, 2014 Registration

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

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

Street

City

State

Zip

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

Please Check affiliation AA \_\_\_ AL-Anon \_\_\_ Alateen \_\_\_

**NOTE:** Out of state registration fee AA & Al-Anon \$25.00 Alateen \$10.00 (Due at Registration) Payable to:

**61st GA State Prepaid Convention . . . Mail all forms to:**

**61st Prepaid Convention, P.O. Box 20347, St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

Check if you plan to participate:  Poker Run  Low Country Boil  Golf Tournament

Want to Volunteer? Should we contact you by phone \_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Spring Cluster Forums

## District 17 Foro Especial

“Viviendo en el Corazon de AA”

Sabado, 22 de Marzo 2014  
El registro empieza a las 8:30am

Almuerzo: 12:00pm a 1:00pm  
Cafe y desayuno estaran disponible

Direccion: Grupo Latinos 2000  
6267 Oakwood Circle, Suite 2  
Norcross, GA 30093

- A) Recuperacion, Unidad y Servicio—  
Nuestra Responsabilidad
- B) Pasando el mensaje a traves del apadri-  
namiento
- C) Participando en nuestro bienestar  
comun a traves de las contribuciones
- D) Inventario—una herramienta guia para  
nuestro futuro

## West Central Cluster Forum

Hosted by District 7A  
Fellowship Hall ~ 151 Woodfield Drive ~ Macon, GA 31206

Sponsored by Districts 6, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10C, 10D, 11C

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

Registration begins at 8:30am

Program: 9:30am—1:30pm

Lunch served immediately after program

Coffee and continental breakfast also served

### Program: Living in the Heart of AA

- Recovery, Unit and Service: our responsibility
- Passing it on through sponsorship
- Participating in our common welfare through contributions
- Inventory—a guiding tool to our future

A declaration of unity: This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For an 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 AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.