

**AWSC MEETING MINUTES**  
**The Peanut Man / The Chocolate Factory**

**Saturday, May 4 2019,**  
**Approved 14 Sep 2019**

**The meeting opened at 10:00 AM** with the Serenity Prayers followed by introduction. Michael read out of the Service Manual pg. 17 our Concepts and Warranties.

**A motion to approve the January 12, 2019,** minutes was unanimously accepted with a first from Zermah and second from John.

**A motion to approve the treasurer's report** was unanimously accepted with a first from Nan, and a second from Susan.

**Alternate Delegates Report and Group Records – Bob Colburn**

Thank you for the support for my attendance at the Southeastern Regional Delegates Get Together in Myrtle Beach in March. It was wonderful to be a part of a conference that included present and past Delegates, Trustees and Alternate Delegates. Conference agenda items from last year's World Service Conference were discussed, business from SERDGT was conducted, and friendships were made and renewed. Dave B. did an awesome job as the host delegate and Linda R. attended as well in support of South Carolina. Next year's conference is in Puerto Rico so if you are considering running for Delegate this fall consider that as quite a perk!

Just a few weeks ago the World Service Office sent out the annual update sheet to all South Carolina groups. Please remind the GRs and or CMAs in your districts to compare the information listed to what is correct currently, and to the information on the South Carolina and World Service websites. Changes can be made, if necessary, at

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/changes-existing-al-anon-group/>. Please let me know at SCAFGGroupRecords@gmail.com if you make any changes.

Recently one of our GRs asked a great question regarding one of these changes...what is the difference between a Beginner's Meeting and an Introductory Meeting? That question had not come up in my two and a half year term as yet, and I must admit I did not know the answer! Thanks to our previous Alternate Delegate Diane F, the answer was found in the instructions for filling out the Group Records change form online. Imagine that!

Here is the answer...

**Beginners** Some groups may decide to hold special beginners' meetings in conjunction with the regular group meeting, to provide newcomers with a simple introduction to Al-Anon. These beginners' meetings are served by the Group Representative of the hosting A-Anon group, and do not register as a separate group. Check the "Beginners" box for these special beginner meetings. Other Al-Anon groups offer a beginner format as a way to attract newer members. These groups are registered separately and have a Group Representative. They may use "Beginner" as part of their group name. Do not check the "Beginners" box.

**Introductory** meetings can be held at institutions, such as hospitals, treatment centers, and shelters, or any other location where families and friends of alcoholics gather. Attendance changes frequently. Such a meeting is not considered an Al-Anon group and does not have its own Group Representative. Experienced Al-Anon members share the responsibilities for conducting introductory meetings and for inviting those in attendance to try a regular Al-Anon or Alateen meeting. Al-Anon groups, directly or through their district, are encouraged to help with the cost of literature and other expenses for introductory meetings. Members must comply with the security requirements of the meeting location.

### **TEAM update and Delegates** David Bryant

The dates selected for the 2020 World Service Conference are Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2020. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Sunday, April 19 and depart on Saturday, April 25. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451. In searching for a site to hold the Conference, the availability of adequate meeting space, hotel room costs, meal costs, and dates of religious holidays were factors in the selection of the dates and location.

#### A.A.'s International Convention with Al-Anon Participation

July 2 - 5, 2020

Detroit, Michigan

Online registration opens September 9, 2019

\$115.00 (USD)

\$140.00 (USD) after April 15, 2020

#### Al-Anon's International Convention with A.A. Participation

June 29 - July 2, 2023

Albuquerque, New Mexico

David gave his Action Is Attraction presentation and is still available -contact David.

David gave his TEAM presentation to be held Saturday, June 8, 2019

### **New Business**

The initial Convention Committee 2021 has been planned per Barbara O.

### **Old Business**

Margaret will pursue adding the officers to the insurance policy

No news yet from IRS on the status of 501c4

### **Coordinator and District Representative Reports**

**Forum Coordinator** – Jan Salvato – absent. Report given by Charlotte Hogue

I am Jan S. and I am the Area Forum Coordinator in South Carolina. I am unable to attend the June 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly, but I will be at the TEAM event. Thank you Nan, for reading my Report! At every meeting I attend, I talk about the use of the Forum. I make it a point to chair the meeting and then use a Forum article as a topic for our meeting. The stories bring to life, the importance of: sharing our experience, strength and hope. Nothing more and nothing less. I can

relate. Please remember to use this valuable resource for your meetings and fellowship. You can submit a writing at any time, even on line thru the WSO website.

I attend the District 9 monthly Al-Anon open Speaker meeting, at 2pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at the Alano Club. I hand out past issues of the Forum to anyone, who has not read one. I hand out subscription forms. An annual subscription is \$11. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum.

I attend our District 9 Business meeting to bring awareness to the GR's of the 20 Groups that the Forum is an important resource for our weekly meetings. I hand out subscription forms. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum. It is very helpful. Pass it on. Please see me and I will be happy to give you this information. The Forum is a valuable resource for our daily Recovery. It truly, is the 'Meeting in your Pocket', when you cannot get to a meeting.

Over these past 3 years, I have gained confidence in presenting the Forum in different events because it is so dear to my heart. Just this month, in the May 2019 Forum, there was an article on "Using the Revised Electronic Meeting Registration Form". I have time to review this at home. Also, the Audiobooks are listed on Page 7. I love the personalization of the: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. I would challenge anyone to step up to volunteer for the Area Forum Coordinator position. This position gave me the gentle 'push', I needed. It allowed me to go in a different direction with my skills.

This position has a Budget by the Area, and reimburses me for Travel to the AWSC and Assembly, if you submit an expense report. I can also be reimbursed for copies and materials to do the job. At Events, I usually have some fun by having a Drawing to give out a few paid-subscriptions for the Forum, which is provided by the Forum Budget.

**Website Administrator and Coordinator** – Amanda Childers – no update / absent

**SCAFG Literature Coordinator** – Tom Cassidy

The big news on the literature front is that the Just for Tonight Bookmark (M-81) was introduced in March. It's proving to be incredibly popular; it went into a second printing almost immediately, and the Raleigh Literature Distribution Center was sold out when I called. If you like it and you're using it, let me and WSO know. Send in your review to The Forum or to In the Loop..

And speaking of The Forum, "CAL Corner" is a regular feature of the magazine. As a week or so ago, they were particularly looking for articles on

☐ Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33),

☐ Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents (P-94),

☐ ...In All Our Affairs (B-15),

☐ Living Today in Alateen, and

☐ As We Understood... Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community.

Have any of these works –or portions of them—helped you? Why not tell your story, in about 300 words, and send it to Al-Anon World Service (Attn: Cal Corner). The point is not to tell us about the literature itself, but how it has helped you. Even if they don't publish it, the feedback is valuable!

## **2019 Convention Report Final - Clara, Teresa**

Thank you, South Carolina Al-Anon Family, for the opportunity to serve as the 2019 SCAFG Convention Chair. Thank you to the amazing officers, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Chairs and committee participants. Thank you to all who participated and attended the convention making it a wonderful and heartwarming experience.

### **Now for the numbers:**

#### **Attended:**

170 Pre-Registered

103 Walk-Ins

273 Total

244 Al-anon

15 Alateen (estimated)

14 AA (these are members who came to convention - not just to a single meeting)

### **Finances:**

Of the \$2500.00 seed money from the Area the committee is able to return \$2234.20. The difference is \$265.80. The check will be given to the Area Treasurer at the AWSC meeting on May 4, 2019

Each committee submitted their proposed budget, but some committees went over budget. Everyone tried to stay within budget, but in the interest of having a wonderful convention, some committees went over what they proposed. On the other hand, several committees made money – fund-raising, hospitality, and registration. With rising costs of hotels and services and a little decrease in member attendance, the 2019 Convention Committee did not break even.

With that being said, the 2019 Convention Committee after reviewing the mostly positive comments from attendees, believes that the convention was a success.

## **Reflector Editor and Coordinator -Charlotte**

I'm *The Reflector* Editor, the person who scrutinizes then publishes the news that is submitted by the Area Chair, the Delegate, the Alternate Delegate, the Group Records Coordinator, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Forum Coordinator, the Area Alateen Coordinator, the Literature Coordinator, Archives, AAPP, Public Outreach, the Web Site Coordinator AND the Group Representatives.

*The Reflector* is a great place to see everything that is happening in our Area 50. Find out about service reports, special events, announcements for Area/District workshops, Al-Anon conventions, TEAM events, group events, group birthdays, and to find inspiration and ideas for meetings and events.

*The Reflector* is **FREE** to those who sign onto the website: [al-anon-sc.org](http://al-anon-sc.org). Click on the Members Area, then scroll down to Archives. Enter the password: `scarea50`, all lower case. A paper copy can be mailed to you - three (3) issues when you submit \$12.00 to our treasurer, Sara.

*The Reflector* is for the members of Al-Anon and Alateen. Go to the website to see over ten years of information!

I'm leaving on a Jet Plane... so it is most important that I receive whatever you want published in the next Reflector by: Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> midnight, I'll repeat Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> midnight is the deadline for me to receive the information that you would like published in the Reflector. That is two weeks from today, so send me your reports sooner than later. Early submissions are accepted!

### **Area Alateen Coordinator Shannon Smith**

The 2019 State Convention in February was a very positive experience for the Alateen program. Approximately 14 Alateens attended, staying with either their parents, grandparents or Sponsors. Alateens participated by attending Speaker meetings/workshops and provided the Saturday evening entertainment by performing a skit written by Myra W., (a current AMIAS and past AAC). Evening Alateen meetings were also held to provide additional opportunities for the Alateens to bond with each other. The depth of sharing by these young people was absolutely incredible, a credit to their Group Sponsors and the willingness of each Alateen to pursue personal growth.

Marissa E and Mike J were the Alateen speakers, sharing their experience, strength, hope - and humor. The Alateen Workshop was attended by over 100 participants, who were encouraged to "dig deep" by the Alateens and get in touch with how their emotions were related to their relationships with others. The Alateen 4th Step Inventory booklet provided the framework, and participants were divided into groups of about 8-10 so everyone had an opportunity to share. At the end, a spokesperson shared what their group members discovered about themselves with all the workshop participants.

Best Seats in the House fundraising at Convention raised \$538.00. Because Area Alateen finances are strong this year, the Alateens decided to donate all of the money, with 30% going to WSO and 70% going to the Raleigh Literature Distribution Center in memory of Judy, who recently passed away.

Alateen literature sales and donations raised \$238.00, which was deposited into the Alateen checking account.

A detailed and updated financial report will be provided at Area Assembly next month.

### **2019 Alateen Conference (aka "Camp")**

The 2019 Alateen Conference will be held at Camp Kinard from August 23-25 this year. The theme will be "Keep an Open Mind". The cost will be \$110 to participate the entire weekend and \$15 for Saturday only registration. Be looking for a flyer on the website soon. We are really hoping to see an increased Al-Anon presence from 9am-5pm on August 24, when the Alateens will be sharing their program with the entire fellowship. Inspiring workshops and speaker meetings, lunch, and pool times/games will provide a great time for all. Please join us!

**Area Alateen Process Person Mike Melton - absent**

**Area Archivist Coordinator Nancy Bommer**

Looking at where we are with Archives in 2019, we have gathered a lot of information and continue to compile this for our Area. I continue to use the issues of the Reflector and old copies of the minutes in gathering information for our archives. We are very fortunate as many of you have assisted me in obtaining old issues of the Forum that have been added to our Archives. I have reported we are so fortunate to have hard copies of all of the Reflectors with the exception of four issues which is wonderful. We are still missing the following issues: No 4 – June/July 1979; No. 4 – June/July 1980; No. 6 – November/December 1982; No. 4 at July/August 1983. I continue to seek these copies and hopefully one day I will be able to report to you that they have become part of our SC Archives.

I also request that you send your group histories and Longtimer forms to me at Nancy Bommer, 403 Edisto Lake Road, Wagener, SC 29164 or to my email – [scflutter@aol.com](mailto:scflutter@aol.com). Each of your groups are encouraged also to place a copy of their group history in your group notebooks so that group's past will continue to be passed on. In August, your groups will be having elections and following your elections it is suggested that you update your group histories by sending me a copy and keeping a copy for your group notebooks.

I had requested that our districts forward me a copy of your minutes and reports to be placed into the Area Archives and I have received information from one district which we appreciate. I also suggested before you discard something about your district, you want to see if it is something Archives could use.

It is also exciting hearing from groups and districts wanting to obtain information from Archives. I will continue sorting and gathering more information about each district with lots of scanning to our Archives.

Keep the information about your groups and districts coming my way! Thanks for your enthusiasm as I know this is exciting for me to have this opportunity to compile and share with you.

**Public Outreach Chairperson Jodi Macko**

All DRs present at the 5/4/19 AWSC meeting will receive Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazines, Al-Anon posters and business cards. There is \$831.20 left in the budget for 2019.

The members' survey distributed at the last assembly and the Area Public Outreach Committee recommended spending the remainder of our funds on 1) professional packets in support of our ongoing campaign to engage those who most frequently refer families to our programs, 2) bookmarks for shelter and newcomer outreach, and 3) billboards.

Unfortunately, WSO is out of both professional packets and Just For Tonight bookmarks for an undetermined period of time, and we do not as of yet have the 501(c)4 status identifier needed to purchase billboard space at the reduced rates available for non-profit organizations. The committee will meet again once these issues are explored by the area po coordinator.

Beautiful Alateen posters were submitted for WSO approval. Approval was denied due to the use of copyrighted photos from the Forum. The committee is working to change the photos for resubmission. We will keep you posted! If any districts need more Al-Anon posters, they are available for download on our SC website Members' Area ([www.al-anon-sc.org](http://www.al-anon-sc.org)).

A new campaign to launch Public Service Announcements (PSAs) has begun. DRs will be educated about the campaign during the 5/4/19 AWSC meeting. In order to have our WSO approved announcements played by stations that have already received the pre-recorded PSAs, we need to find out who to contact at those stations. Radio and TV stations won't play the announcements unless they get requests from the public to play them. The trick is to find out which person at the station can actually get the announcements on the air. The first step in the campaign is to gather station contact information. Any member can do this:

- Please go to the SC Al-Anon Website at [www.al-anon-sc.org](http://www.al-anon-sc.org). Find the main menu. Click on Member's Area. In the member's area are two documents. One is a spreadsheet containing a list of all the radio and TV stations in SC that have already received PSAs from WSO. It also includes how many times those announcements have aired. We need volunteers to call those stations and find out who the contact person is.

- The second document is a script with instructions on what to say when calling a station. It provides step by step instructions on how to obtain the contact information from the station and what to do with the information once obtained.

Please ask your membership to consider calling a listed station in your area. If they follow the script, the contact information should be easy to obtain. If there are any questions, Jodi M. may be reached at [scdistrict2po@gmail.com](mailto:scdistrict2po@gmail.com).

## **2020 Convention in Greenville** Lisa Ungefug

I am excited to announce that the SC Convention will be held February 6 - 9, 2020 at the Hilton Greenville, SC. Please see the date!!!

We are moving along and the committee positions are filled with the exception of Hospitality and Entertainment. The registrations for this year will be \$25 without the early registration discount.

The cost of the venue is more than previously figured. This increase is due to the fact that we used the numbers from last years' convention were lower than I had quoted previously given to the hotel. The hotel worked with us and used the cost of coffee per day per person to cover the fee for the use of the facility.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE HOSTING WITH DISTRICT 2 THE CONVENTION AND HAVING YOU HERE IN THE UPSTATE AND JOINING US IN CELEBRATING IN ALL OF OUR RECOVERY!

## **District 2 Representative Report** John Macko

We held our District Meeting on Sunday, April 28th. We discussed the T.E.A.M. event, the 2020 Convention and ways our groups can welcome those who come to Al-Anon because "someone I love is addicted to drugs". Jodi M. explained how to find PSA info on the SC web site.

So far this year I have visited 15 out of 17 meetings. Most groups are doing well, two are struggling with declining numbers.

Spartan AFG, the oldest continuous meeting in South Carolina celebrated their 62nd anniversary on April 23rd with a covered dish and a speaker.

### **District 3 Representative Report Nan C. Moore**

In the last few months our groups have have been active and busy in their in their meetings and fellowship. Several groups have been talking up the coming elections for their groups as well as for the District and Area. We as a District are excited to share that one group, that has not given to the District in years, has stepped up and chosen to give annually to the District. I have stressed to the GR of this group how they should be proud for having worked at being the type of trusted servant that is encouraging, challenging and direct about “Doing the next right thing” when it comes to helping a group to understand “The Seventh Tradition” and abundance within their group and the District. Bravo!! Growth happening at the District level. We will be having our Spring All Day and our next District Meeting on May 18th at No Where But Up AFG at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Aiken SC starting at 10 AM. The District Meeting will be held immediately following the All Day. At the up coming District Meeting we will be discussing up coming elections, the information from AWSC and Ami C. our District Public Outreach Person will be discussing her up coming recommended District project. She has done the leg work with others to begin an effort to distribute to Aiken County Sheriff’s Department officers informational packets including meeting lists and several pamphlets to hand out when they have calls that involve alcohol. The Sheriff’s Department initially has responded openly. Bravo!! Our Public Outreach at work. Finally some of our groups sent David B. small gifts to hand out while at World Service Conference. Thank You District Three!!!!

### **District 4 Representative Report Barbara M. O’Donnell**

Groups have remained the same with 20 Active AFG, one Alateen AFG. At the March District Four Meeting, the Group Reps voted to not hold the next District business meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> as the New District Event will be held the prior day. If there is pressing business, the District Rep will call an ad hoc meeting. Time has been allotted at the new District Four Event to discuss service. The remaining 2019 District meetings are in Sept and Nov.

An initial planning meeting for the annual District Holiday Dinner in December will be held tomorrow on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May with members of the Happy Hour AFG, Back Door AFG and Sunday Serenity AFG. District Treasurer Janet L., has reworked the Calendars for the rotation of the District Answering Service, Holiday Dinner. In March, The GR’s voted to discontinue the P.O.



BOX as it is not used by the District and the two Meetings in District Five listed on District Four Printed schedule have also been removed.

Members on two other sub committees for Public Outreach, with Lis B. Coordinator and District Event Chair Joelyn M. both of Sparkleberry AFG, meet between District meetings. Lis is also serving on the Area Outreach Committee and will participate with TEAM EVENT in June.

The District Four Fellowship Event will be on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00AM to 4:PM, registration begins @ 9:00AM. Ashland United Methodist Church 2600 Ashland Road Columbia, Sc 29210. An email has been established for question [SCAFGD4.Events@gmail.com](mailto:SCAFGD4.Events@gmail.com). There will be workshops, speakers and food with suggested \$5 donation.

**District 6 Representative Report** Teresa – Teresa was absent but sent her report District 6 is rolling right along with activities and out-reach projects.

The Summerville Inter-group is sponsoring and information session at the county library in Summerville once a month. Two sessions have been held so far with no one attending, but the group will persevere. The inter-group also ordered copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to be distributed by groups on this end of the district. The project to distribute Alateen literature to the Dorchester 2 School District was put on hold as the as the Dorchester County Mental Health School based clinicians denied the request to supply counselors with Alateen information. After discussion, the group is planning to work with District 7 in a joint effort to reach out to Charleston and Dorchester Mental Health agencies. They will also be looking into a joint effort to reach MUSC nursing students as well. One of the intergroup members has been asked to serve on the Area Public Outreach Committee. They have several projects in the works and will work to avoid duplication on the group, district, and state level. Transformation AFG has a public outreach project to the Senior Center on Doty in Summerville. They supply the new booklet Hope for Parents and Grandparents of Alcoholics in their main foyer rack. They also sent bookmarks as a love gift to WSC.

The Beaufort area AIS is very active also. Their April's fifth Sunday Principles Above Personality was attended by 45 people. The speaker was Martha G. Their next fifth Sunday meeting is June 30th. They are planning a Spring Fling Picnic at Jarvis Creek Park on Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30-4:00. They will have hotdogs and drinks and are asking everyone to bring a covered dish and games to play. Groups in the Beaufort area continue to meet with attendance ups and downs. They are finding a problem with filling some service positions. They are working on that and will be looking for creative solutions.

The next District Six meeting will be May 18th in Walterboro.

**District 7 Representative Report** Clara Tala -no report received

**District 8 Representative Report** Suzanne Jankovsky

- We had a call to service on March 2, to fill the DR position, Alternate DR, and District Secretary positions. I was elected to replace Noreen as DR and Elaine C. was elected to replace Dave T. as secretary. We are still looking for an alternate.
- Our next District meeting will be May 11, 2019.
- I am planning on attending meetings in our district to introduce myself.
- We are having our All-day September 7 at the Alano Club in Myrtle Beach and my home group, Grace AFG, is hosting.

**District 9 Representative Report** Zermah Dawes

- Serenity Day will be Saturday September 21 at Pleasant Ridge State Park
- District meetings are every other month on Tuesday at 6 pm with good participation, about 25 attending
- Alateen meetings – there are 2 with 3 to 5 attending. We need AMIA's.
- District had excess funds and voted to reimburse expense for the TEAM event.
- Public Outreach efforts. AFA's being purchased and billboards being considered.
- Monthly speaker meetings at Alano Club house with about 50 attending.
- A lot of discussions and encouragement about elections in August for GR's.
- Convention planning meetings have had good attendance with 20 – 25 members.

**Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration**