

Area Assembly Minutes – Saturday, June 6, 2026
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Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Welcome and Announcements – Linda R., Area Chair

Registration is *online only* today, using the QR code, and no badges (name tags) today since Group Records Coordinator Ashley is not here today. Area Officers were introduced: Delegate Pauline W; Secretary Claire H; and Treasurer Sara G.

Linda welcomed any new GRs (Kent and Billy) and thanked them for being here. Additional Thanks to Hosting District 1, and literature is brought here by District 11. Linda read our Assembly Etiquette.

Reading of Motions (from last night's AWSC) and approval of March Minutes – Claire H., Area Secretary

Here are the Motions (& Consensuses) 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 accept the KY Area Election Procedures as presented on this date (06/05/26).**
- **Consensuses to OK the rewritten Role Descriptions, as follow:**
 - Delegate Guidelines
 - Secretary Guidelines
 - Area Archivist Guidelines
 - Literature/Forum Coordinator Guidelines (no changes)
 - Website Coordinator Guidelines
 - *Majority agreed to each of these reworded documents (above)*
- **I move that we make the WSO quarterly contribution 10% of the quarterly income. At the end of the fiscal year, the Area could vote to contribute more based on income surplus.**
- **I move that the Area remove the Delegate/Road Trip line item, the SERDGT immediate past/Alt. Delegate and the SERDGT Past Delegates.**

We will now review/approve the March 7, 2026, Area Assembly Minutes – Any questions/comments?

I make a motion that we accept the March 7, 2026, Area Assembly Minutes as presented.

Made by: Tracy F, GR *Slogans Online AFG*; Seconded by: Cara J, GR *TGIF AFG D12*

Room: 21 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 33 yes 0 no 0 abstain — **Motion passes** (it appears we have 54–58 GRs voting today)

Treasurer's Report – Sara G., Area Treasurer

Sara walked us thru her report for this quarter (March 1–May 31, 2026)...explaining expenses, etc. as she went.

Questions/Comments:

Karen G, GR *J'Town AFG* – Wants explanation of the reserve account. Answer: our Operating Account total does NOT include the Reserve Account. And Karen G asked what we do since Area expenses exceed our income, what's being done to address that? Answer: Treasurer Sara G mentioned her Area Budget Task Force that has been looking into addressing these concerns and she will report on that this afternoon.

Sara G stated she brought bank statements for anyone who wants to see them.

Linda R reiterated that the Area is mindful of our finances and that is why a Task Force formed to address this.

I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report for March 1–May 31, 2026, as presented.

Made by: Lisa F, GR *Good Morning Al-Anon Online*; Seconded by: Fran N, GR *Seekers of Serenity D12*

Room: 21 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Zoom: 36 yes 0 no 0 abstain — **Motion passes**

Sara G made it clear that her Treasurer's Report *and* the list of Group Contributions were both sent out via email prior to today's Assembly so GRs would have these to review. Plus, she brought hard copies here today too.

Delegate's Report – Pauline W.

Pauline gave a thorough report on the recent World Service Conference (WSC) she attended in Virginia Beach.

[Her report is on our KY Area website](#) > Members > Delegate's Report ...Note: A 'text only' version is attached to these Mins.

Questions/Comments?

Bill H, GR – On the translations, some books were so much thicker. And does WSO maintain copyright?

Jessica L, GR – Are individual contributions tracked somehow that they know where I am from? And how does e-book price compare with a printed book.

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Ronda B, Tech Coord – where will the report be available? A: the report will eventually be on the Area website, and the text will be in the Minutes.

Tracy F, GR *Slogans Online* – Will you tell us what to share with our groups? A: We're going to pause for a few mins. to regroup and then YOU GRs come up and tell us what you're going to share with your groups.

Lisa F, GR *Good Morning Al-Anon Online* – There are not a lot of people who are jumping up to serve, yet I was so moved by the quote you shared, "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." —from *Courage to Change* March 18 ... So, I'm going the share that quote with my group.

Shirley, GR *Keep Coming Back AFG* – What I will share is the fact about AI, and how NOT to share CAL there! ... and I was uncomfortable with Zoom during COVID. I'm not a techie and it was daunting and scary. It's important to explore the safe part(s) of these technologies!

Cindy, *Gratitude/Attitude group* – My big takeaway will be Electronic Alateen mtgs. She feels more teens will join Alateen with the prospect of Electronic Alateens mtgs. I'm all for these!

Olivia, Alt GR *New Hope mtg*, D11 – I love your presentation, but it will take a while for me to be clear on what I will be sharing. I really like how the Group Naming issue was resolved—& how OUR feedback played a role! I'll also be sharing about CAL and how those sales help support AL-Anon as a whole.

Kent – (technical/Zoom difficulties, no response . . .)

Bill H, GR *Gateway Friday Night AFG* – I am taking notes for 2 groups, I took a lot of notes: Group naming was quite important, and the number of various groups there are, and the bestselling literature. I also like the info about AI (& that important caution). The international numbers! Plus, I'll look up that *Courage to Change* quote.

Barbara A, *J'Town Electronic mtg* – I will share about ALL the countries Al-Anon is in – I was interested in the fact that we're in Zimbabwe and China. and regarding that AI thing ...NOTE: if you are a speaker at conference, and are recorded, your info can get out there in the public—it's kind of freaky. I will no longer share my last name when I speak.

Tracy F, *Slogans Online AFG* – I've only been a GR for about a year. OMG, I'm emotional ... I'll be sharing about the levels of service and the great work being done internationally, especially for Alateens (electronic)—I want to share it all!! I know I'll first share with my group about Service. Our online meeting had to ask multiple times for someone to be a GR for our group... So, I stepped up! And it's really just so cool!

Pauline asked if more comments. There were none; she closed with, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Budget Task Force Committee Report – Sara Grant, Comm. Chair + Area Treasurer

[While tech works on getting the ppt up], Sara pointed out that today's report will be slightly different than the one originally email to everyone. Our Task Force members are Amy Perkins, Patty Marks + Ronda Breeden.

Since the Area's expenses were continually exceeding our income, our original charge was to Evaluate the current budget and make recommendations in order to align finances with the organization's priorities, goals, and mission. How could the budget more clearly reflect the goals and priorities of the KY Area?

1st recommendation by Task Force: Evaluate budget line items based on Al-Anon principles & Area priorities.

New Recommended Categories of Spending:

Suggested Percentages of Spending:

Overhead (expenses necessary to sustain the Area)

55%

Officer Expenses
Coordinator Expenses
Past Delegates Expenses (AWSC/Assemblies)
AMIAS Certifications
Rent
Insurance
Storage Unit
Technology
Supplies/Office Expenses

Goals (things we exist to do or hope to do)

30%

Outreach Projects
New GR Orientations
Maintaining Website
Literature at Assemblies

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WSO Contributions (surplus spending once above expenses are covered)	10%
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Discretionary Spending (surplus spending once above expenses are covered)	5%
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Delegate/Team ‘Meet the Board’ Event
Expenses for the Southeast Regional Delegates Get Together (SERDGT)
Any Other Miscellaneous Expenses

Sara went on to explain how the annual budget is established by your Treasurer each year. And how her Area Budget Task Force Committee has carefully sought to balance Area’s need and wants. This led to last night’s Motions that came out of the AWSC.

2nd recommendation by the Task Force: Remove standing Motions that have become line-item expenses with set amounts of spending for every year’s budget.

These (past) standing Motions are currently annual line items listed as:

- WSO Contributions (\$500.00 per quarter plus 10% of operating budget at the end of the fiscal year)
- Delegate/Team Meet the Board (\$1000.00 per three year term)
- SERDGT-Imm Past/Alt Delegate (\$1,500.00)
- SERDGT-Past Delegates (\$2,500.00 pool for those wanting to attend)

Yet, these amounts do not follow our Task Force’s recommendations for the Area’s budget focus/percentages—these standing line items are increasing our Discretionary Spending to an unsustainable amount.

Last night’s AWSC Motions:

- **I move that we make the WSO quarterly contribution 10% of the quarterly income. At the end of the fiscal year, the Area could vote to contribute more based on income surplus.**
- **I move that the Area remove the Delegate/Road Trip line item, the SERDGT-Immediate Past/Alt. Delegate and the SERDGT-Past Delegates.**

Sara went on to explain that this is not a value judgement, the Committee is clearly saying we need to see what our income is before we commit to these types of expenses. This way feels more transparent, and anyone can bring it up each year asking for these amounts to be allocated (or not).

Linda R., Chair – made it clear, we’re not taking questions now, we’ll do that when we vote this afternoon.

3rd recommendation: Create policies/procedures for travel reimbursements to trusted servants. These are being suggested since we had no consistent method for tallying AWSC/Assembly travel expenses. Committee feels these would be helpful. We value our Trusted Servants! (Please see attached document: Suggested Travel Guidelines.)

Linda R. thanked Sara for walking GRs through that info. GRs will be voting on these Motions this afternoon — with time to talk about it over lunch and with your DRs, or online with Pauline (12:45–1pm) for Zoomers.

Lunch Break

Discussion of Motions, DRs and GRs in-person; and Zoom discussion led by Pauline W., KY Delegate

Assembly Reconvenes

Jo Etta M’s report of her trip to the SERDGT – read by Bruce F, PD, with some photos shared. Jo Etta gathered some good tips from the hosts of this recent SERDGT—esp. helpful since KY will be hosting the SERDGT in March of 2028. Bruce went on to state You’ll hear more about that and even some service opportunities connected to that event. Bruce is Past SE Regional Trustee and so, one of the topics discussed at Conference was the way Regional Trustees are elected—I’m really into that (procedures/the way things work). I have a lot of insights and was able to share these at the SERDGT (which he also attended). And while the group had 3 options, Bruce had a 4th: Bruce believes that we should elect Regional Trustees at the Regional level. I won’t go into details unless you’re really interested – I’d be happy to go into detail with you.

Linda introduced the Discussion and voting on Motions. **Who Votes?** Group Representatives (GRs) or Alt. GR or those representing a GR. Voting will be decided by simple majority.

Ok, let’s hear your questions on what Sara presented, and on the Motions before us. . .

Karen, *J’Town* GR – Asked how is 6% of Area budget is being allotted to PDs to attend SERDGT—it seems excessive and a place to save; perhaps the number of PDs attending could be curtailed. Also, is there an addition to the Suggested Travel Guidelines about airfare and if so, how that’s budgeted, approved, and reviewed?

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Linda R, Chair – Answered that the Task Force Committee established these new percentages for spending, based more on recent income trends, etc. and that’s how that Motion before us got to the floor... And the travel procedures point you raised would actually go away if this Motion passes.

And, while Karen wanted an answer on how the Area handles airfare expenses to these events; Linda R made it clear that that specific issue is not before us today.

Sara G – Clarified that two of the Motions presented have to do with budget line items for SERDGT, and yet another (3rd) Motion is for expenses for PDs to attend Area Assembly (Linda R made it clear that these PDs are part of the AWSC and their Assembly costs are covered). Sara’s Task Force Committee readjusted their categorizing of the PDs’ Assembly expenses to reflect that fact, i.e., the Budget Task Force moved PDs’ Assembly expenses from ‘Discretionary Spending’ category to ‘Overhead’ category. Today, we have 4 PDs here, and some other PDs are attending on Zoom today.

Lori H, PD – It’s not a question; I’ve asked Pauline to read something for me to make GRs’ voting easier.

Linda R, Area Chair – stated we’re taking questions from GRs right now...

Karen, *J’Town* GR – says she doesn’t see where these Past Delegates are listed as part of the AWSC.

Sara says it’s on pg 161 of the *Service Manual*.

Karen says it doesn’t say anything about “Past Delegates” in writing, or did the Area decide this?

Sara G – made it clear that that is an Area decision. That’s how KY sees these PDs – we value their presence.

Once of our Committee’s other (future) recommendations is to explore this further as well as airfare policies. Just as you’re pointing out.

Cindy F, *Serenity at Hikes Pt. AFG* – I’m not opposed to having Past Delegates here, We have 4 here in room plus 5 online – where and when was it decided that PDs would have a lifelong voice and vote?

Linda says I appreciate that thought, but that’s not what this Motion is about. I don’t know when that was established, but it’s just always been there... a search of the Minutes would reflect that.

Bill H, *Gateway AFG* – As I understand we’ve been doing “this” (i.e., SERDGT) for a decade, as I understand it. It seems like we’re focusing on scarcity rather than abundance. If we send GRs to Assembly, it seems we should be paying for our Delegates to go to SERDGT. Also, it seems a bit punitive to me – because timing is critical for travel planning – these folks are less able to plan. One chili cookoff or one appeal letter might remedy this fear.

Pauline W, Delegate – read Lori’s report since she couldn’t be here today. In the report, Past Delegate Lori pleaded that Past Delegates be allowed to have their expenses covered by the Area for many reasons she listed ... Continuity, Guidance, Knowledge, Showing newbies what to expect, that these PDs are known across the Region, it’s an investment, and to show we value their experience and support. PDs serve as Mentors, offer Stability and stronger connection across the SE Region, it’s not a vacation ... and attending via Zoom just doesn’t offer the same benefits.

Bonnie W, Website Coord – Just to be clear, the Motion before us is just to remove these costs as a line item from our KY budget, it’s NOT that the Area will never send them, it just needs to be voted on as it comes up.

Lori H – Wanted to share more thoughts.

Linda R – Pointed out that we just gave her several minutes to have her multi-page statement read aloud.

Lori H, PD – Lori didn’t realize we had time constraints – she’s at home recovering from surgery and cannot sit or stand, “Pauline graciously read that for me. This is the first Area Assembly in 30 years that I haven’t been able to attend in person . . . This line item for our Area came about because other Areas around the country do this. To attend, we must make our reservations by Feb 1 for March event. I’d be asking NOW to get approval for this March trip. I know Sara wants to remove this from her budget that she’ll present in October, but I ask that it stay.”

...And Lori continued with other pleas to keep the dollars in there “. . . due to it being Spring Break, etc. Lori remembers seeing an Area budget that stated \$30K, she too was initially amazed at those large numbers. But...”

Linda R, Chair – jumped in to state we only have a set amount of time for voting on these Motions. Then, at Linda’s request, Tech team brought the Motion onto the screen, and it was read aloud:

I move that the Area remove the Delegate/Road Trip line item, the SERDGT immediate past/Alt. Delegate and the SERDGT Past Delegates.

Made by: Marcia B, GR *Twelve Traditions AFG*; Seconded by: Jessica L, GR *St Matthews AFG*

Room: 15 yes 3 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 21 yes 10 no 3 abstain

— Motion passes

Next Motion:

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Comments/questions:

Bruce F, PD, Past Regional Trustee – Stated that in the past, we had always included who made + seconded these Motions at Friday night's AWSC. For some reason, today, that's NOT happening; I don't know when it went away (without any discussion) but we need to do what we've always done!

Claire H, Secy – read aloud that Motion's info from Friday's AWSC meeting: "Motion made by Benita Darst, DR D04; Seconded by: Amy Perkins; Lit/Forum Coord."

With that reading, Linda R asked if any GRs want to make this Motion (as seen onscreen) . . .

I move that we make the WSO quarterly contribution 10% of the quarterly income. At the end of the fiscal year, the Area could vote to contribute more based on income surplus.

Made by: Cindy F., GR *Serenity at Hikes Pt. AFG*;

Bill H., GR *Gateway AFG* – how did you decide on 10%? Sara Grant read the old standing Motion (from 2017) stating a set amount of \$500 every qtr. plus 10% of the operating budget at the end of the fiscal year — and Task Force Committee recommends removing the \$500 set amount and felt 10% is more realistic as it's tied to what our finances are each quarter; and has the option to give more at the end of the year...

Motion Seconded by: Karen G, GR *J'Town AFG*

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

While votes were being tallied on Zoom, Linda R read the definition of "Abstention" taken from the WSC

Procedures Document . . . "A formal decision to refrain from voting for or against a Motion. A member may decide to this if they feel undecided about the measure, feel inadequately informed about the issue at hand, or have not participated in the discussion. Abstentions do not count as votes and therefore lower the number of voting members on that Motion."

Zoom: 32 yes 0 no 1 abstain

— **Motion passes**

Consensuses

Sara G stated that one of the recommendations from her budget Task Force was to come up with suggested Travel Guidelines. Your DRs rec'd this doc via email from Linda R. This doc was presented at last night's AWSC, and something(s) came up that weren't considered: Sara's committee still needs to clarify on this doc the cost splitting for those trusted servants 'wearing two hats' at Assembly, i.e., attending as DR + as a Coordinator; and also, those attending as PD (or DR or Coord) and as GR. These 'dual role' expenses should be split, and committee will add these to the suggested Travel Guidelines doc. Sara added that having clarity and transparency with travel guidelines is beneficial to all trusted servants and the organization's financial well-being.

Linda R made it clear that these "suggested guidelines" will just be voted on by Consensus (simple majority wins)

NOTE: the updated "Suggested Travel Guidelines" document is attached to these Minutes

Consensus to approve the Suggested Travel Guidelines

Room: 18 yes

Zoom: 27 yes 3 No — **majority Consensus approves this doc!**

Linda introduced Guidelines (and how we're now using that word instead of Procedures). This body determined that the person doing the job has the responsibility to list the role's duties required...

Consensus to OK rewritten Hosting District Guidelines

Room=18 Y; Zoom= 32 Y — **majority Consensus approves this**

Consensuses to approve Roles Descriptions, as follow:

- Delegate's Guidelines — **OK'd**
- Secretary's Guidelines — **OK'd**
- Area Archivist's Guidelines — **OK'd**
- Literature/Forum Coordinator's Guidelines (no changes) — **OK'd**
- Website Coordinator's Guidelines — **OK'd**

Linda R then introduced the fact that the area Election Procedures document needs to be approved at the Assembly *before* our (Oct 2026) Elections even though we had approved these in June of 2025. There have been no changes.

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Made by Lisa F, GR, *Good Morning Al-Anon Online AFG*; Seconded by Amy V, GR *Thurs. Morning Serenity AFG*

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 33 yes 0 no 2 abstain

— **Motion passes**

Linda R reminded everyone that October will be elections for those serving next term (Jan 1, 2027–Dec 31, 2029). The Election Procedures and our Timelines are really helping us — she is hearing this announced at meetings— so important for GRs to be elected prior to District elections because elected GRs are eligible for DR at the District level and then, those *incoming* DRs are eligible for officer roles at the Area level. Thank you all! And please use the Trusted Servant Profile doc if you'll be letting your name stand for any Area Officer roles. This Profile template is to help you share information on your service history with those who will be voting.

WORKSHOPS:

GR Corner – Celia G., DR, District 5

This ppt will be on our Area website (kyl-anon.org > Members > Group Representative Resources > GR Corner.

Today's topic: "Supporting *The Forum*"

The following are some volunteer comments during Celia's presentation:

Cindy F., GR *Serenity at Hikes Pt. AFG* – She just used *The Forum* as a mtg topic this week, using Group's copy. Celia later asked to hear from someone who submitted an article to the Forum:

Ronda B – yes, I had one published, one rejected—and is currently waiting to hear if this 3rd one will be published.

Barbara A – She had one that was published in the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlet.

Cara J – Sent one via email and got a confirmation of her story's receipt at WSO within just a few days.

And just a reminder to NOT SHARE member's comments found in WSO website's online **Member Blog** — this content has not been approved (i.e., NOT conference-approved). It's just for you to read and write.

Marcia B and Tracy F both helped by doing readings during Celia's GR Corner. Thank you all!

Literature Workshop – Amy P., Literature/Forum Coordinator

We've had some technical fun today. Bonnie's going to run a video about our 'amazing Al-Anon literature...'

And, a cute video with the entire narrative based on titles from CAL. Amy then walked us through a ppt on how to share your experience, strength and hope in our literature... And how to write with complete honesty, especially for two new pieces of CAL in the works: 1) on Sponsorship and 2) on Finances in Recover. You can also submit your shared writings for inclusion in *The Forum* at al-anon.org. Amy then gave all those attending 20 mins. to just write.

Drawing for Literature

On Zoom: Kay P ... Subscription to *The Forum*

In room at E'town:

'PJ' M ... Subscription to *The Forum*

Lisa F ... *Courage To Be Me*

Karen G ... *When I Got Busy, I Got Better*

Bruce F ... *Courage to Change*

Tracy F ... *How Al-Anon Works*

Coordinator Reports

AAPP – Maureen C.

Hi. My name is Maureen Carlson, and I am your Kentucky Area Alateen Process Person, or AAPP.

I am thrilled to report that the Alateen recertification process for 2026 has been completed. Yay! We met the Kentucky Area deadline of May 31st, and the World Service Office deadline of June 15th.

Every person who is certified as an Al-Anon Member involved in Alateen Service must be recertified every year. Every 3 years that involves attending a training and filling out and submitting new paperwork. In the other two years, all that needs to be done is to confirm the contact information of the AMIAS.

We began the recertification process with 60 certified AMIAS in the Kentucky Area. Nineteen of those needed to go through training again. I contacted them and let them know that they needed to sign up for a training

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or let me know that they wished to be inactivated. Of those 19, 10 asked to be inactivated – mostly because they were not involved with an Alateen group.

I sent the rest of the current AMIAS (41 of them) emails with their contact information from the World Service database. I asked them to confirm that the information was still correct, and I made changes when the information had changed. Of those 41, 3 requested to be inactivated.

Some of the AMIAS that I contacted did not reply. I sent a 2nd email to quite a few. If I received no reply to the 2nd email I sent a text. After that I called some AMIAS. I asked the help of DRs a few times.

I recertified 47 of the original 60 AMIAS. I inactivated 13. I also certified 9 new AMIAS that were trained this year. We currently have 56 certified AMIAS in the Kentucky Area.

The Alateen groups had to be recertified as well. The World Service Office sends a form to the Current Mailing Address of each group early in the recertification period. It shows the information the WSO has in the database on the group and offers an opportunity to make changes. That form is sent to me. I make any changes needed, and if there are no inactive AMIAS impacting the group, I change the date and the group is recertified.

We currently have 6 active Alateen groups in the Kentucky Area. The Free to be Me Alateen group has moved to Mt. Washington as of next week. I changed their information in the database, and the new location and time can be found on the WSO Alateen meeting search.

If you are a certified AMIAS and have changes in your contact information at any time during the year, please let me know. If a group has a change in any of its information such as location, an added or removed sponsor, or any other information, please let me know. I can make any of those changes in the database. If you are a DR and have an Alateen group in your district, please pass that information along.

Our next AMIAS training will be on Zoom on June 20th from 10:00-12:00. The registration form can be found under the Alateen tab on the KY Al-Anon website. The password is afg. Small letters. If you have any questions about training, Lisa Fetter or I can help you out.

As AAPP I am also a member of the Board of Directors of Kentucky Alateen Conference KOMIAC, Incorporated, or KACK, Inc. I have been involved in a work group with the other board members. We have been meeting regularly for quite a while, and it has been a privilege for me to be involved in this service.

I am very grateful for everyone's support of the Alateen recertification process this year. We are all part of the success of Alateen. Alateen is Al-Anon. We are one. Together We Can Make It!

Alateen – Lisa F.

Active Alateen Meetings in Kentucky — currently, we have 7 active Alateen meetings across our Area.

District 2 *Helping Hands Alateen* (with 2-6 and sometimes more in attendance); District 3 *Jeffersontown Alateen* (with 5-12 in attendance and as many as 19 different teens have attended—this meeting has doubled almost tripled in size); District 4 *Free to Be Me Alateen* (with 5 in attendance); District 5 *Youth and Wisdom Alateen* (with 2-4 in attendance—the meeting has doubled in size); District 11 Northern Kentucky Alateen has a new meeting *Hope and Courage Alateen* (with one regular in attendance and one who has come a few times); and District 12 *Southern Hills Alateen* (with 1-3 members, up to 5 at one time with 9 different teens in attendance).

Activities Since the March Assembly Kentucky Alateen members have participated in:

- Alateen Mini Convention “Spring into Serenity” on 4/11/26 hosted by Helping Hands Alateen at The Recovery Complex in Jeffersonville, IN. There were between 15-20 in attendance. Ezra was the chairperson and Evie was the speaker. I think I witnessed the longest Jenga recovery game in history. It was a great day of recovery.
- AA's Falls City Convention on May 15-16, 2026, in Louisville; there was a speaker panel of six which started as one or two, grew to two or three and the next thing you know there were six! There was an Alateen raffle table.
- Just today, the Alateens have been invited to participate in AA's Golf Scramble in Louisville. Alateens will serve breakfast/lunch and receive donations from AA. I know of two Alateens that are participating in this event.
- We have attended monthly planning meetings for KOMIAC 61. KOMIAC 61 will be held in Merom, IN, at the Merom retreat center July 24-26, 2026. I do not have a count of Kentucky attendees as of yet. Registration packets are due by June 30, 2026. Cost for registration is \$150.00. T-shirts are \$15.00. I have secured one 12 passenger van thus far and will secure a second one if the need arises.

Upcoming Events:

- KOMIAC 61 - Ezra!
 - AMIAS Training is scheduled for June 20, 2026, 10 a.m.–12p.m., and flyers have been emailed to DRs.
- Note: The last AMIAS training will be October 18, 2026, from 1–3 pm.
- An AMIAS Sponsorship Workshop will be held via Zoom; date to be announced.

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• October is Alateen Awareness Month - watch for a flyer coming soon with ideas. If you have ideas, please submit them to me.

KACK Work Group Update — The KACK Work Group Committee is comprised of Maureen C., AAPP; Pauline W., Delegate; Linda R., Area Chair; Sherry H., Past Alateen Coordinator; and me, Lisa Fetter, Area Alateen Coordinator.

The group has been meeting almost weekly for one year working on the following:

- KACK Bylaws
- Alateen Safety and Behavioral Guidelines (which includes Alateen Treasury)
- KOMIAC Host Committee Guidelines

The KACK Bylaws are still with the attorney awaiting submission to the KY Secretary of State. Both previous KOMIAC entities will be formally dissolved, and past-due fees will be paid to the Secretary of State. The revised KACK Bylaws now contain business-related sections only. The KOMIAC Host Committee Guidelines are being drafted as separate document (rather than having the Host Committee Guidelines within the Bylaws, which is a legal document).

Updating the 25-page ASBR (which includes job duties, forms, and the Alateen Treasury) to accurately reflect the current landscape. This has been the most tedious and time consuming task for the committee. Moving away from the outdated AMIAS forms with tiny, restricted text boxes provides ease of use.

Our Delegate talked about passing on the baton of service – My hope is that the work of this KACK work group will provide clarity for upcoming trusted servants who wish to serve our Area Alateens and to promote greater unity between the Kentucky Area and Alateen.

Area Support for Alateen – Not all Areas permit their 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.

(Alateen) Treasury Reports – 1) The Kentucky Area Alateen Treasury balance was \$7,586.92 in March 2026 and is currently \$7,443.61. 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 June 2026. These funds provide transportation to KOMIAC and cover other approved KOMIAC-related expenses.

Each one, Reach one. – Do you know a young person who can benefit from Alateen? Please pray about inviting them to an Alateen mtg or event...It can be so difficult dealing with alcoholic parent. If not you, who?

Archives – Judy M.

Welcome Everyone! Today we are celebrating 75 years of Al-Anon! I have a display of the 75th Anniversary at the corner of the room. Please take a moment to check it out.

I want to give an update on what we have accomplished in the Archives Work Group. Our Work Group includes me, Judy M, Linda R, Carolyn L, Benita D and our newest participant, Patty M. We meet once a month usually on the third Thursday of the month, 6pm on Zoom.

The work group has been working on the Charge for Archives. The Charge is to establish policies and procedures to preserve and maintain the KY Area Archives: to identify methods for digitization and/or use of current technology for storage: to identify, define and collect items of value; to ensure that our past is preserved through experience, history and memorabilia.

There are 13 Goals. Of the 13, here's what we have accomplished:

1. We used the World Service Office (WSO) Guideline G-30 as a resource.
2. I received ideas from other Areas on how they preserve their Archives from attending the Quarterly meetings with Jennifer Ulman, The Archivist from the WSO
3. We created our Kentucky Area Archives (Procedures) to determine what our history is, what will be history in the future, relevant documents to keep and build on and so far, nothing has been discarded.
4. Check for flash drives currently in the storage and review what is on them. At this time, I haven't found any.
5. Identify the files/boxes in the storage unit and locate or recreate each box's index. Currently I have 1/3 to 1/2 completed.
6. Determine the date of Minutes, Motions, and Treasurer's Reports and get copies of those electronic files to include in the Area Archives.

The Minutes and Motions are the most important and are being done first—Carolyn is currently working on those.

7. We have defined the storage device to be used to save those files. In the external drives.

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8. We have started digitizing going backward from the current term.
 9. We have prioritized the most important records to be scanned: Minutes and Motions.
 10. Carolyn is doing the scanning of Minutes and Motions. Patty is scanning the Convention records.
 11. Determine who will be the custodians of the storage devices. Committee determined they will be the Archives Coordinator, Area Chair and Delegate.
 12. Organize electronic files so they are searchable. Create a clear identification/name process for all to recognize and research. Carolyn found the Smithsonian Institute guide for archives and the protocol is to have 3 copies of each. One hard copy (paper), A thumb drive, and another external drive or in the "Cloud."
 13. Collect group histories and update older groups. This is the only one we haven't worked on.
- And, by the way... We have the 3 Cs on the back table: Cake, Cookies, and Cupcakes!

Group Records – Read by Mike M. for Group Records Coord. Ashley B.

It feels very strange to not be with you this weekend – this is the first time that I have missed in almost 14 years. It feels awkward not to be among my people! My apologies for missing, and I will be back in October.

The KY Area currently has 147 active in-person (up 2), and 20 electronic Groups (down 1). We have had a few new meeting registrations since last Assembly! Keep in mind that you can 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. The same goes for the contact person for your group – this is the name and phone number given to the public if they call WSO to seek information. You can ~~text or~~ email these changes to me at grouprecords@kyal-anon.org.

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? Are you comfortable with your employer reading that email? Consider creating an anonymous group email to use for communication from WSO and the public.

Just as a reminder: Do not send me the result of your June/July group elections to me just yet. I just need to maintain accurate records for the current service term. Let me know how I can help!

State Alateen Rep – Read by Mike M. for State Alateen Rep Ezra W.

Hi my name is Ezra and I am the Kentucky State Alateen Representative. We're really looking forward to KOMIAC this year. We are partnering with Indiana as they did not have enough teens to fill the board positions. I am the Treasurer, Logan is the Co-chair, and Kaitlynn is the Registration Chair.

KOMIAC will be held at the Merom Camp and Retreat Center in Merom, Indiana, July 24–26. Registration is \$150 per person, and T-shirts are \$15; the theme this year is "Growing Together." We hope for a good turnout!

We had Mini Convention on April 11 and around 23 people attended. There was good food, good fellowship, and good speakers. There was a panel of Alateens that spoke at the AA Falls City Convention on May 16. Our Alateen groups are having new attendees, and we hope that things continue to grow ... *Each one, Reach one.*

Literature and 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 and submit their sharings.

Forum Update — The Kentucky Area continues to experience a decline in The Forum subscriptions. In February the report reflected a total of 258, for May 2026 we are at 257 subscriptions.

Submission Deadline Approaching — At the 2026 World Service Conference in April, it was announced that a deadline has been set for submissions to the new piece of Conference Approved Literature on *Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship* (working title). Their goal is to develop and publish this piece in time for release at the 2028 Al-Anon International Convention. To accomplish this, they need our help! The deadline to submit sharings is June 30, 2026.

Here are some practical ways you can invite participation:

- Encourage Literature Distribution Centers (LDCs) and Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) in your Area to print and distribute the Writing Guide (available here) with May and June literature sales.
- Group Representatives please announce the deadline at meetings and pass out printed copies or share links to the Writing Guide.
- Write and submit your own sharings:

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- What qualities do you look for in a Sponsor or Service Sponsor?
- How did you work through the Steps, Traditions, and/or Concepts of Service with a Sponsor or sponsee?
- What is your personal sponsorship story? How has having or being a Sponsor or Service Sponsor contributed to your recovery?

Sharings can be submitted online at al-anon.org/sharing, emailed to wso@al-anon.org with SPONSORSHIP PIECE in the subject line, or mailed to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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 World Service Office or your local Literature Distribution Center (LDC) supports Al-Anon 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 – Tom H.

The Little Libraries project is ready to begin. I have *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* booklets (AFAs) available for each District to begin distributing to Little Libraries in their area. The AFAs provide information about Al-Anon for families and friends of alcoholics. The Northern Kentucky Area has had this project up and running for some time. This gives everyone in Area 21 an opportunity to participate in outreach for the whole area.

Website – Bonnie W.

Bonnie played a video showing many features of our KY Area website.

Welcome to our KY Area Website. Please encourage your group members to explore the website. It has lots of useful information. Pages that will be especially useful in the coming weeks include the AMIAS Training Sign-Up page and the Convention Registration page. And the Delegate's Report that was presented by Pauline today will be on this page soon.

In May, we had 723 visitors to the website. There were 17,000 impressions, which means 17,000 people saw the link to our website on a Google search. Our most often visited pages included the meeting locations page, the Events page, and the *Is Al-Anon For You?* page. This page is a great resource for newcomers. I encourage you to refer folks here when they have questions about what Al-Anon is all about. And it would be a good idea for a meeting topic. Thank you for visiting kyl-anon.org. Contact me anytime with questions or suggestions.

2026 Area Convention – Sean S. (Co-Chair) read report for Conv. Host Chair John H., Bowling Green, D10

Good Afternoon fellow Al-Anon members, I am John Hazel the 2026 Convention Host Comm. Chairperson.

Every meeting reminds us that hope lives here. Every story shared reminds us that healing is possible. The annual KY 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
- Our presence matters

The 2026 Convention *Hope, Happiness, and Healing* is more than workshops and speakers – it's 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
- 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 leaps and bounds when we gather together.

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So, join us in Bowling Green Kentucky September 18–20 for the 2026 Al-Anon Convention *Hope, Happiness and Healing*. I encourage you to go back to your district and to your groups and encourage your members to register for the convention. I would also encourage you to go to your groups and ask them to donate a basket for convention. It takes all of us coming together to make the convention happen. I look forward to seeing you there!

Lexington AIS – Read by Sara G. for David W.

The Lexington AIS Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of even-numbered months. Our last meeting was April 13, and our next meeting is this coming Monday. These meetings are both in-person and via Zoom. The AIS Committee consists 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. Reports are given by the Treasurer, Alt. DR and Coordinators at each meeting.

The Greater Lexington AIS Board (GLAIS) meets on the 2nd Monday of odd-numbered months. Our last meeting was May 11, and our next meeting is July 13. These meetings are in-person only. The 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 and Literature Coordinator.

Louisville Information Service Committee (ISC) – Rebecca B.

The ISC meets on the second Tuesday of every even numbered month. We meet at 7 pm at the Louisville AIS office and hybrid. We host Eat 'n Speaks and all proceeds go to the AIS office. Our Next Eat 'n Speak will be in August. We are planning it now and details will be forthcoming.

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 fairly new meeting in the West End of Louisville, with the name *Live and Learn AFG*. This meeting has been off to a good start with good attendance and support. Information has been sent to the WSO to register this meeting—and it is now registered and appears on the WSO website! 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 mtg was held at the AIS office with a Zoom option. Our District meetings have been generally well-attended. We have had good participation and continued working on 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 plans to again host the Alathon on Thanksgiving and the day after with meetings at 9am, 10am, 11am and noon each day. We hope to bring attendance back up to pre-pandemic levels. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Alathon. We hope to find ways to make it special this year.

District 1 hosted a District Workshop on Sunday, March 29 using the book *A Little Time for Myself* and shared readings/topics from this newest daily reader. The attendance was 40-50 people, and we had very positive feedback about the speakers and the format. Thanks to *Hope for a Brighter Day AFG* for their help in setting up the venue, providing speakers and bringing food—in addition to food provided by the District. This workshop came together in a way that proves Together We Can Make It!

We are looking forward to taking part in the Public Outreach project to place *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* in Little Free Libraries; and one of our GRs even has one of the free libraries in their yard!

Our next District meeting will be held on Monday, June 15 in-person at the AIS office, with a hybrid option. Thanks to Lara G. for helping with access to the AIS office for helping set up our meetings! I would like to thank the GRs in our District for their service. It is clear that the GRs are comfortable in the roles and are doing a great job for their groups and for our Fellowship. We are planning for groups to have group elections prior to the August District meeting and will have District elections in August. Will those District 1 GRs or members who are here in person, please stand up and will those attending on Zoom please wave.

District 2 – read by Claire H for DR Mike M.

District 2 has 10 active in-person meetings, 1 active Alateen meeting and 1 electronic meeting, serving the

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southern Indiana area. *Choosing Happy AFG*, that met at the Recovery Complex on Wednesday at 7:30 pm, is now inactive.

District 2 hosted the spring Eat 'n Speak put on by the Louisville Information Service Committee (ISC) and the Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Board. The event was held on March 21, 2026, at The Recovery Complex in Clarksville Indiana. We had a potato bar for the eat part of our program, and it seemed to be a hit. The Al-Anon, AA, and Alateen speakers were fantastic and the 80+ attendees seemed to have a great time! I can't thank Rebecca D. our Alternate DR enough for putting this together with our GRs and our groups! I would also like to give a lot of credit to The Recovery Complex for providing the potatoes and allowing us to use their beautiful new facility.

Our groups and our District are working toward elections for officers. I look forward to bringing my replacement and a herd of new GRs to the October assembly. And 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 – read by Karen G for DR Denise A.

In District 3 we have 16 in-person meetings and 4 electronic. Currently, our District meets on Zoom on odd-numbered 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 Al-Anon traditions are disregarded or other concerns are raised; to conduct workshops and projects for the benefit of Al-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 May/June (this was an extra meeting) and July 2026 we had meetings to discuss the District 3 Al-Anon focused workshop using the book *When I Got Busy, I Got Better*. We brainstormed together and came up the workshop details: Saturday June 13, 2026, from 3–4:30pm at the Goshen Branch – Oldham County Library, large conference room. Please join the Group Reps from District 3 and other invited service representatives for a fun afternoon learning how taking a service position might fit better than you ever imagined; all presented Bingo style! At the workshop, we'll have literature, door prizes and bingo prizes to encourage Al-Anon literature along with service.

At our next District meeting in July, we will discuss which groups have elected new GRs and which groups still need to elect new officers. All group elections will be completed by the end of August.

At the September District meeting we will have incoming and outgoing GRs attend. This meeting will have elections for the new District 3 officers. This meeting will identify who will attend Area Assembly in October, both incoming and outgoing GRs and DR officers.

District 4 (no report at Assembly, but Sec'y rec'd an emailed copy from 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. With your service we continue to be active and involved. We currently have 21 active meetings, including one Spanish-speaking group, and one Alateen group. We have added a group in Shepherdsville and there is a plan for a new group in Lebanon Junction I am told. We lost an electronic mtg that was started during COVID but has now mostly returned to the in-person mtg it had replaced. Our Alateen meeting that was at the North Bullitt High School has moved to be with the Mt Washington Al-Anon group at 10848 Hwy 44 on Tuesday evening. Their first mtg at the new location is June 9. The Mt Washington group has certified 2 members as AMIAS in preparation for the group! Great job Mt Washington!

Our District has been discussing elections and service. GRs are working on dates for elections in June in their groups and on looking for and talking to members about service. Our District elections will be at our meeting in July hopefully completed at our Sept mtg.

District 5 – Celia G.

Welcome GRs from District 5 with us in person and on Zoom. Thank you District 1 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 7 Al-Anon meetings, one of which is hybrid, and one Alateen meeting. We had one Al-Anon meeting move to inactive status.

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Our District meet on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months. At our hybrid May District meeting, we picked up our discussion for a project for our District, inspired by the Public Outreach discussion in March. 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. We came up with a list of questions we need to address so that we can do further planning for the project at our July meeting.

District 6 – Ellen H.

A. We have a new GR Kent Wilson for the new Mayfield group.

B. We currently have 6 groups in our district.

C. We participate in two public outreach projects: Overdose Awareness Day where we distribute Al-Anon literature and talk to those interested and Recovery Walk; both are held at Noble Park in Paducah and are all-day events. We have Potlucks and speaker meetings throughout the year.

District 7 – Anne W. (no report)

District 8 – (Open) (no report)

District 9 – Mary C.

Despite sending my groups a description of what's needed in a group report, why we need group reports and why I enjoy hearing other reports plus a suspense date, I have only heard back from 5 of the 9 groups in my area. However, it is both a lesson & blessing as the saying goes. I realize it is easy to forget suspense dates especially as most of the GRs have busy lives, but it also tells me that all the groups are alive and growing and busy supporting their members.

In District 9 overall we have had a very welcome growth spurt with 11 new members joining and 5 members returning after absences. In fact, there was a request to establish a new group (which would unfortunately not fall in our District). I attribute this growth to the compassion, and respect given to new attendees and the sharing of stories by senior members. We celebrate their life journey as well as our own.

Lunch groups and potluck dinners also help welcome both new members and solidify fellowship in all members. This is definitely a strength for District 9. Another strength are all the discussion book studies we have, such as *Intimacy In Alcoholic Relationships*, *Discovering Choices* and reviewing Traditions and Concepts.

We also continue to celebrate group and individual anniversaries with personal stories and usually a festive meal. Our Area meetings are energetic and fun get-togethers with again, FOOD, decorations, door prizes and workshop topics suggested by the various area groups.

District 10 – Karen G.

I want to acknowledge the District 10 members present at this Area Assembly.

District 10 currently has 13 meetings per week — 12 in person and 1 via Zoom. One group closed since our March report, though our total meeting count remained unchanged. Several meetings continue to struggle with low attendance.

Our District hosted a Back-to-Basics workshop April 24–26 at Barefoot Republic in Fountain Run, Kentucky. Twenty-four members attended. The weekend included a campfire speaker, step work focused on Steps 1, 2 and 3 through discussion and activities, and time for fellowship.

District 10 will hold elections earlier than usual this year to ensure leadership is in place ahead of increased activity related to September's 2026 state convention here in Bowling Green.

District 11 – Ronda B.

Thanks to our LDC folks for coming down today. It's been a really fun day ... discussing these motions, etc, Our District's PO person is phenomenal. And thanks to all the great support in our District.

District 12 – Becky H.

In March I was here on my Birthday; and today is Tom and my wedding anniversary – we really know how to party! ... District 12 meetings are held at 2pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month both in-person and via Zoom. Our last District meeting was April 12, 2026. Our next meeting is June 14th. We had 12 in attendance at the March meeting and 14 in attendance at the April meeting. We did not have a meeting in May because it fell on Mother's Day.

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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 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 or pamphlet for two months and chair meetings about it. They are provided with a summary of the book or pamphlet and asked to have at least 1 copy of the promoted literature on hand to sell. The promotion that is running from May through June is the pamphlet “Alcoholism, the Family Disease.”

On May 23, 2026, the District held a “Spring Fling” Potluck and silent auction with an AA and Al-Anon speakers. The proceeds collected at the door and from the silent auction(s) were deposited into the 2028 KY Area Al-Anon Convention account. \$1,400 was raised.

District 13 – (Open); District 14 – (Open); District 15 – (Open) . . . no reports

District 16 – Kay F.

I’m Kay P., District 16 Representative. Our District is in the southeast corner of the state. Currently we have meetings in Barbourville, two in London, and two in Corbin. We have a new meeting in Harlan. We’ll be reaching out to the Group Representative of that group. The Corbin Tuesday Night group had a member of AA come and speak in May along with a Potluck.

We are still working on starting an Alateen meeting in Williamsburg. We’ve had 3 members of the Corbin Tuesday Night Meeting become certified in Alateen. We’ll be working on Elections during the next few months.

Linda R, Chair – to wrap up... October will be “Alateen Awareness Month,” please think about ways your groups can participate. Also, you are welcome to bring snacks to Assembly to share. Please take home any leftovers.

Amy has an announcement:

Someone who left early dropped a book they had purchased; have them reach out to me.

Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration

Reminders:

Next Area Assembly is our **ELECTION ASSEMBLY – Outgoing and Incoming GRs attend Only OUTGOING GRs vote.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, 9am ET — HYBRID: Same Zoom Login/Password
Country Inn, 107 Buffalo Creek Dr., Elizabethtown, KY, 270-769-1334

Oct. 2026 Hosting Districts: D7 & D9

Oct. 2026 Literature: Louisville AIS/LDC

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

Attachments:

- Delegate’s Report (Text Only)
- Suggested Travel Guidelines (edited per oral comments)

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Delegate Report June 2026

Good morning. I'm Pauline W., the Kentucky Area Delegate to the annual AI-Anon World Service Conference (WSC).

Congrats to the new GRs on growing your recovery through service. You may wonder what this Delegate's report and why is it important. Well, the WSC is an annual meeting of the elected Delegates from each of the Areas of the World Service Conference Structure, the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and World Service Office Conference Staff. At Conference, we discuss and deliberate, enabling the active voice and effective group conscience of AI-Anon to be heard on world service matters.

Today, I'll do my best to take a week's worth of information and condense it into information you can share with your groups. You, in your role as GR, are responsible to share information from this report with your groups. As the groups ultimately are responsible for AI-Anon, as highlighted in Concept One. So, take notes on info that you like; however, consider your group as a whole. The information you bring back enables your group members to be informed about what is going on with AI-Anon.

Note, not everything that happens at conference will be mentioned today. Because, like Area Assembly, where we usually have workshops, and motions and other things happening, we too have workshops, motions and other things happening at Conference. Workshops this year were on Concept 6: "The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibilities of the Trustees"...the Conference Charter and Area inventories. All of those workshops included opportunities to learn the spiritual principles behind the topics.

This year's theme was focused on our 75th anniversary. The theme 75 years one purpose. Our one purpose is mentioned in Tradition 5: "Each AI-Anon Family Group has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics." The realization really hit me at Conference, that the work that we do at Conference, just like the work you do in your groups, or the work we do here at Assembly, is always focused on making sure that we help families and friends of alcoholics.

Our agenda today will cover Choosing a Group Name, Finances, Literature and eBooks, Passing it On, International Structures Overview, Electronic Alateen, AI, Projects and Updates, and my Conference Experiences. Let's go.

At last year's 2025 WSC, discussions continued about the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy that was adopted at the 2024 WSC. At the 2025 conference, there was general agreement that the Policy itself was not the issue; however, there were minority appeals expressed about how it would be put into practice. Because of this, the WSC decided to pause implementation related to group name identifiers until this year. This pause gave Delegates more time to gather Area input and encourage continued focus on creating a welcoming environment for both current and future AI-Anon members. So, Delegates were asked to solicit input from their Areas on the topic. Many of you shared your thoughts at the October 2025 Area Assembly, and later through emails, phone calls, or by attending one of the two Town Halls that were held for your participation. Your feedback was extremely valuable. Prior to Conference, Delegates completed a survey inputting detailed Area feedback. The WSO compiled that information and then it was provided to Delegates prior to Conference for review.

So, figuring out the Choosing a Group Name conundrum has been a three-year process. Different pieces fell into place at different times, and all the pieces were connected. This year was no different. Here is the path the discussion took. At this year's conference, two sessions were held on the topic. In the first session, in four activities awareness of the topic was raised and the topic examined. The process started with a recap of the topic. Then, three general themes from the WSC feedback were described. Then, selected Delegates shared their Area's feedback related to one of the themes; and lastly, we had small group discussion to broaden our perspective.

Here are the three themes that were constructed from all the survey feedback from all contributing Areas. Identifiers in Group Names: 1)Helpful focus or risk of exclusion, 2)Welcoming: Shaped by both group naming and member behavior, 3)Policy Development: Requires clarity about future implementation. Then, 6 members were invited to share their Area's input related to one of the themes. Your feedback was directly connected to one of the themes and I was honored to share your valuable input. In this first session, we looked at both sides of each of the themes.

I presented a piece of the KY Area feedback under Theme 2... Identifiers being important to welcoming. Another Delegate provided feedback that identifiers ARE NOT IMPORTANT TO WELCOMING. Thank you for your feedback to help with the Delegate's group conscience on this topic. After the six THEME presentations, we broke into small groups for a focused discussion. The topic was this: What different perspectives can we offer to expand the collective wisdom on how we, as WSC members, can proceed on this topic? This session was focused on awareness and education.

The goal of this first session was to raise awareness of all the sides to the issue. A couple of days later, the second session provided an opportunity to practice the three As. In session 1, we became "aware" of the input from throughout the entire World Conference structure. Note, the WSC structure is made up of the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. After the first session, we had a couple of days to reflect and accept what we had learned.

In Session 2, a recap was provided and responses gathered from Session 1 were presented. Then we were asked if we were ready to move forward. The WSC said yes. So, because of the work accomplished in Session one, the policy Committee developed a motion for WSC review. And we were invited to take action on the motion. So, we put the three As of AI-Anon into practice for this process.

Like the first session, the discussions in session 2 were focused on our Traditions and how best to move forward to provide the WSO staff direction. After reviewing and editing the motion, the Conference was ready to vote. We were ready to take action. ... This motion passed with substantial unanimity. I will read it aloud.

To direct the Staff of the World Service Office to adhere to the following guidelines for implementing the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy: Allow community identifiers such as men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. in group names.

Consistently notify the Area Delegate and Area Group Records Coordinator whenever a group submits a registration or name change containing a community identifier to request these trusted servants have a conversation with the group to ensure their group conscience is to welcome anyone affected by someone else's alcoholism in accordance with Tradition Three and advise the World Service Office of the result and decision regarding whether to register the group.

Develop a plan to increase education opportunities to share experience, strength and hope with Area trusted servants on how to be welcoming to newcomers, especially those who do not match a group's community identifier, and to have conversations with group members regarding group names and welcoming. So, what does this motion mean. It means that Groups may continue to register or update their group name with community identifiers as long as they are welcoming to all members.

Areas will continue to educate groups about the Traditions and that all are welcome to every meeting

Group Record Coordinators and the Delegates will be asked to assist WSO by confirming that any groups with identifiers in the group name will be welcoming to all members before a group is registered. So, we have a bit of work to do. The Area Delegate and Group Records Coordinator need to put together a process for contacting new groups or groups that wish to change their name with identifiers to verify that they will be welcoming to all. Area procedures will need to be updated with this process. Bottom line, no matter what is in a group's name, you and I are invited to be welcoming. In keeping with Traditions 3 and 5, Groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else's drinking. All members are welcome to any meeting regardless of the identifiers in the group name. Responsibility to be welcoming to ALL AI-Anon members belongs to the Groups. Under tradition Five in Paths to Recovery, you will find a lot of information on 'welcoming'. I am reminded...Let the hand of AI-Anon and Alateen always be there...and let it begin with me....

We've covered a lot. Let's take a brain break.

Ask yourself the following...and write down your answers. Number of in-person groups in the U.S.? (Answer: 10,746); Number of Alateen groups in the U.S.? (Answer: 523); and Number of electronic AI-Anon groups? (Answer: 853).

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The WSC structure is comprised of the U.S. Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico The total number of groups (Al-Anon and Alateen within the World Service Conference Structure) = 13,026 for 2025. This is 200 less meetings than 2024.

U.S. Al-Anon geographic groups=10,746 for 2025. In 2024 that number was 10,792. A loss of 46 meetings. Alateen meetings are growing in the U.S. In 2024, there were 498 Alateen geographic meetings. In 2025 there were 523. There was also a big gain in International meetings. In 2024, there were 8510 international geographic groups. In 2025, there were 8740. Total number of meetings worldwide in 2025 was 22,394. In 2024 there were 22,243 total Al-Anon, Alateen in person and electronic meetings worldwide. An overall gain in meetings of 151 from last year.

Ok...let's talk about money. Here are the numbers for 2025. From the budget you can see that the WSO took in more money last year than they anticipated.. The estimate for revenue was \$6,144,276 found in the Revised Budget column. Total revenue in the green was actually \$6,628,145. The revenue was higher due to some large bequests that the WSO received in 2025. Total expenses budgeted were \$6,315,075. Actual budget costs were \$6,496,134. 2025 ended up with a surplus of \$132,011.

Where does the money come from to operate the WSO and to support groups? There are four primary revenue streams: Contributions; Magazine Sales and Subscription Income (App subscriptions); Literature Sales; and Other income. Contributions is money contributed by members, groups and other WSC structures. 49% of WSO revenue comes from contributions. 32% comes from literature sales – that's books, pamphlets... and bookmarks. 15% comes from other income such as investment income, fund transfers and currency adjustments. And 4% comes from magazine (all versions of The Forum and premium APP) subscription sales.

Did you know that Al-Anon also has a reserve fund. Hopefully, your group has money set aside for unexpected expenses. Al-Anon does that too—it's called the Reserve Fund. Warranty One recommends that the World Service Conference maintain an ample reserve as a sound financial practice. The Reserve Fund is built from group and member contributions and helps ensure that Al-Anon can continue its important Twelfth Step work. It also provides funding for special projects when needed.

As of December 1, 2025, the Reserve Fund exceeded one year's operating expenses, due to a gain from investments. When there is a surplus, the Board can approve an amount up to 4% of the fund that is transferred from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund to support Al-Anon's ongoing operations, projects and services. The reserve fund had a surplus in 2025. This is all good news!

Here is what we contributed to Al-Anon's revenue In 2025, groups donated \$23,835. In 2024, groups donated \$26,156. Other donations include contributions from AISs, LDCs, Areas and individual members. In 2024, the Other donations came to \$9879. In 2025, \$13,412 was contributed in the Other category. In 2024, 71% or groups donated. In 2025, 67% of groups donated. And across all Al-Anon Area, 62% contributed. Every group benefits from the services the WSO provides. Some of the basics services are getting a group registered, using CAL, people calling the WSO to find your meeting, using the mobile app to attend an Al-Anon meeting and having professionals learn about Al-Anon so that they can refer newcomers who are affected by the family disease of alcoholism. Only 62% of groups contributed to the WSO last year. So, 8 thousand out of 13 thousand contributed to the WSO. To compare, in 2023, 63% of groups contributed to the World Service Office. In 2024, 71% contributed. The message is consistent: continued giving all year in order to provide continuing services.

Here are some other ways that can help....

- Suggest literature and magazines as meeting topics
- Encourage personal recommendations
- Share the attractiveness of digital options
- Remind members how literature sales support our Seventh Tradition contributions
- Targeted reminder of the cost per group to cover WSO services
- Communicate the contribution goal to the fellowship throughout the year
- Promote contributions via the Mobile App

So, what does a group get for their contribution? This shows the Cost per Group or another way to think about this is ... what the Value of Services to each group are. The WSO spends \$357.95 per group. This is the total contribution per WSC Structure group needed to fully fund the cost of all services the World Service Office provides to the 13 thousand plus groups in the WSC structure Last year that number was Total: \$337.53. This equals out to somewhere around 4.6 million spent to support groups in the WSC structure.

Ok...enough about money. Brain break time....get a piece of paper and pen or pencil ready. You saw just a moment ago that 32% of our revenue comes from literature. Since a lot of groups give a copy of How AL-Anon Works to newcomers, it is no surprise that it is the #1 seller. But can you figure out the order for the number 2, 3, 4 and 5 bestselling books from the ones pictured on the screen?

On the screen are A Little Time for Myself; Opening Our Hearts; Transforming Our Losses; Paths to Recovery; From Survival to Recovery; Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage; Courage to Change; Healing Within our Alcoholic Relationships; and Hope for Today. So, write in order the name of the number 2, 3, 4 and 5th best sellers. I'll give you a minute to rank them.

Ok, here are the top selling pamphlets. Call out what the #1 selling pamphlet is. Easy...the Newcomer Packet. On the screen are the Newcomer Packet; Public Outreach bookmark; Just for Today bookmark; Alcoholism the Family Disease pamphlet; A Merry-Go-Round Named Denial; Detachment; and Just for tonight. Rank these two through five. So, since we just focused a bit on literature that provides an easy segue to talk about it and eBooks. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) is now a cornerstone of Public Outreach. Many Areas, districts, groups and individuals use this as a public outreach tool. Did you know that this piece started in 1965 as a book. The book was discontinued in 1998 and a new annual magazine launched in 2006. A new version will be launched around September of this year. It includes 3 professional and 10 member sharings.

Additionally, the WSO is continuing to work on two pamphlets or booklets. One is on the topic of Personal and Service Sponsorship and the other is on Finances in Recovery. It is not too late to send in your shares for both. The deadline is June 30th for the Sponsorship-focused work. No deadline has been announced for Finances in Recovery. It is easy to send a share. Visit al-anon.org. Go to the Members tab, select the option for Literature and then Literature Resources.

Who here has an electronic reading device? Who here has some CAL downloaded to that device so that they can carry it with them? Well, have I got good news for you. By August of this year, all current published books will be available to purchase as an e-book in English, Spanish or French. This applies only to books, not to pamphlets. To get an eBook, go to the Al-Anon web site, find the book that you want to purchase, and then select the option for eBook. Then select the electronic media provider that you want. This allows members without access to Local Distribution Centers (LDCs) within the World Service Conference Structure to access eBooks and to reach members in remote locations around the globe without access to English-, Spanish-, or French-language books. For instance, one of our first eBook sales was made to a member in Zimbabwe. And the good news, during the pilot and launch of this project, the results continue to demonstrate no reduction in printed literature sales. So, sales of eBook have not had a negative impact on our printed materials sales. And...the most often purchased e-book...it is on the screen. Can you guess which one it is? A: Courage to Change.

Passing it on! Service has always been the way Al-Anon carries the message—one member sharing experience, strength, and hope to the next, the way a baton is passed in steady hands. None of us does goes through recovery alone, we are part of a long relay, each doing our part to ensure the next person has what they need to continue.

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That informality is part of our beauty. And yet sometimes, when someone's leg of the service race is done, they might unintentionally take their knowledge with them, and the next runner is left reaching without a clean handoff. New members can feel alone as they try to find their pace. The goal of the Passing It On project is to develop a plan for helping members bridge this gap. The first step is a task force charged to help strengthen that handoff, not to replace the human connection at the heart of service, but to support it with resources that make the baton easier to grasp, easier to carry, and easier to pass along.

To bring this to life, a seven-person task force composed of members, Board and WSO Staff will be established for work on this project. They are charged with overseeing the creation of study guides and toolkits designed to help members receive the service baton with confidence and pass it on with clarity from the group level through the District and Area, always guided by the Legacies. Their work covers the full scope of service knowledge: working with others, giving and receiving feedback, preparing materials, leading meetings, delivering presentations, organizing legally and traditionally, and understanding how the Legacies shape our shared efforts. All service tools created will belong to the World Service Office and be available to the whole fellowship. And the best news...members can apply to help create these materials.

The WSO is looking for members who bring not only service experience but also the ability to translate that experience into something another member can learn from—someone who can hand off the baton cleanly and thoughtfully. These are members who know how to present, prepare materials, collaborate, receive feedback, and who carry the Legacies as a lived practice. The task force will be guided by the Traditions and Concepts that have long served our fellowship well. The tools they create will be reviewed by Board members. The work will carry the voices of experiences of members across the fellowship. And what we are building will help members receive the baton of service with confidence, clarity and connection to the Legacies that guide our way. Be sure to watch for the opening of the application window in the Loop and on the AI-Anon website.

Three motions were passed around the topic of Electronic Alateen. This program has been 5 years in the making.... Today, I'll share a bit of information on the topic. In October I'll do a deeper dive. This will enable our current AAC, and our AAPP, to learn more and get a better grip on the topic. Today, I'll give you a brief overview of the program. Let's start with the Motions. The three motions served to officially recognize Electronic Alateen as part of AI-Anon, just like in-person Alateen meetings are recognized as being part of AI-Anon. The second motion solidified using an Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (EASBR) throughout the WSC. And the third motion allows the EASBR to serve as a guideline base for global use. — All motions passed!

So, what does this mean? First, it means that any Area in the WSC structure can opt in to the Electronic Alateen program. By opting in, the Area agrees to follow the guidelines set up by the WSO. Guidelines were established that work throughout our WSC structure and pave the way for our International Alateens to participate. This decision factored in the safety of teens.

- For Electronic Alateen to be available in the Kentucky Area, we will, as an Assembly, need to look at this in much greater detail and then make a decision as to whether we want to participate. Areas within the WSC Structure that use the Alateen name and choose to opt in to host electronic Alateen groups will be required to create procedures that ensure the minimum requirements and process of certification defined in the WSC EASBR below are maintained.

- Whether we opt in or not, eligible teens can still attend electronic Alateen meetings. However, Electronic Alateen Sponsors, E-AMIAS, can only be approved from Areas that have opted in to the program. If the Area decides to opt in, then a form is filled out by the Delegate and submitted to the WSO. Opting in begins September 1. There is no closing date of the opt-in window.

First, let's explore how this impacts members who want to be an E-AMIAS. If an Area opts in, then AMIAS-E sponsors have choices. It means that someone from our Area could be certified AMIAS-E (Alateen Member in Alateen Service Electronic) and could serve within the KY Area, or they could live in our Area and serve in another Area or serve in the Global Electronic Area (GEA).

Each Area will be responsible for creating its own internal procedures to support the WSC EASBR. So, what's in the EASBR? Well, the Area, when they opt in to the program, agrees to adhere to safety minimums and have a process to train, certify and recertify. The members must get AMIAS certified. Additionally, the member will get additional training and certification to become AMIAS-E. AMIAS-E must agree to become mandatory reporters and AMIAS-Es must meet with the teens to verify their age before the teen can join an Alateen group.

Let's talk about the electronic meetings:

- An EASBR Sponsor or Sponsors are required for both electronic meetings and for any hybrid meetings. Moving forward, a hybrid meeting, meaning a meeting that has both an in-person and an electronic component will require that BOTH the in-person Sponsor requirement be met as well as having at least one E-ASBR sponsor (AMIAS-E) online during the hybrid meeting.

- Note, by October 31, 2027, any Area that has not opted in will need to return hybrid meetings to fully in-person (physical-only) formats.

- Only Alateens who reside within the WSC structure may attend electronic Alateen groups, regardless of whether the group is hosted by a geographic Area of the GEA.

That is a high-level overview of a topic with many facets. At Conference, other topics that were covered included the Certification Workflow – that's the behind-the-scenes work completed by the WSO and AAPPs. An overview of the Training was offered, and I've invited the KY Area AAC and AAPP to attend such an overview with me prior to our sharing more details in October.

The Service Manual will be updated to include a dedicated Alateen section. So, stay tuned, there will be more info provided to you in October. What is exciting about this is that teens will have a choice in meetings just as we AI-Anon members have now. And their safety, which is always important, has been factored into this approach. Finally, this will help teens here and on a global basis have easier access to the help that can be found in Alateen.

Here in the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico we have the privilege of participating in the World Service Conference. At Conference, attendees are asked to remember the responsibility of considering members and structures beyond our own when making decisions. It invites practicing the spiritual principle of having an open mind to understand how AI-Anon works beyond the WSC structure. So, what if you live in Kenya or Bulgaria, or Sweden? How does AI-Anon stay connected with the 117 countries that have meetings registered in them. Who connects with them? How does the WSO meet their needs? Here in the U.S., we can easily access the CAL we want, either through purchasing it at a local Literature Distribution Center or Area Information Service office or from AI-Anon.org.

We have lots of in-person meetings that we can attend whether here in the KY area or when we travel in the U.S., but suppose for a minute that you lived in Germany or Egypt. And you want to read *Courage to Change* in German or read it in Egyptian. How does it get translated so that a person can get help from our wonderful CAL?

Well, this year we celebrate 75 years of one purpose worldwide—to help families and friends of alcoholics. We started in 1951. Did you know that by March 1952 AI-Anon had already spread to international structures? That was when our first directory of meetings went out and it included meetings in Australia, Ireland, and South Africa (p. 178, *Lois Remembers* [B-7]).

I'm going to share a bit about how the WSO works with international structures. My hope is that you begin to feel the work it takes to connect with structures outside of North America and the tenacity it takes to get literature in another language ...and you begin to see the breadth of the "hand of AI-Anon." How does AI-Anon happen in other countries? Well, they start small, just like groups here. Once they have several viable groups they form an AI-Anon Information Service. The primary purpose of the AIS is to serve as the foundation for creating a National Service Committee. They may or may not sell literature. Because after all, the country probably doesn't have literature in their native language. Literature in their own language comes a bit later.

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After an AIS is formed, countries are then recognized as having an Evolving Structure. Evolving Structures, are those that have established an AIS and have stated their intention to form a General Service Office or GSO by building a Board of Trustees and creating organizational bylaws. Ultimately, there are General Service Offices which are very similar legal entities to the World Service Office. These offices serve as the clearinghouse to the members and service structure of their country and, for most structures, take responsibility for maintaining communication with the WSO. Today, there are 135 structures globally. Here are a few examples of service structures in the different stages of development.

The 70 collections of groups that have been formed by dedicated members seeking to ensure the Al-Anon message of hope is available in their country or language include:

China
Zimbabwe

There are 13 international Al-Anon Information Services, including:

Turkey
Hungary

We have 6 Evolving Structures working to form General Service Offices, including recent additions:

Iran
Lithuania

The 40 General Service Offices globally support some of the oldest service structures internationally. Some GSO examples are:

Australia
Mexico

You'll notice that the stage of development bears no relationship to the size of the country or potential Al-Anon membership base. China, for example, is an enormous country with potentially millions of people affected by the disease of alcoholism, but due to outside issues, they have been unable to publicly declare their intention to become a service structure until recently.

Behind the scenes of all this is the International Coordination Committee that serves as a resource for the 135 structures.

To stay connected with the International structures, the WSO has a team of people focused on service of International structures. This team holds Global gatherings – electronic meetings where international structures at different phases of growth meet, share, and learn together. Some structures host watch parties where they gather together, and someone helps with translation. Zonal meetings – in-person gatherings in a specific zone, like Europe or Central America. The focus of these meetings is often service and collaboration.

Country Visits – Staff and sometimes board members visit a country or region making several stops along the way. Last year, they visited Ecuador, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Our participation with international structures reminds me that the work we do here and in any other location supports our one purpose.

Board Member Anne Marie shared this about the experience of meeting members in other countries. "When we reach across borders, languages, and cultures, something extraordinary happens. We discover that the heartbeat of Al-Anon is the same everywhere. We find that curiosity opens doors, sincerity builds trust, and willingness creates bridges where none existed before. When we show up fully – present, open, and willing to be seen – we invite others to do the same, and in those moments, we ARE changed."

But what about literature in other languages. As new collections of groups reach out to the WSO and new AISs are formed, the desire for Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature increases steadily. They want CAL. However, Al-Anon published literature in three languages. What are they? English, Spanish and French. In 2024, the WSO received requests from eight structures previously approved to translate and reprint CAL into one or more languages—the India international structure translates into multiple languages, as their citizens speak 22 recognized languages. This year, the WSO approved new Danish, Greek, Russian, Korean, Hindi and Tamil, Italian, Hungarian, and Bulgarian translations.

Staff at the WSO serve as guides in the translation process—Once a structure has reached the point when they have:

- Formed a translation committee,
- Built adequate membership to financially sustain the translation and publication processes, and
- Selected their first piece or pieces to translate (often a pamphlet)
- Once the initial translation is done, the text comes to the WSO where the translation is reviewed and edited to ensure that the culture of Al-Anon is included.
- Then it is sent back to the country for them to publish. The country covers the cost of this work.

This process makes me very grateful for the ease at which I can access CAL!

At conference, we discuss two topics selected by the Delegates themselves. These are called Chosen Agenda items. It provides WSO attendees an opportunity to discuss issues of concern that are brought forth from the membership. You experienced a chosen agenda item discussion in March when we discussed rotation of service. One of the chosen agenda items this year was the use of AI.

Our question was "How can Al-Anon Explore Responsible Uses of Artificial Intelligence to Carry our Message in Today's Digital World?"

The rationale behind it is on the screen. Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming a primary way people seek information, guidance, and support. To remain relevant and accessible, Al-Anon could benefit from thoughtfully exploring how AI could be used—consistent with our Traditions and Conference-approved literature—to support orientation, public information, and service efforts, while safeguarding anonymity, spiritual principles, and human connection. Interestingly, there is a question in The Loop around this topic. Members are invited to share in the blog on this question, "How have you used technology in your recovery from the family disease of alcoholism?"

Here is what I took away from the discussion: The discussion included pluses and minutes of using AI. AI is here and we need to adapt in a way that does not negatively affect Al-Anon. If I put something into AI then it is there, right? Someone else now owns that information. So, if a member puts CAL into AI, then it is there and AI can readily use it. So as a member I can choose NOT to put CAL info into AI. I also don't put copyrighted material into AI. I don't run my reports through AI.

Remember, once it is in AI someone else owns it. And AI determines how it is used. And sometimes it gets it right and sometimes it gets it wrong. Do we want people to rely on AI or the experience, strength and hope we get from person-to-person interactions?

The WSO uses a paid AI tool behind a firewall keeping content in-house and the WSO is developing a service tool (using the principles) with to provide perspective through questions, thoughts, and considerations.

Next, info on Projects the WSO is working on and announcements of things to come. The surplus funds along with money from the reserve fund, are used to fund projects. Here is what the WSO is working on using the excess funds that was mentioned earlier in the finance. The WSO is working on the following:

- Core Systems overhaul – this will improve the workflows that are used to manage not only day to day business but manage group records too. The accounting piece of this has been implemented. Groundwork is being done on the Next generation for AFG records.

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- Website redesign – Our website is due for an overhaul as it was built in 2017, and has become increasingly unstable. Thus, this has led the WSO to prioritize the redesign of the website to improve security; simplify the site structure to improve navigation; review, update, and organize all its content; and modernize the design to be mobile first and accessible to anyone with visual disabilities.
- Public Outreach -The WSO distributed a 75th anniversary news release to media outlets in the US and Canada, which reached an estimated 200 million people in a span of 48 hours. Public Outreach continues its work on various projects including exhibiting at U.S. and Canadian national conferences. I serve on the Public Outreach Committee and lead the Social Media Work group. We review quotes that you may see on social media.
- Passing It On – mentioned earlier, this program will help us share our service experiences.
- eBooks – globally...mentioned earlier.
- CAL Globally – Several years ago, WSO Staff responded to the persistent request of international structures to expand CAL access by establishing a Strategic Plan Strategy. The Strategy defined two pilot projects which are underway to find ways for International members access to affordable CAL.
- Bi-annual International AI-Anon General Services meeting.

This covers just some of the projects that the WSO is involved in. They are working hard, being prudent and finding ways to get the work done with a small staff.

Speaking of Staff – Some roles at the WSO are now be offered as remote or partially remote opportunities. So, if you have thought about working at the WSO, check out the Employment Opportunities. Currently, the WSO is looking for a Member Services Specialist – International – seeking an AI-Anon member who has participated in service beyond the group level, preferably at the Area level, and who feels called to serve in this capacity. The WSO will soon be posting another Associate Director role. This role will oversee key areas, including support of the WSC Structure and Alateen. The WSO will offer remote eligibility for this position, helping widen the opportunity for members across the fellowship to consider employment at the World Service Office. To find Employment opportunities, scroll to the bottom of the AI-Anon homepage and Select Employment opportunities.

We have a southeast regional trustee. Bob C. from Bluffton, South Carolina, and will be serving for the next two years. This is exciting as the Southeast region has been without a Trustee for several years. He was a Delegate from 2020-2022, serving with our own Linda R. His favorite quote on service: "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve " — from March 18 in *Courage to Change*

This year's Road Trip event is in Chicago, IL. Just a 5 hr and 45 mins drive – leads to an opportunity for you to learn, meet people, enhance your service and have a great time. The event promises an opportunity to meet with the Board, Executive Committee, WSO Staff, and fellow members during this day of engaging presentations and lively table topics. Watch for registration to open soon. Watch for registration to open.

It is never too early to plan: the AI-Anon International Convention will be held July 20-23, 2028, in Minneapolis, MN. On Thursday, you can attend a day of connecting and the kickoff party; Friday–Sunday, see the love parade, workshops, meetings and lots of hugs.

Registration Opens: September 2027

Now a bit about the conference experience. The Conference has opportunities to learn about others and learn more about AI-Anon. For instance, the person on the screen at top left is from the Mexico General Service Office. The Mexico GSO sent her to experience the WSC. With the help of an interpreter, we were able to learn about AI-Anon and Alateen in Mexico. There are over 2,800 meetings there and 541 Alateen meetings—all in-person. The next picture, top right, is one of the displays in the meeting room. That one is about Group Services and how they work, lower right was an AI-Anon history timeline and since it was the last year for my panel, rehearsals for our closing skit every night. A fun moment ... Delegates get a certificate at the end of the Conference. This shows me getting my certificate. The two people with me are Jamie C on the left, the chairperson of the conference and Vali F, the Executive Director. Notice that Vali and I are close to the same height and Jamie is a bit shorter. Vali and I had a bit of fun with that fact, Vali and I were able to tuck Jamie under our shoulders.

The Conference was a busy one for me this year. Besides reading all the prescribed information to prepare for Conference, I had the privilege to prepare and share an idea submitted by a KY Area member on a Conference topic. A few days before conference I learned that a portion of the KY feedback on Choosing a Group Name would be included. Wheeee!!!! I found time to prepare for that! Each last-year Delegate presents a three-minute Thank you for the many cards and texts that you sent. I doled them out so that I started and ended my day with your words of support, love and encouragement, YOU were with me every day....reminding me that I was loved. Thank you.

For these past three years, you have been very generous with sending some KY love to Conference. District, groups and individuals sent lots of love tokens to the Conference this year. Pins, bookmarks both paper and quilted, embroidered handkerchiefs, finger games, key rings, sachets...WOW! ... But wait there is more ... Lip Balm that said, "Kentucky Is Sending Support", peanut butter for snacking, quilted corner bookmarks, pocket hugs, sunflower seeds. Thank you to those who made or sent love tokens. And, I have love tokens from the other Areas to share with you today. They are at the front of the room on the table.

The 75th AI-Anon anniversary gala was held on the Saturday after the conference. I chose to stay for that event at my own cost. The event was an evening filled with memories of early pioneers and even a speaker who had met Lois. Judy will be sharing a bit more on that later. I wanted you to have a memento of this important event. As a memento, I have made 75th years bookmarks for GRs and others to give you a memento of this important milestone.

Serving as your Kentucky Area Delegate has been a humbling privilege and one of the most enriching experiences of my AI-Anon journey. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the opportunity to represent and serve alongside such dedicated and loving member as you. The lessons, connections, and spiritual growth I have gained through this service will remain with me long after my term has ended. Thank you for the opportunity.

Suggested Travel Guidelines

1. For your reimbursement request to be processed timely, please fill-out the reimbursement form and include receipts for all requested reimbursements.
2. If you are sharing expenses (hotel, meals, or gas) with another trusted servant, please do not divide those expenses on the reimbursement form. (For example, if two people are sharing a hotel room, please ask the hotel to split the cost and to print a receipt for each person).
3. When wearing 'two hats' (two scenarios (A+B) described here):
 - A) Officers, Coordinators, and Past Delegates attending AWSC and Area Assembly, also serving as Group Representatives (GRs), should charge their expenses as follows:
 - Friday meal, hotel cost, half of the Saturday meal, and half of the gas expense should be charged to the Area.
 - Half of the Saturday meal and half of the total gas expense should be charged to their group.
 - B) Officers, Coordinators, and Past Delegates attending AWSC and Area Assembly, also serving as District Reps (DRs) should charge their expenses as follows:
 - 1/2 of all expenses to the Area and
 - 1/2 to their District
4. All authorized expenses for Group Representatives and/or District Representatives will be paid by the Area if funds are unavailable through his or her District.
5. Hotel Expenses—In an attempt to be good stewards of the funds that the KY Area receives from our Al-Anon family groups, trusted servants are strongly encouraged to share a room and to reserve hotel rooms early to get the Al-Anon reduced rate. Ideally, the Area hopes to reimburse individual trusted servants for ½ of the Al-Anon room rate.

Please consider that if rooms are:

 - reserved at the discounted rate and shared, the cost is approximately \$63 per person.
 - reserved at the discounted rate and not shared, the cost is approx. \$126 per person.
 - not reserved at the discounted rate and not shared, the cost is approx. \$176 per person.

Note: Room rates are subject to change.
6. Food Expenses—The suggested limit on meal reimbursements is \$15 for supper and \$15 for lunch. (These figures are based on the average amount of meal reimbursement requests at previous Assemblies.)
7. Gas Expenses Reimbursement Options (*we recommend using one of these three options*) Request reimbursement for total miles driven at \$.14 per mile (current reimbursement rate for charitable organizations) for trip to hotel and the return home.

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Fill-up tank at home and refill tank in Elizabethtown. Submit receipt for second fill-up. The amount will be doubled for reimbursement.

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Fill-up the tank at home and upon returning home, mail receipt for second fill-up to the Area Treasurer.
8. Literature Distribution Center (LDC) Representative Expenses—All travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Area for one LDC representative to attend the AWSC and the Area Assembly.
9. The cost of all travel expenses are subject to change, and the amount of reimbursements can be re-evaluated as needed by the KY Area Assembly.

Approved by Consensus at AWSC June 5, 2026