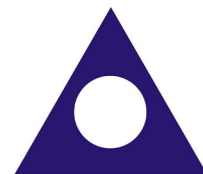


AL-ANON-CER



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www.alateenmddc.com

Q. What does every single Al-Anon member have in common?

A. Each of us was once a teenager (or still is)

We handled it in our own way, sometimes gracefully, sometimes not.
Some of us grew up with alcoholism, some didn't.

Today we are each blessed to have Al-Anon to help us continue to grow,
one day at a time.

Regardless of our own personal experience, surely every member has empathy for a teenager or child who is affected by someone's drinking. They need Alateen!

The past two and a half years have presented challenges none of us ever imagined.

**And the past two and a half years have made it much more difficult
for a teen to get to an Alateen meeting.**

We need to do something about that, each one of us.

We need to carry the message to teens:

- Print the flyer on page 7 and pass it out at in-person AFG and AA meetings
 - Distribute the flyer electronically to your group contacts
 - Talk about Alateen in your groups and with program friends
 - Become an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service)
- Start an Alateen meeting in your district either in-person or virtual
It can be done!

For how to proceed, please contact the Area 24 Alateen Coordinators at:

AlateenArea24ac@gmail.com and AlateenArea24pc@gmail.com

Visit the Area 24 Alateen website for more info: www.alateenmddc.com

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AREA 24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2022

September 10 th	Saturday	District 9 Picnic, see flyer on page 10
September 24 th	Saturday	Fall AWSC, via Zoom, see page 4 for details
October 8 th	Saturday	District 8 Fall Workshop, see flyer on page 11
October 22 nd	Saturday	Fall Assembly, details forthcoming
November 5 th	Saturday	Fall Convention, via Zoom, see enclosed flyer

For an up-to-date calendar of events, please visit the Area 24 website:

[click here](#)

or

aim your smartphone camera at the QR code on top of page 1

From our Delegate

Good day folks,

There is so much going on behind the scenes in Al-Anon and at WSO. I hope your summer has been enjoyable whether you've left the area or enjoyed an overdue staycation. I will share a few new points of interest that I've listed below:

- **Increase in Cost for Some CAL**

In my last Al-Anon-Cer report and in my Spring Assembly presentation I mentioned that literature sales were down and that the cost of paper had increased dramatically. It is quite unfortunate that the Board of Trustees made the inevitable decision that the price of certain CAL needed to increase. It has been suggested that the cost increase be passed on to Al-Anon members after the current inventory at our Literature depots is sold out and new copies are purchased.

- **Forum Sharings**

Each month, the "CAL Corner" department in The Forum features members' sharings on how a particular piece of Conference Approved Literature has enhanced their recovery. We would like to focus on the following pieces in upcoming issues, but really need sharings about them no later than September 12 in order to do so:

- Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33)
- From Survival to Recovery (B-21)
- Lois Remembers (B-7)
- Blueprint for Progress (P-5 or P-91)

Please help by sharing 200-400 words each about how any of these individual pieces helped you, or by asking members in your Area to do so. Please see the writing guideline at: www.al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018.pdf

You can submit your sharing online to:

www.al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/send-your-sharing/

- **Service Manual:**

The *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v2* is available on the website in English, French, and Spanish, and we invite you to replace your v1 electronic copy with v2! Hard copies are expected to be available by year end.

- **2023 International Convention – Albuquerque, NM:**

The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be held in Albuquerque, NM starting June 29, [2023](#) and extending to July 2, 2023. It was previously reported in my Spring Assembly that registration would open in January 2023. GOOD NEWS!!! Registration has been moved up to November 1, 2022. Be on the lookout, save your pennies and let's get ready to enjoy more recovery at the international level as we did 4 years ago in Baltimore!! For future updates please access event page

al-anon.org/international which will be updated as more information is available.

Sincerely,

Phil B

Area 24 Delegate

AI-Anon/Alateen Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia (Area 24)

Fall Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSC)

Saturday, September 24, 2022

10 am to no later than 3 pm

Virtual Only

Zoom **Meeting ID 801 105 6340**

Passcode is 2424

**For Group Reps, Area Officers, Area Coordinators & AIS Reps,
however all members are welcome**

We will be establishing the 2023 Budget and Calendar, and getting updates on this year's Fall Convention, the 2023 Spring Convention, Alateen and much more.

We would love to hear reports from as many districts as time allows. Now is the time to talk about your challenges, your experiences, and what's working for you.

Are we thriving? Are we faltering? Are we innovating?

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8011056340?pwd=NIVJWWNkV2JkdK8xc0dIS3ZPTzgwUT09>

If you need to dial in by phone, call: 301-715-8592

Use the meeting ID at the top of this message and the passcode

We look forward to staying connected with your groups!

Area Chair,
Dolores M.

Dear Members who love CAL (all of you, I hope!),

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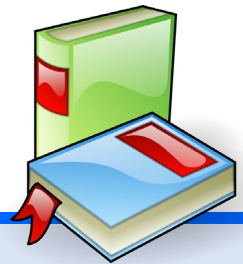
You can submit your sharing online at: al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/literature-resources/send-your-sharing/

Or via mail to AFG, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617, Attention: "CAL Corner"

Or via email to wso@al-anon.org with "CAL Corner" in the subject line.

Many, many thanks for your help,

Tom C
Associate Director—Literature, WSO, Al-Anon Family Groups



WSO Price Increases for some Literature Items:

Effective August 1, 2022, WSO has increased the price of many books by \$2; the Service Manual by \$6 (now \$11); and all pamphlets now cost at least 25 cents, as well as *Just for Today/Tonight* bookmarks. Newcomer packets and *Blueprints for Progress* are unchanged.

The new prices are necessary to defray increased production costs so that WSO can remain self-supporting. FYI, literature prices had not been raised since 2013!

There is a new order form on the WSO website, item S-16.
Be sure to make our group members aware.

Vicky B., Literature Coordinator

Important Update on the AIS-DCSMD!



AIS-DCSMD is changing how it operates and is referring to this change as **AIS-DCSMD 2.0** for clarity.

This AIS serves the Al-Anon groups in Montgomery Co, Prince Georges Co and Washington DC.

The AFG representatives at the June business meeting voted to let go of the physical location of this AIS. A post office box has been established for mail and donations:

AIS-DCSMD, PO Box 7457, Silver Spring MD 20907

Cindy S, a member who resides in DC, has volunteered to be the Resident Agent, since a street address is required for a DC Corporation where AIS-DCSMD is incorporated as a non-profit organization. Our telephone number: **202-635-2023** will continue to operate receiving calls from newcomers, professionals and members as it is a Voice Over IP phone which does not require a physical location.

To date, no member has volunteered to house the Literature Distribution Center (LDC) for it to continue. The LDC committee discussed its options and voted to move to inactive status. They observed that the LDC had not been heavily used in the past few years prior to the pandemic and Literature Sale Days have not had regularly significant sales. A final Literature Sale Day is planned for September 17th and a plan for the disposition of any remaining inventory is under discussion. In the future, if the Districts in the AIS area determine that a centralized LDC would support their groups, these DRs can contact the AIS about re-activating the LDC. At that time, they will need to provide a location, a member to coordinate it as well as a plan and a few committee members for its operation.

Outreach to the public and to libraries are **Open Service Opportunities**. AIS members are individually responding to staffing information tables (two events: August and September). A member is willing to provide Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to the public libraries in the one of the three AIS jurisdictions during September (Recovery Month) and two others are being sought as well as a coordinator.

Administrative tasks such as modification of the By-laws and Incorporation documents are to be addressed in the coming months. More to be revealed as HP and members move forward with AIS-DCSMD 2.0 in service to the Districts and their Groups that established AIS-DCSMD which serves Washington DC, Montgomery Co. and Prince Georges Co.

Yours in service, Maureen M, Chairperson

**Do you know a teen affected by
someone else's drinking?**

ALATEEN

can help!

ALATEEN is a supportive program for **teenagers** who
are affected by the drinking and related problems of
a parent, family member, or friend

ALATEEN is a **safe place** for teens to gather & share their
experiences, strength, and hope

LOCAL MEETINGS

MONDAY NIGHT - ZOOM
New Hope Alateen Meeting

For Ages 9-19

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Meeting ID: 897 5578 6747

Passcode: 717885

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9740789758?pwd=WxzpMnE5eEl3N2ZQWDJRc3J1dGxTQT09>

TUESDAY NIGHT – IN PERSON
Bethany Lane Alateen Meeting

For Ages 13-18

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Bethany United Methodist Church
2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City MD

(same time as Al-Anon meeting in same location)

THURSDAY NIGHT – IN PERSON
Arnold Alateen Meeting

For Ages 12-19

7:15pm-8:15pm

Arnold Asbury United Methodist Church
78 Church Road, Arnold MD

(AA 7:30pm and Al-Anon 7:00pm at same location)

SATURDAY - ZOOM
Serenity Step Alateen Meeting

For Ages 9-19

11:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting ID: 852 9632 3586

Passcode: 240291

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83580763081?pwd=SUFTRjlHWUZoR3I3YUNwdGp5U1Rndz09>



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Fall Convention Update

The days are getting shorter, and back-to-school sales have begun – summer must be almost over!

What's next? Naturally, a Fall Convention...
and concerns of yet another surge in the pandemic.

Given the latter, the Area 24 Steering Committee felt a virtual Fall Convention most prudent.

Tune in: November 5 for "A Harvest of Recovery"
and share in the worldwide bounty of experience, strength and hope!

Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

Can Area 24 continue to present two conventions a year?

You can demonstrate your support by volunteering for a planning committee. The AI-Anon-Cer editor will forward your inquiry. For example, we still need a co-chair for this year's Fall Convention, to shepherd the event in 2023.

**Service is one third of our legacies
Participation is a blessing.**

Robert W., Fall Convention Chairperson Area24Fall@gmail.com

Al-Anon Family Groups of MD & DC 31st Fall Convention with AA Participation

Save The Date!

November 5th, 2022 AFG Area 24 will host
a One-day **Virtual** Convention (Time : TBD)

For updates visit: <https://www.marylanddc-alanon.org/events>

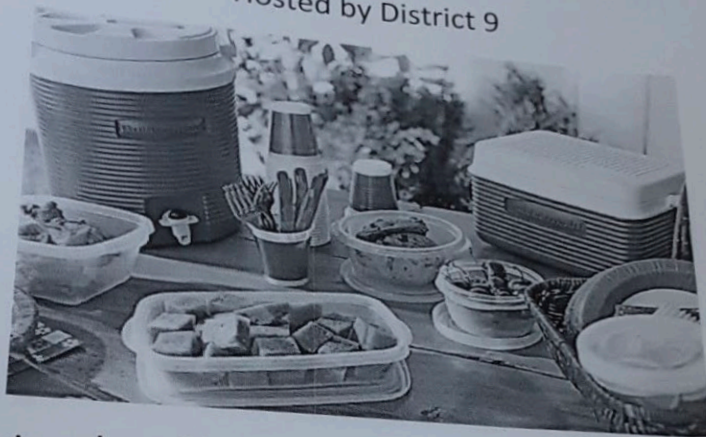
A Harvest of Recovery



Dial in to (301) 715-8592 and enter the Zoom ID 879 0314 6544 and passcode 3030 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87903146544?pwd=SmwvROV4RnRqZ0l2ajMrOGFTVDh0QT09>

THE PICNIC IS BACK!!!

Hosted by District 9



September 10, 2022 (Saturday) Noon to 6pm

Merritt Point Park, 7800 Dunmanway, Dundalk 21222

Bring a Dish to share, We will be providing

Delicious Beef Hotdogs & Drinks

Al-Anon Speaker at 4pm

Children are Welcome/Games & Raffle

Directions, take Exit #39-Dundalk/Merritt, Continue onto Merritt Blvd, Make a left onto Dunmananway after 9 lights Just after the train tracks, Continue into the park.

For more info. Sharon S. 410-591-3229



Fall into Your *Spiritual Awakening*

JOIN US!

Al-Anon District 8 Fall Workshop

Saturday, October 8, 2022

8:30 am – Noon

In-person!

Towson United Methodist Church

(501 Hampton Lane, Baltimore, MD 21286)

8:30am	Registration & Fellowship
9am	Welcome
9:15am	Session I
10:30am	Session II
11:45am	Closing

Contact:

Chair, Carrie S: carrie_service@yahoo.com, 443-690-8461

Co-chair, Stacy T: altusa01@gmail.com, 443-562-9795

Treasurer's Corner

Contributions

The group, district and individual contributions for the second quarter of 2022 were \$3,688. The Area thanks you for all these generous contributions. See the Contributions page for details of the contributions. Once again, personal contributions helped boost our total contributions. The contributions for the first half of the year totaled \$8,791.

Expenses

The total expenses for the second quarter of 2022 were \$3,800. Most of this was the extra contribution of \$ 3,500 to the WSO approved by the Spring Assembly. This WSO contribution brought the balance in the bank down to our prudent reserve. The only other expenses were \$175 for background checks for three new Alateen AMAIS's and \$127 to pay for printing and mailing of the March Al-Anon-Cer.

Total expenses for the year totaled \$6,140.

Directions for Contributions

If you are in a position to do so, you can contribute directly via credit card to the World Service Office at Al-Anon.org. You can send a check to the area and your local AIS if you have one.

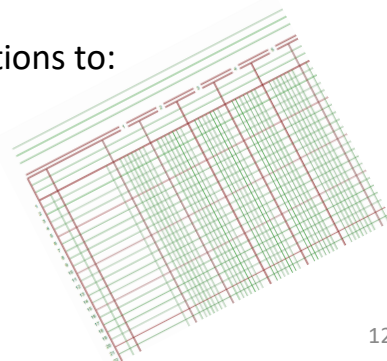
You can also contribute to the area via credit card, debit card, or PayPal from the area web site, MARYLANDDC-ALANON.ORG. If you choose to contribute this way and want the contribution to be recorded as coming from a meeting be sure to indicate the meeting's WSO number. You can find the WSO number for meetings on the Al-Anon.org "find a meeting" section, at the bottom of the listing for the meeting.

Please include your WSO group number and meeting name on contributions by mail. If you don't know your WSO group number then include meeting location and meeting day and time. It would also be appreciated if you could include an email address or phone number in case there is a question.

Make checks payable to **AFG of MD & DC**. Send contributions to:

AFG of MD & DC
3116 Parkway
Cheverly, MD 20785-1255

Yours in Service,
Charles L , Treasurer



AFG of MD and DC Inc
Income by Customer Summary
 April through June 2022

AFG or District	Amount
000 Individuals	\$288.21
000000 Unknown Group	\$29.89
0002424 Friday Night St Albans DC	\$102.89
00030503137 Ellicott City Courage to C	\$100.00
00030519063 Paths to Recovery	\$28.33
00030524803 Sat Morn Adult Ch	\$75.60
00030532420 Sat Serenity Easton	\$59.33
00030563855 Severna Park Sat Morn	\$45.00
00030567681 Monday night Ellicott City	\$20.00
00030573893 Just for Today	\$30.00
00030586318 Keep It Simple AFG	\$15.00
00030606314 Every Sunday Takoma Park	\$38.20
00030629625 Sunday Serenity	\$50.00
00030632610 Tues Al Anon DelRay	\$300.00
00030654267 Tues Step Severna Pk	\$49.00
00030664356 Mionday at a Time	\$30.00
00030676662 Paths to Recovery	\$23.00
00030678086 New Market	\$100.00
00030732834 Moving Forward	\$30.00
00030795 Learn to Live	\$21.50
00044667 Weekenders Hagerstown	\$59.50
00045964 Germantown Lunchtime AFG	\$40.00
00046170 Fri Morn Gratitude	\$20.00
00046897 Southern Serenity	\$80.00
000502454 Middletown AFG	\$81.00
000502641 Gracefield Road AFG	\$75.00
000503309 Solomans	\$100.00
000503754 Tues Noon AFG	\$40.00
00051581 Freedom in Recovery	\$65.00
00052341 Steps to Serenity	\$92.57

AFG or District	Amount
00052431 Came to Believe	\$100.00
00053483 Sunday AFG Gaithersburg 1 pm	\$120.00
0005774 Annapolis Tuesday pm	\$178.90
0005785 Broadway Mon Night	\$50.00
0005839 We Care Tues	\$25.00
0005863 Old Town Bowie AFG	\$29.89
0005891 Crofton	\$28.00
0005895 Pasadena Monday Noon	\$25.00
0005916 Forest Hill	\$10.27
0005965 Liberty AFG	\$25.00
0005968 Came to Believe	\$25.00
0005980 Sun Night St Peters Olney	\$65.00
0005984 St. Thomas Wed. Nite	\$34.95
0005987 Wed Afternoon Delight	\$24.01
0005990 Riviera Beach AFG	\$50.00
0006014 Easy Does It	\$75.00
0006025 Anne Arundel Thurs Nite	\$28.00
0006036 White Oak Al-Anon	\$37.00
00060374 Miracle and Rainbow	\$50.00
0006051 College Park Al-Anon	\$13.00
0006062 Wed 12 + 12	\$50.00
00061600 How AFG Works Study	\$54.40
00065162 Hilltop Serenity	\$30.00
00066938 Westside Club	\$38.84
00067141 Hunt Valley Wed Morn	\$88.00
00067295 Service for Fun	\$40.00
District 03	\$50.00
District 10	\$150.00
District 24	\$150.00

Total Contributions	\$3,688.08
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CONTRIBUTIONS

Online at MarylandDC-Alanon.org with Paypal, Credit or Debit card.

By mail make the check payable to AFG of MD & DC.

Send check to: AFG of MD & DC, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785-1255

Please note "individual", group number or district number on check.

Contributions above the level required to pay expenses and maintain the prudent reserve are normally contributed to the WSO each year after approval by the assembly.

To make contributions to Area 24

Mail to:

AFG of MD and DC, Inc
3116 Parkway
Cheverly, MD 20785

- *Make donation checks payable to “AFG of MD and DC, Inc”*
 - *Please include your group name & number on your contribution*
 - *For District contributions, include the District #*
-

To make contributions to the World Service Office

Mail to:

Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

- *Please make donation checks payable to “AFG, Inc”*
- *Please include your group number on your check*

Meeting Information: 888-425-2666
All other business: 757-563-1600

Website: <http://www.al-anon.org/members>

All members are encouraged to visit and browse the WSO website!

Members can also make an online donation to
both the Area and WSO very easily on the Area 24 website:

<https://www.marylanddc-alanon.org/>

...fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions

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SUBMISSIONS

Send calendar events and reports for the Al-Anon-Cer to the editor by the deadlines below.

Please include contact info with your submission to enable the editor to verify/clarify information

SUBMISSION DEADLINES			
Issue	Deadline	Issue	Deadline
March	February 15	September	August 15
June	May 15	December	November 15
<i>Early submissions are greatly appreciated!</i>			

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Group Reps (or Current Mailing Address for group if different from GR), District Reps, Area Officers & Coordinators, Past Delegates, Regional Trustee and Area Information Services may request a paper copy. Additionally, all other members may request a paper copy; a \$15 annual donation to Area 24 is suggested but not required.

**The Al-Anon-Cer may also be emailed to any member who requests a subscription.
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OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS

Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service of Anne Arundel County

PO Box 763, Severna Park, MD 21146
(410) 766-1984

Website: www.md-al-anon.org

Meets quarterly in January, April, July, and October, on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30pm via Zoom. For more information, call (410) 766-1984 or email alanon@md-al-anon.org.

Important update on p. 6

AIS-DCSMD

(Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service of Washington DC & Suburban Maryland, Inc)

(202) 635-2023

Website: www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org

Contact: chair@al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org for more information

All AIS-DCSMD Business meetings are held at 7 PM on the fourth Thursdays of January, February, March, April, June, September, and October and first Thursday in December.

Meetings are currently convened in FreeConferenceCall.com :

To Dial-in, call: (425) 436-6398, Access code: 415673#, Security code: 121212.

To meeting online: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/traditions8&11>,

Sign in with email address, Online meeting ID: traditions8&11 Security code: 121212

Baltimore Al-Anon Information Service

PO Box 185, Kingsville, MD 21087
(443) 695-0221

www.alanon-maryland.org

Baltimore AIS business meetings are the second Tuesday of the month (no mtgs in June or Dec) at 7:00pm. For more information call (410) 832-7094 or go to www.alanon-maryland.org

Baltimore, Baltimore Co, Harford Co,

& surrounding areas:

Carolyn S. (443) 528-5992

Please email orders and include the group and your name, address, and phone #.

AlanonLiteratureDepot@gmail.com

Eastern Shore (District 24):

Ruth C. (443) 235-0300

Ercody1@aol.com

**Literature
Depots**



**Answering
Services**



Cumberland Answering Service

(301) 722-6110
(through AA answering service)

Easton Answering Service

(410) 822-4226
(through AA answering service)

Salisbury/Ocean City

Answering Service
(410) 742-2504

**Al-Anon/Alateen Information
Service of Washington, DC and
Suburban Maryland, Inc
(AIS-DCSMD)**

www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org

**Frederick – Hagerstown
Answering Service (Frederick &
Washington Counties)**
(240) 285-9831

Area 24 Group Records Instructions: New Trusted Servants & Temporary Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting Updates for WSO, Area & AIS Group Records!

**Update your WSO Group Record with your New Telephone Contacts, CMA,
GR & Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting Information.**



Trusted Servants: WSO expanded the Meeting Location Special Instruction section in the Group Record to allow for “Face to Face” (FTF) & “Ad Hoc Electronic Meeting” Comments/Information. This displays on WSO’s “Find A Meeting Page” for the Newcomer & Returning/Visiting Member to use to attend your meetings.

Instructions on how to update your group’s WSO Group Record:

1. From Al-Anon’s homepage (<https://al-anon.org>). Select “Members” tab”; then Select “Group Resources”; then Select “Group Records”; then Select “Group Change Form on this page & input your group’s data. OR cut and paste: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/> directly into your browser, input your information and submit. Your input into the WSO Group Change Form is re-directed to the Area 24 Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) for their data entry into the WSO Group Records Database within seven days of receipt.
 - AGRC Process: AGRC updates WSO record, which is uploaded within an hour to the WSO database & is available on WSO website.
 - AGRC notifies the meeting’s GR/CMA, DR and AIS (when meeting is located in an AIS area) & requestor if not GR/CMA/DR/AIS via email.
2. WSO expanded the Meeting Location Special Instructions section of the Record to accommodate detailed information on FTF meeting instructions & ad hoc electronic meeting information.
3. Other Group Records Change Options:
 - Email Area 24 Group Records Coordinator, Flemena B at records4area24@marylanddc-alanon.org with updated information for input or Send USPS mail to 9157 Helaine Hamlet Way, Columbia, MD 21045, or call 1-443-756-9699 for input.

Check WSO’s “Find a Meeting” feature to see how your meeting is listed for the Newcomer and visiting Member: <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/>.

Minutes
Spring 2022 AWSC meeting of the
Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia
Saturday, March 26, 2022

Conducted via Teleconference using Zoom

Meeting begun at 10:00 am

Open with the Serenity Prayer
Reading of the Steps: Pat RB
Reading of the Traditions: Art S
Reading of the Concepts and Warranties: Lynne K

Chairperson Welcome and general information: Dolores, Chair
A welcome to everyone. We have a full schedule, with reports of importance to review.

Roll Call and establishing of Substantial Unanimity: Flemena B. Group Records Coordinator

After roll call, 26 voting members are present. A call for substantial unanimity was made for 2/3 to represent substantial unanimity, seconded and called for vote. Motion passed Voting members=26 members, 17 to represent substantial unanimity.

Approval of Minutes from the Fall 2021 AWSC Meeting: Paul C., Secretary
Paul called the motion for approval of minutes, which appeared in the Dec. 2021 Al-Anouncer. Motioned seconded and approved by vote. Motion passed.

Delegate's Report: Phil B.

2022 Area 24 Spring AWS Conference
March 26, 2022 (virtual)



Phil Beauchamp
Area 24 Delegate

Delegate Agenda

1. Northeast Regional Delegate Conference
3/11 – 3/12/2022
2. Preliminary Note On WSO Finances
3. International Convention in 2023
4. WSC Starts April 25th
Enriching Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding
5. Miscellaneous

What's NERD Conference Purpose?

- To provide an opportunity for all past and current Delegates and NERTs to discuss mutual concerns.
- To encourage continued interest and participation of past Delegates and provide an opportunity for them to share their knowledge and experience.
- To assist in preparing new Delegates for their first World Service Conference.
 - To hear the Regional Trustee's report.

Panel 60

Marcia M CT
Rae L ME
Noah P NH
Emily D-C NY (S)

Panel 61

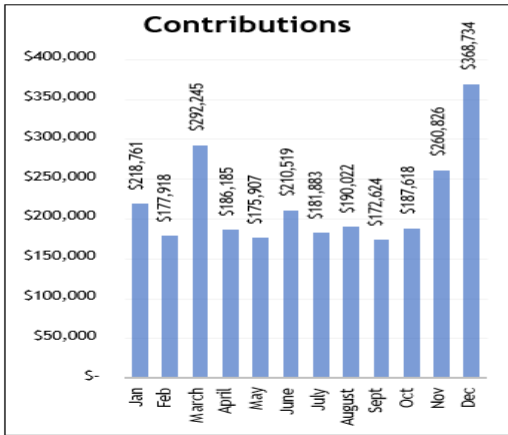
Matt W DE
Phil B MD/DC
Kathi D NY (N)
Lori F PA

Panel 62

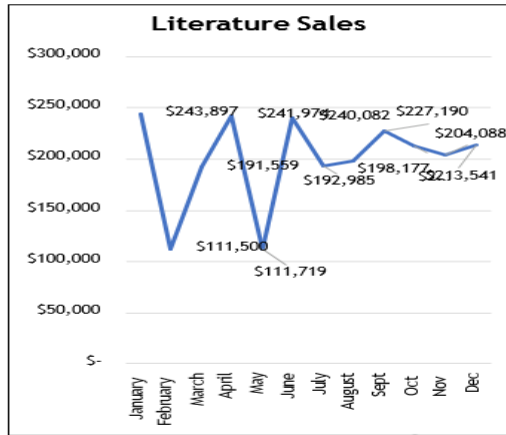
Laura A VT
Katie O NJ
Jane P MA
Cindy B RI

AFG's Main Sources of Income

▶ Through December 2021



▶ Through December 2021




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 Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Year to Date (YTD) December 2021

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales-net	\$1,906,750	\$1,993,007
Contributions	\$2,623,242	\$2,543,540
Other income	\$643,616	\$563,600
Total Revenue	\$5,173,608	\$5,100,147
Total Expenses	\$5,249,674	\$5,333,900
Net Increase/(Decrease)	(\$76,066)	\$(233,753)



Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
June 29 – July 2, 2023

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WSC April 2022 Tarrytown, NY



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SOME OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGETED PROJECTS

- Electronic Meetings Transformation
- 2022-2025 SERVICE MANUAL, 3 languages
- ONLINE STORE - Continued Refinement
- MOBILE APP - Ongoing modifications
- GUIDELINES - Translation 3 languages
- NEW HIRES
- IAGSM - London September 2022
- ROAD TRIP - Cleveland
- World Service Conference
- International Convention - 2023
- New Daily Reader


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World Service Office



Walk Aways

- WSC is last week of April, more info to be provided for Assembly
- Spring Assembly is May 21st ...
Strongly encourage GR attendance
- International Convention end of June 2023, Albuquerque, NM

Phil thanked everyone, and encouraged attendance for the Spring Assembly by GR's, and attendance to the International Convention in 2023.

Q: Electronic Meetings-has there been an increase? A: Around 300 electronic meetings existed worldwide before-now stand at about 600.

Q: Will these meetings gain voting rights at some point? A: There is ongoing discussion to enable this. AFG recognizes electronic meetings, but Areas do not. Our Area would need to create guidelines to include Electronic meetings for participation in Area matters, including voting rights. The Area recognizes Face to Face, Hybrid and virtual meetings (that are virtual as a result of decisions by those meetings to meet virtually-at least for the present).

Insurance Coordinator Report for SPRING AWSC March 26, 2022

- 1) Effective April 1, 2022, we will renew our Insurance Policies with United States Liability Insurance Company. This will be our second year with this new carrier. This policy covers Commercial General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Abuse and Molestation, and Directors and Officers Liability. Our property liability coverage (for damage to property of others) was increased this year at a very small cost.
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Gilbert Lavine
Insurance Coordinator

Treasurer's Report: Charles L.

Charles proposed the motion:

2022 AWSC Spring Treasurer's Report

The final results from 2022 were presented. The information presented for 2021 was the same as in the March 2022 AI-Anon-Cer. All figures are rounded to the nearest \$10.

For 2021 income exceeded expenses by \$2,530. The bank balance for the area accounts at end of the year was \$26,830. Separately, the spring convention had a reserve of \$3,994 and the fall convention reserve was \$6,370.

Contributions for the year totaled \$13,970. For 2021 there was no money transferred from the convention accounts to the area. The 2021 virtual Spring Convention had a surplus of \$570. The 2021 Fall Convention had a deficit of \$310.

The major expenses for the year were contributions to the WSO, payment for the 2021 World Service Conference (WSC), Alateen support, web services, and AI-Anon-Cer printing costs. We increased our contributions to the WSO to a total of 9,170; \$7,500 in direct contributions and declining a \$1,670 refund for the cancelled in-person WSC. The partial refund of insurance payments for 2020 exceeded our 2021 insurance costs by \$850. We paid \$3,060 for the 2022 WSC. Alateen support of \$600, AI-Anon-Cer printing and mail costs of \$550, and web services costs of \$410 continued during the pandemic. Most other expenses were zero or very low because of the pandemic.

Through March 15 of 2022 we had a surplus of \$1,510. The major expenses were \$1,840 for insurance for the year (much lower than previous years) and \$500 for Alateen training and guidelines review.

To be reimbursed for expenses you need to submit an Area Treasurer Funds Request Form, located on the area web on the Area Forms page. The best way to submit it is to scan it and the receipts and email them to Area24Treasurer@Gmail.com. If you don't have a scanner you can take a picture of the form and receipts and email those. Be sure that the .PDFs are readable. If you prefer, you can mail the form along with the receipts to the address on the form.

Charles recommended to send to the Assembly to vote on contributing the area surplus of \$3500 to the WSO. Motion seconded and voted upon. 90% agreed to advance this request to the Spring Assembly.

Q: Do we have 2 bank accounts? A: Yes, Operating and Prudent Reserve.

Q: \$ 3500 we have in surplus, is this above the budgeted amount? A: Yes we are budgeted for \$5000 to WSO-Charles

Q: What is Delegate WSO equalized expense? A: We have groups sending Delegates from all over country, the WSO figures an average cost for all areas to send their delegates(Charles).

Dolores added: We need to remind members at meetings, that Area 24 has expenses that need to be met in order to support meetings in our Area.

Coordinator's Reports: 2 to 3 minutes each

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP): **Sarah R**

There are currently 4 Alateen meetings: Sunday night zoom, Monday night Zoom, Thursday in-person (Arnold Asbury) and Saturday morning. The same kids come to each meeting as reported by the Alateen Coordinators during our monthly meetings. Each meeting hosts 1-7 teens per

meeting. Ages range from 9-17

Teens are still not taking charge of meetings, the AMIAS's find they are doing most of the work,

but they show up and participate when asked. Some participate more easily than others.

Any and all Alateen funds needed have been reimbursed directly by the Area. Thursday night went back to in person and is reportedly doing fine. All other Alateen meetings are comfortable on Zoom for a few reasons:

- AMIAS's don't want the risk or the responsibility of location covid protocol
- Zoom meetings invite kids from all over country.
- Zoom meetings allow teens to go to 3 meetings a week and some of them go to multiple meetings a week. We don't want that to no longer be available.
- Teens from out of area are regularly attending meetings. If we stop Zoom, they lose their regular meeting.

Budget

No additional funds needed at this time for Alateen budget. Teens have purchased materials from website or from Amazon. Will ask for refunds for expenses as they come up. Area reimbursed funds needed:

Classmarker website renewal - \$198

MCASA - \$300

Outreach

There are no active outreach initiatives at this time due to COVID.

Recertification Training

There are 2 recertification training sessions this year. ALL AMIAS's will have to attend one of the Zoom training sessions in order to be recertified. There is also a quiz that covers all new and important material directly from updated Safety Requirements.

Training sessions are scheduled for 4/24 and 5/22 and one training session is scheduled for 'new' AMIAS applicants (7 expected). There are currently 50 Certified AMIAS's. with 25 of them actively working meetings.

AAPP- Lynn Klimmer starting July 15 after all WSO recertifications are completed. Sara R expressed many thanks for stepping up, so she can attend to family matters.

AAC- Kristin O'Brien was appointed immediately upon her availability.

Sarah R will meet with both Lynn and Kristin very soon, to transition them into their new roles. They will both need to be confirmed at the Spring Assembly.

Q: These new chairs will be made known to AWS? A: Yes, once they have been confirmed at the Spring Assembly.

Dolores M invited Kristin to say hello. She is looking forward to service to the Alateen groups and working with Sarah to make the transition a smooth one. Dolores also thanked Sarah R for her service.

Q: What are the pending training dates? A: April 24 and May 2 are scheduled. Existing AMIAS's have received these dates for them to announce them. Sarah will send these dates to our Webmaster. Training sessions are all conducted via Zoom.

Area Alateen Coordinator: Kristen O

Kristen O has just accepted her position and will be working with Sarah to transition into her new position.

Spring Convention Chair: Jessi A.

- 1- I negotiated our contract with Washington College so that the loan that we received approval from this body is not necessary. Thanks.
 - 2- We HAVE a treasurer, but no Entertainment Chair. Other necessary positions have been filled. There are also positions for volunteers to assist on-site.
 - 3- Please register soon. We will be following Maryland State guidelines regarding COVID health precautions, so that we can be responsive to conditions as they change.
 - 4- COVID has resulted in more cost & shorter meal hours. We are happy to be moving forward with this in-person only event at the lovely Eastern Shore in Chestertown.
- All committee Chairs are filled except Entertainment. She hopes to have this position filled by the next planning meeting:

April 9th 2pm on zoom-please join us.

Jessi A. 410-212-2225

(repeated above.)(Little more expensive than last Spring Convention).

Meal times will be closer together due to staffing issues at Washington College.

June 10-12 2022 flyers are out.

Please register as soon as possible we need min of 100 people.

Q: Maureen-asked how many is our max amount of people? A: 100 limit, no maximum if you register we will get you in -Jessi A

Nancy - how many are registered now?

Fewer than 50 last I checked-Jessi A

Sarah -is there any Alateen participation? A: Washington College does not permit this.

Jessi -We need a co-chair for the Spring convention

They would need convention experience to step up.

(Nancy T volunteered to step up as Entertainment Chair, and maybe Co-Chair ??)

Fall Convention Chair: Robert W.

The Steering Committee, after reviewing the revised contract, deemed our three-day venue too financially risky.

On March 13 the Fall Convention Planning Committee discussed alternatives, and agreed to investigate venues for a single, full-day in-person event. I have researched all the intriguing suggestions and found two possible alternatives, both currently available on either October 8th or 29th:

Towson United Methodist Church (Beltway Beginners)
no refrigerated potluck foods, per county regulations
Classic Catering could deliver lunches and dinners

Byzantium in Annapolis

up to 600 people, more outdoorsy setting. They will provide meals to fit our budget.

The Planning Committee has no Co-chair, AA chair, or Hospitality Chair. Please announce these vacancies prior to our next meeting on April 3. Please email Area24Fall@gmail.com

We also need a chair for the Alateen activities. AMIAS have a meeting on April 5. If at this time these positions are still unfilled, I recommend cancelling the 2022 Fall Convention.

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Our insurance brokers, will send out the **COI** to the meeting place or event by email. Include your email if you also want a copy There are no charges for these certificates.

Q: Lynn K-our meeting is now in person. Do we need a new certificate? A: If you are asked again for a certificate, please request one from me. We are covered by the new policy as of 4/1
Gail B asked for contact info for Gil in Chat: Gil Lavine 301-529-9760 or gsl100@comcast.net
Gil reminded us that every group is covered by our insurance policy, even if a new certificate was not issued. Our insurance also covers Area events, District meetings, and Groups.

Gilbert Lavine
Insurance Coordinator
We broke for lunch

12:00 Meeting resumed with the Serenity Prayer, and Connie C read the Steps.

Dolores informed us of the following:

A request was received from the single Chincoteague group to change from Area 57 in Virginia, to Area 24 in Maryland.

There was a similar request years ago, and Charlie S recalled it was not handled as well as it might have been. He suggested going through a full process of seeking comment, and approval. Gil L also expressed concern, if the meeting is in Maryland or VA, as it effects insurance matters, and Incorporation requirements. A member also mentioned that it might

necessitate closing the meeting as an Area 57 meeting, then restarting it as an Area 24 meeting.

AI-Anon-Cer Newsletter Coordinator: Joe D.

Joe continues to receive requests to receive the newsletter. A quick request for attendees to indicate any problems receiving the newsletter, and was pleased to note that no one indicated problems receiving the newsletter.

Joe noted that the greatest cost for publishing the newsletter, are printing and mailing costs. Joe prints these in B&W, to save cost.

Joe commented on some content that has been offered that is hoped would be of interest to members, that is of a more 'sharing' nature.

Joe asked for Trusted Servants to check\confirm published contact info, etc. for accuracy.

Literature Coordinator-Vicki B:

Vicki as literature board available for any event. Please contact her to arrange having it for events such as Spring & Fall convention, AI-Anon Picnics etc.

In the March AI-Anon-Cer, please check out her sharing

Q: Idalia- have you gotten on AFG Connects?

A: I will do that-Vicky B. (Idalia suggested to be selective once on AFG connects on what links you want to be included on).

Alanon.org contact to be included as a trusted servant on AFG connect.

Public Outreach Coordinator: Idalia R.

Currently the WSO is working on revisions to the Public Outreach Tool Kit. They are hoping to have this completed before the end of the year. They are gathering successful ideas that will help to enhance Area Public Outreach in the era of post pandemic opportunities.

February 6, 2022

Was able to participate on a Recovery podcast call "Recovery Sort Of". It was an hour-long discussion and overview on the primary purpose of AI-Anon in our area. The Podcast went up on the air on March 14th. You can hear it on Spotify or any of the podcast platforms you subscribe to. If anyone would like to hear [it](#) I can also email you a copy.

The results of the 2021 Membership Survey, can be viewed at: [2021-MembershipSurvey.pdf \(al-anon.org\)](#)

March 1, 2022

Both Phil B. and I did a one-hour Public Outreach presentation at the Damascus Road Community Church to their Stephen Ministry Group. There were about 15 people in person and 4 via Zoom. This is a religious group of Caregivers who support their church community with issues in their lives around addiction, [alcoholism](#) and other personal life situations. They contacted the AI-Anon WSO directly and the WSO reached out to Area 24.

Member Survey 2021

There were 16,486 responses vs 3 years ago (2018) which had a little over 13,000.

Average age 62 ½

Average age of first meeting is 44 years

Survey done in three languages (English, Spanish, French)

Archives Coordinator: Lucinda W.

Fall Convention: Historically, banners have been displayed at convention, and the Decorations chair of the conventions would store them. Fall Convention asked for guidance as they are so numerous. [Area 24\Archives](#) will retain them, and make them available to anyone who needs/wants them. Art S has digitized them as well.

Literature Coordinator: Vicky B.

Literature Coordinator Report: - There have been no requests to utilize the AI-Anon literature display board. For the March newsletter, I wrote a small piece on CAL in my recovery process. I am signed up to volunteer at DC LDC, but am deferring this given the highly infectious COVID variants as I have a medically vulnerable family member.

AA Convention Liaison: Katie CS. Maryland State AA Convention Liaison

The 50th Annual Maryland State Convention will be held 6/24-6/26 at the Clarion in Frederick, MD. Close to 300 people have registered already! The AI-Anon speaker is Beverly B from Lewisville, TX. We will need help selling literature and with workshops/meetings. If you are planning to attend and able to help, please contact Katie C (katohome@yahoo.com ~ 410-372-7728).

Q: How much literature is sold at these AA conventions? A: Not sure, but well in excess of \$200. Pat RB also noted that greater than \$300 was sold at Footprints in Feb 2022. Sarah R will also provide 'favorite' titles to Katie.

Q: is it proper to include flyers for AA events that have AI-Anon participation, in the AI-Anon-~~cer~~? A: Yes, but they need to be AA Area events, not events that are not officially sponsored by the AA Area.

Website Coordinator: Charles L.

No real news, but I do continue to submit items of interest/events, for publishing on the site.

Group Records Coordinator Report: Flemena A.

Flemena has sent out an email reminder for District Reps. to report back to her any changes to their meetings.

Q: Suzy- who do you contact if no District Rep. A: We have volunteers for District 16, 17 & 18. Please reach out to me to assist.

Dolores suggested Suzy & I try to reach out to non-represented districts to get them connected to Records Coordinator Flemena

Please get current groups changes to me to help keep information updated -Flemena.

Technology Coordinator: Still an Open Position

Position is open-please consider volunteering, as our Technology Chair

Reports from AISes:

Anne Arundel County- Lynne F

Meeting quarterly via Zoom. Members are considering changing their name to: Mid-Chesapeake Region AIS

Their public outreach group has been quite active, working with several area organizations to provide information. Collating and producing of meeting directories has been a challenge, as meeting status changes so frequently these days. Q: Is this AIS incorporated? A: This was true but it has lapsed, and there is no expressed need to incorporate again.

Washington Suburban Maryland AIS- Maureen M.

Maureen has agreed to stay on, as a member has stepped forward to serve as Secretary, as she had considered resigning.

Maureen said some members coming forward have little service experience, which can be a challenge. As the AIS has transitioned entirely to Zoom meetings, it's easier to volunteer, which is great, but it has been a challenge. She mentioned assistance with their Web site administration is hindered by a lack of knowledge of how this is done. Multiple requests for members to come forward to assist with projects have been largely met with silence.



**Area Information Service (AIS)
for DCSMD AFGs - To Be or Not to Be**



Questions for Districts & AFGs - Respond by April 15th

- What services of AIS-DCSMD works & doesn't work for your District & Group to carry the message to Newcomers?
- If AIS-DCSMD were to continue, what would you change?
- What actions/Service are you as a District & your AFGs' members willing to do to provide for an AIS ?
 - AIS Service Positions require business experience skills & talents, using Traditions & Concepts, are mid level not "worker bee" level (one time or rote tasks), commitment to joy of service



District	DR/District Meetings	# Reg Groups	Activities/examples in past four years	Spanish Language	Group Representative
12	DR/6 per year	18	Yes/ ex. Hayride, hosting assembly	3 (2 Gaithersburg, 1 Damascus)	12 (one Spanish meets in a home in Damascus, not listed in WSO listing per security policy)
13	DR/6 per year	22	Yes, ex Workshops, hosting assembly	No	13
14	DR	5	No	No	4
16	No DR	11	No	1 (Bethesda)	5
17	No DR	16(-2?)	No	no	8 (-2? – 2 Triangle Club meetings existence are uncertain due to no response from CMA))
18	No DR	13	No	no	7
19	DR	4	No	no	3
21	No DR	2	No	no	0

Baltimore AIS- Jesse A.

- 1- Baltimore AIS has been meeting hybrid (flyer attached) with approximately 30 AGRs attending.
 - 2- We are in need of an AMIAS to act as a liaison from Alateen. We also need a service member who will act as a point person regarding our insurance provider.
 - 3- Watch for members of a special outreach committee at a meeting near you! We are doing outreach to make sure to reach all meetings.
 - 4- The Baltimore Birthday Celebration is going forward ONLINE (flyer attached).
- Baltimore AIS Report – (duplicated)

Jessie also provided the Zoom info for attending the Baltimore AIS meetings: Meeting ID: 819 8280 9606 Passcode: BaltoAIS
 May 10th: We hope to hold a (mostly) IN-PERSON AIS MEETING!
 We will try to get many AGRs to attend in person in May.
 Just to see each other's legs! Mark your calendars.

District Reports:

24 Pat RB.

District meeting last Monday. 2 or 3 of 9 meetings in their District, are hybrid. They usually have representation from about 5 meeting at their District Meetings.

23 Kim H.

Upper Eastern Shore-large geographic area but 5 meetings only. All are F2F with two that are hybrid. Also, an Electronic meeting is starting up. They are working with their AIS to be more interactive with them.

22 Sarah R.

District 22 AWSC SPRING 2022 District 22 Report 3/26/22

Local Business:

District 22 Annual Fall Workshop, November 13, 2021, from 9:00 – 3:30. This year's theme was

"Here Comes the Sun." 50 people attended.

The Southern Maryland Roundup October 22 – 24. Alanon Participation was very low (less than 80)

with some contention because Alanon members wore masks.

District 22 did not directly support The Southern Maryland Roundup March 17-19th 2022 Successful. 80 for workshops and meetings. 150-200 for Alanon speaker. Influx of newcomers.

District 22 Meetings:

Some meetings are **Zoom only**, others are **In-Person only**, a few are both. Monday

Crossroads AFG

(0005963)

St. Mary's County

Church of the Ascension 21641 Great Mills Rd Lexington Park, MD 20653 **In person only:**

11:30AM

Accessible No AA Mtg

Monday's Hope AFG

7:30 PM (30711170)

Calvert County

Mount Harmony United Methodist Church

155 E. Mount Harmony Rd. AA Mtg

Owings, MD 20736 Open

Zoom Only:

Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/371641749?pwd=bk9UWFRzN1ZseWJHRm1BdWQyT2g0QT09>

Meeting ID: 371-641-749

Meeting Password: 629903

Alateen

7:30 PM

Zoom Only:

Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9740789758?pwd=WXZpMnE5eEI3N2ZQWDJRc3J1dGxTQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 5578 6747

Meeting Password: 717885

Tuesday Prince Frederick Daytimers AFG (30511875)

Calvert County

St Paul's Episcopal Church (Basement)

10:30 AM No AA Mtg Open 25 Church St (Rte 231)

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Zoom Only:

Join

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/820562553?pwd=eTYwSzJkYzJ3TlIXTkRZi9mbk16UT09>

Meeting ID: 820-562-553

Meeting Password: 041350

Focus Point AFG

(38738)

St. Mary's County / Placid Harbor

24494 Placid Harbor Way

Hollywood, MD 20636

Suspended due to COVID

Pomfret Way of Life AFG* 8:00 PM (0043431) Accessible Charles County / St. Joseph's Church

4590 Saint Joseph Way (off Rte 227)

Pomfret, MD 20675

AA Mtg.

In person only

7:00 PM

Open Accessible

AA Mtg.

Wednesday Mid-Week Recovery AFG

8:00 PM (30566950)

Calvert County

Mount Harmony United Methodist Church

155 E. Mount Harmony Rd. Owings, MD 20736

Zoom Only

URL Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667663863?pwd=bWZJSjR6RE1IM1FISXNJb1BwYllydz09>

Meeting ID: 667 663 863

Password: 011092

Thursday Beginners by the Bay AFG

(30657156)

Calvert County / North Beach Union Church

No AA Mtg Open

12 Noon

8912 Chesapeake Ave

North Beach, MD 20714

(White building next to Church) **In-Person Only**

Living Dream AFG

(30653949)

St. Mary's County / Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

No AA Mtg Open Fragrance Free

1:30 PM

(Disciples Den – 2nd bldg.) 20850 Langley Rd. Lexington Park, MD 20653

In-Person Only

No AA Mtg Open

Gaining Tools AFG

(30621591)

Calvert County / Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Ln AA Mtg.

Lusby, MD 20657 Open

Zoom Only:

Join

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6491100686?pwd=SVpUcGkxY0dPcThNZVE1b3RNajNrZz09>

Meeting ID: 649 110 0686 Meeting Password: Serenity

Friday 7:30 PM

Friday Nighter's AFG*

(0005943)

Charles County \ Church of the Nazarene.

8:30 PM Accessible

5105 Leonardtown Road (Rte 5) Waldorf, MD 20601

Zoom Only:

Meeting ID: 111 776 413 Meeting Password: 922142

Saturday Early Risers AFG

(0053993)

Calvert County \ North Beach Union Church

8912 Chesapeake Ave North Beach, MD 20714 (White Educational Bldg.) Zoom and In-

Person:

No AA Mtg Open Accessible

AA Mtg

8:30 AM

Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/949738134?pwd=NWdwRU9tSW1lVHdubW9rM3JMbTJldz09>

Meeting

ID: 949-738-134

Meeting Password: 358416

Zoom and In person:

Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83580763081?pwd=SUFtRjIHWUZoR3I3YUNwdGp5U1Rndz09>

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Meeting ID: 852 9632 3586 Meeting Password: 240291

Sunday Just a Step Away AFG 7:00 PM (503309)

Calvert County / Our Lady Star of the Sea Church 14400 Solomons Island Rd South AA Mtg. (convent)

Solomons, MD 20688 Open

In-Person Only

21 No Report

20 Lynne F. D-20 Report March 2022

7 meetings out of 8 are still active. Most have returned to in-person with some Zoom inclusion. Groups are attempting to get service jobs filled with little takers. Many members have yet to be consistent with attendance. District is meeting every other month with consistent attendance. Most groups are returning to in-person format.

19 Charles L.

4 groups in their District. One in person, and others are deciding about face to face, but some attendees are not local, so wish to groups to remain online.

Charles is trying to inform members of the different way AWS sees electronic meetings. Existing meetings cannot “move’ to electronic. Members can move to electronic meetings themselves, but not the meeting itself.

Idalia R: offered some clarity-If a group decides to become ‘electronic’ they will no longer be part of their Area. However, the Area may consider guidelines where participation of the electronic meeting in Area activities. The exception is where a group informs AWS that they are changing to a ‘electronic’ meetings. Area 24 still recognizes Face to Face, Hybrid and virtual meetings.

18 No report

17 No report

16 No report

15 Terry C. No Report

14 Hannah G.

Hannah is going to get updates, but there are currently 7 meetings, with 2 inactive. One F2F meeting, others are virtual. No District meetings recently.

13 Janice S.

Just had their District meeting. They meet semi-monthly. 30 registered meetings, 2 F2F, with the rest hybrid or virtual. Discussing resuming of Spirituality Workshop-they have lost their host facility, so are searching for a new venue. 1 Alateen meeting, which is connected with an AI-Anon meeting.

12 Gail KW.-no report. Dolores mentioned that a few of their groups that met at one location, have lost that location.

11 Donna L. No Report

10 Greg No Report

9 Nancy T-encouraged participation in the Entertainment portion of the Spring Convention., a possible picnic planned for end of the summer.

8 Winston M.

Service in the District has been an issue. Normally there were 9-10 groups represented in District Meetings. Last District meeting-no GR’s present. He in considering an inventory for the District-to get input and what is needed to make District 8 more active. Finances are good. Perhaps a workshop would spark participation-their Steering Committee will discuss this.

7 Robert W.

9 Groups, one moving to hybrid, one considering moving to hybrid. Rest of meetings are virtual. Serenity Tea has been cancelled this year.

6 No Report

5 Gail B.

13-14 active groups. 7 F2F, 3 hybrid, rest are virtual. One group wishes to be virtual indefinitely. No Fall workshop planned. Polling of groups to be done for other possible events.

4 No report

3 Margie B. No report

2 Katie CS.

District 2:

We currently have 17 Al-Anon meetings. 3 meetings are suspended including our Alateen meeting. 11 meetings are in person, and 6 are either exclusively zoom or hybrid. Rather than printing meeting directories, we now maintain meeting info on a district website that is shared in meetings.

We had a successful December/Holiday Fellowship breakfast gathering in December at a local restaurant. We've been doing this for more than a decade.

We have a phone service in our District that has been 'manned' by the same person for almost 10 years. Within 2 weeks someone else stepped in to take over.

At our April District meeting we will formalize plans for other 2022 events.

1 Diane S. No Report

Dates of Upcoming meetings in 2022:

Spring Assembly- May 21, 2022

Fall AWSC- September 24, 2022

Fall Assembly- October 22, 2022

Alternate Delegate- Suzy M.

She reminded District Reps, and GR's to make members aware of the Forum and encourage its use. She is appreciative of her participation as an Alternate Delegate.

Chairperson- Dolores M. – Wrapped up the meeting, and End with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting concluded at 3:00

Paul C, Area 24 Secretary

Agenda
Spring 2022 Assembly meeting of the
Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia
Saturday, May 21, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm

Conducted via Teleconference using Zoom

Only Group Reps are voting at the Assembly.

Meeting began at 10:00 am

Open with the Serenity Prayer-Dolores M
Reading of the Steps: Phyllis
Reading of the Traditions: Art S
Reading of the Concepts and Warranties: Suzanne

Chairperson: Dolores M.

Welcome and general information

Dolores reminded attendees to precede your name with a # sign, to assist with voting.
The polling feature will be used for voting.

Group Records Coordinator: Flemena B.

Roll call and establishing of substantial unanimity, plus any other report.

Warranty 4 was read.

Call for substantial unanimity-Flemena B: 2/3 for substantial majority- Charles L.

Seconded, poll taken. 100% approved\passed

Voting members present: 50 voting members, 33 will represent substantial unanimity today.

Secretary: Paul C. Approval of Minutes from the Fall 2021 Assembly, as published in the December 2021 Al-Anon-Cer. Motion seconded, and approved.

Paul C also thanked Suzy M, for stepping up to take minutes for part of the 2022 Spring AWSC meeting.

Delegate: Phil B.

Delegate's report from the World Service Conference- Theme- Enhancing our Recovery through Abundance, Unity and Understanding.

The WSC included about 120 participants, including Delegates, Trustees, and members of the WSO Executive Committee.

Meetings each day go for about 12 hours-so many packed days.

2021 Audit was conducted and was concluded that our records passed with their highest opinion of integrity.

Phil presented slides of financial results. There was nearly a \$2M increase in assets, primarily from an increase in investment value.

19% revenue increase with a 6% increase in expenses: a very welcome comparison.

Literature sales are up modestly, group contributions fell somewhat, but are still above prior years overall.

Phil offered some details on where member's contributions are used, and the services supported to help carry the message. Sometimes members are unaware of how their contributions support the AFG and every member.

Q: Maureen-does WSO break out electronic literature sales vs. hard copy? A: No breakdown was provided.

Q: Patrick-Contributions question-how are contributions credited-as contributions from a group, or individuals? A: Some contributions are not credited as ones from groups or districts, as no indication on where the contribution is from.

Q: Suzy-are the slides presented created by Phil B, or do they come from the WSO?

A: Slides presented, are provided by WSO, and are shared with the Delegate as approved for sharing with Groups\Districts\Area. To see the slides presented, please click here: [2022 Spring Delegate's Report](#)

Q: Is there a difference between costs charged for electronic vs. printed literature?

A: Phil is not aware of differences charged.

Q: Jo T-are the financial results truly worldwide figures, or just for Continental US?

A: Financial figures are for the entire world – no breakdown is known by Phil.

Connie C. offered: Each country has a WSO office, and they have some autonomy. They may or may not produce their own literature.

Q: Edie asked whether Amazon sales of our literature produce the same revenue as direct sales, and if those sales are broken down for us. A: Phil is not aware of how these sales are accounted for. Katie T added in chat:

Re: ebooks – Purchase them at the WSO website, which directs you to Amazon/Apple, etc. for the digital copy. So WSO is selling on Amazon etc. and presumably gets the revenue.

Comment Dolores: Suggested some detail about breakdown of groups, and their literature sales, for overseas groups.

Q: What are the tri-lingual publications languages? A: English, Spanish, French.

Pam O: More detail on the audit results can be found on the WSO website.

Q: Suzy-New daily reader-still in progress-any date? A: No announcement yet.

Phil presented a pie chart showing that the WSO averages a \$283.33 cost per group, in support of each Group. Phil encouraged sharing this fact with group members.

Jo T- Clarify contributions- A: if all groups contributed the \$283.33 per group, revenue would be \$5M, if currently contributing groups contributed \$283.33, revenue would be about \$2M-which is a bit above our actual contributions.

Lucinda commented that groups in her district-some are not collecting contributions.

Q: Ed-Of the 13k groups registered, how many are Alateen A: This is all groups combined, including Alateen.

Q: Maureen-have there been suggestions to groups meeting electronically, on encouraging contributions? A: WSO has not shared strategies on encouraging contributions. Only general dissemination of the message of need for contributions to be made to groups.

Comment: Jessie commented about inflation and how a dollar or two in the basket does not go as far today. Conversations in meetings might include some practical solutions\comparisons to make members aware of how what was ok years ago, but might not be appropriate today.

Phil also noted that services from the WSO have not decreased during the pandemic era.

Q: Suzanne-is there a breakdown in contributions between electronic vs mailed contributions. A: Perhaps the slide presented showed costs of PayPal.

Lucinda commented-District Treasurers can help Groups treasurers with their roles.

Q: Suzanne-clarification of purchases via Amazon vs purchased via WSO website. A: Probably some loss of revenue due to Amazon taking a cut. Also, Literature Depots are another source of literature.

Q: Edie B-she is a GR. How to change status\Zoom status for her meeting?

Dolores suggested Flemena answer the above question. WSO can be updated on temporary virtual status, through AGRC, or update these records via the WSO Group Records Change Form, which Flemena will then receive the change.

Phil commented about the role of the GR to keep it's meeting status updated via the GR Change Form. We should strive to keep this information current, as it's especially important for a newcomer, so that a listed meeting's meeting site, whether virtual or in person, is visible to that newcomer.

Lucinda commented that there is one meeting in our Area that is totally virtual. She will try to get more details.

Q: Suzanne-she is aware of a group that has decided to become fully virtual. Does the group, which was physically meeting, need to apply as a new group? A: Flemena will research that answer and get back to Suzanne.

Comment: Robert W- using the WSO path to look for status of meetings, it directs members to the associated AIS to look for status.

Rita VW-commented that their listing in the AIS does not include a Zoom ID, for security reasons. She has her email listed, so she can be contacted for current ID\PW.

Q: Patrick-a meeting in his District is fully virtual. Has the WSO advised on how to create Districts for electronic meetings in Area 24. A: Flemena said this is still being worked out at the WSO.

Q: Ade needed some clarity on how newcomers can reach out to attend. Can someone post the link to or instructions on how to update this status. A: Phil will post his presentation to the Area website, which includes the link. Flemena will post in chat:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/>

Q: Karen K-completed an online status change-but is not sure if she did it right. Flemena asked for Group name\number (6005). Dolores suggested working with Flemena and the WSO link to complete status updates.

Maureen: Formation of an Electronic meeting Area-has this occurred or is it moving forward. Voting status in limbo. A: Phil notes existing Groups that are all virtual, still do not have voting rights\representation.

GEA (Global Electronic Area) is a new virtual Area, formed which includes a Delegate and has voting rights at the Conference.

There were numerous questions about how groups should indicate their status, should they stay virtual, be hybrid, or physical-and how they keep their status as voting members, and have GR's. Lucy noted that virtual meetings can be an effective Outreach tool, as members can attend from anywhere.

Edie commented that there needs to be phone numbers and not just web links, for access to change of meeting status, for those who do not have computers\smart phones.

Ruthie commented about the need of some members to leave the house to attend a meeting-a need for physical meetings exists for that reason

Lunch Break at 12:53, resuming at 1:30

Meeting resumed with the Serenity Prayer

Phil noted the Road Trip October 29. Board of Trustees will have their last meeting for the year, in Cleveland OH.

International Convention will be in 2023, Albuquerque NM-June 29-July 2nd.

Registrations begins in January, and accommodations can be arranged via the same registration process.

Phil then shared some information on his experience in visiting Stepping Stones, home of Bill and Lois W's.

Q: Ernest asked where Phil's Delegate report will be available. Dolores posted a link in Chat: <https://www.marylanddc-alanon.org>

Suzy urged those who can make it work-to having the hybrid meeting option for as many meetings as possible. It will take a bit of service work to accomplish this.

Q: What was the 'work week' like for him? A: Phil shared that 80% of the information to be discussed, was given in advance, so being familiar and prepared with that information is necessary. 5 days of 12 hour days were necessary, even with advanced review of information.

Discussion and vote on Phil B.'s status as Delegate when he moves out of state.

Dolores led the discussion and noted that Phil is willing to serve through the end of his term, and attend the 2023 WSC.

Q: Lucinda-when does the term end? A-Phil-his term would finish in Dec 2023. He will have 1 WSC to attend in 2023. Phil desires to finish his 3-year term.

Q: Gil-is there bylaws that limit service to residents of the Area? A: Dolores-only the 'resident agent' must reside in the physical area.

Q: Kathy O-If decided that we must have a Delegate who lives in the Area, are there candidates or others to step forward. A: Dolores-she noted that our Alternate Delegate actually lives just over the MD border in PA.

Charlie noted that if the Delegate resigns, the Alternate becomes Delegate automatically. He also noted that the Delegate often is asked to attend Area events, but with the Covid environment, this travel\attendance has not been needed nearly as much. Charlie also noted language in the Service Manual is very vague on residency requirements.

Brant G-he noted that the Alternate Delegate is close enough to attend physically, events in the Area, as needed.

Dolores asked whether Suzy is feeling prepared to step into the role of Delegate, if a change is made. She noted she is available to serve as an Alternate Delegate, for in person attendance within the Area. She is not able to become the primary full time Delegate, given her personal commitments.

Phil then left the room so discussion and the vote can be taken.

Suzanne asked for clarification on whether we are voting on Phil to continue, or if we are voting on keeping this option going forward. A: Just this term.

Q:Should we have a roll call of voting members as usual after lunch break. A: We decided to proceed with the vote, and only if the margin is close, then we would need to take roll call again, and reestablish a substantial unanimity. This was agreed to by a show of hands. Unanimity was clear, so no roll call was necessary.

Motion: We agree to have Phil B to continue as Delegate to finish his term, through 2023.

Poll launched. Motion approved. 84 percent in favor, none against, and a few abstentions.

Treasurer: Charles L.

Treasurer's Report, 2022 Spring Assembly

The final 2021 income and expenses compared to the budget were presented. There was a net surplus of \$2,530. The bank balance at the end of 2021 was \$26,830. The details presented were the same as in the March 2022 Al-Anon-Car.

The summary results for the first quarter of 2022 were presented and compared to the budget. The contributions of \$5,090 were about average for the previous 6 years. The expenses of \$2,340 were low even though the insurance costs for the year were paid. Expenses were kept down because the Northeast Regional Delegates

(N.E.R.D.) conference was again on Zoom along with activities and the AWSC meeting was again held on Zoom. For the quarter there was a surplus of \$2,750. As of January 1 2022 the balance in the bank was \$3,500 more than the prudent reserve of \$23,330. The prudent reserve each year is the budgeted operating expenses for the coming year. The assembly voted to send \$3,500 to the WSO as an extra contribution.

The income and expenses for the rest of 2022 will depend on whether groups (and the area) resume meeting in person and can go back to other normal activities. Until they do, the cancellations and reductions will continue in reduced public outreach opportunities, no literature or meetings at Jessup women's prison, no N.E.R.D., no hall rentals for AWSC and assembly meetings, and reduced insurance costs because of fewer in-person meetings and events.

During the pandemic contributions from groups and districts are down by over a third. Thank you to all the individuals who have made individual contributions to help make up the shortfall.

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc Treasurer's Report

Financial Results

➤ 2021 Full Year Results vs. 2021 Budget

As given in the March 2022 Al-Anon-Cer

➤ 2022 First Quarter Results

Figures rounded to nearest \$10

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc 2021 Full Year Results

• Income	<u>\$13,980</u>
• Program Expenses	8,760
• Administrative Expenses	<u>2,692</u>
• Total Expenses	<u>\$11,450</u>
• <u>Net Income (Expense)</u>	<u>\$2,530</u>

• Bank Balance \$ 26,830

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc Program Expenses

	<u>2021 Bud</u>	<u>2021 Act</u>
• WSO Contributions	\$7,500	\$7,500
• Alateen Support	2,550	300
• Literature	720	0
• Conventions	200	0
• Liason to AA	500	0
• Public Outreach	1,900	0
• Web Services & Tech	800	410
• Al-Anon-Cer	<u>420</u>	<u>550</u>
Total Program Exp.	<u>\$14,550</u>	<u>\$8,760</u>

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc 2021 Amended Budget vs. Actual

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
• Income	\$19,060	\$13,980
• Program Expenses	12,090	8,760
• Admin. Expenses	<u>14,550</u>	<u>2,690</u>
• Total Expenses	<u>\$26,640</u>	<u>\$11,450</u>
• Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$(7,580)</u>	<u>\$2,530</u>

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc Income Detail

	<u>2021 Bud</u>	<u>2021 Act</u>
• Contributions	\$19,000	\$10,870
• Conventions		
– Spring	0	0
– Fall	0	0
• Individuals*	60	3,110
• Interest	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Income	<u>\$19,060</u>	<u>\$13,980</u>

* Includes Al-Anon-Cer Subscriptions

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc Administrative Expenses

	<u>2021 Bud</u>	<u>2021 Act</u>
• Steering Committee	\$1,000	\$ 90
• Delegate WSC Equalized	2,400	3,060
• Regional/Past Delegates	2,250	0
• Group Records	50	0
• Archives	200	0
• Assembly Mtgs.	850	0
• AWSC Mtgs.	700	0
• Insurance	6,300	-850
• Legal and Professional	500	300
• Contingency	<u>300</u>	<u>90</u>
Total Admin Exp.	<u>\$14,550</u>	<u>\$ 2,690</u>

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AFG of Maryland and DC Inc
2022 Budget vs. 1st Quarter 2022

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc
December 31, 2020

- ❖ Financial Results for 2021 appeared in the *Al-Anon-Cer* March, 2022 Issue on page 12. (Vol 53, Number 1).
- ❖ Sent **March 3, 2022**

	<u>Budget 2022</u>	<u>Act 1Q 2021</u>
• Income	\$19,060	\$5,090
• Program Expenses	11,850	200
• Admin. Expenses	11,480	2,140
• Total Expenses	\$23,330	\$2,340
• Net Income (Expense)	\$(4,270)	<u>\$2,750</u>
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• Bank Balance		\$29,580

Prudent Reserve

AFG of Maryland and DC Inc
2022 Expenses thru April

Total is \$2405

- \$1,840 Insurance for the year
- \$300 for professional review of Alateen Guidelines
- \$130 for Al-Anon-Cer March mailings
- \$250 for Alateen support

The Prudent Reserve equals the Budgeted Expenses

- 2022 Operating Budget \$23,330
- January 1 2022 Bank Balance \$26,830
- Prudent Reserve Excess/**Deficit** \$3,500
- Extra \$3,500 WSO Contribution Proposed.

AFG of MD and DC
Online Contributions

- Groups, Districts, and individuals may make contribution online.
- Click the link at the very bottom of the the home page of the area web site,
WWW.MarylandDC-Alanon.org
- Pay via Credit card, Debit card, or PayPal.
- *There is also a link to contribute to the WSO.*

AFG of MD and DC Inc
Contributions by Check

- Group Contributions – WSO number on check
- District Contributions – District number on Check
- Personal Contribution – Personal on check
- Mail to:
- **AFG of MD and DC Inc**
- **3116 Parkway**
- **Cheverly, MD 20785-1255**
- Acknowledgement of contribution sent by email only

Discussion and vote about sending additional contribution to WSO.

Charles made a motion to approve sending an additional \$3500.00 to WSO. Seconded, and poll taken.

Result: Motion approved.

No questions were asked.

Groups Records Report-Flemena B:
 Area Group Records Coordinator Report

Summary of Active Meetings All
 determinations
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<u>Date</u>	Active Meetings	F Face to Face	H Hybrid	On Site F +H	% On Site
March 2021	265	17	4	21	7.9%
July 2021	264	31	7	38	14.4%
Sept 2021	263	53	14	67	25.5%
Jan 2022	258	61	17	78	30.2%
Mid May 2022	255	62	21	83	32.5%

What I need is to keep Al-Anon available to everyone who needs and wants it. When requests are made for changes in groups, please use the Group Record Change Form. However, if you decide to make the request always include the Group ID Number (need more than the group name), and clearly state the desired change.

Regarding electronic meetings using Zoom

I spoke with Lucretia, Senior AFG Records Agent at WSO regarding the issue. She directed me to Valerie, AFG Records Coordinator.

Valerie said she met with staff and others the day before concerning this issue. She said they understand the evolving situation and it will take some time to put a plan and policy in place to support this .

So, I suggested a change in the verbiage that shows the location of the meeting and Valorie agreed. For groups not currently meeting physically – Specify that no in person meeting available at this time. Meeting virtually/electronically, via Zoom. Zoom link, Zoom ID, Password.

Maureen has graciously agreed to help me make the changes to all our Group Records, where it applies.

(Coordinator’s Reports: 2 to 3 minutes each)

Al-Anon-Cer Editor (Newsletter): Joe D.

Joe was unable to attend, but suggested no items to discuss since the Spring AWSC

Archives Coordinator: Lucinda W.

She is reaching out for more historical info from members before it becomes unavailable. She has identified some members and will reach out to document more of our history.

Public Outreach Coordinator: Idalia R.

Public Outreach Report Area Meeting May 21st

The new **Public Outreach Digital Tool Kit** is now available on the Al-Anon.org website. They have gathered successful ideas from different areas that will help enhance Area Public Outreach in the era of post pandemic. We are currently working on putting together some of these ideas to have a Public Outreach Workshop some time at the end of May or early June 2022.

February 6, 2022

Was able to participate on a Recovery podcast call "Recovery Sort Of". It was an hour long discussion and overview on the primary purpose of Al-Anon in our area. The Podcast went up on the air on March 14th. You can hear it on Spotify or any of the podcast platforms you subscribe to. If any one would like to hear it I can also email you a copy.

March 1, 2022

Both Phil B. and I did a one hour Public Outreach presentation at the Damascus Road Community Church to their Stephen Ministry Group. There were about 15 people in person and 4 via Zpom. This is a religious group of Care Givers who support their church community with issues in their lives around addiction, alcoholism and other personal life situations. They contacted the Al-Anon WSO directly and the WSO reached out to Area 24.

Member Survey 2021

There were 16,486 member responses. This was 28% more than 3 years ago (2018) which had a little over 13,000. Report can be review, downloaded and printed by visiting al-anon.org/surveyresults.

Average age 62 ½

Average age of first meeting is 44 years

Survey done in three languages (English, Spanish, French)

Starting this summer, WSO will begin a longitudinal study being sent to members like you who indicated further interest and willingness to participate in other surveys.

This is a research method that involves repeated observations of the same individuals over a defined period to detect any changes that may occur over time. The intention will be to provide mental health, addiction and medical professionals even more evidence-based data they can rely on when assessing the positive impact Al-Anon may have for their patients/clients who are struggling with the family disease of alcoholism.

CAL CORNER

Each month, the "Cal Corner" department in The Forum features articles from individuals sharing their experience, strength and hope.

There is a need for sharing on the following CAL pamphlets:

- Living with Sobriety (P-49)
- Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92)
- The Al-Anon Focus (P-45)

Send them directly to Literature Director, Tom@al-anon.org

USER POLICY

To ensure the best possible experience for all members WSO has established guidelines for participation on AFG Connects. When you log on to AFG Connects there is a link at the top righthand corner with the Usage Policy.

Website Coordinator: Charles L.

Insurance Coordinator: Gil L.

Right after lunch we will cover Alateen:

Area Alateen Process Person: Sarah R.

Report. We are voting today to accept Lynn K. as the new AAPP.

Sarah R. is stepping down in June.

Area 24 Assembly 5/21/22 Alateen Report By Sarah R

AAPP Alateen meetings are slowly attempting to move back to in-person meetings. Each group is autonomous and can make decisions based on what is good and healthy for AMIAS team working the meetings. Monday night Alateen will stay as a zoom meeting as it is the most attended zoom meeting. There are currently 3 Alateen meetings, Monday night Zoom, Thursday in-person at Arnold Asbury UMC and Saturday morning. New in-person meeting starting in Ellicott City starting in July (July 5th). Alateen website is up-to-date with all meeting details. The same kids come to each meeting as reported by the Alateen Coordinators during our monthly meetings. Each meeting hosts 1-7 teens per meeting. Ages range from 9-17 Budget-Any and all Alateen funds needed, have been reimbursed directly by the Area. No additional funds needed at this time for Alateen budget. Teens have purchased materials from website or from Amazon. Will ask for refunds for expenses as they come up. Area reimbursed funds needed. 7 new AMIAS background checks will continue to come in and reimbursement form will go directly to treasurer for reimbursement. Position Transition Meeting is scheduled for Lynne, Kristin and me in early June to ensure smooth transition of positions. All recertifications and new AMIAS certifications will be complete before I transition out of AAPP Outreach Kristin O. AAC will start working on outreach initiatives in June. Recertification Training There are 2 recertification training sessions this year. ALL AMIAS's will have to attend one of the zoom training sessions in order to be recertified. There is also a quiz that covers all new and important material directly from updated Safety Requirements. MD and DC have added several new laws regarding reporting abuse and neglect. Training sessions are scheduled for 4/24 and 5/22 and one training session is scheduled for 'new' AMIAS applicants (7 expected) Currently 50 Certified AMIAS's. 25 actively working meetings. AAPP- Lynn K. starting July 1, 2022, after all WSO recertifications are completed. AAC- Kristin O. appointed immediately.

Acting Area Alateen Coordinator- Kristin O.

Kristen has been acting AAC and has been working with Sarah R. to transition, and Sarah will continue to make herself available to help Kristin.

A motion to approve Kristin O. as our new AAC. Seconded

Poll launched and motion was approved.

We are voting today to accept Kristin as the new Area Alateen Coordinator. Sarah R. had been doing both positions and is now stepping down.

Kristin has been Acting for the past few months.

Voting for Lynn K. to serve as the AAPP

Motion to approve Lynn K. as the new AAPP by Suzanne R. Seconded.

Motion approved.

2022 Spring Convention Chair: Jesse A.

Spring Convention Report

Spring 2022 Assembly meeting of the
Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia
Saturday, May 21, 2022

By Jessi Ahart

The Area 24 Spring Convention Planning Committee is grateful to cordially invite you to join us at Washington College in Chestertown June 10-12th for a weekend of fellowship and fun.

There are some changes this year, due to some consequences of COVID-19 and a shortage of members stepping up to do service for this event as it has developed over the years. This year there will be: no yoga, no pool and no entertainment. Instead please come join us for an evening of fellowship at the fire pit. Bring instruments and talent - if you are so inclined - or enjoy some outdoor fellowship and to roast a marshmallow or two.

We are following COVID precautions as suggested by the Baltimore County Health Department, aligned with the state of Maryland and the CDC regarding reopening actions and face covering requirements. However, in consideration of those with health concerns, the committee asks all members to always carry a personal mask and to wear them whenever indoors and not eating, and to pay attention and be respectful of other members who choose to

maintain social distances. Please remain open to elbow bumps as a suggested alternative to hugs and handshakes by those who prefer them.

Lastly, the wrap-up/kick off meeting, when this year's planning committee passes the baton to next year's planning committee will take place online, Saturday, July 9th at 2pm. Members can contact me at area24sc2022chair@gmail.com for the login, and you can share it with your fellowship networks: Meeting ID: 851 3754 5101, Password: ~~SpringCony~~, Phone Password: 4661607465.

As I have no co-chair this year, and I will be stepping down, someone who has served on three previous Spring Convention Planning Committees will need to step up at that meeting to chair next year. There are two flyers: one that is ideal for sharing electronically, and another one that is good for printing out and passing out at in-person meetings and events.

There are 157 people already registered for the event, 116 staying on campus, 30 staying off campus, and 11 for Saturday only. Come join us! You can direct any question to me at: area24sc2022chair@gmail.com
<https://www.alanon-maryland.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SC2022-2-Fillable-Flyer.pdf>

2022 Fall Convention Chair: Robert W.

No Fall Convention in person this year. He encouraged those who want an in-person experience that the Spring Convention is your opportunity! Robert is putting together a virtual Fall Convention on November 5. Please inquire about status and volunteering to assist Robert and his committee.

Area24fall@gmail.com for volunteering to assist in planning.

2022 AA Convention Liaison: Katie C-S.

Please email Katie about volunteering and for more information. 29 Al-Anon participants have signed up so far. Workshops, including a Jeopardy-style Al-Anon trivia game.

Literature Coordinator: Vicki B.

She heard of the possible need for the Literature Display board for the AA Convention in Frederick next month. Katie was on meeting and will connect with Vicki.

Alternate Delegate: Suzy M.

Technology Coordinator: Still an Open Position

Baltimore AIS Report

Spring 2022 Assembly meeting of the
Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups of
Maryland and the District of Columbia
Saturday, May 21, 2022

By Jessi Ahart

Baltimore AIS meetings are hybrid (both online and in-person) at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month (except December and June). The in-person meeting location is Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road, Parkville, MD. Those joining virtually can utilize the Zoom link at the end of this bulletin. Come join us!

We are following COVID precautions as suggested by the Baltimore County Health Department, aligned with the state of Maryland and the CDC regarding reopening actions and face covering requirements. However, inconsideration of those with health concerns, masks are usually worn when more than a couple people are present. Our best attended meeting was our last one, with 10 people in person, and another 10 online. In order to provide the greatest level of safety for ALL members - as well as easier access for more distant groups' AGRs - Baltimore AIS intends to continue to hold our meetings hybrid, with bi-annual "in-person, if possible" meetings.

Co-chair – Jessica K. has gathered an AGR List Updates Working Group. They are working on modes of communication with groups to ensure that they have an AGR that is attending AIS and receiving information. Members of the work group are not generally available during weekdays, so all Baltimore area members are asked to ask if there's an active AGR at any day meetings they attend (either in-person, virtual or hybrid). All AGRs are asked to help us to assure that our database is accurate by using an updated Google Form to register or confirm your registration: <https://forms.gle/LqDQnDtLMNATCEE9> If there are questions about registering a new AGR or confirming registration of a current AGR, please email Jessica K. baltoaiscochair@gmail.com or send her a text: 443-257-6663

Al-Anon Birthday Celebration - 44 attendees, two speakers and an interactive chat about balance was very effective, festive and fun. Please consider helping with tech in the future: we're happy to train you! We need a Chair for next year's Birthday Luncheon 2023.

Website- We don't mean to brag, but we have the best Al-Anon website we've seen anywhere (thank you, Mary Beth for your past service with web design!) We're now at 120 visits per day! $\frac{2}{3}$ returning, $\frac{1}{3}$ new. Lots of meetings going back to in-person

or hybrid; please continue to send updates to Robert. Robert also asks that flyers be sent as 3X5 or 4X6 images to make it easier to include on the website. JPG format works well.

Literature Depot - *How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics* and *Opening Our Hearts Transforming Our Losses* are back in stock! The Al-Anon 12 & 12 is out of stock, and *As We Understood* is almost out of stock. New service manuals (in print) will be available in mid-May. Many books are available digitally and/or audible.

Urgent need: Help take a meeting to the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW) in Jessup, MD. Volunteers needed on occasional Sundays. See the end of this bulletin for more information. If interested or have questions, contact Margaret:

Zoom security changes: Zoom is now asking all new devices logging in to authenticate with a code sent via email, causing confusion in some meetings. Consider using a **Host Key**. Instructions available on Baltimore website.

Mid- Chesapeake AIS – previously Anne Arundel County AIS- Lynne F.

Washington, Suburban MD AIS- Maureen

Reports from as many groups as we can get to (at least 1 group in each district)

Dates of Upcoming meetings in 2022:

Fall AWSC- September 24, 2022

Fall Assembly- October 22, 2022

Chairperson- Dolores M. – Wrapped up the meeting, thanked everyone for their participation and patience.

Meeting concluded with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.