

Area Assembly Minutes – Saturday, March 7, 2026
Hybrid (In-Person and Zoom)

Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Welcome and Announcements – Linda R., Area Chair
Please note that Chat has been disabled to avoid “side conversations” on Zoom as well as in person.

Review Zoom Features and Assembly Etiquette (PowerPoint adopted from the World Service Conference (WSC)) – Cara J., Tech Coord. with Linda R. and Amy P. helping read slides within the presentation.

Linda R introduced our KY Area Officers: Delegate Pauline W; Group Records Coord + Alt Delegate Ashley B; Secretary Claire H; and Treasurer Sara G. Thanks you all! Linda reminded us of Archives table in the room, raffles for convention fundraising, literature for sale, Alateens are selling water and we have literature raffles too. Welcome to GRs, anyone new? Welcome.

And, please help us confirm we have correct mailing address for GRs, these letters were sent via USPS. If you didn't get it, please help us correct the contact info. Get with your DR, or with Ashley B, to correct our records of home mailing addresses. Several people on Zoom did NOT receive this letter . . .

Reading of Motions (from AWSC) and approval of Minutes (from October 2025) – Claire H., Area Secretary
Here are three Motions (all from Public Outreach), approved at last night's Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting that GRs will be voting on this afternoon:

- **I make a motion that we fund the registration for the Sept. 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference for \$500 (a savings of \$50 if we meet the June deadline).**
- **I make a motion that we provide 200 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets to each of 12 active districts, plus \$80 to print QR codes that link to the KY Area website (and placed on each pamphlet) for a total project cost of \$848.**
- **I make a motion that we provide \$150 for Al-Anon/Alateen literature to be used at the Sept 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference and at the Sept. 16-17, 2026, KY Association of Addiction Professionals.**

We will now review/approve the October Area Assembly Minutes that went out to all DRs on Dec 9.

Any questions/comments?

Celia G, DR, Dist 5 – Two minor typos: Fix spelling of “Ashley” on page 2, appears twice.

Bonnie W, Area Website Coord – Reminds everyone that these Motions (for afternoon voting) are on the area website, under the Members tab > Area Assembly tab.

Linda R – We need GR(s) to make the motion

I make a motion that we accept the Oct 4, 2025, Area Assembly Minutes with spelling corrections pg 2.

Made by: Amy V, GR *Thursday Morning Serenity AFG*; seconded by: Laura J, GR *Weds 12-Step AFG*

Room: 25 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 30 yes 0 no 2 abstain

— **Motion passes** (we have 57 voting members today)

Treasurer's Reports – Sara G., Area Treasurer

Sara started with the 2025 Q4 report first, since GRs have not met since Oct 2025. Sara walked us through her report titled: KY Area Assembly Treasurer's Report Oct 1, 2025–Dec 31, 2025.

Any questions? None

Sara also mentioned her report on KY Area Group Contributions Jan1-Dec31 2025 as well as YTD contributions report. She has hard copies available here.

Total 2025 contributions = \$22,046.83

Linda R did point out that we are spending more than we're taking in...

I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report for Oct 1– Dec 31, 2025, as submitted.

Made by: Jessica L, GR, *St Matthews AFG*; Seconded by: Lisa F, GR, *Good Morning Al-Anon Online*

Room: 25 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Zoom: 37 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

— **Motion passes** (we now have 63 voting members)

Ann L – admits she messed up on first Zoom vote

Them Sara walked us thru the current period's Treasurer Report: KY Area Assembly Treasurer's Report Jan 1-Feb 28, 2026 — Any questions?

Karen G, GR – questioned the cost for Area Website, beyond monthly hosting fees? and to please explain the past delegates \$546. expense.

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Sara G, Treasurer – explained the website update costs. A refund was received of the original amount paid, the total cost was \$124, (plus \$17.04/mo. Hosting fees). And Sara explained the \$546 cost was for Linda R’s airfare to this month’s SERDGT in Virginia Beach.

Karen G – Are there further expenses for that event? Sara explained that she receives an expense sheet and sends that person a check to cover their costs. Once that check clears is when Sara enters it into the report.

Karen G – Why don’t we refund AFTER the trip as opposed to before the event/trip takes place. Do we have a POLICY written if the person doesn’t take the trip for some reason? I’d suggest paying AFTER the trip and not before.

Sherry H, PD – During COVID I had a trip cancelled and then chose to use it the following year. Yes, we all wanna guard our money.

Karen G. – Wants to get greater clarity on why someone would hold the money for a year — feels strongly that an individual should not be able to hold monies for a year. Karen wants greater accountability and is happy to help write something for this process.

Linda R – Thank you all for your thoughts + comments. These current practices are based on past Motions of money allocation. We trust our trusted servants. If you want to follow up further, take it to your DR and they can bring it to AWSC. Thank you.

Linda R asks for a GR to make a Motion to accept this Treasurer Report (Jan 1–Feb 28, 2026).

I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer’s Report for Jan 1– Feb 28, 2026, as presented.

Made by: Judy S, GR, *Living Free AFG*; Seconded by: Rose M, GR, *Bardstown Thurs. Night AFG*

Room: 25 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Zoom: 33 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

— **Motion passes**

Linda R reminded GRs to bring Sara’s Group Contributions Report back to your Group Treasurer to make sure amounts are correct.

Treasurer Sara G reminded us about splitting expenses if you are here today as a GR and hold another role (ex: PD or DR), your costs would be split between that Group and the Area/District.

And to have GRs make sure their Group Treasurers are sending their donation to Sara, made out to KY Area Assembly and included group WSO ID#, group name — Sara has provided postcards for GRs to take back to their Treasurers.

Delegate’s Report – Pauline W., Delegate

Today’s report is in two modules. The first report, about Electronic Alateen meetings, is something I brought forward to the Assembly last June. My partner today is Maureen C. who currently serves as the KY AAPP. Who knows what AAPP stands for? . . . YES, Area Alateen Process Person. This is an important role that keeps Alateen in the KY area up and running. Thank you, Maureen – and a big thanks to Lisa F. our KY Alateen Coordinator. In that role, Lisa serves as the vital link of communication between the WSO and the Area on matters relating to Alateen and is a resource for Alateen at all levels of service.

MAUREEN: We have two goals today. One is to share what the WSO hopes to do with electronic Alateen meetings. The other is to gauge the KY Area’s interest in having electronic Alateen meetings in our Area. Pauline will take our feedback and level of interest to this year’s World Service Conference (WSC) in April.

MAUREEN: Let’s briefly look back to see how we got to where we are. You and I know that there are many electronic Al-Anon meetings. However, there are only six (6) electronic Alateen meetings. Those meetings can be found on the Al-Anon app. Electronic Alateen would provide teens more opportunities to attend meetings.

PAULINE: With a focus on safety, the WSO has been working on this project since 2020 when a project team was formed and they collaborated with international Al-Anon structures to understand the legal implications of having electronic Alateen meetings that could reach teens throughout the world. With that information, a potential solution was developed in 2022 and presented to the WSC in 2023. Feedback was gathered; things were refined. In 2024, the WSC reviewed both the framework and an **Electronic** Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (EASBR). At the 2025 WSC, with plans for electronic Alateen coming together, the WSO discussed rolling out Electronic Alateen in the summer of 2026 and asked Delegates to gather interest from their Area. That’s where we are today.

MAUREEN: Here is an overview of Electronic Alateen meetings. Any teen within our WSC structure could choose to participate. Our WSC structure includes the United States (including Puerto Rico), Canada, and Bermuda. The teen would have to register for the meeting they wish to attend. Certified AMIAS-E would support the meetings. So, if our straw poll is that we do not want to do this, the KY Area teens can attend other electronic meetings. Electronic Alateen

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provides teens with many choices and opportunities to safely attend meetings where experience, strength, and hope are shared as a result of being affected by someone else's drinking.

PAULINE: Because these meetings involve teens and keeping them safe, there would be some specific requirements for teens to attend and for those who support them. Here is an overview of what this means for teens:

Before being admitted to an electronic Alateen group meeting, the teen needs to be 13 years or older. They would have to participate in a pre-interview with each Alateen Group they wish to attend. The teen would need to show proof of age with photo ID, provide contact information where they can receive the meeting link, and share emergency contact info of their custodial parent or legal guardian.

MAUREEN: Here is what Electronic Alateen Sponsors would need to do:

- The sponsors would need to pass a background check that verifies they have not been convicted of a felony or charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior.
- AMIAS-E (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service–Electronic) would need to be mandated reporters. For us, a mandated reporter means they would be legally required to report suspected abuse, neglect, or endangerment of children. (the legal definition has more to it, but this is our working definition for our discussion today).
- Only AMIAS-E can serve and participate as Group Sponsors for electronic Alateen meetings.

But wait there's more...

PAULINE: Additionally, here are the requirements for any electronic group based in the KY Area. They would need to conduct a pre-interview of any new teen wishing to attend.

- The pre-interview needs to be facilitated by registered AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service-Electronic (AMIAS-E) for that specific group.
- Group Sponsors would need to maintain a list of information on Alateens interviewed & approved for admittance to that specific group. Remember, that Electronic Alateen needs to ensure the safety of teens who attend.

MAUREEN: This is the work that the KY Area would need to do. We would need to create procedures to ensure that the minimum requirements and process of certification are maintained. For example, we may need to consider national background checks, create documents/spreadsheets that all AMIAS-E could access and update. And there may be other considerations as well. We don't know exactly what we will need to do for the Kentucky Area.

PAULINE: OK...that is a high-level overview of what is involved in bringing Electronic Alateen to the KY Area. What questions do you have on the proposal for Electronic Alateen?

Cindy M – How many AMIAS-E would need to be on a meeting that was electronic? A: It's 2.

Cindy F – I'd like to know what the interview questions are and who formulated them.

Pauline answered – The questions are not yet formulated; that is something the KY Area would need to do to get Electronic Alateen up and running. And these would need WSO approval for consistency among the US, Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

Andrea, GR, *Together We Can Make It* – You've mentioned AMIAS-E and regular AMIAS (and ASBR); what's the biggest difference between the two? So, there'd be a separate training?

Pauline answered – YES, a perfect lead in... AMIAS-E would be trained by WSO and follow ASBR-E so it's consistent for kids attending from anywhere.

Carolyn L, PD – Has this already been passed at WSO; or is it still under discussion? A: Yes, it's been 'passed' for testing purposes—currently there are six Alateen Electronic meetings out there. WSO is now ready to release it to a wider audience. They're opening it up to other Areas that want to do this. We're going to do a straw poll to see the level of interest our Area has for doing Electronic Alateen mtgs. As your Delegate, that's the feedback I need to gather and bring it back to WSC.

Jane, GR, *All Are Welcome Monday Night AFG* – How many teens can attend and how many sponsors on these electronic mtgs? Answer: An unlimited number of teens may attend, with 2 sponsors required.

Lori H, PD – Of the six electronic mtgs currently, how many kids are attending those? A: At last year's WSC, it was shared that these mtgs average 6-10 teens at each mtg. I have no more current info than that.

Mary T, DR D01 – Regarding mandatory reporting of issues, how would people know who to report to?

Pauline answered – That has been a stumbling block for the WSO – the way it would work (as of 2025) is that if a teen from Montana (for example) attends an electronic mtg in Louisiana, and an issue arose, the AMIAS-E Sponsors would report the issue to their state (i.e., the one hosting the mtg) and then their state's governmental authorities would pass it on to the attendee's home state authorities; in this case Montana.

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Pauline continued . . .

OK, if there are no more questions, it's time to do a Straw Poll to gauge interest... Bonnie has a poll prepared that states: **“Should the Kentucky Area do Electronic Alateen?”**

Room: Yes: 23 No: 0 Maybe later: 3

Zoom: Yes: 38 No: 0 Maybe later: 2

So, what I'll share at the WSC is that “Yes, we're interested.” And it will be a process; it will not happen in July. And there's a lot to work through yet.

Bill H, GR, *Gateway AFG* – What are current demographics of these six Electronic Alateen mtgs? Did a mtg in Delaware decide to go electronic? Or are these far-flung? A: In US and Canada.

Bill: No, No NO; I'm not stating my questions clearly... Are these Alateen mtgs that just decided to go electronic?

Pauline answered – No, the WSO asked for those who wanted to help **test** this electronic Alateen concept; these were not existing groups that 'just decided' to go electronic.

Thank you all for your input; and thank you Maureen for your help. I really appreciate it.

So, my 2nd report is my March 2026 Delegate's Report

Here are today's topics: World Service Conference; Love Gifts; Choosing a Group Name; and a Chosen Agenda item... just like at Conference. Let's begin.

The 2026 World Service Conference, WSC will be held for a week in Newport News, VA, April 20–24. The theme there year is *75 years, One purpose*. In the past two years, you have blessed me with many encouraging words of support while at Conference and during this term. Each of those love-filled notes is appreciated. At conference, those messages lifted my heart and kept me spiritually centered.

If you'd like to send a card, here is the information for that. Cards should be addressed to:

Pauline W____ (hold for WSC 4/20-4/24, 2026)

Newport News Marriott at City Center

740 Town Center Dr.

Newport News, VA 23606

Cards should have my home return address on it. I'll show a bigger version on the next slide. *(Note: We omit her address from these Minutes due to privacy issues for website hosting of our Assembly Minutes)*

Each year Delegates bring some tokens to Conference to express the love that we find here in AI-Anon. Then Delegates bring them back to their Assemblies to share with the GRs. These are often called Love gifts. If you, your Group or District would like to make some love tokens to be shared, please mail them to me at my home address so I receive them no later than April 13. That will give me time to get them packed. Please do not send boxes to the hotel. And, whether you make 10 or a hundred, it somehow all works out at Conference. Like me, the other Delegates enjoy bringing back a little something from Conference.

Just like the KY Area is divided into Districts, North America is divided into Regions. Kentucky is part of the Southeast Region. Every year, each Region holds a get together. The Southeast Regional Delegates Get Together (SERDGT) will be March 20–22 in Virginia Beach, VA. The SERDGT is an opportunity for the Region's Current and Past Delegates, Current Alternate Delegates, and Past Trustees and Past Delegates who live or have a mailing address in the Southeast Region to share discussion of Experience, Strength and Hope on issues raised at last year's WSC, discuss topics of interest or concern pertaining to the World Service Office (WSO) and WSC, or matters of current interest to our region.

At our KY October Assembly, we had a rich discussion about the way forward for AI-Anon when it comes to Choosing a Group Name. That Tradition-based discussion centered around whether a group name should contain identifiers such as men, women, adult children, parents, etc. Thank you for your input. At the Assembly, GRs were invited to take this topic to their groups to gather their insights to provide me, as Delegate, with thoughts to take to Conference. First, a big thanks to the individuals, groups, and districts who shared their thoughts – and a special callout to the GRs and DRs who compiled information and passed it on.

And here is the data on who contributed. From the groups in Kentucky, I received feedback from about 7%... We have approx. 174 active groups in the KY Area (156 physical groups and 18 electronic groups). Thus far... 13 groups have sent feedback (that is a little over 7% of the KY groups). One DR compiled data from several groups in their District, 2 DRs talked about it at District meetings and sent feedback, and 11 individuals reached out.

Two town halls were held (on Zoom). Three (3) people attended the first town hall, and four (4) people attended the second town hall. Input from the town halls is reflected in the data presented.

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GRs...your ideas and input can still be given to me. I'm open to a Zoom meeting, phone call, or email with responses. I would need that input by March 10, as the WSO has asked all Delegates to complete a survey inputting the data that was collected from each Area. That information will be compiled and serve as a resource for Delegates to use as we continue to discuss this topic at the WSC this year.

General News from the WSO:

2025 ended with Al-Anon having a bit of an operating surplus. This was due to several major bequests that were received last year. Without those bequests, the WSO would have had a deficit. Consistent donations and our purchasing of literature are the main ways that the WSO gets their operating funds. The extra funds will enable the WSO to continue several projects that were begun in 2025.

Each year, the Board goes on the road so that you and I can see how a Board meeting works. This year, that event is in Chicago on Oct 19-24. The road trip will be on October 24. More details to come on this at the June Assembly.

Chosen Agenda Item – Each year Delegates are invited to suggest topics to be discussed by the World Service Conference. Then Delegates vote on which topics to discuss. Only a few are selected for discussion. The purpose of this at Conference is to allow Delegates to receive a broad range of experience, strength and hope on a topic. Since this is an election year, the Chosen Agenda Item I submitted was on the topic of Rotation of Service. Today, we will spend a little bit of time talking about this today enabling you to receive a broad range of experience, strength, and hope on the topic and me to have more information to take to Conference to use if this item is selected for discussion.

Pauline asked five (5) GRs to read an article from *The Forum* December 2022. Five volunteers: Peggy, Patty, June, Janis, and Marcia read the following:

“Why is Rotation of Service Important?”

The concept of rotation of service warrants understanding from the beginning. The general length of time for District and Area service positions is three years. This can work magnificently—the first year is spent learning the responsibilities of the role; the second year is spent effectively carrying out the duties; and by the third year, the experience gained can be shared with the incoming trusted servant. This set length prepares us to rotate out of the position at the end of our term.

But what happens when no one steps up to fill a vacancy? Will the group go unrepresented or disconnected from the District or Area? Will our group funds be mismanaged and our bills become delinquent? How will potential members ever find us if we don't have a way to keep our meeting information current?

It is important to recognize the perils of remaining in a service position at the end of the term simply because no one else volunteers. Groups can become reliant on those who are always ready to take charge. The group's health can suffer when all members don't get the opportunity to serve. Encouraging rotation of service helps to foster the understanding of shared leadership.

It may take a while for members to step into service, and it is okay for a vacancy to exist. Perhaps members can encourage each other to “test-drive” or share a service role. This may lead to serving out the full term. Taking a turn at various service positions can provide experience applying recovery principles that could not be obtained otherwise.

The sense of belonging we may have lost as a result of someone else's drinking can be restored as we serve our fellowship. As we serve, we develop self-esteem and a sense of self-worth. We learn how to listen to others and receive encouragement, love and support. Service is that third leg of the stool that provides balance as referenced in the introduction to Paths to Recovery and all members deserve the chance to experience it.

Our co-founder Lois W. wrote a letter to long-time members, which can be found in Many Voices, One Journey (B-31) on pages 146–147, about the importance of rotation of service. Her letter says that “if we try to dominate and do not give the newer members a chance to develop, we are stunting our groups and keeping newcomers away.”

Dominance is explained in “Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon,” as found in the 2026–2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27): ‘Our leaders are trusted servants; they do not govern. No member of Al-Anon should direct, assume authority, or give advice. Our program is based on suggestion, interchange of experience, and rotation of leadership.’

Rotation of service brings an interchange of experience. Letting go of a service position can be uncomfortable. The next trusted servant may not do things the way we think they should. Such interchange of experience does, however, allow new ideas to be planted. The opportunity to serve helps all members practice the principles of Al-Anon. What better expression of self-care is there?

Having regular business meetings in Groups, Districts, and Areas to discuss service positions encourages the rotation of service. Concept Four, “Participation is the key to harmony,” helps us understand that when we choose to

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participate in service, we gain more than we give. When we rotate out of a service position, we allow others that same opportunity to receive in abundance more than can ever be given back. Letting go is one aspect of rotating; participation is another. Rotation of service ensures that we remain healthy in our service positions and our recovery.

As the year comes to an end, consider how you can continue to support your group and links of service by rotating out of current roles and acting as a Service Sponsor to an incoming trusted servant. Or consider challenging yourself with a new service role and seek the support of someone who went before you.”

Pauline thanked our readers and went on...now it is time for you to share. Here is one question and some situations. What is your experience, strength and hope to address these.

Question 1.... Why is rotation of service important to you?

And then, in my term as Delegate, I've been advised that these things have been said under number two: What suggestions do you have for handling these situations?

- a. "The person told me that they had more experience so I shouldn't let my name stand."
- b. "Somebody at my district meeting told me I wasn't qualified to let my name stand, so I took my name out. But I was qualified."
- c. "The group told me since no one will let their name stand, that I should just keep being the GR" or the group said, "We need you."

With that, Pauline closed the PowerPoint and asked all present to come up to the mic, using the questions written on slips of paper (in room) or shown within the chat (on Zoom) to share your thoughts . . . and learn how other GRs have handled these situations to help us all in this election year.

Comments followed:

Pam H, Past GR, past DR, CKY LDC Coordinator – My first response to every one of these is to call my sponsor.

Barbara – I was elected GR because I wasn't there that day. It's important to rotate service roles because you get a different perspective on the whole program. Now, I participate more and encourage others to participate more; it's a good opportunity to share YOUR testimony. Service is a great opportunity to share.

John H, GR *Bowling Green Friendship AFG* – Service gave me the opportunity to grow in my program.

Benita D., DR D04 – I always loved rotation of leadership. I feel like it's really important for new ideas and allow Al-Anon to grow forward ...I need to say, as DR, I do not feel that I have any real input at AWSC. I sense that Past Delegates overshadow current service members – all those Past Delegates are NOT Rotation of Service.

Judy S, GR, *Living Free AFG* – Rotation of Service is important to me because ...I'm tired; my group had no representation when I joined and I felt we needed that, and when no one else stepped in, I just kept doing it. No one told me I didn't have the experience nor that I shouldn't keep doing it ... No one else let their name stand, and this year I am not going to continue in this role, I'm getting better and will let others step up.

Peggy, GR, *Courage to Change Bardstown AFG* – The importance of Service was first taught to me by my alcoholic; he did a lot of service in AA. I could see the importance of it. I took my Group's GR position, even though I hadn't been in the program very long. I do talk up the importance of serving, hoping to encourage others to step up—but I am going to stand my ground and not do this same role again. In my mind, I'm willing to be Alt GR and offer my support.

Sherry H, PD – 33 years ago, I learned about "voluntold" and I was asked to help w/Alateens. I had no kids at the time and just fell in love w/those Alateens; I was there every week. I jumped in...It launched my ongoing service work; I've served every role. It's a great gift and I'm happy to share whenever I can.

Question 2What are qualifications to be a DR?

Judy S – A breathing member of Al-Anon.

Bruce F, PD – You've been a GR (Group Rep) for 3 years...

Pauline responded YES, and said she's hoping GRs here today will let their name stand for DR (District Rep). And going back to our 3 situations listed above, how do we navigate those?

Lisa F, GR, *Good Morning Al-Anon online* – In response to "b." – I've never been unqualified to serve.

Carolyn L, PD – I too have held a lot of roles; today I'm acting GR for our group. I find prayer helps me a lot. In my small group it is very difficult to get commitment. We meet by phone on Sunday nights, so we help each other to gather info / attend Assemblies / etc. Today I am acting GR for this little group. Realize there is commitment to taking on a service role. We have to look at those requirements before we take a position—and it can be difficult. I try to encourage those with particular skills and leadership qualities to take part... and subtly help move them along into their confidence. I came in in 1971 and there was no meeting in my location ... and I was encouraged to start one! I am so grateful that I have been placed in roles that keep me active in the Program. The point is, don't let fear stop you; there are plenty of people here with experience and encouraging words to help you.

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Lori H, PD – I think Celia’s going to cover this in GR Corner. I love rotation of service. And I was told I could not be a GR and an Alt DR at the same time, but near the end of that term I learned I COULD be... so I did, but it was never recorded at the AIS office. And when I wanted to be AIS Chair, I was told I couldn’t do that. I believe we need to be as loving and encouraging as possible...

Pauline W, Delegate – Thanked everyone for their input on this topic.

Meeting Space Review 2027-2029 – Linda R, Area Chair, has postponed this discussion. This was presented at last night’s AWSC and there was little interest expressed in moving this forward.

GR Corner – Celia G., DR, District 5

This *GR Corner*, like all others that Celia presents, is located on our [Area website](#). Today, Celia reviewed all the *GR Corner* topics to date for this service term. And then introduced today’s topic: **Encouraging Others in Service** to all those present... We’re linked together in Service. Celia had arranged for 3 volunteers to tell their story of encouragement... (Denise A, Rebecca B, and Lori H).

Denise A, DR D03 – In AI-Anon since 2019, I felt at home right away and got a sponsor, and jumped right in. Service helped me overcome my fears and inability to speak up. Service helped me find my voice ... to speak up. My sponsor encouraged me to let my name stand for GR (but it was during COVID). There were so many questions, how to proceed, had to do things differently ... In AI-Anon, I found a loving Higher Power, I was encouraged to keep working the Steps, to give back – all this helped me overcome my ‘enabling’ tendencies. In the booklet *When I Got Busy, I Got Better*, I learned to let go of others and not try to fix my loved ones. As the oldest of my siblings, I always felt overly responsible and service helped me see how conflict can be handled in healthy ways. And I was learning that I cannot fix another’s life. Service just fed that healing for me. Thanks for letting me share.

Rebecca B, ISC Chair (since June) – “Let it Begin with Me” is service in action. My sponsor always encouraged me to serve... I got to start a group in LaGrange. I learn with each new service role, and I encourage others to get involved, get a Service Sponsor—one gets so much out of giving...

Lori H, PD – (wearing a Pokémon hat) – When my group kept asking for a GR and an Alt GR, finally I let my name stand for Alt, but our GR couldn’t get to Area Assemblies due to her work schedule, so I went. I heard it said that you don’t have to be perfect, just willing. And a Past Delegate told me, “Just say ‘Yes’ when asked and let yourself be where God places you. Encouragement builds courage.” I frame service roles by its importance to this group, how it helps keep us connected, and I offer my help – that you’re never alone. Service helps me grow and we place principles above personalities. And I suggest getting a Service Sponsor who’s done this role before. And I say THANK YOU to trusted servants—showing my appreciation. I try to serve with joy and unity. I’m the AA Liaison because I really wanted our recovery programs to come together more. I work w/Dusty (Alateen Liaison to AA) and we’re on these AA committees together. I’ve never missed an Area Assembly. I show up and participate. I’ve held a number of roles. And I am praying about a role on the 2027 AI-Anon Convention Host Committee. Now, the fun part, back when Assemblies were held over 3 days, 85 people in attendance, and we celebrated Lois’s birthday and I had no idea who she was. And when I asked, I was informed that “she founded AI-Anon” and when Lori (new to service) asked which one of us is she? The response was, “She’s dead.” And with that shocker, the whole room, wearing party hats, burst in to singing “Happy Birthday” to Lois.

Celia introduced a few slogans and asked those in attendance how this has meaning for you? ...

Comments:

Tracy F, GR, *Slogans Online AFG* – I’ve been coming to AI-Anon for over 20 years. I like Keep it Simple. I came into these rooms overly responsible. With the help of my Sponsor, I learned to be of service when I could, to keep it simple, despite feeling obligated to serve (and overwhelmed raising my 2 kids as a single parent) ... I weighed my options, what sounds fun? How can I be with my friends? Not to “run it,” but be a part of. And I learned to do more and more over time; I’ve always been encouraged and supported on this journey to volunteer for service. I wait and listen (keeping it simple); I came to be GR midway in this service term.

Barbara K, GR – “Let Go and Let God” is my mantra. Because before, I was always trying to figure out what someone else was doing. Over these last few years, I’ve been focusing on ME and giving it over to God ... I look for the joy in service; I enjoy helping others, but I make sure I give it to God so I can ACT, not react.

Celia went on to mention that we learn along the way in service. This body, in this service term, has fine-tuned our Election Procedures and Timelines. These latest approved/updated election-related docs are on the Area Website. These will help you plan your Group elections (done in June/July) and District elections (in Aug/Sept) ... Then, we’ll have **Area Elections** at our October Assembly.

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Lunch Break

Discussion of Motions, DRs and GRs in-person; and Zoom discussion w/Ashley B

Assembly Reconvened by Linda R, Area Chair

Motions are on the Area website ... Who Votes? A: Group Representatives (GRs) or those representing a GR. Voting will be decided by simple majority.

Public Outreach Motions – Tom H. Public Outreach Coordinator

Tom walked us thru each of three (3) Motions:

First Motion: I make a motion that we fund the registration for the Sept. 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference for \$500 (a savings of \$50 if we meet the June deadline).

Questions on this one?

Cindy F – What’s left of your Budget? I need a copy of the Treasurer’s budget to see Public Outreach line-item amt. – I’m not finding it. A: PO Budget annually is \$5,000.

Barbara – Is this \$500 over + above your budget?

Tom answered: No, we’re nowhere near depleting the PO budget, but I’m workin’ on that.

Linda R asked for a GR to make a Motion...

I make a motion that we fund the registration for the Sept. 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference for \$500 (a savings of \$50 if we meet the June deadline).

Made by: John H, GR, *Bowling Green Friendship AFG*; 2ndd by: Cindy F, GR, *Serenity at Hikes Point AFG*

Room: 24 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Zoom: 36 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

— **Motion passes**

Tom read the 2nd Motion to provide 200 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets to each of 12 active districts (2,400 AFAs), plus \$80 to print QR code/labels that link to the KY Area website (and placed on each pamphlet) for a total project cost of \$848.

Questions?

Jo Etta M, PD – The Motion doesn’t say anything about the Little Free Libraries.

Answer: Motion was edited to include this.

Questioner on Zoom – Didn’t understand total quantities nor how QR code labels would be affixed. Tom answered her questions and Motion wording has been fine-tuned.

Terry, GR *New Hope AFG* – You mentioned an App, yet we’re dropping these off in libraries?!?? What exactly are you talking about ... Tom answered: The app is just to help you *find* these little free libraries. Does that answer your questions? Yes...

Tracy F, GR *Slogans Online AFG* – Are there rules about what you can/cannot place into Little Libraries? Tom answered that these usually have signs on them to “take one, leave one,” and that’s what we’ll be doing—leaving ONE. And Tracy’s follow-up question: What does the Area normally do with these pamphlets *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* since it’s geared for professionals?

Linda R jumped in to answer since Tom was unaware of past PO projects... These have been distributed before by our Area.

Tracy F – I’m a professional. Is there another Motion made for professionals to get this pamphlet in another way?

Linda answered: Not at this time, but Districts or Groups can do their own PO projects as well.

I make a motion that we provide 200 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets to each of 12 active districts (2,400 AFAs), plus \$80 to print QR code/labels that link to the KY Area website (and placed on each pamphlet) for a total project cost of \$848. to be used at Little Free Libraries.

Made by: Lori H, acting GR, *First Things First AFG*; 2ndd by: Sherry H, GR, *Parents Supporting Parents*

Room: 21 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain

Zoom: 37 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

— **Motion passes**

Terry – I just downloaded the (little library) app, and these Little Libraries are mostly in the Louisville/Lexington areas. How do we find others? And is it OK to drop them in other Little Libraries NOT in the app?

A: Yes. The app is just a starting place; you’ll see these little free libraries around many places.

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3rd Motion that Tom has is for us to provide \$150 for Al-Anon/Alateen literature to be used at Sept 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference and at the Sept. 16-17, 2026, KY Association of Addiction Professionals.

Questions?

Ann (on Zoom) – Do you intend to put QR codes on to CAL used at conferences? A: no.

Lisa F, GR *Good Morning Al-Anon online* – We talked a lot about *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*, will these be part of this literature brought to these conferences? A: Tom said he always has those on hand yet plans to offer a wide variety of CAL at these conferences. Linda R asked for a GR to make a Motion . . .

I make a motion that we provide \$150 for Al-Anon/Alateen literature to be used at Sept 9-11, 2026, KY School Counselors Conference and at the Sept. 16-17, 2026, KY Association of Addiction Professionals.

Made by: Lisa F, GR, *Good Morning Online*; Seconded by: Cindy F, GR *Serenity at Hikes Point AFG*

Room: 25 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Zoom: 37 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain

— **Motion passes**

Leadership Presentation/Workshop – Bruce F., Past Delegate and past SE Regional Trustee

Bruce also provided hard copies over on the side table . . . and made clear this is NOT Conference-Approved, but it has a lot of references from our Service Manual. Use it if you want to chair a meeting on Leadership at your home group. And the 2nd page has ‘personal reflections’

And, for those on Zoom, this is also on our Area Website, but it’s not something you need in front of you right now.... This Leadership topic is something I am passionate about.

Here is the text of Bruce’s 2-page handout:

Leadership in Service Workshop

The importance of leadership is repeated and emphasized in Al-Anon’s Traditions and Concepts.

Tradition Two: “For our group purpose there is but one authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Tradition Nine: “Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service board or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Concept Three: “The Right of Decision makes effective leadership possible.”

Concept Nine: “Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of world service, the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.”

Leader Qualities:

1. **Inspire others to act** – “A leader is a person who can put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, pp.200
2. **Consider what is best for Al-Anon as a whole** – “A leader is a person who originates principles, plans, and policies for the improvement of our fellowship.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, p. 200
3. **Consult with others** – “The leadership of . . . trusted servants is never more apparent than when they seek the counsel of others, research previous similar decisions, delay or postpone decisions, and seek spiritual guidance.” Concept 3, *Paths to Recovery* (B-24), p. 264
4. **Are accountable** – “Good leadership never passes the buck.... Leadership should always have good reasons and give them.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, p. 200
5. **Are you capable of compromise?** – “Another qualification for leadership is ‘give and take,’ the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever it can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, p. 201
6. **Are courageous** – “Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism—an acid test.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, p. 201
7. **Have vision** – “Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and more distant future.” Concept 9, *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual*, p. 2022

Do I See Myself as an Al-Anon Leader?

• “Concept Nine defines those qualities as responsibility, tolerance, stability, flexibility, judgment, and vision. They are inherent in all of us and brought to full strength as we practice the Al-Anon program.”

The Concepts: Al-Anon’s Best Kept Secret? (P-57), p. 12

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- “Using these qualities in our personal lives enriches us. In service, Group and District Representatives and Delegates exhibit these characteristics in fulfilling their roles as the primary representatives of Al-Anon’s group conscience.”

The Concepts: Al-Anon’s Best Kept Secret? (P-57), p. 12

- “Each and every member of Al-Anon has the potential to become a leader.” *Paths to Recovery* (B-24), p. 301

- “In Al-Anon we learn we can take charge of our lives. We are the leaders of ourselves.”

The Concepts: Al-Anon’s Best Kept Secret? (P-57), p. 12

Personal Reflections

1. Do I believe I can be a leader?
2. Am I hesitant to be one?
3. Which qualities of leadership do I already have?
4. What leadership traits do I want to develop?
5. What traits do I possess that might need to be removed by my Higher Power for me to grow in my service leadership?
6. What is my vision, the “all-important attribute” of a leader?
7. What key leadership traits do I consider when electing other service leaders?
8. How is each member of an Al-Anon group in a position of leadership?
9. Where am I on my spiritual path toward becoming a stronger leader?
10. What have I to gain by developing more leadership qualities?

Here are some of the Comments people made:

Celia G, GR D05 – Just the fact we’re gathered here in this room and online, today (and to offer a hybrid mtg) – I am very grateful for that.

Barbara K – This reminds me of my recent mtg on Step 6. We need to be humble – and put the work in.

Benita D, DR D04– I can relate to this, growing up in an alcoholic home – very authoritative – leadership was just demands. Al-Anon helped me learn new ways and become a leader at work and see how one does it in a healthy, compassionate way.

Bruce had someone read from his Leadership slide show and paused for feedback about Compromise.

Karen G., DR D10 – This makes me think of principles above personalities.

Marcia B, – In our meeting, especially with Group Consciences, helps us to see/hear every voice and new info may change my thinking.

Bruce had someone read from his Leadership slide show and paused for feedback about Courage.

Sherry H, past Area Chair, past Delegate – I had the privilege of being Area Chair during COVID and we had the best people in the world to get thru that and strive and function...

Bruce read more from his Leadership slide show and paused for feedback about Vision.

Lori H, PD – At one of our events the theme was “Dream Big”—and dream big we did... We got to talking and came up with the idea of an ad for Al-Anon at the Super Bowl — Wow! That’s big.

Bruce F shared that when he was ISC Chair – they had an Al-Anon Public Service poster refitted for display on a Tarc bus – that was huge!

Pauline W, Delegate – When I was part of a KY Area Convention and we started the idea of having a basket auction, and now they’re an annual event.

Janis, Past Area Public Outreach Coord. – My daughter had an idea (she got from Texas Al-Anon) about billboards – and we got two billboards for Al-Anon done, one on I-65 and one on I-75.

Carolyn L, PD – My vision is to ‘protect the future by preserving the past’. I ask each District to work on that for our Archives.

Benita D, DR D04 – When I served as Speaker Chair, someone wanted to have a very popular speaker come to our convention and we DID.

Barbara A. – I was on literature committee at Conference and proposed that we have a daily reader for adult children and it eventually led to *Hope for Today*. Also, we saved a book that Lois W wrote from ever being discontinued.

Bruce F. – shared his Vision that our Area would have more Trustees come out of our Area.

Bruce read more from his Leadership slide show and paused for feedback about Skills and Traits.

Lisa F – I think leaders ‘presume good will.’

Bruce read more from his Leadership slide show and paused for feedback.

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Jo Etta M, PD – Something I heard when I was new was, “Will you let your name stand for _____.” I’d never heard those words before, but it let me evolve through many service roles. This is a good way to ask your group members this question.

Janis, Past Area Public Outreach Coord. – I was really moved when 3 women came to Barbourville KY (Dist. 16) and brought us a meeting. They told their stories and that meeting is still in existence – it was powerful!

Maureen C – Added, “I am here because of THAT meeting!”

Carolyn L, PD – I have a vision that we will see those parts of Eastern KY will have more groups there and be more active in our Area.

Coordinators Reports

Alateen Coordinator – Lisa F.

Kentucky currently has seven active Alateen meetings across the Area: District 2 *Helping Hands Alateen* (with 2–6 in attendance); District 3 *Jeffersontown Alateen* (typically 5–12 in attendance, yet as many as 19 different teens have attended); District 4 *Free to Be Me Alateen* (5 in attendance); District 5 *Youth and Wisdom Alateen* (2–4 in attendance); District 11 *Northern Kentucky Alateen* and *Northern Kentucky Alateen Florence* (currently no attendance; a new Friday night meeting is planned to start soon); District 12 *Southern Hills Alateen* (with 1–3 members, and at times 5–9 in attendance).

Activities Since the October Assembly – Since the October Assembly, Kentucky Alateen members have participated in several meaningful events. At the AIS Eat ’n Speak held on New Year’s Eve in Louisville, Naomi from the Lexington group served as the Alateen speaker. Seven Alateen members attended the event where they hosted a dessert table and participated in the balloon drop celebration.

Planning meetings for KOMIAC 61 are currently underway. Indiana (the hosting state) has asked for Kentucky to help due to Indiana’s limited number of Alateen members. Kentucky Alateen members are actively involved in leadership roles. Logan is serving as Co-Chair, and Ezra is serving as Treasurer. The committee meets monthly.

At the AA 74th State Convention held February 7–9 in Owensboro, KY (in District 7), the Alateen panel featured speakers Zelda C. and Evie C. The event generated several inquiries about starting Alateen groups in the Owensboro area, reflecting growing interest in Alateen service and outreach.

On February 14, 2026, Alateen was invited to participate in an event held by The Talbot House (a recovery house) in Louisville. This was a great opportunity for public outreach as there were several residents in recovery that heard the message of hope from Alateen. Ava served as the Alateen speaker, and Alateen once again hosted a dessert table as part of the event.

Upcoming Events – An Alateen Mini Convention (*Spring into Serenity*) will be hosted by *Helping Hands Alateen* and *J’own Alateen* on April 11, 2026, from 9:30am–3:30pm, at the Recovery Center, 200 Homestead, Clarksville, IN.

AMIAS Training is scheduled for March 21, 2026, from 10am to 12pm, and flyers have been emailed to District Representatives.

An AMIAS Sponsorship Workshop will be held via Zoom sometime between May and August, with the exact date to be announced soon.

KOMIAC 61 will take place in Merom, Indiana, the last weekend in July.

KACK (Kentucky Area Convention KOMIAC) Bylaws Update – The KACK Bylaws were submitted to the attorney on November 3, 2025, and were reviewed for accuracy on February 16, 2026. Articles of Incorporation are currently being prepared. Both previous KOMIAC entities will be formally dissolved, and any outstanding amounts owed will be paid to the KY Secretary of State. The revised KACK Bylaws now contains business-related sections only.

The current KACK Committee, Maureen C., Pauline W., Linda R., Sherry H., and Lisa F, meets regularly to update the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) and to develop updated KOMIAC Host Committee Guidelines.

Area Support for Alateen – Not all Areas permit their Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and Alateen Coordinator to have both a voice and a vote at AWSC and Area Assembly. Kentucky Area’s continued support of Alateen, including ensuring both positions have representation and participation, is deeply appreciated.

Treasury Reports – 1) The Kentucky Area Alateen Treasury balance was \$7,102.92 in October 2025 and increased to \$7,586.92 by March 2026. These funds support Alateen Mini Conventions and, as needed, Area Assembly expenses. 2) The KOMIAC Treasury balance remained steady at \$17,509.26 from October 2025 through March 2026. These funds provide transportation to KOMIAC and cover other approved KOMIAC-related expenses.

Each One, Reach One. (We even have Alateens saying this now, too!)

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Alateen State Rep – read by Lisa F for Ezra W

My name is Ezra and I am the Kentucky Area Alateen State Representative. It was voted on at last year's KOMIAC that Kentucky would work together with Indiana for the 2026 KOMIAC to be held at Merom Camp and Retreat Center in Merom, Indiana. The Chairperson will be Vinny from Indiana, Co-Chair Logan R. is from Kentucky, and I (Ezra) will be the Treasurer. We are having monthly planning meetings via Zoom. KOMIAC will be held July 24-26, 2026.

Helping Hands Alateen and *J'Town Alateen* are working together to plan a mini convention. It will be April 11 at the Recovery Center complex in Indiana. There will be speakers, interactive workshops, games and fun activities. The cost is \$7 per person . . . *Each One, Reach One.*

AAPP – Maureen C.

Hello, I'm Maureen Carlson, and I'm your Kentucky Area Alateen Process Person, or AAPP. Lisa Fetter and I conducted an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) training session in February. We have our next training session on Saturday, March 21.

We currently have 63 people who are certified as AMIAS in the Kentucky Area. Three of those became first-time AMIAS in January.

We have 7 active Alateen groups. Paperwork is being processed to start a new meeting on Friday nights in Ft. Thomas.

The *Free to be Me* meeting, which was meeting in a school, will be changing locations on June 9 to the Church of the Crossroads in Mount Washington.

And, this is the time of year when all the AMIAS from all the Areas in the World Service structure need to be recertified for another year. In Kentucky, every 3 years each AMIAS goes through the process of training, filling out a new AMIAS form, and getting a new background check (paid for by the Area) in order to be recertified. In the other 2 years of their term, I just need to check that the AMIAS contact information is correct. I send out an email to check on that. In both of those situations, I enter the information into the WSO database and officially recertify the AMIAS. Kentucky's deadline for everyone to be recertified is May 31, 2026.

The certification process is part of what we do for the protection of the Alateens, the AMIAS, and the Area. It stems from the 2003 Alateen Motion by the Board of Trustees (which can be found in the back of your Service Manual). The Board determined that "the Al-Anon fellowship should take all necessary steps to provide a safe environment for Alateens and the Al-Anons involved with Alateen service." They set minimum safety and behavioral requirements.

Our Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service have exhibited a willingness to do what it takes to keep Alateen safe and active in the Kentucky Area. This commitment deserves to be encouraged.

If you are an AMIAS and get an email from me at carlsonmaureen4@gmail.com, please respond. It helps me to do my job. And remember, Alateen is Al-Anon. Together We Can Make It. Thank you all for your service.

Archives Coordinator – Judy M.

Hello everyone! Did you get some of Lois' chocolate Birthday Cake?

Our Archives Workgroup has four attendees: Me (Judy M), Linda R, Carolyn L, and Benita D. Since our last workgroup meeting on Feb. 19, we found all the AWSC/Assembly Minutes and Motions that we were looking for on a thumb drive in the Area Secretary's box of files that was given to me by our current Secretary Claire H. in January.

Carolyn met and talked to John B., a member for 10 years in the Lexington area. He is a network engineer. After Carolyn told him about the background of our Area Archives, he said the best way is to follow the 3-2-1 rule. John gave Carolyn some external drives that we can use to store our documents. And there's plenty of room, because they hold terabytes of data. Then we will find out how to name the folders to put them on the external drives.

By the advice from a librarian in Lexington, Carolyn was able to research the Smithsonian Institute and found out how the 3-2-1 rule works. That is making sure there are 3 copies of the data stored on 2 different media with at least 1 stored off-site or in the Cloud.

And we will store the external drives in a special type of container or box. Benita is researching the best kind of storage boxes we should use. I'm going to go to our storage unit and make sure all the boxes are labeled outside so it's easier to identify the documents in each.

Last Sunday, March 1, I attended the Archives Coordinator's meeting on Zoom held by WSO's Jennifer U. These Archivists and some were delegates who didn't have an archivist in their area were from the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Jennifer announced this year is the 75th anniversary of Al-Anon and that the headquarters will be conducting tours and that there will also be a banquet scheduled. In this month's *Forum*, Jennifer wrote an article about Al-Anon

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history on page 10. I brought *The Forum* with me for anyone to read today. I will do a display of the 75th. Anniversary at the June Assembly.

On March 4th this past week was our Co-founder Lois W's birthday! She would have been 135 years old! The AHA! moment came to Lois in an act of anger to her husband. He was hurrying her up one day to go to an AA meeting and she threw her shoe at him saying, "Your Damn Meetings." Lois then realized that she needed her own 12 step meeting and that's when Al-Anon all began! Let's all sing Happy Birthday to Lois! (*group sang*)

Group Records Coordinator – Ashley B.

There are 41 people in person, and 45 on Zoom, for a total of 86 in attendance at the Area Assembly.

The KY Area currently has 145 in-person (down 3) and 21 electronic Groups. We have had a few meetings close as well, but not the Group. (Some groups have multiple meetings.) One Group has been moved from electronic to hybrid. I have left a few physical copies of Group Change requests on the table in the room, and our website has a link to copies as well. Keep in mind that you are able to submit changes to me, but don't forget to include your DR! Only changes sent to me will be included, i.e., I do not make assumptions that the CMA and GR are the same, unless indicated. Same for the contact person for your group – this is the name and phone number given to the public if someone calls WSO to seek information. You can text, call or email these changes to me via phone or email. (*personal info removed for website hosting of these Minutes*)

Remember as well that the Group email is part of the information that is given to the public. Does your Group email honor anonymity at the public level? Consider creating an anonymous group email to use for communications from WSO and the public.

Just as a reminder – Do not send me the result of group elections for June/July yet. I will just need the most accurate records possible for the current term, which ends Dec 31, 2026. Let me know how I can help!

Literature/Forum Coordinator – Amy P.

As your Area Literature/Forum Coordinator, my responsibility is to help convey the message of recovery and unity through Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and to encourage groups and members to subscribe to *The Forum* magazine and submit their sharings.

The Forum Update –The Kentucky Area continues to experience a decline in *The Forum* subscriptions. In October, there were 285 subscriptions. The February report reflects a decrease of 27 subscriptions, for a current total of 258. GRs here are some small actions and ideas:

- Invite one member to write a short sharing; 100–250 words is sufficient and it encourages new voices.
- Confirm that your group has at least one *Forum* subscription and that members know where each issue is kept.
- Offer a simple invitation to write for *The Forum*.
- Encourage one small act of service: sharing personal recovery in writing.
- Strengthen your group through engagement with *The Forum*.
- Ask your group, "Do we have a *Forum* subscription?"
- Request that each Group Representative announce, "Sharings are needed—here's how to submit."

As a reminder, a monthly electronic copy of *The Forum* is available through Amazon for \$1.99 per issue. Rather than making copies of articles—unless explicitly marked "okay to copy"—please encourage members to purchase the electronic version. Please note that electronic subscriptions are not included in *The Forum* Sales Report.

New Conference Approved Literature (CAL) – The electronic version of the *2026–2029 Service Manual* is now available online. The printed version is expected to be available in April.

New CAL Sharings Requested – The World Service Office (WSO) is requesting our assistance. Submissions for two new pieces of CAL currently in development have slowed, and additional member sharings are needed. Members are encouraged to submit personal sharings for the following working titles:

- Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship and • Finances in Recovery

Did You Know? – The audiobook *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* is available through the Louisville Free Public Library. Anyone with a library card may listen at no cost using the Libby app. This audiobook was recorded by Al-Anon members at an Al-Anon conference. Please check your local library, and if not available please ask if they can get it.

Copyright Reminder – As a reminder, Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) is copyrighted material, and copyright violations limit the Fellowship's ability to remain self-supporting. Purchasing eBooks and electronic literature through the authorized outside entities linked on the Al-Anon online store supports Al-Anon Family Groups. Purchasing printed literature through the WSO or your local Literature Distribution Center (LDC) supports Al-Anon

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Family Groups, including local services. While purchasing used literature or new literature through outside entities may reduce individual cost, it primarily supports those outside entities rather than Al-Anon.

Public Outreach Coordinator – Tom H.

Just a couple of things. Last week we had an Al-Anon table with CAL at Grandparents & Parents gathering held in Lexington KY. It is put on by the state's Agriculture Society and provides a great way to connect. And I'm doing a bi-monthly outreach meeting via Zoom and will be sending out the next invitation to DRs so they can share it with your District's Outreach person. I hope to get some more participation to share our experience, strength and hope.

Technology Coordinator – Cara J.

I'm Cara Johnson the new technology coordinator for the Area. We are in the middle of transitioning I arrived yesterday, site unseen, and have recognized some kinks that need to be straightened out, and we need new Bluetooth speakers to hear those on Zoom and to straighten out full-screen view on ppts. I want to thank the whole team for their help and support and guidance, and I look forward to working with everyone.

Our Tech team met last Monday to focus on everyone's roles for this Assembly. I'm very happy to be here!

KY Area Website Coordinator – Bonnie W.

We are trying something new today. Our Area Assembly registration and evaluations will be done through our website. I'm hoping that it will be much more efficient than the Zoom polling version. Let me know what you think of our new system.

In the last 90 days, 42,000 people have seen kyal-anon.org pop up on a Google search. Of those 42,000, 2,500 clicked on the link to our site for a visit. Our ten most-visited pages were: 1. The Homepage, 2. The Meeting locations page, 3. The Events page, 4. The Members Share Experience, Strength and Hope page, 5. The Is Al-Anon for You? page, 6. The Convention Registration page, 7. The AMIAS Registration page, 8. The Alateen page, 9. The AWSC page, and 10. the Area Assembly page.

I hope you will encourage your group members to visit often. As always, I appreciate your input and submissions for the website.

Other Reports:

2026 Area Convention Chair – John H., Bowling Green, D10

Every meeting reminds us that hope lives here. Every story shared reminds us that healing is possible. The Al-Anon convention is simply that experience – Multiplied! When we come together in one place, we are reminded that: -Our struggles are understood, -Our growth is worth celebrating, -Our recovery deserves nurturing, and -Our presence matters.

The 2026 Convention Hope, Happiness, and Healing is more than workshops and speakers -its connections. It's hearing someone share exactly what you need to hear. It's finding strength in numbers. It's laughter after tears. It's renewed courage to continue working the program one day at a time!

Whether you are new to Al-Anon or have walked this path for years, the 2026 Convention offers: a fresh perspective, deeper understanding of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, fellowship beyond your home group, and encouragement when you need it most.

Sometimes the very reason we hesitate to attend is the VERY reason we should go! Come with an open heart. Leave with renewed hope! Recovery happens one meeting at a time – but sometimes, it grows by leaps and bounds when we gather together.

The 2026 Convention theme: *Hope, Happiness, and Healing!* The host committee has done an amazing job in securing these amazing speakers: Renelle M. Cartersville GA; Jeanie O. Cincinnati OH; Pat B. (AA) Hanson KY; Daphne F. Gulfport MS; and Danny C. Columbia LA.

The host committee has held many fundraising events from butterfly sales, book cover sales, the Lois and Bill plant, the human slot machine, painting parties, and more! The next fundraiser is March 14th from 12-3 Recovery Bingo at the Unitarian Universalist Church. So, join us for some fun, food and Recovery Bingo!

I know the big question is now: How can I attend the convention? It's very simple, you can scan the QR code on the flier...or go to kyal-anon.org ... click on the Events tab ... then click on the 2026 Al-Anon Convention tab...then fill out your information! Also, under that same tab you can print fliers for your group and see how your group can donate a basket. You can also book your hotel reservations as well at the Holiday Inn University Plaza connected right to the convention center! The flier has a QR code that takes you directly to the hotel's website, too!

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Not tech savvy? Well, the flier also has information on how you can register for the convention via snail mail as well! My ask to you is for you to go back to your District and to your Groups and encourage your members to register for the convention. My second ask is that you to go to your Groups and ask them to donate a basket for Convention as well. It takes all of us coming together to make the Convention happen. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Lexington AIS Committee Chair – David W.

The Lexington AIS Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of even-numbered months. Our last meeting was Feb. 9, and our next meeting is Apr. 13. These meetings are both in-person and via Zoom. The Greater Lexington AIS Board (GLAIS) meets on the 2nd Monday of odd-numbered months. Our last meeting was Jan. 12, and our next meeting is Mar. 9. These meetings are in-person only.

The AIS Committee is made up of the Alt. GRs, Chairperson & Alt. Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt. DR, Literature Coordinator, Literature Office Volunteer Coordinator, Website & Meeting Schedule Coordinator and 12 Step Call Coordinator.

The Greater Lexington AIS (GLAIS) Board is made up of the Chairperson, Alt. Chairperson, Alt. DR, Treasurer, Secretary, Literature Coordinator and Member At-Large. Reports are given by the Treasurer, Alt. DR and Coordinators at each meeting.

Louisville Information Service Committee (ISC) Chair – Rebecca B.

The ISC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of even-numbered months, from 7–8pm, in person at the Louisville AIS office and on Zoom. We have a Eat 'n Speak March 21 at the Recovery Complex, Clarksville IN. Doors open 4:30, dinner 5pm, speakers 6pm. Al-Anon, AA and Alateen speakers. It will be a potato bar with a \$5.00 suggested donation – all proceeds going to Louisville AIS office.

And at AA's Falls City Convention in May, our own Becky H. of District 12 will be the Al-Anon speaker.

Drawing for Literature

On Zoom: Francie L... Subscription to *The Forum*

In room at E'town:

Judy M... Subscription to *The Forum*

Judy M... *One Day at a Time*

Amy V... *Alateen Hope for Children of Alcoholics*

June C... *How Al-Anon Works*

Tom H... *Lois Remembers*

District Reports

District 1 (Mary T.)

District 1 is a portion of Louisville/ Jefferson County including downtown, west of downtown, University of Louisville, Crescent Hill and the Highlands. We have 13 meetings in the District including 7 in-person meetings, 5 online meetings and 1 hybrid meeting. Of the 13 meetings, all have elected GRs or CMAs. Most of the meetings have Alt GRs and Treasurers also.

There is a new meeting in the West End of Louisville, with the name *Live and Learn AFG*. This meeting is off to a good start with good attendance and support. Information has been sent to the WSO to register this meeting. It is not yet on the WSO website (as of Friday). If you would like to support this meeting, it meets Sundays from 4–5pm at 1807 West Oak St. in Louisville.

Our most recent District meeting was held at the AIS office with a Zoom option. Our District meetings have been generally well-attended. We continue to learn about the Concepts using the pamphlet, *The Concepts, Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret*. This has allowed the Concepts to come to life for us. We have had good participation and recently started a District Inventory. Many of the Groups in our District have been working on or have completed a Group Inventory using various formats.

District 1 hosted the Alathon on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27) and the day after (Friday, November 28) with meetings at 9, 10, 11am and noon each day. Attendance was good but we hope to work on bringing attendance back up to pre-pandemic levels. We have plans to host this event again this year and this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Alathon. We hope to find ways to make it special this year.

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District 1 is also hosting a District Workshop on Sunday, March 29, 2:30-4:30pm (doors open at 2 for food and fellowship). The Topic is “A Little Time for Myself” and will use readings from the newest daily reader of the same name, with short leads and mini meetings on various topics related to self-care. We hope many of you will join us!

Our next District meeting will be held on Monday, April 19 in person at the AIS office, with a hybrid option. Thanks to Lara G. (our new AIS Office Mgr.) for helping with access to the AIS office and helping set up our meetings! I would like to thank the GRs in our District for their service. Will those who are here in person, please stand up and will those attending on Zoom please wave.

District 2 (Mike M.)

District 2 has 11 in-person meetings 1 active Alateen meeting and 1 electronic meeting, serving the southern Indiana area. Sadly, our meeting in Paoli, Indiana closed after struggling with attendance.

We had our District Post Holiday Celebration on January 10 at the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Carriage House. The Celebration was well attended with approximately 50 people there for food, fellowship, and a fantastic speaker! Thank you to Lyndsey D. for sharing your story with us! Thank you to all who helped set up and to all of you who showed up and brought food. You made this year’s Post Holiday Celebration a success!

We had our most recent District meeting on Jan. 14, 2026. The meeting was hybrid and well attended. Five of our 13 active meetings were represented. We reviewed our Post Holiday Celebration and discussed hosting the March Eat ’n Speak, which will be March 21, 2026, at The Recovery Complex 200 Homestead Drive, Clarksville IN 47129. Doors open at 4:30pm, with potato bar dinner at 5 and speakers at 6pm. We will have an AI-Anon, AA and Alateen speaker.

I want to recognize the members of our District that attended in person and on Zoom today. Thank you for your service. I also would like to thank my District for allowing me to continue to serve them. I am grateful and humbled.

District 3 (Denise A.)

Our District meets currently on Zoom on odd months. The purpose of the District Meeting is to review and encourage the use of Conference Approved Literature; to encourage all groups to be financially responsible in accordance with the 7th Tradition; to provide consideration to group problems that may arise from time to time when AI-Anon traditions are disregarded or other concerns are raised; to conduct workshops and projects for the benefit of AI-Anon as a whole; to compile and maintain an accurate listing of all group meetings in the District and to encourage full participation of each group at the District and Area Assembly Meetings.

In our November 2025 meeting we had our very own Delegate Pauline join us to discuss AI-Anon’s World Service Office (WSO) group naming convention for newly formed groups. Pauline highlighted the importance of considering Traditions 1, 3, 4, and 5 when selecting a name, emphasizing the need for group conscience meetings to ensure alignment with these principles.

The meeting focused on the World Service Conference's discussion about group naming conventions, specifically whether identifiers in group names (such as "Tuesday Men's Meeting") align with AI-Anon principles. Pauline had presented this topic to the Kentucky Area Assembly, noting that while existing groups can keep their names, new groups need to consider whether identifiers support unity and personal progress for newcomers. The assembly was asked to discuss this question in their groups using the Kentucky AI-Anon website's special tab, which contains discussion questions framed within the Traditions.

The group discussed the naming conventions for AI-Anon meetings, with members divided on whether to use specific identifiers like "adult children" or "LGBTQ." Some participants argued that identifying names help people feel a sense of belonging, while others expressed concerns about potential limitations and adherence to Tradition 10's principle of avoiding outside issues. Barbara shared her experience as the chairman of the Atlanta Information Service, where she observed that mixed-gender attendance in specific groups was generally accepted and beneficial.

The group discussed the use of identifiers for AI-Anon meetings, clarifying that while identifiers can be used in the website's search function; they do not need to be included in the meeting’s name. Pauline explained that she will hold two Zoom meetings to gather input from groups and members about identifiers. That input will be compiled for the World Service Conference our Delegate attends in April. Anita raised concerns about the potential discomfort of newcomers who might attend meetings with misleading names, while Karen shared that the J’town group prefers clear identification in meeting names to avoid confusion. Pauline assured us that meeting descriptions include identifier information, providing clarity for those searching for meetings online.

Pauline explained that currently only 8 groups in Kentucky have identifiers, and groups must agree to welcome anyone regardless of gender or other identifiers to be registered. Denise confirmed she had posted Zoom meeting details in the chat and on the website. The group discussed whether identifiers should appear on printed schedules, with

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Pauline noting that groups often don't use full group names when describing meetings to others and any changes to identifier usage would be determined by the World Service Conference next year.

Sunny shared his perspective on Tradition 1, emphasizing the importance of group unity and diversity, while noting that smaller areas with limited group options might not be ideal. He expressed trust in a group's conscience to make decisions rather than being mandated from above. Liz discussed the *Parents Supporting Parents* group, highlighting its unique focus on parent-child relationships and the support it provides to members who have sought and found solace in this specific group. The group plans to conduct a formal vote on the matter in the coming weeks.

Pauline explained the current policy change regarding identifiers in group names, which was implemented after the 2024 World Service Conference and has since received minority appeals. She requested feedback from groups to gather diverse perspectives before the 2026 World Service Conference, emphasizing that current group names are not required to change. The discussion concluded with Denise clarifying that the goal is to collect information rather than make immediate decisions, and Mary confirmed that her group's input had been provided.

In the January and March District meetings the team discussed hosting an AI-Anon workshop possibly with a Bingo-type theme using the book "When I Got Busy, I Got Better." We are still working on a meeting location for an event on one Saturday afternoon in June 2026. Jessica and Jenny will co-chair the event which will include prizes and desserts. The details, including costs, were discussed at the March meeting. The location and date will be finalized by the May meeting. We are discussing bingo prizes being literature. More to be revealed.

In District 3 we have 16 in-person meetings and 4 electronic. We have one group that disbanded: *Shiloh AFG*. At our next meeting we will finalize the workshop and possibly organizing a day to make love gifts for our delegate.

We also discussed using Venmo and PayPal to collect donations. Most groups do not have any issues with this electronic way of collecting donations. The only issue is that the individuals' account can only be used for the group donations.

District 4 (Benita D.)

Welcome to all our GRs who are present in person and on Zoom today! Thank you for being here and being active in the District. We have accomplished a lot; we currently have 21 active meetings including one Spanish Speaking group and one Alateen group.

Our District hosted a workshop in October that we felt was a huge success as we had a capacity crowd. We also hosted the Louisville AIS "Eat 'n Speak" on New Year's Eve. We believe it was a good crowd, and everyone appeared to have a good time.

The Alateen group currently at North Bullet is moving this summer to a Mt Washington AI-Anon group and there is much excitement for that among all the AI-Anon and AA groups that meet at Mt. Washington.

District 5 (Celia G.)

Welcome GRs from District 5 with us in person and on Zoom. Thank you District 10 for hosting this Assembly. Thank you, Pauline and Linda, for your preparation to make today's Assembly a success. And thank you to everyone here in person and on Zoom. We feel the love and support of Service that has been shared throughout.

District 5 covers the Southwest corner of Jefferson County and has 8 AI-Anon meetings, one of which is hybrid, and one Alateen meeting. We meet on the first Tuesday of odd months.

At our January District meeting, we announced a vacancy for our AIS board member position for District 5 since Kim K.'s term ended on December 31. After the meeting, Barb S let her name stand for the position. A motion was made, seconded, and passed and we elected Barbara S as the second AIS board representative for District five. We had our hybrid District meeting on Tuesday, March 3, and it was well attended. Five of our seven groups with a GR were represented either on Zoom or in person.

Our Alternate DR, Linda K., attended the Area Public Outreach meeting and gave a report. We had planned to discuss a project for our District, e.g., a workshop, etc. and were inspired by the Public Outreach discussion. We are looking into providing Alateen literature to Middle and High School Counselors in our District to support Alateen in general, and particularly the Alateen meeting in our District. More to come on that at the next Assembly.

One announcement for our District, *Saturday Serenity* is celebrating their 35th Anniversary on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 10am with food and fellowship, and a speaker at 10:30. A flyer is available.

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District 6 (Ellen H.)

Her first in-person Assembly ... We have 6 groups in our District with another one in Mayfield in the planning stage. There is a group in Murray that has disbanded; they had met on Thursday evenings at Murray Hall on South 12th St.

We'll have a booth at the Overdose Awareness Fair and another one at the Addiction Awareness event, both in Paducah. We have had speakers at an event in Mayfield with Emerald Health. And the *Paducah Lunch Bunch* group did a group inventory.

District 7 (Anne W.)

Anne shares her DR role with Alt DR Sue M and the *Whitesville Fellowship* GR. We currently have 4 active groups in District 7. Sunday night *Whitesville Fellowship*, Monday night *One Day at a Time AFG*, Wednesday night (Hybrid) *Hope, Courage, & New Beginnings*, Thursday morning *Just For Today AFG*. All active meetings are in Daviess County.

There are 5 inactive groups: *Serenity AFG* (Henderson), *Renovating Hope One Day At A Time AFG* (Henderson), *The Center AFG* (Owensboro), *Saturday Morning Hope AFG* (Owensboro), and *Monday Night Matters AFG* (Owensboro). We're working to grow our program, to get healthier, and would love suggestions on how to close meetings for non-Christians.

Group activities – Wednesday's *Hope, Courage, & New Beginnings AFG* began a Step Study separate from the meeting. They meet every other week from 4–5:15pm and have about 5 participants.

District 8 (no report)

District 9 (Mary C.)

First, I would like to thank the Group Reps who are here today for their loving support for Amy and me, and their continued service to their Groups. Amy and I will be continuing to visit the evening groups in May and June depending on the weather. I am happy to report that the groups in District 9 are working the program and strong in their support of each other.

Attendance remains consistent with a growth of 1–2 members in some groups, while other groups are holding steady in membership. A strength of our Groups is the diversity of age; we have one member 93 years young, several members in their upper 80s with 40 or more years attendance, down to the "young ones" in their late 20s to 30s. Our faithful senior members share their wisdom, strength and hope with younger members just beginning their Al-Anon journey. We regard our senior members as 'the way-show-ers.'

For community outreach, we have taken brochures and other Al-Anon literature to libraries, doctor's offices as well as the KY State Police.

Our Groups are actively using Al-Anon literature to supplement their journey. Some groups are reviewing steps, concepts and traditions while others are working in books such as *From Survival to Recovery*, *Discovering Choices*, and *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships*.

Our Groups did a "group conscience" regarding diversity in names. We found this to be a non-issue in District 9. Our Groups are happy with their names and don't feel the need for a name change.

Lastly, our groups are supportive of each other and foster fellowship outside of meetings. Several Groups have a luncheon fellowship after the meeting, while others have a "gratitude" potluck dinner. We believe that fellowship builds closer relationships and strengthens groups.

Our next District meeting is March 21 at the Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown. Addressing issues of service is a theme of this meeting, so we have chosen as our topic Sponsorship and What It Does For Us. Our senior members will share their wisdom, how sponsorship has helped them and the rewards of sponsorship. All of you are cordially invited to attend. We will have a delicious potluck luncheon before the workshop. We in District 9 love to eat!

District 10 (Karen G.)

I want to acknowledge the people from District 10 participating in this Area Assembly. We have 13 meetings per week in our District, 12 in person and 1 on Zoom. This is a reduction of one meeting since the end of 2025. We have more than one meeting in our District that is struggling due to a lack of attendance.

In December we held our annual District "Make it Back it Auction," our only District fundraiser. We had lots of laughs. The auctioneers did a great job maxing out the fun-meter!

A local high school resource officer asked our Al-Anon district to have an Alateen meeting at the school. We are exploring that possibility.

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On April 24–26 our District is hosting a “Back to Basics” workshop at Barefoot Republic in Fountain Run, KY. The weekend will include a focus on Steps 1, 2 and 3 along with a speaker and fellowship. We encourage you to consider this springtime recovery weekend! Registration ends on March 31. A flyer is available.

We enjoyed a visit from our Delegate Pauline W. at our last Zoom district meeting. She helped facilitate a discussion about improving participation at the Group and District levels. Thank you all for your time and attention!

District 11 (Ronda B.)

I want to acknowledge all our GRs; there were 9 here today—that makes me happy! District 11 currently has 18 active Al-Anon meetings and 2 active Alateen meetings. One meeting closed in December, and we are preparing to add another Alateen meeting soon. All but one meeting has an active Group Representative (GR). Our AMIAS certifications are growing, and we remain hopeful that more teens will begin attending Alateen.

Public Outreach has been very active these past few months. Cindy M began serving as our Public Outreach Coordinator in September 2025 and quickly formed a committee of six members and they’ve launched several projects:

- Placing Al-Anon pamphlets in Little Libraries (72 of 90 are currently being maintained by volunteers).
- Posting Al-Anon and Alateen flyers with our local QR code in drug court, pre-trial offices, libraries, community boards, recovery centers, and other locations.
- Distributing literature to local recovery centers and planning participation in upcoming recovery events.
- Encouraging GRs to include Alateen in their readings.

Additional outreach ideas are in discussion. Groups are also talking about creating Love Tokens for Pauline to take to the World Service Conference (no painted rocks!). We are preparing for fall elections, hosting a Chili Cookoff /Workshop, and planning our Annual Lasagna/Dessert Auction Dinner.

District 11 is alive and thriving. It’s been a joy to watch our community grow and see newcomers becoming strong, steady members. Financially, we remain healthy and prudent with our reserves.

District 12 (Becky H)

We have 9 people here (+ on Zoom) today. District 12 meetings are held at 2pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month, both in-person and via Zoom. Our last meeting was Feb. 8, 2026. Our next meeting is March 8. We had 15 in attendance at the January meeting and 12 in attendance at the February meeting.

District 12 has 30 active Groups registered with WSO. Of those meetings, one is a phone conference call only, 11 are hybrid and 3 are Zoom only. The rest are in-person only. We currently have 1 (new) Alateen meeting. Five groups are currently without a Group Representative. There are no open positions at the District level.

To promote literature sales, we asked our GRs and Alt. GRs to promote a certain book for two months and chair meetings about it. They are provided with a summary of the book and asked to have at least 1 copy of the promoted literature on hand to sell. The book promotion that ran from January through February was “Al-Anon’s Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions.” For March and April, we are featuring the pamphlet “A Merry-go-Round Named Denial.”

The Alateen outreach project was completed in November 2025 by hand delivering a set of Alateen posters to guidance counselors at all middle and high schools in Lexington.

On Feb. 21, 2026, the District held a “Share the Love” Potluck and Dessert Auction with an AA and Al-Anon speaker as well as 3 Alateen speakers. The proceeds collected at the door and with the dessert auction were deposited into the 2028 KY Area Al-Anon Convention account; 91 people attended and \$1,400 was raised.

Districts 13, 14, and 15 (no reports)

District 16 (no report)

Linda R. shared that while listening to reports, she was reflecting on the power of Al-Anon and its beautiful continuity and how we all help to keep Al-Anon going and growing.

For Evaluations (use QR code). Questions? Ask It Basket? Additional Comments? None raised. . .

We will be reviewing the Area Election Procedures at the next Area Assembly so please bring those, get familiar!

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Country Inn, 107 Buffalo Creek Dr., Elizabethtown, KY, 270-769-1334; Same Zoom Login/Password

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Linda read quote from a PD she had served with, “Assembly is not just about business, it’s about learning to be with others.”

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer and AI-Anon Declaration

Reminders:

- Send supportive cards to Pauline W., Delegate, at the World Service Conference (WSC) Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2026
- Alateen AMIAS Certifications due to the AAPP by MAY 31, 2026
- You are welcome to bring snacks to Assembly to share. Please take home any leftovers.
- Hosting Districts: **June** 2026 = D1; **October** 2026 = D7 & D9
- Literature AWSC/Assembly: **June** 2026 = Northern KY LDC, D11; **October** 2026 = Louisville AIS/LDC

Respectfully submitted,
Claire H
KY Area Secretary, 2024-26