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## AA in the digital age

By **Patty L.**  
Area 16 Delegate

**A**lcoholics Anonymous is moving into the digital age. The AA Grapevine is now available as a digital magazine for a reduced subscription fee of \$19.97 per year (\$9.97 for La Vina). GSO is delivering its three newsletters, Box 4-5-9, About AA and Markings, digitally to anyone that would like to receive them via email. By the end of the year, our Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions will be available in eBook format. We will have our own mobile app to purchase, download and view the eBooks. All of these publications will continue to be available for purchase in the paper format.

In Area 16, Georgia, we are moving into the digital age too. The GA Message (our newsletter), Georgia Service Manual, and Service Directory are available on our website. In addition, we post all Area documents for AA members to access. Any document that has full names, addresses or phone numbers is secured with a login and password. We have transitioned our newsletter to be anonymous so that it can be made available without

a login. Visit [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) to check out the information available. Ernie M., our Area Secretary, has collected email addresses for all of our DCMs. We're hoping to move towards electronic communication to the Districts. This will enable more frequent communication.

As we move slowly towards the digital age, it is as important as ever to stay informed about our Traditions. They all apply to this new world. We also need to understand that ALL AA members have a voice in AA. I know that the internet and Facebook can be very threatening for some of us. Get involved and get education. Let your voice be heard. We have our Concepts that outline how our organization functions and how our Conference is the voice of AA as a whole. General Service is a great way to get involved and be a part of AA as a whole. If you don't know what General Service is, pick up an AA Service Manual and find out. For the months of May and June, we will take a look at Concepts V and VI. Consider the questions under each in your Home Group. Talk to your GSR if you don't know the answers to these questions.

Concept V: Throughout our structure,

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a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the "Right of Appeal", to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
  - What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"?
  - Has our group experienced the "tyranny of the majority" or the "tyranny of the minority"?
  - Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?
- Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (GSB) Class A and Class B trustees serve AA? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve AA?
  - Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?
- See you at the Assembly in May.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE / [alt\\_delegate@aageorgia.org](mailto:alt_delegate@aageorgia.org)**

## The same direction

By **Tom H.**  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

**I** was recently asked to give a presentation on Anonymity and thought it would be a good topic for a Message article. Though the topic of anonymity has many facets could be summed up in our 11th tradition; "...we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." There is not a stronger worded tradition than this one as the word always describes clearly when to be anonymous outside of AA.

Bill W. believed anonymity to be our spiritual foundation and he expressed this in his last message by saying, "If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital

to our continuity, I would say, the Concept of Anonymity."

Bill ended his last message with, "...I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard." The experiences of trial and error in the early days of our fellowship were written down in 1946 as the 12 points to assure our future. If the traditions were thought of more often as points to assure our future than perhaps they would be adhered to more often and with more reverence. It seems to me that more and more, as a collective membership, we are running away from assuring AA's future where anonymity is concerned. And just because so many of us seem to be running in the same direction this does not mean it's the right direction! Much of our literature speaks to main-

taining anonymity for practical and spiritual reasons. Literature also gives good reason to practice anonymity through humility. Most of the methods for breaking or maintaining anonymity in various settings should seem fairly straight forward and I cannot begin to address them all in this article. So, I will speak to one of the most common sources of anonymity breaks in today's AA and that is social networking sites.

I remember first getting on Facebook and uploading photos of me at GSO, Stepping Stones, Dr. Bob's House, and various other AA landmarks and conventions. I had a sense of pride and "showing off" instead of a grateful humility that I had been blessed to visit these places. I might as well have made my Facebook name, "I am a

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

**TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org**

**Passing it on**

By Don M.  
Area 16 Treasurer

One night in a meeting I was sitting next to James D., and couldn't help but notice that he put \$5.00 in the basket when it was passed. I thought that maybe he hadn't put in any money in a while and was making up for that. A week later the same thing happened and I was overcome with curiosity. "James", I said, "you have put \$5.00 in the basket for two meetings in a row. Are you making up for not putting money in the basket sometime in the past?" He responded, "Don, I figure that a drink probably costs about \$5.00 today and my goal is to put the cost of one drink in the basket when it's passed. It is my responsibility to the program. I owe this program much more than I will ever be able to repay. And, heaven knows, I never was able to only have one drink, but that is what I can afford to give today. So, I put \$5.00 in the basket in gratitude for what the program has given me. What has the program given you?"

Ever since that day, I have tried to follow the example James set for me. I don't always have \$5.00, but I try. Sometimes I have to remind myself that James and others gave us this program for free; what we do with it is our response to him and them.

**BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**District 2, Zone A**

Glenda Mc. March 5, 1992  
Alamo Group

**District 2, Zone B**

Benny L. December 31, 2002  
One Day At A Time Group  
Tim E. July 5, 2006

**Lessons of experience**

By Ernie M.  
Area 16 Secretary

As this goes to print, we (Area 16's trusted servants) have met with our Area Delegate to carry Area 16's Conscience to the General Service Conference in New York. I cannot help but be reminded of page 273, in As Bill Sees It: "AA World Headquarters is not a giver of orders. It is, instead our largest transmitter of the lessons of experience." Our Delegate will represent us well.

This year's Cluster Forums have been outstanding. (District 12 – 80 attend-

Crisp Co. Group  
District 3, Zone A  
Wayne D. January 31, 1986  
Today Group  
Martin H. February 10, 1994  
5 O'Clock Literature Hour Group

**District 3, Zone D**

Bill W. January 31, 2008  
St. Simons-Goodwill Group

**District 5, Zone A**

Ernie M. January 19, 1989  
Liz W. March 20, 1997

**District 5, Zone B**

John M. January 7, 2004  
Hats Off Group

**District 10, Zone A**

Laurie M. March 4, 2002  
Thomaston Group

**District 10, Zone B**

Sean M. February 5, 2009  
Douglasville Group

**District 10, Zone C**

Lucy L. January 23, 1975  
Fellowship Group

**District 11, Zone B**

Bob M. January 8, 1989  
Conyers New Beginnings

**District 14, Zone A**

Todd P. February 12, 2009  
Rome Study Group  
Connie B. February 1, 2010  
Rome Group

**District 15, Zone A**

Jeff O. July 2, 2006  
Dalton Group

**District 16, Zone C**

Tom C. April 10, 1988  
Men's Primary Purpose Group

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**ABOUT THIS ISSUE**

As I rotate out of the Editor position, I am looking back with fond memories. In the spirit of rotation, our new Message Editor will be announced in May. To find out who that is you have two choices 1. Come to Assembly where they will be introduced to the Area as a whole or 2: Wait until the next issue of the Message. I suggest coming to Assembly – you get to meet and greet the new Editor and get involved in service. A win-win situation.

- Chuck L., Editor, Georgia Message of AA

Contributing editors include Karen F., Janie C., Jane H., editor Chuck L., and Communications Committee Chair Shari M. and Co-Chair Bill F. Tamera P. and volunteers print and deliver.

Contact: editor@aageorgia.org

**District 16, Zone E**

Janie C. December 28, 2002  
Lakeland Group  
Joe D. March 22, 2007  
Chestatee Group

Send your birthday contribution to:

G.S.S.A.

P.O. Box 7325

Macon, GA 31209

**SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org**

ees, Southeast Cluster-135 attendees, Spanish Cluster-75 attendees). Great presentations and good food. It has been an awesome experience, and I do encourage all to attend those Clusters in their area.

At the May Assembly we will be taking nominations for Delegate, and election will take place in September. Please review the Georgia Service Manual for the duties and qualifications for Delegate. After the roll call of eligible DCMs to decline or stand, nominations from the floor can be accepted. Please refer to page 27 in your manual for this procedure. I remind all DCMs and GSRs to check

the online Directory for information about their trusted servants. I reviewed my own District, and found information changes that had not been submitted or changed in the Directory. New GSRs or Alternates must be pre-registered with GSSA seven (7) days prior to Assembly to be eligible to vote. Change forms for District/Groups are available on the website. Hopefully, I will see more of you at the Secretary/Treasurer Workshop in May. Please send your District/Zone minutes to: districtminutes@aageorgia.org. If there is anything I can do, please contact me at secretary@aageorgia.org.

**CORRECTIONS / corrections@aageorgia.org**

## Getting involved!

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

**G**reetings from the Area 16 Corrections Committee. We are writing a series of articles for the Georgia Message of AA to describe what our fellowship does in the Corrections area and what opportunities there are in Corrections for any of our members who might be interested in getting involved.

AA Guidelines for Corrections Committees, as published by the General Service Office, state that "the purpose of a Corrections Committee is to coordinate the work of individual AA members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to

alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger AA community through prerelease contacts".

Historically, the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous was in its seventh year when a pioneering warden at San Quentin asked nearby AAs to carry the message to alcoholics in the prison. The year was 1942 – the warden was Clinton Duffy. He was heard to say, "If the AA program will help just one man, I want to start it." As of 2006, AA estimates there are over 2,500 groups located in prisons in the U.S. and Canada, with a membership in excess of 65,000 inmates. This information comes directly from our conference-approved Corrections Workbook.

Today, the Area 16 Corrections Fac-

ility Committee focuses our attention on three main areas of service. These are 1) Correctional Facility Meetings, 2) The Bridge the Gap Program, and 3) The Corrections Correspondence Service. We will discuss each of these services in detail in the next three issues of The Georgia Message of AA.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments at corrections@aageorgia.org. We look forward to seeing everyone at our May Assembly. And don't forget the Corrections Certification Training at our state office in Macon on May 28th.

**GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org**

## Here to stay

By Mary A., Chair  
Area 16 Grapevine Committee

**T**he Grapevine is here to stay! At a recent Cluster Forum, a member approached me with a concern about the digital version of the Grapevine and LaViña. The concern is that with the encouragement of members to subscribe to the digital version of the Grapevine and LaViña, what will happen with the print edition? The introduction of the digital magazine is in no way an indication that Grapevine Inc. is planning to do away with the print version: it is a way to introduce the magazine to those who may prefer to receive the material in a different way. There will always be a

need to bring the magazine to those who do not and will not have access to the internet. In the Spring edition of Box 459, Ami B., Executive Editor AA Grapevine states that "of course, AA Grapevine magazine will still be available in its original print format." She notes that the populations who do not have access to digital platforms, or those who simply choose not to use it, will not lose this valuable tool of sobriety. To those who carry the message with the Grapevine and LaViña magazine you will be able to continue doing this valuable service work with the print edition.

As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "the Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement." And thus it remains today! I hope that

everyone has taken the opportunity to look at the "We Share" survey of the Grapevine - it is still available on the Grapevine page of the Area 16 website. The page is password protected, and the username and password can be found on page 1 of the Area 16 service directory.

For those of you planning upcoming Grape-a-thons, do not forget to get your flyer to the Webmaster for the AA Georgia website (www.aageorgia.org). Your flyer will be posted on the Grapevine webpage. I look forward to seeing you at the next Grape-a-thon, Cluster Forum and Georgia State Service Assembly. Until next time - "Read it, subscribe to it, write for it and use it in your Twelve Step work."

**PI/CPC / pi/cpc@aageorgia.org**

## The great whole

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

**C**an you believe it is Assembly time again? I look forward to seeing all of you and to hear about your PI/CPC activities. We have several opportunities to share the message of AA coming up. There is the National Social Workers Convention in Atlanta, the National Drug Court conference and the SE School of Addiction Studies. It is tremendously exciting to meet new people and share about AA. Of course there are several Cluster Forums left and those are great opportu-

nities for sharing and getting to know all of you.

By the time you read this, Patty L. will have met with the DCMs in Macon and reviewed the Agenda for this year's Service Conference. There is always interesting sharing at these gatherings and it helps me to realize the role of the various committees in filtering requests and motions being sent to New York. It would be a mad house if one group of people had to respond to all the various areas of AA instead of to the appropriate committee. The result is timely, organized responses from people who know their area of expertise and have a collaboration of all the materials in that area.

When the DCMs and Committee

members get Agenda Items that are coming up to be voted on in New York we get the history of that motion from the beginning. Reviewing this year's agenda items with other service workers and then giving Patty L. a brief report from that committee to send to the General Service Conference lets me feel like a little bit of me is going with her - and a little bit of you... and you. That is exciting and reminds me of when I realized that I was a part of the great whole of this thing called Alcoholics Anonymous.

I am so grateful to be a trusted servant for Area 16. See you in Macon and in the workshops.

**COMMUNICATIONS / communications@aageorgia.org**

**And in with the new!**

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

**G**reetings! We at the Communications Committee are so excited to present the redesign of the Message this issue! Chuck L., our Message Editor, Bill F., our Communications Co-Chair and I have all been working very hard to put together a condensed version of the Message so as to significantly reduce printing costs. As you may be aware, Area 16 is in a financial crunch at the moment, and the Communications Committee has been doing our part to try to reduce the financial burden on the Area. You will find shorter articles, and the

Cluster Forum flyers previously published in the Message will be available online, at [http://www.aageorgia.org/state\\_events.htm](http://www.aageorgia.org/state_events.htm). Additionally, the Message has been "un-password-protected," so you will be able to view the Message now at [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) without entering the username and password. Although we have discussed the new layout of the Message during our workshops at the January Assembly and at Cluster Forums around the state, we are still open to your input regarding the redesign, so please feel free to email [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org) with any comments or questions regarding the new look.

I am also excited to share that big changes to the Area 16 website

will be coming very soon, expect a clearer layout with increased usability. We will be discussing the new website at the Communications workshop during the May Assembly, as well as continuing our ongoing discussion about anonymity and social media. We hope to see you all there!

**NEXT MESSAGE DEADLINE**

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

**TREATMENT / treatment@aageorgia.org**

**Step up to the plate**

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

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

**O**nce again, let me thank all those who are current carrying the AA message into Treatment Facilities, and to those who previously carried the Message, thanks for all your service. District 17 had the Area 16 Fourth Cluster Forum on March 12th and it was well attended. The Treatment Committee provided some Literature in Spanish so that District 17 will be able to help carry the AA Message to Facilities in the Spanish community. As soon as the Special Needs / Ac-

cessibilities literature is translated into Spanish, the Treatment Committee will make sure that District 17 gets that also. While speaking of Literature, all of Area 16 and AA Central Offices are carrying the Special Needs/Accessibility Kits (English Only \$12.00).

The Committee has set a date for the Area 16 annual Treatment Facilities Workshop; it will be June 25th, and held at the GSSA Office in Macon. The workshop will be hosted by District 7-A, the flyer is on the Committee web site [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) and it will be in the next Message. All those who would like to carry the AA message into Treatment Facilities but have questions, or want to know how to get started; this is the place to be. There will be Fellowship/Food and Fun and it's all free. Also all GSR's / DCM's that do not currently have District or Zone Treatment Representatives, this will be

an opportune time to get someone to step up to the plate. "I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly, I do it for four reasons: (1) Sense of duty (2) It is a pleasure (3) Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me (4) Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip" (Doctor Bob's Nightmare, page 180, Alcoholics Anonymous) Willie S., Treatment Facilities Committee Co-Chair and myself would like to continue to encourage and attract others within the state to get involved in service with the Treatment Committee. We hope to see everyone at the May 20, 2011 Assembly in Macon and we thank all of you for the opportunity to be of service.

**ARCHIVES / archives@aageorgia.org**

**Fullness of the fellowship**

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

**H**ey Friends! We've gotten off to a great start in 2011. I've met a lot of new friends and living a good life.

The AA family today must do the same thing our elder statesmen did for us. The more mature AAer's are to be a guide to the newer members, so that all may fulfill the example set forth by Bill W. and Dr. Bob. From Bill's not understanding the spiritual aspect brought to him by Ebby in Bill's Story to Dr. Bob not understanding the

advance of working with others as Dr. Bob and Bill met for the first time.

Tears, joys, service and tolerance of each other all go together as we grow together in the spirit of the fellowship and the God of your understanding.

Did you ever end a long hot wearying journey by enjoying a cool drink in the shade of a sprawling tree? Refreshing! Tired human beings demand rest and renewal, or they die. But once they are refreshed, they can start all over again.

AAer's in the fellowship like athletes, gain strength and competence by doing. Every day provides us with

opportunities to be "doers" of the fellowship nor just "hearers".

I hope to see you all at the upcoming forums when they come to your area. We have a bunch of cool stuff planned. Also hope to see you at the May Assembly. John B. will present a special presentation on preservation of collectable items at the workshop Saturday night at the Macon Office. If anybody didn't hear - the repository climate control has been repaired, thankfully!  
See you soon.

**CALENDAR**

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

**May 1-7**

61st General Service Conference  
New York

**May 20-22**

Georgia AA Service Assembly  
Macon / City Center

**May 26-29**

6th Spanish State Convention

**June 17-19**

GCYPAA  
Kennesaw

**June 11**

East Central Cluster Forum  
Statesboro  
Flyer p. 7

Grape-a-Thon  
Conyers

**June 25**

Treatment Committee  
Workshop  
GSSA/Macon  
Flyer p. 7

**NEW GROUPS**

**District 9**

Jaywalkers Group  
Pittman Park UMC  
1102 Fair Rd., Statesboro, GA  
30458  
Meets on Monday at 6:00  
p.m.

**District 13 Zone A**

Brave Hearts Group  
Birmingham United  
Methodist Church  
15770 Birmingham Highway,  
Milton, GA 30004  
Meets on Saturday at 8:00  
p.m. closed discussion

Fellowship of the Spirit Group  
Saint David's Episcopal  
Church  
1015 Old Roswell Rd.,  
Roswell, Ga 30076  
Meets on Saturday at 10:30  
a.m.

**District 13 Zone H**

One Breath At A Time Group  
Shambhala Meditation Ctr  
1447 Church St., Decatur,  
GA 30030  
Meets on Monday at 8:00  
p.m. and Thursday at 7:30  
p.m.

**District 16 Zone B**

Transmitelo Group  
265 Archer Grove School  
Rd., Athens, GA 30607  
Meets Daily at 8:00 p.m.  
Spanish meeting

**THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE**

**Jim S.**

Home Group: Waycross  
Group  
Waycross, GA  
Sobriety Date: November 8,  
1982  
Passed Away: February 10,  
2011

**Dan K.**

Home Group: Crisp County  
Group  
Cordele, GA  
Sobriety Date: January 10,  
2000  
Passed Away: November 14,  
2010

**Andy D.**

Home Group: Three Lega-  
cies Group  
Tucker, GA  
Sobriety Date: September 4,  
2005  
Passed Away: February 27,  
2011

**MARRIOTT MACON CITY  
CENTER RESERVATIONS:** NEED  
A ROOM AT THE MARRIOTT  
FOR ASSEMBLY? CALL (478)  
621-5300. PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE  
WITH THE GEORGIA STATE  
SERVICE ASSEMBLY, TO GET  
THE GROUP RATE. ALSO RE-  
MEMBER PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY  
CUT-OFF DATE IS MAY 6, 2011  
FOR GROUP RATE.

**SUGGESTED  
SELF-SUPPORT PLAN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you need additional information, please call 478-745-2588.

**HOW TO CONTACT TRUSTED SERVANTS**

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

- A. Use the official email addresses for Area 16 trusted servants located on articles, in our service directory and on [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org).
- B. To get a phone number, use the service

directory given to each group at the January Assembly or call our Macon office at 478-745-2588.

- C. The password to access password-protected web content can be obtained from the service directory, your GSR, your DCM, [webmaster@aageorgia.org](mailto:webmaster@aageorgia.org), the Area office in Macon or other trusted servants. Please provide any feedback to [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org) or [editor@aageorgia.org](mailto:editor@aageorgia.org)

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

# Georgia State (Area 16) Assembly Weekend

Marriott Macon City  
Center,  
Macon, May 2011

## **FRIDAY May 20**

**8 P.M.**

### **OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING**

Chairperson – Hosted by Gina  
B., DCM 7A

## **SATURDAY May 21**

**9:00 A.M.**

### **DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS**

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

**9:00 A.M.**

### **DCM/GSR 101: Great sharing for everyone**

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

### **10 A.M. WEB COMMITTEE**

Tom B. / Shari M., Chairpersons

### **11 A.M. ARCHIVES MEETING**

James R. / Claudia S.,  
Chairpersons

### **11 A.M. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tom H., Alternate Delegate

### **11 A.M. CORRECTIONS MEETING**

Harold W. / Jim T., Chairpersons

### **11 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS MEETING**

Shari M. / Bill F., Chairpersons

### **11 A.M. PI/CPC MEETING**

Teri F. / Ed T., Chairpersons

### **11 A.M. GRAPEVINE MEETING**

Mary A., Chairperson

### **11 A.M. SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP**

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

### **11 A.M. TREATMENT FACILITIES MEETING**

Jimmy S. / Willie S., Chairpersons

### **1 P.M. DCM MEETING**

Patty L., Delegate

### **1 P.M. GSR ORIENTATION**

Chuck L., Past DCM 12A

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

### **GSR WORKSHOP**

Diversity in AA.

1. The Language of the Heart is  
Spoken Here – George C., DCM  
12A

2. The Hand of A.A. – Inclusive  
Never Exclusive – Cissie F., DCM  
1A

3. Tradition Five – Our Primary  
Purpose – Chandler B., DCM  
16A

Ask-It-Basket (David S., David  
M., Patty L., Tom H., Ernie M.,  
Don M., George C., Cissie F.,  
Chandler B.)

### **8 P.M. AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**

Chairperson – Jimmy C., DCM  
11A

12 Steps – Mike B., DCM 10B

Traditions – Mark J., DCM 16D

Speaker – Dan R., DCM 5A

### **9:30 P.M. AREA WORKSHOPS**

Archives GSSA Office

Corrections

Communications

Grapevine

Intergroup/Central Office

PI/CPC

Treatment

### **SUNDAY May 22**

### **AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **9 A.M. Delegate's Report**

Patty L., Area 16 Delegate

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

David M., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Report from the 58th  
(Gainesville) Pre-Paid

Convention.

2. Report from 59th (Pine Moun-  
tain) Pre-Paid Convention.

3. Area officer's reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approve minutes from  
January 2011 Area 16 Business  
Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Delegate Nominations.

2. General Sharing.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

### **A Declaration of Unity**

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

### **I Am Responsible**

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

Area16 Gssa@2006

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

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE / continued from page 1**

member of Alcoholics Anonymous!" Then I accepted Bill W. as my friend and joined all kinds of AA groups. I figured it was a personal decision to break my anonymity at this level. Well, I was right in the decision being personal but I have no right to harm AA's future. The gratitude I have for what AA has done for me became more important than showing off or having one million AA Facebook

friends.

Today I check my Facebook private settings often, I un-tag myself in photos that break my anonymity, I un-join groups that I have been added to without my permission (whether they are a secret group or not), and I politely ask friends not to break my anonymity when they do so. It is a constant vigilance but well worth it and in doing so I display my respect

for AA today and for tomorrow. If you haven't thought much about anonymity lately I encourage you to give it some thought and perhaps we can all be running harder in the direction to assure AA's future. Our next Cluster Forum will be the East Central Cluster Forum held on June 11th in Statesboro and a flyer can be found in this Message.

**AREA 16 EVENTS**

**Annual Area 16 – TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

“We are Responsible for AA's Future”  
“Let it Begin With Us”

Special information/Details

Hosted by: District 7-A

Workshop will include:

Speakers

Facility Administrators

Panel Discussions

Literature

A skit? Perhaps

FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD

All Free

Date: June 25, 2011

Time: 8:30am – 1:30pm

Location: GSSA, Macon Central Office

145 First Street (Lower Level)

Macon, Georgia 31201

**2011 EAST CENTRAL CLUSTER FORUM**

“We are Responsible for AA's Future –  
Let it Begin With Us”

June 11, 2011

Registration Starts @ 8:00am

Ending @ 1:30

Location: The Fork- 411 Northside Dr E.  
Statesboro, Ga 30458

Statesboro AA Group- Hwy 80 and  
Savannah Ave. split

We will be grilling hotdogs and  
hamburgers for lunch!

Topics:

Alcoholics Anonymous in a Digital Age

An Informed Group Conscience: The

Voice of A.A.

Diversity in A.A.

Sponsorship

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**AREA 16**

**GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY**

# AA's Future Begins with Us

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

**Featured Speakers:**

**Mari G - Toronto, ON**

**Charlie Y - Savannah, GA**

**Steve S - Sherman Oaks, CA**

**Angie P - Cincinnati, OH**

**Donna H - Huntley, MT**

**Don M - Louisville, KY**

**Ellen C - Addison, TX (Al-Anon)**

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

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

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT:** Reserve rooms by September 29<sup>th</sup> & specify 58th Georgia Prepaid Convention to guarantee block rate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Group:  AA  Al-Anon  Alateen

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

Participate in following activities:  Golf  Motorcycle Poker Run  Boat Ride

Special Needs:  Wheelchair  Sight  Hearing  Other \_\_\_\_\_

See state web-site [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org) for on-line registration & printable registration form .  
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