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CHAIRPERSON: SHELLEY C.

Hello North Florida!

In our last Legacy I talked about our upcoming area elections that will be held at the October Assembly. I can't believe that's just around the corner. In order to give you more information about area positions the officers and coordinators have included their "job descriptions" in this issue of The Legacy. Please keep in mind this is our opinion and the way we have chosen to carry out our responsibilities, one way to do it but not the only way. You can find more information in the World Service Office (WSO) guidelines as well as the Service Manual. We will also have information sessions at Spring Assembly and Group Representatives (GRs) will take what they learned back to their groups. If you would like more information on a particular position, ask your GR or better yet, come to Assembly in May to see for yourself. All Al-Anon members are more than welcome to attend!

This is how I have carried out the position of Area Chair:

North Florida Area Chairperson

Job Description

A Chairman should have leadership and organizational ability, serving rather than dictating. It is essential to be able to plan an agenda and conduct meetings in an orderly manner. Communication and cooperation with others are key elements of good chairmanship. (2010-2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, page 150)

There are three main areas of responsibility for the North Florida Area Chairperson:

1. Conduct four area meetings per year, two Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings and two Area Assemblies. In addition to leading the meetings, it is also necessary to assign specific responsibilities to the districts, such as hospitality, registration, Sgt-at-arms, and others; create a seating chart for AWSC and Assembly; create an agenda for each meeting; and hold

- an officers' meeting prior to each meeting.
2. Coordinate and be the point of contact with our host hotel. This means the chair needs to schedule the four meetings for the following year, signing contracts representing the area; decide the room setup for the meeting and hospitality rooms and order any food or drinks; and along with the Area Treasurer, reconcile the hotel bill for each weekend.
3. Be a point of contact for the area. It is necessary for the Area Chair to be available either by phone or email to answer questions or address issues that arise between meetings.

This position of service has taught me so much about myself. My procrastination issues, and others, are still a work in progress. I am learning to be honest with myself and others, admitting when I am wrong or when I don't know. I am learning how to be responsible, but not controlling. I am learning how to work with others, to listen and speak up when necessary. I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity and know my Higher Power will lead me to my next step in service.

Please take a moment to pray and consider what your next step in service might be: At the area? In your district? In your group? Service at each level is necessary and important to the fellowship and I believe to our personal growth. Where will your Higher Power lead you?

Love in Service

Shelley C.

Panel 49 Area Chair

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SECRETARY: LOIS M.

You may not know this, but I have some defects of character. I know. And I'm sorry I'm shocking you. The truth is, I've been in the program so long that I don't even make a pretext of being perfect. I laugh at myself. I have a good friend who says "we all screw up. That's the secret. You just keep coming back."

The difference in the program, that we for the most part, don't judge a person for their faults. We are adults. We know how to set boundaries. We know who is safe for us to be around. We know those we would do service with, but not share secrets with. Yes, I know there are cliques in the program and pack leaders. If the pack leader doesn't like you, no one in that group can like you. But, those are the minority. I know my Mom was like that and I understand their fear.

There is also the physical stamina. Some service can be taxing on your physical health. A clear mind can be hard as well. Organization is equally important. A good basic knowledge of the computer is needed for most Area service positions. What you have on your computer can be important as well when it comes to downloading and passing on information so it is in a format that most people can use.

The most important thing to remember is that you are **accountable** if you take a position. You need to **be available** and you **need to communicate** with the panel members. You must be able to be reached. You may have a deadline in which to complete something. You might be asked to do something else and be expected to complete the task.

Are you up to the challenge? Well, I guess we'll see. Hmmmmmmm.

Yours in Service,

Lois M.-Panel 49 North Florida Secretary

North Florida Area Secretary

Job Description

North Florida Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Attends the AWSC meetings twice a year, usually March and August, over the three-year term of each North Florida Area Panel.
2. Takes the minutes of each AWSC meeting, which consists of reports from the Area Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Area Coordinators and Area Event Chairs, as well as, any reports from District Representatives. Prepares a draft of the minutes for

each Officer to review, before sending out to the Area Coordinators and District Representatives.

- Keeps a Roll Call of Panel Attendees. Maintains and updates the current Procedure Binder for North Florida Area.

North Florida Area Assembly Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attends the Area Assemblies twice a year, usually in June and October, over the three-year term of each North Florida Area Panel.
- Takes the minutes of each Assembly Meeting, which consists of reports from the Area Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Area Coordinators and Area Event Chairs, as well as any reports from District Representatives. Prepares a draft of the minutes for each Officer to review, before sending out to the Area Coordinators and District Representatives.
- Takes an Official count of all Voting and Non-Voting attendees.

General:

- Updates the Convention and Motion Succession Records (keeps a record of all motions).
- Works with the Panel Officers on any matters of importance, maintaining confidentiality.
- Takes on any other responsibility required by the Area Chairperson.
- Updates and distributes the North Florida Current Mailing Address (CMA) list to the North Florida Panel.

North Florida Position Requirements:

- Not a member of AA.
- Has not served a full three-year term in the position for which you are standing.
- Served as DR for a full three-year term and have been inactive on the N FL AWSC for no more than three years.
- DR's who have served a full three-year term and who are current voting members of the N FL AWSC.
- Outgoing and former N FL AISL's who have completed a full three-year term and who are outgoing or past GR's and have been inactive on the N FL AWSC for no more than three years.

**AREA DELEGATE:
TERRY F.**

Hello again to the North Florida Area! Wow, we really are in year three of our Panel. How quickly time flies!!! Since the

Assembly in December 2010, there has been a steady stream of activities and deadlines as the 2011 World Service Conference approaches in April.

SERDGT:

I attended the Southeast Regional Delegate's Get-Together February 3-5, 2011 in Raleigh, North Carolina. While at the SERDGT, the Trustee from our region which is the Southeast Region gave a very detailed Trustee report. All past and current Delegates also had the opportunity to submit "timely topics" on issues Areas in our region are facing. Twenty-five topics were submitted; similar topics combined, voted on in terms of priority, and as time allowed the topics were then discussed during the weekend.

Committees:

For several months, I've been part of a World Service Conference Task Force preparing a document we're hoping to be ready by the 2011 World Service Conference (WSC). Reports are that the WSC timeline for the document to be ready looks promising. If final approval is made, the document will be put into use later this year. I also chaired the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT), and sat on a Regional Committee on Trustees, (RCT). The CCT and the RCT will also take part in a special Trustee at Large and Regional Trustee appointment process in mid March up through the World Service Conference in April.

2011 World Service Conference Details:

The 2011 World Service Conference will be held April 11-15, 2011. It will again be held in Norfolk, Virginia at the Wyndham Hotel, where it's been the two previous years. As a Panel 49 Delegate, I will have the opportunity to visit Stepping Stones, the home of our co-founder Lois W. and Bill W. co-founder of A.A., on Sunday the 10th in the morning, before traveling to the Conference site. Thought Forces, Task Forces, and Committees will meet on Monday to continue or finalize work before the Conference begins. The theme of the 2011 Conference is:

Expanding our community of hope by embracing:

**Yesterday's foundations
Today's successes
Tomorrow's possibilities**

Ampliamos nuestra comunidad de esperanza al acoger:

**los cimientos del pasado
los éxitos del presente
las posibilidades del futuro**

Élargir notre communauté d'espoir en intégrant:

Les bases d'hier

Les succès d'aujourd'hui Les possibilités de demain

As you hopefully also know, this year, Al-Anon Family Groups also celebrates its 60th Anniversary with an open house Saturday, April 16, 2011, 1:00-4:00 pm. There will be a special ceremony at 3 pm.

commemorating paying off the WSO's mortgage at WSO, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454.

Continuing the celebration, there will be a 60th Anniversary Banquet, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, which will be a ticketed event with limited seating, Saturday, April 16, 2011; Reception 6:00 – 6:45 pm; Banquet at 7:00 pm.

Love gifts:

As a reminder, love gifts sent are not for or about one Delegate, but about all the Conference members. They are sent by each district in each of the 67 Area to show appreciation for the Conference members' participation in the World Service Conference.

I will say however, that getting mail while at the World Service Conference from members and groups in the area is very special.

Property Ownership Discussion:

Lois said once, "There is no difference between good business practice and good spiritual practice". As you may remember, the 15-year trial of owning our World Service Office will end in 2011. At that time, the Conference having looked at all the information obtained during the trial will vote to end the trial and keep the property, end the trial and sell the property, or continue the trial for another period of time.

Diversity:

I'm happy to report that the discussion regarding diversity within and outside of groups continues. Some districts in our Area have increased their interest in having discussions regarding diversity. One of the World Service Conference (WSC) presentations will likely be on cultural diversity again this year, a chosen agenda item at the World Service Conference will cover diversity this year, one of the topics chosen by our TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) task force and presented by a World Service Office (WSO) TEAM Task Force member will address diversity, and it continues to be a topic of ongoing discussion by the Board of Trustees. Please help to keep the conversations going in your districts and groups.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD LETTER

The entire Chairman of the Board letter including updates, and past letters can be found on the members' website by clicking the Inside the WSO link. However, here are a few highlights from the most recent letter:

"This past quarter, the Board heard a report regarding implementation of some of the strategies identified by the "Integrating Alateen into AI-Anon where no Alateen meetings exist" Thought Force and discussed at the 2010 World Service Conference. Staff members in the Member Services section are acting as a Task Force to develop a timeline and plan for implementation of several identified strategies.

- The Board of Trustees continued its process of reviewing and revising its Strategic Plan to better serve the needs of the organization and to incorporate the strategies into the Operational Plan of the Staff. We began the process in October 2010 and conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis at the January 2011 Quarterly Board meeting. We plan to formulate and prioritize our goals and objectives at the April Special Board meeting.

One more exciting piece of news is that a title has been selected for AI-Anon's new book:

Many Voices, One Journey. This book is the story of growth and recovery of the fellowship and its members over the past 60 years."

POLICY UPDATE

The purpose of the Policy Update sent each quarter with the Chairperson of the Board's letter is to provide Delegates with information regarding:

- Current discussions by the Policy Committee in response to questions and concerns generated by the fellowship.
- Pending motions to be presented to the next World Service Conference (WSC).
- In the case of the second quarter letter, Policy motions passed by the WSC.

Current Discussions:

- By consensus, the Committee agreed upon a strategy to reorganize the "Public Relations" section of the *Policy Digest*. The new structure for the section will be organized according to AI-Anon principles. A Task Force will be formed to recommend changes to the section.
- The Committee further discussed the question of applying the "Do Not Refer

Code" to meetings that are believed by their Areas to be in violation of the Traditions. A Task Force will be appointed to create a framework for discussion of this topic at the 2011 World Service Conference. One aspect of this issue would be to define criteria that would determine cause for delisting, and reason for listing that meeting again.

- The Committee approved the WSO moving forward with the creation of a "passive" Web page on one or more social networking sites, while taking care to ensure that no AI-Anon member's anonymity is broken on any such Web page.
- The Committee agreed to allow the World Service Office to begin sending e-mail to the group CMAs, provided that the office adheres to procedures that limit the type of information shared by e-mail and allow the CMAs to opt in to this process.

In Closing:

As we move through our last year of Panel 49, we will continue to focus on leadership at all service levels, especially as we will be voting in a new Panel which begins January 2012 for districts and our Area. We will also continue to look at how to use our Legacies at all levels of service.

I look forward to continuing to learn, laugh, and grow with you during the next year. And remember you can invite me to visit your districts or events.

***Love in service,
Terry F. Delegate Panel 49***

Delegate Job Description

1. Attend two Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings per year, a total of six in three years and give a written report at each. While at the AWSC, chair the Friday night AI-Anon Information Service Liaison (AISL) and Area Coordinator meeting.
2. Attend two Area Assemblies per year, a total of six in three years and give a written report at each. Attend Officers' meetings and meetings between the Area Coordinators and Officers. Chair Action Committees, Thought and/or Task Forces as required or participate on these committees and Thought/Task Forces as assigned.
3. Communicate with Area Officers between Area meetings regarding Area concerns that arise.
4. Work with the Alternate Delegate when possible to submit an agenda item for the World Service Conference (WSC) agenda.
5. Participate on Area Thought/Task Forces between Area meetings.
6. Have a working knowledge in the use of computer technology to access, utilize, and share information from the WSO website called ecommunities, e-mail and attachments, navigating other AI-Anon websites, and power point presentations.
7. Visit districts and district events in the Area when invited.
8. Attend the South East Regional Delegates' Get-Together (SERDGT) once a year and give a written report at the SERDGT.
9. Throughout each of the three years, participate in WSC Committees, Thought and Task Forces on various projects assigned by the Chairman of the Board.
10. Attend and participate on WSC Committees, Thought and Task Forces to continue or finalize work done throughout the year, the day prior to the World Service Conference (WSC).
11. Attend and participate in the week long World Service Conference (WSC) once a year and bring back to the Area information and decisions made at each Conference.
12. Be a resource and support to members throughout the Area who contact the Delegate regarding questions and concerns he or she may have in his/her groups, districts, in the Area, and with AI-Anon as a whole.
13. Study and understand the Concepts of service, the Conference structure, and Conference decisions.
14. Be a liaison between the Area and the World Service Conference (WSC) and WSO.
15. Gain understanding of AI-Anon as a whole and awareness of the needs of the worldwide fellowship.
16. Educate the membership of the importance of finding qualified members to apply to be on the Board of Trustees, and encourage members to submit resumes for the Board of Trustees.

ALATEEN: ELSA C.

North Florida Area Alateen Coordinator

You might not be aware of all the responsibilities and duties of North Florida Area Alateen Coordinator. Let me share with you the requirements taken from the Al-Anon Service Manual 2010-2013, page 68:

The Alateen Area Coordinator provides up-to-date information from WSO to the groups within the Area. In order to perform these duties as an Area Alateen Coordinator, you must be certified as an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) in the Area you serve.

These are the only requirements in our service manual. There are additional qualities that are useful as the North Florida Area Alateen Coordinator. They include:

- Being a strong communicator
- Being comfortable with computers – specifically:
 1. PowerPoint
 2. The e-communities website
 3. Email communications
- Create multiple quarterly reports
- Pass along Alateen information from the North Florida Area, as well as the WSO.
- Working closely with the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
- Be willing to travel to the twelve districts in the North Florida Area in order to supervise and conduct AMIAS trainings.

Now that I have given you the North Florida Area Alateen Coordinator responsibilities and duties, let me share with you what our Area has been accomplishing since our fall assembly. Bobbi and I have been busy conducting and observing AMIAS trainings in the different districts. We now have authorized local trainers in Districts 4, 5, 7, 11 & 12. We still have openings to conduct trainings or observations for April. We will be conducting AMIAS TRAINING DURING THE FALL ASSEMBLY AT THE HILTON IN OCALA. The training will be after the Friday opening. Marilu M. from District 9 will be conducting the training for approval as the trainer for her district.

The PowerPoint presentation created by WSO and customized by Panel 49 for the North Florida requirements, has proven to be a valuable tool for AMIAS training. It requires updating. There are minor changes that will be completed in July. We need

to communicate to all who are interested in becoming trainers to print off the notes version of the presentation for their personal use, during trainings. This requires someone to print it from Microsoft PowerPoint and not the viewer included with the CD's. All authorized trainers need to remember, your district will be responsible for printing all materials to be used at their training.

On March 19, 2011, I participated in a conference call conducted by the WSO with all Alateen Coordinators from around the country. It was amazing to see through modern technology how we all were connected and able to share our experience, strength and hope about dealing with Alateen meetings and AMIAS's. Our concerns were the same; not enough AMIAS and too few Alateens present at meetings. All of us agreed that we need to find more ways to get the word out to the teens and get them into the rooms. We also agreed that using public outreach to hook the teens is not the right method. To be able to reach other teens in need, we need to have strong Alateens in recovery. The Eleventh Tradition tells us to use attraction, rather than promotion, to spread the message. The question was, "How are we going to make the meetings interesting and motivate teens to attend?" The e-communities web site has a blog for Alateen Coordinators to share what is going on in their areas. They are also planning to add a site for AMIAS to share their experience, strength and hope about their meetings. We can find out what works for others.

Other areas already have chat rooms. There was concern that they did not have enough teens in recovery to participate in the chat rooms with other teens. It has been more about a teen talking "one on one" with the AMIAS. Mary Lou from WSO advised to avoid such situations. The chat rooms are for teens. AMIAS are only there to monitor the meeting. At our AWSC meeting held March 5th, I requested the Group Representatives and Alateen Chairs to take the chat room idea to their districts. We need to see if there is enough support within the districts to request a chat room.

Another concern we had was about anonymity at the meetings. AMIAS need to remember to abide by it at all times. Again, the Eleventh Tradition reminds us that it is important to use special care to protect the Alateen's anonymity. We cannot share what the teens are sharing, with other Al-Anon members or a teen's parents.

This is all for now. More will come. Stay tuned. Together we can make a difference.

Your grateful and trusted servant,
Elsa C.

ALATEEN(AAPP): BOBBI M.

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) Job Description

- Member must be "willing" to serve the program of Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Have knowledge of our North Florida Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements
- Communicate on a regular basis with the Area Alateen Coordinator.
- Member will attend Area World Service Committee (ASWC) meetings; held twice a year; as well as Area Assembly held twice a year.
- Member should have computer access/or other means of maintaining the Area listing of Al-non Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS) in addition to our Area Alateen groups.
- Have access to computer to view and print, when necessary, information forwarded from World Service Office via the E-community site for Area Alateen Process Person.
- Member needs to be "willing" to travel our North Florida Area to assist or facilitate our North Florida Area Safety and Behavioral training/orientation sessions.
- The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) will need to establish with Districts, a "process" for knowledge and information of who will be; "receiving," and "sending," District records. This includes Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen (AMIAS), Status Change form, and the Alateen Registration/Group Records Change Form (G-3). Communication between Area and Districts is a necessity.
- Receive from all Districts, listing of members who have/had attended the North Florida Area required training/orientation sessions in their District(s) and denote information on data sheets. Districts are required to submit this information in a timely manner to Area.
- Submit Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service form, and Alateen Group Registration/Change Form (G-3) to World Service Office. When records are returned from World Service Office copies are to be forwarded to the applicable District trusted servant receiving records. Original copies are maintained in Area's file. Verify prior to forwarding records to World Service Office, records are legible and complete.
- Participate in Conference Calls generat-

ed by World Service Office for all Alateen Process Person's worldwide. Complete and return World Service Office Annual Recertification Listing on an Annual basis.

- Make distribution to all Districts on a regular basis, data sheets, noting member's status according to Area records. (The listing includes name, WSO ID#, personal information, along with last training/orientation session attended.) Listing of District Alateen groups should also be given to Districts at this time.
- Maintain a filing system for all Area records. All records are confidential and should be treated as such. Obsolete or old records should be shredded rather than thrown away.

**GROUP RECORDS:
TERRY ANNE A.**

We are currently experiencing many new developments in this particular area of the World Service Office. The biggest change has been that as Area Coordinators we are given the ability to adjust all current records in the WSO database on-line for our particular Area. This requires new procedures, policies and lessons.

As Group Records Coordinator you are responsible for making all changes to group records at the Area and WSO levels. Changes now come from individuals, Group Representatives, District Group Records Chairs, as well as the World Service Office. The information comes via regular US mail, email or simply handed to me. I do request that all changes be in written form with at least two methods of identification, such as WSO ID #, name of group, time and location of meeting and so forth. It's important to be sure we are updating the correct group.

A good level of organization, reasonable computer skills, and a keen eye for detail would be the most important skills required for this service position. The most important personal trait would be willingness. The biggest opportunity I have discovered is major program growth.

Please talk to me if you are interested in this position. I look forward to the chance to share all the new things I've learned.

With Deep Gratitude in Service,
Terry Anne A.

**NEWSLETTER:
TONI C.**

North Florida Area Newsletter Editor

Job Description

Area Newsletter Editor: provides up-to-date information to the groups within the Area from the AWSC. (2010-2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, page 68)

North Florida Position Requirements:

- Not a member of AA (Alcoholics Anonymous).
- Has not served a full three-year term in the position for which you are standing.

Responsibilities:

- Attends the AWSC meetings twice a year and gives a written report at each over the three-year term of each North Florida Area Panel.
- Attends the Area Assemblies twice a year and gives a written report at each over the three-year term of each North Florida Area Panel.
- Four issues of *The Legacy* are currently published every year. A deadline is announced at Assembly in the newsletter editors written report and at the AWSC for the NFA Officers, Coordinators, and 12 District Representatives to submit Legacy reports via email two weeks after the area business meeting. The reports are currently copied and pasted in newsletter format in Microsoft Office Publisher 2007 after being edited by correcting grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and keeping the basic content intact.
- After placing the newsletter in PDF (Portable Document Format), one copy of the newsletter is printed. Myself and a trusted servant (retired school teacher) proof-read the newsletter. Corrections are made before submitting to the printer or emailing in a PDF to the NFA Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives and AISLs who pass on to their district group rep-

resentatives. Personal information is deleted and sent to the NFA webmaster to proof read for personal information before placing on the area website. My district webmaster proof reads the web copy for personal information before I send in email to the twelve District Representatives to pass on to their district webmasters for district websites.

- The newsletter can be transferred to a thumb drive and taken to the printer or sent via email in a PDF. In the last few years, *The Legacy* has been printed in a total of 12 pages. Currently, there are 20 newsletters printed every issue, which are then folded and placed in manila envelopes, addressed, add postage and mailed. One of the printed copies of *The Legacy* is placed in a notebook sleeve and placed into the newsletter archive notebook.
- The postal addresses and subscriptions are in a Microsoft Office Excel file which is easily updated and lets you know when a subscription is due to expire. Subscribers are contacted via email, phone or mail when subscriptions are due to run out.

**PUBLIC
OUTREACH:
KATHY H.**

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2011 Second Printing orders have arrived! This is the membership's most significant Public Outreach effort. The purpose of AFA is to help those in need to find their way to a meeting. Not to convince professionals of the merits of Al-Anon. Having professionals share in the publication adds a credibility of purpose that the public respects. The ultimate GOAL of the biannual campaign: **Every Member and Every Group Participate.** Discuss in your groups opportunities to deliver AFA's in your area. Report back to the group your experience. Encourage others to participate.

Order blanks are already available to order for 2012...Deadline to order is July 6, 2011 for September delivery.

Just in time to participate in events Celebrating Recovery! Order now and you don't have to worry about the deadline.

*Groups and members that are participating in the AFA campaign should remember to bring a **Hand** to assembly for the banners!*

Dozens of radio stations throughout North Florida have received the new PSA from WSO. WSO goes to considerable effort with this campaign. Thus far, only one station has aired the PSA in our NF listening area during this campaign. However, the impact of that one station is enormous!!!! WJXL 103.1 in Jacksonville the #1 (sports station) played all of the 30 second English spots in 1,872 airplays creating 15,912,000 impressions! You can influence your local stations to play the PSA. Consider answering the call to participate in your district outreach efforts.

- Form a team in your district to contact local stations and *ask* them to air the PSA
- Follow up with a thank you and repeat the thank you if the PSA is aired.
- If they have misplaced the PSA offer to let them make a copy of yours
- Check to see your meeting dates and times are listed in your local papers and church bulletins.

Hands Across North Florida We continue to collect hands and display our banners throughout the panel. This is a "Groups in Service" opportunity to share PO activities that groups and members are participating in. Plenty of room to add **HANDS...be sure to give your Hands to your GR to bring to assembly.**

Participation in NFA Events:

The Assembly has approved a budget line item for the area to participate in a Public Outreach project(s). There are opportunities throughout the state that would benefit from our area participation. Last year, we had a presence at the National AARP Convention that was well received. During the assembly task force, GR's identified three areas to focus PO efforts throughout this panel. The areas are reaching out to;

1. First responders
2. Families of children in coordinated day care
3. Health Fairs

Your DR will be asking for your input to identify opportunities that are available in the NFA that we can approach as an area. A report of these suggestions will be available at assembly.

Are you willing to participate in a WSO podcast? These podcasts are available on the WSO Public Outreach Web site at www.al-anon.alateen.org for people who are looking for help, although they probably have never attended an Al-Anon meeting before. Your participation might help these folks to overcome their fears and decide to attend their very first Al-Anon/Alateen meeting.

Tell your Al-Anon friends that they too can participate in a WSO podcast. If they are interested in helping with this project, they can contact Dolores T. by e-mail at wso@al-anon.org, Attn: Dolores in the subject line and include their name and phone number.

Handful of hugs to all of North Florida! You all have stepped to the plate in your districts and are living our declaration. The reports your DR's bring to AWSC are heartwarming and the word is getting to those in need.

Keep up the good work.

Kathy H.

**WEBMASTER:
SHARON E.**

Month	Unique Visitors	Number of Visits
Dec 2010	1312	1781
Jan 2011	1898	2515
Feb 2011	1839	2338

What's Happening with the Website

Have you seen the new website? What do you like or dislike about it? What would you like to see on it that we don't have yet? Remember, this is OUR website - does it truly represent all of us in the North Florida Area? If you feel it doesn't, please contribute to making it better!

Some of the guidelines and other doc-

uments have been posted to the new site and more will be added as I receive them and as time allows. The links to the District websites is working well with a couple of exceptions: District 5 does not have a website, so the meeting link opens a PDF document of the District 5 meeting list. Also, the District 6 website appears to be MIA. The District 6 DR has been made aware of this issue via email and hopefully, it will be resolved soon.

I haven't added the Panel email addresses to the website yet, but plan to do so in the next week or so. Right now, I'm still ironing out a small issue with the mailboxes with panel members. This too, should be corrected soon.

I'm looking for a volunteer to help design an Alateen page for our website. Are you interested? If so, please send me an email.

As always, I am grateful to be of service.

Your Web Diva,
Sharon E.

**DISTRICT 1 REP:
GEORGE G.**

District 1 held a gratitude dinner in Tallahassee on the evening of March 19. The event was well attended and there was a wonderful and tasty variety of food brought as potluck dishes. Andie S., was our speaker and did a wonderful job sharing her recovery in Al-Anon. One of our members wrote a skit that was performed and very well received, both for its humor and its meaningful message. We had a TEAM event display that generated a significant amount of interest. We also had a surprising number of raffle items donated and as a pleasant bonus were able to raise sufficient funds beyond our costs to send a Growth Investment Person to the spring assembly. My heart is filled with gratitude for all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this event possible.

George G.

**DISTRICT 3 REP:
ARLENE W.**

Guess what? I think I am starting to understand the position of District Representative. I have heard from other members in service that by the time you understand your position it's time to pass it on to the next willing member. This final year as DR, as I understand it, is devoted to understanding the Election Procedures so Al-Anon will continue to help as many people find recovery through the Twelve Steps, Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties.

The growth that comes from service is something that could not be explained to me from anyone, for me the growth came from doing the actions.

Our first workshop for 2011, was a Book Study on Discovering Choices. The attendance was good, even though I wished it had been better. There goes my wanting to control. This December, we are planning a Fun Day connected with a Turnover Meeting for our district. Hopefully, the message for this workshop and turnover meeting will be brought to the attention of all the members long before the event.

We still have a few positions to be filled, but on the whole everything in our District is going great. We have ample participation with love and care for the program.

Hugs with lots of love,

Arlene W.

**DISTRICT 7 REP:
KIM P.**

There is so much going on this year in our district and the North Florida Area. How exciting! With all of the Al-Anon/Alateen activities, opportunities for service are in abundance. Our District Day of Workshops is right around the corner and our Gratitude Dinner is already in the planning stages. As a district we are gearing up for elections that will take place this year within the groups and at the district level. This means we will be reviewing our election proce-

dures and checking them twice. It is an exciting time here in District 7 and within the N Fl Area. Service is one of our three legacies. Jump on board. Participation is the key to harmony.

Kim P.- District 7 Rep.

**DISTRICT 9 REP:
MARILU G.**

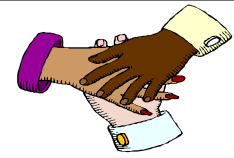
All District 9 groups are going strong with a slight increase of participation by men. One group even reported that they had more men than women at one of their meetings. Many groups are seeing newcomers who are returning on a regular basis. The groups are experimenting with different formats and finding that this enlivens participation.

INFORMATION SERVICE

All committees have active chair people. We still struggle with updating our web site but have a valiant volunteer who hopes to conquer this task. Though we have had vacancies, they do not stay vacant for long. The officers of this panel cooperate and enthusiastically take needs back to their groups.

We have one Alateen group in place and, though it is progressing slowly, it is progressing.

Marilu McG.



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North Florida Area

Alateen Round Up

May 7, 2011

Anastasia State Park

Sea Turtle Pavilion

3140 A-A1A South

St. Augustine

9 am-5 pm

Registration \$15

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Life-size board game

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