

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
October 15, 16, 17th 2004
Travelodge Hotel, Ottawa

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004

The OSA Executive Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Assembly. Assembly Host Committee Chairperson, Mike L. extended his warm welcome and made some housekeeping announcements.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Steps and Traditions.

Panel – “Am I ready for Service”

Chair: Rick J.

Panelists: Bob T., Fred R., and Claire D.

Meeting closed with the AI-Anon-Alateen Declaration.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004

Opening – Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

Welcome by Joan P. Interim Chair (District 8)

Joan introduced the Advisors, Coordinators and Executive members.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEATING/VOTING ARRANGEMENTS:

Seating arrangements were established with non- voting members to be seated to the right of the podium. Voting is 50% + 1. Voter eligibility was discussed.

Only GR's can make a motion and needs to be seconded by GR.

Advisors will look at motions. They will be brought forth if relevant to today's discussion if not then they go to AWSC.

APPROVAL OF 2003 ASSEMBLY MINUTES:

There were no errors or omissions. The motion to accept the minutes of the 2003 Assembly as printed passed with three abstentions.

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES: To respect everyone's right to voice his/ her opinion, and to allow for business to flow in a good orderly manner, the chairperson asked to adopt a two-minute time limit for speaking for/against a motion and only one visit to the mike for any one subject.

Timekeeper: Connie (District 7)

Workshop Sign up Sheets –Sign up sheets were set up on a side table. Three workshops to be conducted in the evening:

1) When I Got Busy, I Got Better, Michelle D. 2) Links of Service – Getting the Message Through, Heather P. and 3) Dynamic Groups – Building Blocs for Tomorrow, Kathie W.

Ask-it-Basket Volunteers: Wilma (District #25), Suzanne, Barb and Shelley along with Ruth and Rick the Advisors.

Motion forms – Members wishing to present a motion must complete a form. Consider the wording carefully. A seconder is needed; therefore there should be two people supporting the motion. Only GR's can make a motion and needs to be seconded by GR. Motions will be looked at by Advisors. They will be brought forth if relevant to today's discussion if not then they go to AWSC.

Delegate's Report – Gail C.

The 2004 World Service Conference theme this year was Dynamic Groups Today Building Block Tomorrow.

Gail met with the Canadian Delegates and Trustees and a lot of great ideas were generated such as:

- 1The issue of Conference calling being too expensive and that e-mail would work just as good
- 2Dealing with problems at the Area Committee level
- 3How to attract members to become Trustees
- 4Use of website guidelines
- 5Making service positions attractive
- 6Starting Action Committees

The Area Highlights committee held 3 sessions about successes, activities and new ideas and concerns.

Four agenda items were chosen from topics submitted by Delegates before the conference:

- 1)Strengthening our Structure, which included lack of participation from the groups in the district, resolving conflict at area assemblies and relating service to growth.
- 2)Our Group: How we must use more than Daily Readers for topics at our meetings. Some ideas were to celebrate our Al-Anon birthdays once a month or have district supported speaker meetings to help support struggling groups and to keep newcomers coming back.
- 3)Alateen Background Checks: This was discussed in our Special Breakout meeting about Alateens – see further discussions.
- 4)Concept One: How we get groups to be the final authority in Al-Anon. A couple of suggestions are to listen to the GR and submit their concerns for Chosen Agenda Items at Conference and when the Conference Summary comes out, show them where their questions and answers appear. Another way is to use action committees so groups are included as part of the activity.

The Archives staff continues to preserve minutes and other records electronically as well as preserving old material.

The Forum Advisory Committee reviewed and graded 250 manuscripts and critiqued 3 issues of the magazine. Members can access three Forum articles each month on the member's site of the WSO web site.

Gail suggested that all District Representatives who have e-mail addresses to pass these along to her so that Area decisions on items that are sent to her after assembly can be decimated quickly and efficiently in order for her to make an Area decision. For those that don't have e-mail it is suggested that you get an e-mail buddy (someone in your group that has e-mail. Claire jumped on this suggestion as she could then send the minutes out by e-mail and save a lot of money on photocopying and mailing.

The Literature Committee completed the revision of the Blue Print for Progress and the new book is out. More decisions were made by this committee and recommendations were made. Be on the lookout for new materials coming.

The Public Outreach Committee explained the new service tool called Al-Anon is for Adult children of Alcoholics. Our new PSA is called "Reality" and now they are working on the 2005 PSA. It will be distributed to radio and TV selected stations in Canada and the USA in June. Public Outreach Coordinators and Delegates will receive a list of stations in our areas so we can target the other stations. Posters, tapes and CD's will also be available in June.

Group Services shared that we have 26, 140 groups worldwide a decrease from 2003. There are now 440 active Al-Anon & Alateen Spanish –language groups in the WSO structure. We have one such group in our Area.

The 2005 Conference site is to be in Stamford Connecticut from April 16- 20 2005. A visit to Stepping Stones is part of the plan.

Jo-Anne L. from District 12 is our new Regional Trustee for Canada Central. Congratulations Jo-Anne! Good Luck!

Al-Anon will be participating in the AA Convention in Toronto in 2005. The theme for the Al-Anon workshops and meetings is "Let It Begin with Me". Registration forms will be mailed to all groups in September 2004. Rick J. our Advisor is our contact/liaison person for the 2005 AA Convention.

Al-Anon's World Convention in 2008 will be in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on July 4th to the 6th. Start saving your pennies.

Discussions were held on dual members, lack of promoting the use of the Forum in a meeting, attracting newcomers to service, how do alternates get into service and getting people to volunteer for Area Level positions.

All this and more to appear in the Conference Summary.

Gail thanks all those who sent cards and Love gifts to her while she was away.

Gail's closing words were: "It was very exciting, informative, energetic and wonderful. I owe it all to you people. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve Ontario South."

TRILLIUM 2006 Chairperson: Judy T.

Judy read her report, which stated that the 2006 Trillium Committee met October 3rd. The theme for the Conference is "Continuing Our Journey". They hope to have early bird flyers ready for AWSC 2005. Some positions that still need to be filled are Literature and Media. If you are interested in joining the committee please call/e-mail Ruth H. (see back of Open Lines for contact information or Judy T.

jatodd@sympatico.ca. Judy's last note was that there would be a Trillium 2006 Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jean B.

Jean had reports on table outside and not in handout package, as she wanted it to reflect up to October. She commented that the DR's would get a report on group donations. So please see her if you don't already have it. She discussed the Budget comparison 2003/2004 and explained how the budget was put together. The donations flow is very regular and we are meeting our responsibilities. She explained how she changed the 2003 balance sheet and that she set up a budget for the "Special Projects" to reflect the monies from the Country Store. She also explained changes she made to the Proposed Budget 2005 that was presented to the DR's at AWSC. She made some major recalculations of costs for AWSC as per motion at AWSC that DR's share 2 to a room and not 4. Jean has the contract for the 2005 AWSC and will make the changes. She also mentioned that 1 District/1 group held a spaghetti fundraiser for the Area and raised \$395.00.

It was opened to the floor for questions and discussion ensued on the Delegates expenses. It was noted that the Delegate is required to go to Conferences (RSS, Trillium etc.). The question also arose about the Delegate attending the 2005 AA international Conference in Toronto at the Area's expense.

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.

Break: 9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened with the Serenity Prayer and a Moment of Silence.

LDC REPORT – Lyn S.

Lyn thanked everyone for the support she received.

Her report was also not in the package, however, could be picked up on the table outside the meeting room. Even with the 20% reduction on books, the LDC still made a healthy profit. The 20% reduction is here to stay. She reported that she had on hand 100 new Blueprint for Progress and had more in the office if needed.

The holiday closing this year is December 24, 2004 – January 3rd, 2005.

Ann K. (Chair of LDC) reported that proposed changes and amendments were being worked on for the LDC Charter and would be ready for a vote at next Assembly (2005). She also suggested we buy, buy, buy books.

COORDINATOR REPORTS: Written reports submitted were included in the registration package.

Group Records Coordinator's report: (no report in package) Marty B.

OSA has 377 groups registered down from 384. DR's were asked to see Martie about reports from AWSC. She reported on the 2 new group change forms that can be found on line at www.alanon.alateen.org/members. For Al-Anon please send the form to the Group Records Coordinator. The Alateen new form is to be used after December 31st and the old form up until December 31st. Please send Alateen forms to WSO. They inform Martie.

Public Outreach Coordinator's report: (report in package) Carol P.

Carol had nothing new to add to her written report. She was looking forward to the P.O. workshop in the afternoon.

Archives Coordinator's report: (no report in package) Rita K.

Rita told the Assembly the importance of the Archives and that each group/district should be keeping the district binder up to date. Windsor took the initiative and was bringing their binder back to work on it. A reminder to please ensure you write your District # on any correspondence.

Open Lines Coordinator's report: (report in package) Kathy T.

We were reminded by Kathy that the deadline for the submissions for the next Open Lines was November 14th and should be in your mailboxes by December 1st or shortly thereafter. Anyone can submit an article to Open Lines. It's our way of getting the message out to you. It's your newsletter. She pointed out that on her back table there were exchange newsletters from other Areas. Please take the time to look at them. She also made reference to 2 of the articles from our Open Lines that were reproduced in the WSO Area Highlights for the summer of 2004.

Literature Coordinator's report: (report in package) Fred R.

Fred reported that WSO is still looking for sharings for the 2 new books. He encouraged us to look at the literature display on his table and to buy books and read them and do book reports on them. He also reminded us that a lot of the answers to our questions could be found in the 2002-2004 manual.

Alateen Coordinator's report: (report in package) Matthew H.

Matthew reported being very busy on the SAM Guidelines, which he would talk more about later. Hard copies of the Guidelines would be available for this afternoon's session, as not everyone had seen it. A heartfelt thank you to all those that sent comments about guidelines, everything was read and taken into account.

Alateen/Unity Coordinator's report: (report in package) Jason

Jason advised that "Reaching Out" (OSA Alateen publication) was published 4 times a year and we could find the latest on our chairs. He told us the Alateen Road show was not being used by Districts and groups. Emma is the contact for this and her information can be found on the back of Reaching Out. Blake is the Chair for Unity 2005 to held in April (15 – 17) 2005 in Windsor. He advised his Alateen GR's that there would be a 7pm meeting tonight for all Alateen GR's. Some concerns were lack of communication and the link between Group Records.

Website Coordinator's report: Bob T.

Bob proceeded to give us a website slide show. He showed us how to access the OSA site and the pages he has set up there. Our OSA donation form is on line and can be downloaded, filled out and sent to Jean B our Treasurer.

As Bob already had the equipment set up and time was available, we marched right on into the:

2005 AA International World Convention Report: Rick J and Bob T.

Bob and Rick started this off with a very Powerful Power Point presentation with the theme being “Let it Begin with Us”.

Rick told us his next meeting with AA would be on November 6th. The WSO directive is to wait so there is no burn out before the conference. Our job is to be volunteers at this huge event. Rick and his committee are looking for about 600 Al-Anon volunteers to be Greeters (20 per meeting), Hosts (make sure it runs well and record number of members attending), Information Specialists (need to know TO), Decorators (decorate Hospitality Suite), Hospitality Suite Volunteers (man suite), Alateen Greeters, Literature Volunteers (man tables), Translator Volunteers (greet members in their own language).

If you want to volunteer for this huge event you can go on line and find out the details. We have 2 greeters coming in from Alberta so far. People worldwide can volunteer. On Sunday January 23rd, it's the Volunteer Kick Off at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. There will be a uniform. All volunteers must register and pay the same costs as attendees.

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.

Lunch 12:10 p.m.- 1:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened with the Serenity Prayer and a Moment of Silence, followed by the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

Seating of eligible voting members was done. We went on to the business of the day. We started out with the motions we had in hand.

Amendment #1 to Motion # 1: moved by Matthew H. to amend the budget motion to include \$2000.00 for Alateen Guidelines committee expenses”. Seconded by Kristine B.

Discussion followed. The vote was called. **The motion was passed with 1 opposed.**

Amendment #2 to Motion # 1: moved by Jill J. that “ we sponsor our Delegate, Gail, to attend the AA International Convention on our behalf, and include this expense as part of the Delegate’s expenses to attend Conferences in 2005 (\$750.00). Seconded by Donna L.

Discussion was held; the vote called. **The motion passed with 99 in favour, 94 opposed and 1 abstaining.**

Motion#1: moved by Kristine B. To approve the 2005 budget. Seconded by Jo-Anne G. The motion was passed with 1 abstaining.

Motion #2: moved by Michael that “Direct the OSA Executive to establish and ad-hoc committee to review all Assembly motions, procedures and other relevant executive decisions and compile and format them into an Area manual. Seconded by Jason.

Discussion followed about cost, why we need it, not reinventing wheel, who to maintain it, value of doing it, web- based, streamlining information, Area 86 “stuff”. The vote was called. **The motion passed with 16 opposed and 6 abstaining.**

VOTING FOR AREA CHAIR AND TREASURER:

A by-election was held for the posts of Chair and Treasurer. OSA had an interim Chair in Joan P. and an interim Treasurer in Jean B. An election was called. All eligible members for these 2 posts were called upon and Jo-Anne G DR from District 28 accepted the position of Chair till next Assembly and Jean B. accepted the position of Treasurer till next Assembly. Thank You Joan P. and Jean B.

Both were acclaimed and said a few words of acceptance.

ALATEEN GUIDELINES DISCUSSION & MOTION:

Howdy spoke on the WSO background and history of this motion. The issue has been around for over 20 years now. He stated how vulnerable we are for court action on the safety of Alateens. That WSO and we must show due diligence, in regard to the teens being protected and safe. A court order could be to "cease and desist" which could in turn close the doors of Al-Anon. The WSO came to the Conference table this year with a motion outlining guidelines for a procedure that would ensure the safety of Alateens and their sponsors and Al-Anon as a whole. The World Conference unanimously approved the motion and that today we were looking at implementing the motion.

Gail then took to the floor and discussed the importance of passing on this information and that it was minimum guidelines that we would be voting on today. Gail spoke to what happened at the Conference (see material in your package and in the conference summary.)

The Ad-hoc Committee co-chairs were introduced (Matthew H. & Kristine B.) Matthew spoke for the committee on all the work they did since June and they were only minimum guidelines as requested by WSO. He stated that we were showing "due diligence" and to the best of his knowledge we were not signing off on liability. Matthew supplied us with 3 sheets of information regarding SAM. He stated that if this was accepted here today that it would then be sent to WSO for their approval and that we could soon start the process with the groups and sponsors. The legal review recommended background checks, however, we could amend our SAM over time.

Jason W. (Alateen and member of ad-hoc committee) spoke against the guidelines stating that many traditions and concepts were being broken by these imposed guidelines. He went on to say that we were making this decision in haste and that more time was needed by all in order to make an informed decision. Jason asked for a Moment of Silence so we could reflect on the motion before voting.

Break: 3:10 p.m.– 3:25 p.m.

**Motion #3- Motion to approve the minimum guidelines (SAM) as proposed by WSO.
2 amendments were brought forth.**

Amendment # 1 - moved by Barbara S. that "in order that Al-Anon practice "due diligence", I move that in addition to the guidelines for sponsor for Alateen in Service Manual 2002-2004 p.31, that each sponsor provide a police background check. Seconded by Jean F.

A lengthy discussion was held. The vote was called for on amendment # 1. **The amendment was defeated with 87 opposed to police background checks, 78 in favour and 29 abstained.**

**Amendment # 2 - moved by Barbara S. "that for an Alateen meeting to proceed, there be 2 Alateen sponsors present". Seconded by Jean F.
The amendment was clearly defeated.**

The discussion was then opened on the motion about the Alateen guidelines. Do we accept the requirements or not? After an emotional discussion was held the vote was called.

The motion to accept the Alateen guidelines (SAM Form) was clearly defeated with 114 opposed, 48 in favour and 28 abstained.

**We closed the meeting at 5:10 pm with the Lord's Prayer.
Dinner from 5:00 p. m. – 7:00 p. m.**

Three workshops were held from 7:00 p. m. till 8:00 p.m. Those who had signed up for these reconvened at 7:00 pm.

Due to the length of the Alateen discussion the workshops scheduled for the afternoon with the coordinators (East, West, Central) were cancelled.

SUNDAY, October 17, 2004

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

Host Committee Announcements: Mike L. (District #28)

Thanked committee members and Districts 28 and 29 for their assistance. If you want to get to know your group reps, host an Assembly. It is a wonderful experience. The "Bus People" from Toronto as well as District 29 supplied a little bit of entertainment.

DELEGATE'S UPDATE – Gail C. (District #28)

The World Service Conference theme for 2005 will be "Energize Al-Anon - Expand, Explore, Experience!" It will be held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut, April 15 - 21. We will be taking a trip to Stepping Stones, the home of Al-Anon cofounder Lois W.

The September Forum Outreach Project was a record-breaking success - 102,420 copies were purchased by the fellowship. It is the largest printing of any single Forum issue in the magazine's 52-year history. Remember that November is Canada's Recovery month so let's circulate those Forums and use our PSA's. I have noticed it on some Canadian stations already.

Al-Anon was on Broadway. The Al-Anon PSA "Reality" aired as a public service on the Panasonic Jumbotron in Times Square until September 25th. It aired twice an hour, 16 hours a day.

I am enjoying reading your District meeting minutes. Remember if your District or Group has a problem please bring them to the attention of your Chairperson or your Delegate and we will try and help you. I have had responses from WSO where groups have chosen to go there first for the help. I have noticed that the word is spreading to use our new Welcome, Steps, Traditions, and Concepts that were mailed out to all groups earlier this year. Also to refrain from using the Daily Reader as a constant source for our meeting topics. Get members excited about our other literature. Daily Readers are for our daily use.

I need your help in bringing questions forward as to what is of the most importance to you in our program. Write it on a piece of paper or e-mail me and I will send it to WSO for questions at our Conference this year. You will find your answer in next year's Summary.

Sometimes we have requests for volunteers to help with Conventions, which is being held in our Area. When we receive such requests and I ask for help a quick response is needed so that WSO know that they can depend on someone to be there to help. Please help keep the flow of information going in a timely manner.

Are you aware that in the Summer issue of Area Highlights there are two articles that were written by members of Ontario South. One was a book report written by Wheatley Serenity in District 8, for our special project and the other was part of my article, which was written in the December Open Lines. WSO does pay attention to what we do in Ontario South. These papers are out there for your use to get up to date information from WSO. Each District Representative receives a copy for their District. They are also found on the WSO web site and can be downloaded for your personal use.

A special thank you who kept my anonymity when you were receiving requests for my name, telephone number or e-mail. It was not a prank but was being handled in an incorrect manner. If anyone receives this type of call the response is you cannot give out this information and then call that person direct and let him or her make the decision to respond.

Assembly will be held in Toronto on Oct. 21-23, 2005. This will be a voting year so please make sure all your incoming GR's and DR's are present. Remember their term does not begin until Jan. 1, 2006 but the Executive chosen are the people they will be working with.

AWSC will be held at the Centennial College on May 27-29, 2005.

The Executive chose to re-open the discussion on the Alateen Guidelines. Members spoke about their concerns. Matthew re-iterated that it wasn't over, that the committee would be doing more work. Liability issues emerged from this discussion and the Executive of OSA will be looking at Incorporation. This in turn did not leave time for the Ask-It-Basket questions to be read out and answered. Here are the questions and answers. Some were not answered on the sheets therefore I can only give you the questions.

ASK-IT-BASKET – (All are as written and answered on sheets - I will try to the best of my ability to make out all legible writing)

1. Our group maintains a small lending library of CAL for loan to our members. I was asked to find out whether an exception could be made for the AA Big Book. Some members have read this book and feel that this volume has great merit for all Al-Anon members. If this is not possible, can an abridged copy be developed for CAL approval and made available to us through the LDC? Answer: The AA Big Book is not approved Al-Anon literature, but it is by no means discouraged. While it is inappropriate to make it part of the Al-Anon meeting, it is a great personal choice outside of our program.

2. Why if someone is already a sponsor who is under 21 cannot stay a sponsor. I've been a sponsor for two years and I am 19 1/2? Answer: Not an issue at this time

Answer: Group Autonomy.

3. In the manual will there be a list of positions for Dual members? Remember, "Service work helps us Grow". Answer: This will be passed on to the committee for the Area Manual.

4. If Public outreach has no money to buy literature for the members to do their work (get the word out) is the District duty bound to provide the money? Assuming the District has the money. Answer: It is not the District's duty to give money to Public Outreach. Can approach District and request.

5. Please explain about cross talk. Why do some groups practice it, while others don't? Should all groups make a "no cross talk" announcement prior to the meeting? Answer: Cross talk has been defined as: Advice giving; talking out of turn; commenting by name on other person's sharing; talking while another member is sharing; being discourteous and intimidating.

6. Since my group is fairly small (average 5-6 per meeting) members feel "cross talk" is "beneficial". I've presented all the facts/material opposing this practice, which I feel does not meet needs of Al-Anon members. Is there anything else I can do about this? Answer: Group conscience is they like it. Group autonomy.

7. Manual p. 67 Multiple group memberships are fine in an urban area. I live in a town with only two Al-Anon groups. How can my home group retain their uniqueness when the membership is allowed from both groups? Answer: Can be a member of any group but a home group is necessary.

8. RE: Alateen Advisory Committee: To my understanding the AAC has only Alateens from the USA represented on it. If this is a worldwide fellowship, why are there not representatives from each country? Or one Alateen from each area? Answer: AAC members are selected from names submitted by their Area. If interested, a teen should let their GR or DR know and request their name be submitted.

9. Can GR's serve 2 consecutive terms or must they step down after 3 years? Answer: After a term, it is recommended that "rotation of leadership" allow others an opportunity to fill the role, however, 2 terms have been held and it is not disallowed.
10. Is Courage to Change being phased out as one of our daily readers? Answer: Not that we have heard. Check with Lyn at LDC.
11. Our meeting is held weekly in a room that is within a health Unit Building. We were told no rent was required. What is the correct thing to do? There is some dissention within the group as to the procedure. i.e.: rent; donation; accept their gift? Answer: Make a donation.
12. Is there a required length of time in Al-Anon before becoming GR? Answer: There is nothing in the manual. But in choosing a GR, the group should remember that the GR is voting for you and should be aware that good personal leadership is a necessity.
13. Our group continues to prefer to use "The Lord's Prayer" to close our meeting. I am opposed to this practice, which in my opinion I believe allies us to a particular "religion" How do I convince my group that this is inappropriate? Answer: Bring it up at a business meeting; however, in the end it is group autonomy.
14. Why is there so much paperwork being sent to the DR's? A lot of it is totally unnecessary. Answer: This information is sent to the DR's so they will pass it on to the GR's to keep the groups informed.
15. Why are we prevented from discussing something that was a carried motion in a previous year? Al-Anon has allowed me to see, that with more knowledge, it is ok to change my mind. It seems we don't have that privilege ay OSA. Answer: We come to Assembly with an agenda. If you want to revisit something submit a motion at AWSC.
16. Why did Al-Anon buy property? Answer: to reduce expenses.
17. Why can't we sell the Al-Anon property and rent the facility? This would fit with Tradition 6. (As Bill Wilson says AA owns nothing? Answer: The contract is for 15 years. We can discuss it then.
18. As alcohol is an "equal opportunity destroyer" what is world service doing and what can we do in Ontario South and in our groups to become more open to all those racial zed and cultural groups who are affected by alcoholism? Answer: Spanish translation of "Survival to Recovery was introduced to a Spanish speaking group in Toronto. Pamphlet S-18 Al-Anon is for Americans, Africans, Canadians, all people of colour.
19. Tradition 11 reminds us "attraction rather than promotion" my group dwindles. Suggestions please. How do I attract more bees to the pot of Al-Anon? Answer: Ask for help to Public Outreach. Distribute meeting lists at Doctors offices.
20. What happens to an Al-Anon group when a GR's term is done and all the members of that group are double winners?) Belong to AA as well) Answer: If your GR is serving their first term. Possibly she/he would be interested in a second term. In any case, a concerned effort to focus on Public Outreach is perhaps a way to reach new prospective members.
21. If an Alateen group does not re-register what happens? Our District has groups that are not active but have not formally closed. Answer: If it is not formally closed it does not need to register again.
22. Please explain the structure of the Family Group. I understand the group level and the District level, but I have some confusion as to the remainder of the structure levels. Please give these other levels official names when they take place during the year, who attends, where they take place and what is their purpose. Answer: Group, District, Area, and WSC. Trustees.
23. If group conscience votes to use additional conference approved literature does that not prevent the continuity World service has been striving for? Answer: Doesn't make sense.
24. Can GR's or Dr's volunteer to assist in the ad-hoc committee to develop Area manual? Or is it only open to persons specifically invited by our Chairperson or Executive? Answer: Volunteers were asked for at AWSC.

There were 6 other Ask - It - Basket questions without answers. These will be passed on the next AWSC Ask-It-Basket committee. I was informed that these questions were to be answered verbally, however, we did not do this. In lieu, the Alateen discussion was continued.

Evaluation forms: Members were reminded to complete these forms as they provide information for the executive in planning the next Assembly. If you know of someone who would like to participate as a speaker or a workshop leader, ask if you can put his or her name forward.

The Assembly closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:30 a.m.