

## **Ontario South Assembly (Area 86)**

**October 28, 29, 30, 2016**

**Doubletree by Hilton**

300 King St. London, ON

### ***“Realizing Our Spiritual Potential”***

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016 (evening session)**

The *meeting opened* with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

*Chairperson welcomed everyone* to this Assembly and asked those members who were attending Assembly for the first time to stand and also acknowledged Alateens in attendance and those just curious to see how the process works. Introduction of the OSA Executive, Advisors and Coordinators followed.

The Al-Anon Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

*2016 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson,* extended a warm welcome to this Assembly and made some housekeeping announcements relating to the location of the Literature room and Hospitality Suite and gave the hours of operation.

Chairperson then dealt with housekeeping items (use of post-it notes, water stations, etc.)

A workshop was held on “Links of Service” . The highlights will be posted in the Open Lines.

LOC members meeting was held in another room at the hotel.

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 (morning session)**

The *meeting opened* with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

*Chairperson, welcomed everyone* to this Assembly and asked those voting members who were attending Assembly for the first time to stand and also acknowledged Alateens in attendance and those just curious to see how the process works.

The Al -Anon Traditions ,Concepts and Warranties were read.

Introduction of the OSA Executive, Advisors and Coordinators followed.

**2016 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson**, extended a welcome to this Assembly and made some housekeeping announcements relating to the Literature room and Hospitality Suite and gave the hours of operation. She reminded everyone that there is a list of area restaurants.

Our Chairperson, provided information about post-its, literature sales room and times and times/ locations for the Ask It Basket committee and the Alateen GRs meeting.

**Chairperson explained the Voting Procedures** by reading pages 10 & 11 from the pre-Registration package and **Informed Group Decision Making**.

**Items for Consideration** are topics, which affect members at the Area level requiring a decision beyond group or district autonomy. An Item for Consideration submitted will be taken up by the Executive at an upcoming meeting (November). These items are clarified as needed, that is, if it is deemed to be administrative in nature, the Executive will deal with it, and if it is a substantive issue requiring a motion to come to a future Assembly, it would be brought forward at AWSC (see Concept 3, pages 177-180 of the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual).

**Ask It Basket questions** are questions where the answers have not been found in the *Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual* or Ontario South Policy and Guidelines Manual. 4 Volunteers were established to answer the questions.

**Note takers-** Our chairperson asked for and received 4 volunteers to take notes on the discussion today, surrounding the “Prayer for Today” recommendation from the WSC literature committee .

**Motion 1: Moved and seconded that "the Assembly 2015 Minutes be accepted as presented." Carried.**

### ***Delegate's Report***

Started with a pop quiz presentation about our World Service structure. Next, our delegate reviewed the business from the World Service Conference that she attended . The theme for this year was “Realizing our Spiritual Potential”. She has condensed the full binder of information to a 12 page report which is posted on our Ontario South website under “delegates corner”.

We were also given a handout of the highlights in our Assembly package.

The particulars of World Service Conference budget was reviewed for us, followed by a question and answer session.

*Treasurer's Report* – reviewed the 2015 Financials and the 2016 October YTD Financials.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 (afternoon session)**

Reconvened at 1:30 with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.

1. Proposed Budget 2017

**Motion 2: Moved and seconded that the proposed budget for 2017 be adopted by Ontario South Assembly 2016. Carried.**

**Item for Discussion**

**Topic:**

**Literature Office Committee (Ontario South)**

**A handout was provided in the assembly package emailed in advance to all AWSC members giving history on this Item for Discussion**

**The item was discussed.**

**Motion 3: Moved and seconded that Ontario South Assembly continue to maintain a literature Distribution Centre.**

**Carried.**

**Motion 4: Moved and seconded, that the Literate Operation Committee adjust literature prices that more accurately reflect the actual cost to LDC.**

**Carried.**

**Motion 5: Moved and seconded that the LOC invite expressions of interest that invite Al-Anon members on a voluntary basis to a) house a literature office b) operate the LDC in keeping with our 7th tradition**

**Motion defeated.**

**Item for Discussion**

**Topic: Prayer**

**The chair asked for and received 4 volunteers to take notes on what they heard from the discussion points. A handout was provided in the assembly package emailed in advance to all AWSC members giving history on this Item for Discussion. There was a timed discussion and the volunteers recorded the details to give to our delegate.**

### **Co-Ordinator's Reports**

**Add on reporting only below. Coordinators full reports will be posted to the OSA website.**

#### ***Alateen***

***Public Outreach-*** brought some P.O. posters that those in attendance could take back to their groups.

Public outreach email address will be changing-you will be notified.

#### ***The Forum***

If you have a published sharing in the Forum please let our Forum Coordinator know.

Thank you to Whitby hosting a forum writing workshop. I will be happy to be invited to do more workshops.

**Archives-no report**

#### ***Group Records***

***Website*** Please report any issues that you have with the website to the website coordinator directly. A special project is in the works. A link will come to us via an email from our area secretary for a website inventory. DR's will be asked to share it with their GRs who will be asked to share it with their group members. Thus, the intention is to have it widely circulated and returned prior to the end of the calendar year. Hoping to have results in first issue of 2017 Open Lines.

#### ***Literature***

January Forum magazine will include an article specifying different styles of instructions for sharings in the Forum vs sharings for the daily readers.

There will be a new piece of literature out in January called "Paths to Recovery-workbook". \$10 U.S. It will also be available for purchase as a set (book and workbook) \$25 U.S.

***AAPP-No Report***

***Open Lines-No Report***

### ***Literature Distribution Centre (LDC)***

Financial: The financial statements as of September 30, 2016 and the year-end income statements for 2014 and 2015 are included with this report.

At this time the LDC is operating with a loss of \$9,537.68.

The average U.S. exchange rate has averaged 1.31405 to date.

Sales have increased by almost 8% compared to 2015. Expenses for wages and overhead costs have decreased. Office staff and volunteers: Usually there is one volunteer who comes once a week and 1 full-time employee.

Please remember: when you receive a notice regarding a new item from World Service Office, the price is listed in U.S. dollars. The new item is already at the LDC. Please contact the LDC by phone, or email for the Canadian price.

The latest Literature order form is available on the Ontario South website [www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca](http://www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca). Click on Literature, and scroll down to the desired format, either printable or fillable.

We try to process and ship the orders as soon as we receive the payment for them. If items are out of stock, we will ship the items that are in stock and backorder the out of stock items. The backordered items are shipped as soon as we receive them. Thank you for your patience and understanding when an order is delayed.

If there is a difference in the payment and the cost of the order, we will adjust the order to reflect the amount received. This simplifies the bookkeeping process. To assist us in completing your order please enter your group ID and district number on the order, this goes a long way to help the procedures to run smoothly. Normally it takes 1-3 days for an order to be delivered from the office. If you have not received your order within 2 weeks of sending your order, please contact us.

To speed the processing system almost 30% of groups are paying for their orders with email bank transfers. This is a simple process available to all that have online banking. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Consignment Orders: These are available for special events such as Al-Anon Days, Round-up, and Conferences. We need at least 6 weeks notice prior to the event to process the orders. Contact us for the details.

Speaker List: We try to maintain a list of members who have expressed a willingness to speak. Currently we are updating the information about the speakers as often people move, phone numbers change etc. If you have gifted persons in your group willing to speak, please complete the questionnaire and send it to me. Families are always needed.

If there is a way we can further benefit the group, please let us know.

In closing I would like to thank the Literature Office Committee for their trust and patience with me, and also my gratitude to each of you for allowing me to be the LDC Manager.

### ***LOC Report (Literature Office Committee)***

The literature office committee discussed the approach and information that would be presented to the Assembly during Saturday's Literature Distribution Centre discussion.

Meeting closed at 5:45pm

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 (evening session)**

There was a co-ordinators meeting in a separate room with Alternate Delegate.

There was an OSAAC/Area-Alateen committee meeting in a separate room.

A Workshop was held on Conflict Resolution .

The ask it basket volunteers met in another room to answer the ask it basket questions.

Entertainment followed.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016**

Chairperson opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Al -Anon Traditions , Concepts and Warranties were read.

***2016 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson***, thanked everyone for coming and a special thank-you to all the volunteers that made this happen.

***Ask-It-Basket***: Answers were provided to the questions .

***Delegate's Update*** – provided us with World Service Office updates. This was followed by a question and answer session.

A member shared on the topic of ***What now?*** What to do with the emotion that you are going home with.

An ***Open Mic*** followed.

The meeting ended at 11:00 a.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Lord's Prayer.