



ALA-TALK

Area 30 (www.msafg.org)

Spring 2021

From the Delegate's Desk

The theme of this year's World Service Conference is "Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance". As outgoing delegates, we were asked to prepare a brief talk, which I will give at Conference, about how service has impacted our recovery as it relates to this theme. As you contemplate serving next year and what position you may want to stand for this fall, I thought my story which follows may be helpful:

More cunning than 9/11, more baffling than the oil recession and more powerful than Hurricane Katrina. Prior to Al-Anon I owned a business and experienced several monumental tests of my physical, mental, and spiritual resources. None however, compared to the challenge of living with active alcoholism and the abuse it engendered. Every day I felt as if I were at the bottom of a miry pit, trying to climb up for air.

In Al-Anon I discovered I was a volunteer not a victim and had a choice whether to remain in a toxic environment. Through my home groups I eventually found my voice, my self-confidence, self-love, joy, self-esteem, sanity, and my brain! While everyone's "sharings" were different, I felt the unity of their purpose—to help me recover if I was willing. One woman encouraged me with her constant reminder, "it's just baby steps—put one foot in front of the other and move forward."

The primary way I kept moving forward was service. It took courage to say 'yes', especially the first time. I remember our group treasurer holding up a little three by four-inch notebook and asking if anyone would take it and note how much money was donated each week and pay the rent monthly from the collections. I had once managed a multi-million-dollar budget but during my first year of recovery this tiny notebook and the corresponding tasks seemed daunting.

I moved from Treasurer to Group Rep to District Rep to Delegate over the first six years of recovery. If I could do it again, I would move more slowly but each time there was unity of encouragement from the groups. "You don't have to do it perfectly" they would say. I have been incredibly humbled, particularly as delegate, so I know better than anyone how imperfect my service has been. But each step of the way I received encouragement from my Area, the World Service staff, Board members, Trustees, and fellow delegates. Along my journey I learned that perseverance is one of my character assets, found courage to keep taking baby steps, and grew through the unity of purpose that is evident at every level of this amazing fellowship. Although I'm still not where I want to be, I continue to move forward every day--one day at a time! Serving as Delegate has been a life-changing experience that I highly recommend to anyone who wants to supercharge their recovery!

Now for a brief update on recent Delegate activities/news from WSO:

*Along with our Alternate Delegate, Daphne F., and past Delegate, Kathy E., I attended the Southeast Regional Delegate Get Together (SERDGT) virtually this past weekend.

(SERDGT) is an opportunity for the Region's Current and Past Delegates, Current Alternate Delegates, and Past Trustees and Past Delegates who live in the Southeast Region to share discussion of Experience, Strength and Hope on:

1. Issues raised at the past year's World Service Conference.
2. Topics of Interest and Concern pertaining to the World Service Office and World Service Conference in general, including a report from our Southeast Regional Trustee, who is an invited member.
3. Matters of current interest in our Region. This is a joyful time for renewing old friendships made in past service. It is a time for sharing the keen interest and enthusiasm of currently serving Delegates. It is also a time to welcome and become acquainted with New Delegates and help prepare them for their first World Service Conference. For Past Delegates, this can be a weekend for renewal and revitalization of their interest in Service for the Al-Anon Fellowship. For Alternate Delegates, it is an opportunity to meet current World Service Conference members and become better informed in case they need to stand in for their Delegate. It is an excellent opportunity to learn from the experience of Past Trustees.

*World Service Conference will be held this April 12-16. I ask for your prayers and support during this year's virtual conference which will be five full days of Zooming!!

*Despite drastically reduced literature sales, contributions, along with cost cutting measures, allowed WSO to end 2020 with a surplus instead of a deficit. The World Service Office sends its grateful thanks to every member and every group who lived Concept One-The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups!

In grateful service,
Jennifer Magee
Delegate

SPRING 2021 ASSEMBLY MEETING VIRTUALLY THIS SATURDAY!



SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA

9:45 Early Access to
Gotomeeting

10:00 Call to Order-Chair,
Serenity Prayer, Roll Call,
Recognition of first time
Attendees introduce AWSC
members present)

10:30 Reading/Distribution of
Fall 2020 Assembly Minutes

10:45 Treasurer's Report
Old Business

11:00 District Reports

11:15 Coordinator Reports

New Business

11:30 Approval of Minutes
from Fall 2020 Assembly

11:45 Hybrid Meetings

12:15 Digital Coordinator
Position on AWSC

12:30 Spring Workshop-
AWSC Positions

1:00 Area Convention 2022

1:30 Action Item,
adjournment, reminders

Close With Alanon Declaration

Report For Fall Assembly

The Area 30 AFG met November 21, 2020 for the Fall Assembly. Assembly was virtual and there was no host District. Thank you District 5 for willingness to host.

Minutes Summary (Draft)

- Minutes from the Fall Assembly November 21, 2020
- The Assembly was opened with the Serenity Prayer by Cindy H (Area Chair). The Steps, Traditions and Concepts were read.
- **In Attendance:** Cindy H. (Area Chair), Jennifer M. (Delegate Chair), Butch M. (treasurer, GR), Leigh (GR), Mary B. (GR), Laura P. (GR), Betty S. (GR), Hedy H. (GR), Charlotte W. (LDC District 4/GR), Sharyn H. (GR), Mollie R. (GR), Daphne F. (Alt. Delegate Chair, GR), Jean K. (GR), Steve P. (GR), Gretchen M. (GR), Jean M. (observer), Kathy E. (Alt. GR), Roland J. (observer), Beth V. (GR), Steve P. (Alt. Secretary, GR)
- **Secretary's Report:** AWSC Spring 2020 Recap Meeting was held on Feb. 29, 2020 in Brandon, MS; this summary was also published in the Spring 2020 AlaTalk. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for this Fall 2020 Assembly, and was approved by the voting attendees.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The MSAFG is in great financial shape at this time. Our bank balance is just over \$14,500. The appeal letters were not sent out because we had ample cash. It is difficult to compare 2019 and 2020 because 2020 has been very atypical in both in income and expenses.
- **Delegate's Report:** The Delegate gave a report on the 60th World Service conference which was a virtual and Hybrid Conference from April 20-24, 2020. The theme was Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision. The conference agenda included the audit, the budget, the annual report, Trustee affirmations, workgroup reports and thought and task force reports.
- District Report and Coordinator's Reports were presented.

New Business

- Combine Districts 1 and 6: There was a brief discussion about The agenda item. Members of District 1 reported that there had not been a recent District 1 meeting to discuss the agenda item.

Spring Assembly Meeting Details

**Saturday
March 27, 2021
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM
(CST)**

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Minutes Summary *continued...*

There was a motion and a second to table the agenda item which passed by voting members in attendance.

- Convention Report by Districts 1 and 6: There was a discussion about the limited progress on District 1 and 6 coordination on the Convention. A motion was made and seconded to push the 2021 Convention to 2022 and maintain District 1 and 6 as Convention hosts which passed by voting members in attendance.
- **Treasurer's Budget for 2021:** There was a discussion about Changing line item 3 from Birthday contributions to Individuals Contributions. A suggestion was made to change it to Birthday and Individual Contributions. The 2021 change proposed is to decrease the expense item for SERDGT delegate by \$200 to reflect an expected decrease in airline costs in 2021. A motion was made to approve the recommended budget, seconded and passed by voting members in attendance.
- **Discussion of Electronic Coordinator:** There was a Discussion of creating a position for someone literate in electronic media. It was pointed out that several groups had learned the technology out of necessity during the pandemic and that it may be good to let this ability develop in the area at the group level (Tradition 7). There was no decision or motion made on the item.
- **Ask it Basket:** The group worked to develop 3 questions for the Delegate to bring WSO. There was discussion of several questions that the Delegate provided answers for:
 - The Delegate reported that there is no requirement that AIS/LDC groups to pay "white pages" fees in order to have a telephone. The Gulf Coast AIS/LDC can have and maintain a phone without paying monthly white pages fees.
 - For virtual meetings that are ancillary to existing groups registered with WSO, there is no requirement for additional registration of the virtual meeting as these are considered temporary. Some Alcoholics Anonymous groups have developed guidelines for Virtual meetings that could be helpful.

Potential Questions were identified including:

- ✓ Do other Areas have electronic coordinators?
- ✓ Are there Al-Anon guidelines for virtual meetings?

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and Group# on the Check**

Minutes Summary *continued...*

Additional Ask it Basket questions can be submitted to the Delegate electronically.

- **Announcement:** The Annual Alcoholics Anonymous Gratitude Round up will be virtual and will start at Angie B. will be the AI-Anon speaker at 11 AM on Saturday, November 28.
- The AI-Anon Declaration was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

District Reports from Fall 2020 Assembly

Reports were a combination of those provided by meeting attendees and those that were electronic submittals.

District 1 (Report by Alt. DR): District 1 has been meeting on-line. The annual Anniversary Dinner typically held in November was cancelled for this year. At District meetings, there have been discussions to solicit ideas for a comparable event that would work in the current pandemic environment, but no decisions made.

District 2 (Report by Chairman/Acting DR): There was a brief mention that there are virtual and face to face meetings taking place in District 2.

District 4 Several GRs provided Group reports. The District 4 LDC report is provided in detail below.

District 4 LDC Report (Report by District 4 LDC Representative): Literature requests have been slow (April – August) but they have increased September – November. Please let me know how I can assist your groups. I am passing out the AI-Anon Family Group magazine (free) to those at the meeting. AI-Anon is encouraging us to continue promotion of our program by distributing these (counselor offices, doctor offices, anywhere you want to leave them). If anyone zooming in wants some for your group please email or text me. Postage will only be \$5 for any orders placed until the end of 2020.



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DISTRICT REPORTS *continued...*

District 5 (Report by DR): Greenville and Leland group are meeting in person, masks are required, social distancing is in practice. Cleveland is having a Zoom meeting with 15 to 20 attendees, including attendees from other areas. Monetary contributions are good and have worked out a way for virtual attendees to send contributions. Contributions are adequate to keep up with expenses and to provide WSO contributions.

District 6 There have been no recent District Meetings. Two GRs provided group reports.

- Ocean Springs (Report by GR): At least two members are meeting in person.
- Keep it Simple (Report by GR): There are 3 meetings weekly, attendance has been limited.

District 7 (Report by DR): The Tupelo meeting is on-going, face to face.

GROUP REPORTS: District 4

Sharing Group (Report by GR): Sharing Group has been meeting since March 2020 by Zoom. In mid-October, we began meeting face to face meetings in addition to Zoom. Virtually, our membership numbers are strong, along with our increase in giving. Membership includes newcomers, members from out of state and local short and long-term members. Membership attendance usually runs from 20 to 40 people. Participation is good. The only difference in meetings has been literature sales which have not been as strong as when meetings were face to face. The plan is to combine virtual and in person meetings where appropriate.

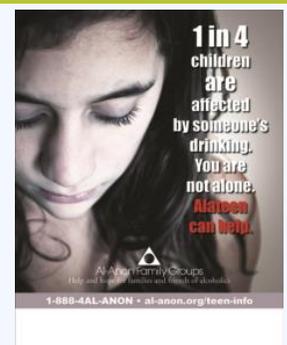
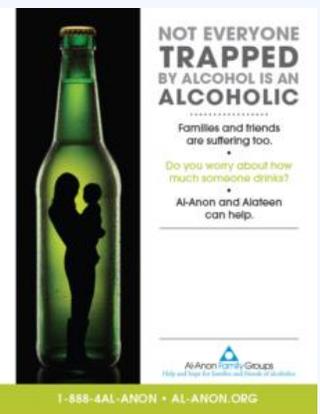
Today's Hope Al-Anon (Report by GR): Today's Hope Al-Anon started meeting at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi, in April of 2019. Attendance averaged between 6 and 10 people until March 2020 when we started meeting on Zoom due the COVID pandemic. Now our virtual meetings average between 15 and 20 participants. In addition to the need for increased 12 step support during this health crisis, our growth has been the result of local therapists and counsellors referring clients to our meeting. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:30, with the first Tuesday of each month being the step of the month night. As group representative, I am pleased with our group. We have held several Group Conscience sessions on Zoom during which we have made decisions on how to proceed. Our last Group Conscience

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

April marks the national Alcohol Awareness Month outreach campaign. Local service arms can use this time to raise awareness about how alcoholism affects the loved ones of alcoholics and how Al-Anon can help.

New Public Outreach Posters are available

A new series of Al-Anon and Alateen poster designs have been developed specifically for local public outreach. The poster templates are available at al-anon.org/posters and can be downloaded and customized with local contact information.



led to the editing of our opening and closing to accommodate our Zoom format. While we miss meeting face to face, our virtual meetings have led to a mixture of people who might not have been able to get together under normal circumstances.

Courage to Change (Report by GR): The group has been meeting face to face since October on Wednesdays at noon, and Thursday nights by Zoom. Attendance is down, but we have had a few newcomers, and we are continuing to try to carry the message and encourage one another.

COORDINATORS REPORTS - Fall 2020 Assembly

Reports were a combination of those provided by meeting attendees and those that were electronic submittals.

Webmaster Report: The website will renew in February 2021; at this time the renewal will be \$256.67. The domain (www.msafg.org) will renew in April 2021, at this time the renewal will be 31.16. The monthly average of visitors is 1779 visits per month.

- GR's are to email me (Tammy R.) group changes for the website.
- GR's need to email any/all changes on a Group Change form to Tammy W.
- There are group change forms on our website under the "Service" tab, along with many other downloads.
- If you have not visited the "Service" page, please check it out, it has the Service Manual, Guidelines for Starting a Group, Group Records Change Form, and several other guidelines you may need.

Archive Coordinator Report: The Archive coordinator requested that attendees provide any materials that could be appropriate for the archives (e.g. events, reports from assemblies, speaker meetings, flyers).

Public Outreach Coordinator Report: The report, provided electronically, was read by attendees and included a review of public service announcements, AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism, electronic media, and bar QR codes.

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Coordinator



COORDINATORS REPORTS *continued...*

Group Records Coordinator Report: There are 55 Active Groups in Mississippi Area 30. Please ask at your next group meeting:

- ✓ Who is our Group Representative (GR)?
- ✓ When was the last time a Group Change Form was submitted to ensure World Service Office has our most current mailing address and meeting information?

You can email Tammy W. Group Records Coordinator at fifitam@bellsouth.net to find out your current Group Details. Changes for the group can be made by filling out the form on page 15 and mailing to the WSO address at the bottom OR go online to Group Records | Al-Anon Family Groups (al-anon.org) and select the correct link to make changes or register a new group. There is even a link for temporary COVID-19 changes.

To assist face to face meetings that are moving to a **temporary** electronic format, click below:

[Temporary
Al-Anon Electronic Meeting Change
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ALA-TALK NEWS

GROUP RECORD CHANGES AND GROUP UPDATES NEED DIFFERENT ACTIONS...

A Note from Tammy R. Webmaster MSAFG

Dear Members, I know this can be confusing with 2 Tammy's on the AWSC, so in a nutshell.

Tammy W.: Group Records-GR1 (Group Records Change Form)

Tammy R.: Website meeting schedule updates

Please remember that any group changes or new groups need to be sent in our Area Group Records (Tammy W.) via the GR1. The GR1 form is on our website under the Services tab. This is totally separate from sending in your website changes. The GR1 (Group Records Change Form) must be submitted when a group is formed or changed.

DR's or GR's send in group updates to webmaster@msafg.org.

Please Mail Group Record Change Forms To:

AFG
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23454

Form is on Page 15



Please Email Group Meeting Updates For the MSAFG Website to webmaster@msafg.org



With the COVID-19 pandemic many groups are constantly changing regarding the latest situation in their area to virtual or back to face to face or doing both. **Please look at the website and make sure your group information is up to date.**

COVID related updates that I have received so far are on the Home page and the Meetings page, so please make sure these changes are still valid. Some groups have sent in previous changes to their meetings (example- Postponed Until Further Notice) but have not sent me an update as to whether it is still postponed or that the meeting has gone back to in person. ALL GR's and DR's please check your meeting and your District schedule on the website to make sure it reflects the latest information.

AWSC Spring 2021 Recap

AWSC met virtually on February 27, 2021

Present – Jennifer M., Cindy H., Daphne F., Leigh R., Steve P., Sharyn H., Tammy R., Betsy S., Heidi Z., Butch M., Betty S., Kathy E., Hedi H., and Patty B.

Opened Meeting 10:05 a.m.

Various attendees read the Serenity Prayer, the Steps, the Traditions, and the Concepts

Treasurer's Report – Butch M. The Areas is in great financial shape. We have more money now than at the start of 2021. This is due to 3 group donations, as well as a return by the delegate of unused funds for SERDGT expenses from last year. The only expenditures have been to pay for the web site, and our contribution to WSO. There is no need for an appeal letter at this time.

Open discussion – Topics for assembly –

Hybrid meetings/Digital Coordinator: Hybrid meetings following pandemic – Maybe create a task force. Steve P will lead. Tammy, Kathy, Daphne will be part of team. Digital coordinators AWSC position, Jennifer M. to provide information that she has gathered and participants will review the Service Manual 2018-2021.

Spring Workshop Topic: Review of Service Coordinators duties and qualifications before the election.

Combination of District 1 and District 6: Patty B. stated that only 12 members are in the entire district and they are not fully self-supporting. Hedi H. reports a new group in Pascagoula. Tabled.

Area Convention 2022: District 1 and 6 to provide information on the status of the Area Conference to be held in 2022.

Date/Format for assembly: March 27, 2021, 10 AM, Virtually.



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MARCH FORTH INTO SERVICE

Elections will be held at the Fall 2021 Assembly for positions in our AFG. **Group Representatives (GRs)** and **District Representatives (DRs)** need to be elected before the Fall Assembly.

The following position descriptions are excerpts from the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021, pp 141-148. Please refer to the manual for a complete description and a list of duties that each position requires. All candidates will serve a three-year term.

District Representative (DR): The DR is elected from among the incoming, outgoing, or active past GRs in his home District prior to the Assembly or by caucus at the Assembly. Each DR represents one District within the Area. The DR helps the groups in his District understand their relationship and responsibility to the worldwide fellowship.

Chairman: A Chairman should have leadership and organizational abilities, 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 of good chairmanship.

Secretary: The Secretary works with the Group Records Coordinator, according to the Area's procedure to maintain current contact information of all GRs, DRs, officers and Coordinators; sends out all notices of Assembly and Area World Service Committee meetings; attends to all regular secretarial work and takes minutes of all meetings.

Treasurer: The Treasurer handles all Assembly collections and funds; prepares appeal letters to be sent at least once a year; issues receipts for any contributions received; pays all bills for approved expenditures; makes quarterly written financial reports to the Area World Service Committee and periodic reports to the Assembly.

World Service Delegate: The Delegate attends the World Service Conference to represent the Area with world Al-Anon. The Delegate brings the Area's viewpoint on matters affecting the entire fellowship to the Conference and to return with a broader perspective of Al-Anon worldwide. The Delegate also gives his Conference report to the Area World Service Committee and GRs to carry back to their groups.

World Service Delegate's Alternate: The Alternate Delegate works along with the Delegate as much as possible in communicating with the groups; becomes acquainted with of all the Delegate's duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish his three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOIS!

Al-Anon Family Groups' co-founder, Lois W., would have celebrated her 130th birthday on March 4, 2021. One of her familiar quotations is, "It takes only one person to start something, but many others to carry it out."

After Lois died in 1988, the Board of Trustees approved "March 4th in to Service" as the 1989 World Service Conference Theme. **"March Forth" became encouragement to step up to service.**

By: Christa A., Senior Group Services Specialist
From **THE FORUM**, March 2021



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Area Groups By District

GroupName	District	MeetingCity
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Nugent AFG	0001	Gulfport
Gulf Coast Mens AFG	0001	Gulfport
Bayou View Serenity AFG	0001	Gulfport
Gulf Coast Parents AFG	0001	Long Beach
Wed Morning Courage To Change AFG	0001	Long Beach
Pass Christian AFG	0001	Long Beach
Picayune AFG	0001	Picayune
Columbia Serenity AFG	0002	Columbia
The Hope Group AFG	0002	Hattiesburg
Progress Not Perfection AFG	0002	Hattiesburg
Hattiesburg Monday Nite AFG	0002	Hattiesburg
Fellowship AFG	0002	Laurel
Serenity AFG	0002	Meridian
Aberdeen AFG	0003	Aberdeen
Amory Encouragers AFG	0003	Amory
Discovering Hope AFG	0003	Caledonia
Happy Hour AFG	0003	Columbus
Thursday AFG	0003	Columbus
Canton-Madison County AFG	0004	Canton
Crossroads AFG	0004	Clinton
Living Sober AFG	0004	Jackson
Monday And Thursday Noon AFG	0004	Jackson
Seekers Of Serenity AFG	0004	Jackson
Sharing AFG	0004	Jackson
Courage To Change AFG	0004	Madison
Today's Hope AFG	0004	Madison
Pike County AFG	0004	McComb
Keep It Simple AFG	0004	Natchez
Summit AFG	0004	Summit
Hope And Healing AFG	0004	Vicksburg
Serenity AFG	0004	Vicksburg
Vicksburg AFG	0004	Vicksburg
Woodville's Renewed Hope AFG	0004	Woodville
Batesville AFG	0005	Batesville
Cleveland AFG	0005	Cleveland
Monday Nite Study AFG	0005	Greenville
Tuesday Night AFG	0005	Greenwood
Courage To Change AFG	0005	Grenada
Leland Newcomers AFG	0005	Leland
North Carrollton AFG	0005	North Carrollton
Hope For New Beginnings AFG	0006	Biloxi
Sunset AFG	0006	Biloxi
Ocean Springs Step By Step AFG	0006	Ocean Springs
Keep It Simple AFG	0006	Ocean Springs
Ocean Springs AFG	0006	Ocean Springs
Pascagoula AFG	0006	Pascagoula
Tuesday Night AFG	0007	Booneville
Corinth AFG	0007	Corinth
New Albany AFG	0007	New Albany
Just For Today AFG	0007	Oxford
Oxford University AFG	0007	Oxford
Cornerstone AFG	0007	Tupelo
Peace Seekers AFG	0007	Tupelo

SPEAKER MEETING

BARBARA T.

***HOSTED BY
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***Tuesday
March 30, 2021
6:30 pm***

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Returning to Face to Face Meetings

In response to the pandemic many Areas reached out to WSO to inquire as to how to display temporary online meeting information so that members could still find help and hope in Al-Anon meetings. In that evolution, a temporary online electronic meeting change form was created for members to use for temporary meeting information to be displayed on al-anon.org. Not all meetings have this temporary meeting information displayed with WSO; most is displayed on local District and AIS websites.

What the WSO requests is that if your meeting has resumed face-to-face and your temporary online meeting information is displayed on al-anon.org, that a member of the group please submit the change information to remove the temporary online meeting information. This does not mean that the group cannot have members meeting in the physical location in addition to using an online platform to connect additional members into the meeting that are concerned about safety. Members are encouraged to check to see what meeting information is currently displayed on al-anon.org and decide from there how to proceed. Also, do not hesitate to reach out to groupservices@al-anon.org if you have additional questions.

Similarly, with our area website www.msafg.org, please make sure if your group is listed as meeting online due or postponed due to the pandemic but has returned to in-person meetings that you update the meeting information. Updates should be sent by email to: webmaster@msafg.org.

For the latest updates on Coronavirus COVID-19 please visit the [MS. State Dept. of Health](http://MS.StateDept.ofHealth) website for latest information regarding your county.

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CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19**

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Visit [CDC website](http://CDC) with information about COVID-19 and ways to protect yourself and loved ones.



Group Spotlight

Our group is doing great! We are meeting via Zoom and even added an extra meeting on Tuesday to take the place of the open AA meeting some attended. We are having good attendance at all three meetings and have even added some regulars...Vermont, Illinois, New Mexico, Colorado..from other zoom meetings.

At our first zoom meeting a member asked how we would pass the basket and someone suggested they mail it to me and they have been faithful. We pay all our regular expenses..rent, phone, donations to WSO, area, district.. We have sent \$1000 to WSO since start of the pandemic.

Our literature chairman has the literature at her house and sells it from there and we have mailed some to new members from other places. In fact she is getting another order ready to send to Charlotte.

We have been blessed! And we are thankful because our meeting room at REBOS...you saw it at Area Assembly here...is small and we can't safely have face to face meetings until this is much, much better.

AA here is also having a Zoom meeting every night in addition to some face to face at REBOS. There is a women's open AA meeting on zoom every Sat morning and some of us attend it. They also have a face to face at the same time at REBOS.

The commitment of our members in both groups has made this all happen.Thank you for your service.

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Al-Anon Group Records Change Form

Please submit this form through your Area Group Records Process or the WSO

1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number _____
District Number _____
Area Name (Abbreviation) _____

2. Status

Change
 Inactive

3. Changes

Group Name GR Meeting Place
 Current Mailing Address (CMA) Meeting Time
 Phone Contact for the Public Meeting Day

4. Group Registration Overview

Group Name* _____
**Reflects Al-Anon principles and is inviting to all. See instructions to fill out the form. Please note that group names not in compliance with the Al-Anon policy will delay processing of the registration. Contact your Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO for further information.*

Mailing Language _____

Location

Meeting Place _____

Meeting Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Group email _____

Phone Contact for the Public

First Name _____ Phone Number _____

First Name _____ Phone Number _____

5. Meeting Details

Day _____ Time _____ AM PM

Meeting Attendees: Families, Friends and Observers welcome
 Families and Friends only

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

Beginners* Introductory** Limited Access***
 Handicap Access Child Care Fragrance Free
 Smoking Permitted Sign Language

Location Instructions _____

Additional Meeting

Day _____ Time _____ AM PM

Meeting Attendees: Families, Friends and Observers welcome
 Families and Friends only

Spoken Language _____ Member Count _____

Beginners* Introductory** Limited Access***
 Handicap Access Child Care Fragrance Free
 Smoking Permitted Sign Language

Location Instructions _____

**held in conjunction with a regular Al-Anon group meeting, not considered an Al-Anon group. Provide newcomers a simple introduction to Al-Anon.*

*** Attendance changes frequently; not considered an Al-Anon group. Attendees are invited to go to regular Al-Anon meetings.*

**** Meeting access is limited due to the facility's entry restrictions. These groups meet at sites such as military bases, institutions, industrial plants, or schools.*

6. Current Mailing Address (WSO mail for the group is sent to the postal and email addresses)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

CMA email address is entered here. Please enter Group email address in section #4 (See instructions for more information)

7. For Area Use

Group Rep Other _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street/PO Box _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meetings will be open to any Al-Anon members. *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24/27), "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies"*

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____