

**ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY  
NOVEMBER 02 – 04, 2007  
FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL & SUITES – LONDON, ON  
“NEW THINKING – NEW ENERGY – ABUNDANT OUTLOOK”**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2007**

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

Jo-Anne, the OSA Executive Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Assembly. She then introduced the Executive, Advisors, Co-ordinators and our Regional Trustee from Canada Central, Jo-Anne L. and a Trustee-at-large Doreen D from North Carolina. The Assembly Host Committee Chairperson Sue G. extended her warm welcome and made some housekeeping announcements. Jo-Anne added a couple of Assembly housekeeping announcements.

**Open Speaker Meeting**

“Service Brings New Thinking, New Energy and an Abundant Outlook”

Chair: Joan P., OSA Delegate

Speaker: Doreen D., Trustee-at-Large

Open mic was presented to the membership for any questions of Doreen after her sharing.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2007**

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

Jo-Anne, the OSA Executive Chairperson welcomed everyone to Assembly. She then introduced the Executive, Advisors, and our Regional Trustee from Canada Central, Jo-Anne L. and a Trustee-at-Large Doreen D. from North Carolina. Sue G. our Host Committee Chair made a couple of housekeeping announcements. Jo-Anne added a couple of Assembly housekeeping announcements.

**Ask-It-Basket & “Item For Discussion” Forms:**

Jo-Anne reviewed the location of forms and the process and flow of information based on these forms. Since “Item for Discussion” forms are new to Assembly, she explained the process as follows:

What happens if I submit a Discussion Item?

The discussion items are reviewed by your Executive at an upcoming meeting. (November & February). These items are clarified as needed and either acted upon by the Executive, or brought forward to AWSC for discussion and action. (ie. either administrative in nature to be decided upon or a substantive issue requiring a motion to come to a future Assembly for further discussion.

### **Workshop Sign up Sheets**

Sign up sheets are set up on a table at the back of the Assembly room. Three workshops are to be conducted in the evening. 1) Getting The Word Out, John M. 2) KBDM – New Thinking, New Energy, Sheilagh R & Martie B. and 3) Abundant Outlook – New Steps on the Service Journey, Penny F. & Carol L.

### **Establishment of Seating Arrangements:**

Seating arrangements for the afternoon were established with non-voting members to be seated to the right rear of the room and voting members seated with their DRs in their respective rows to the left and centre.

### **Ask-it-Basket Volunteers**

Volunteers were called for. Lin Dist.#28, Tanya Dist.#28, Phyllis Dist.#24, Judy Dist.#8, will be joining our advisor Gail C. and Ann K. our past LDC Chairperson.

### **Approval of the 2006 Assembly Minutes:**

Errors and omissions were asked for, none came forward. Moved by Robyn Dist.# 1 and seconded by Greg M. Dist.#21 that “the minutes of the 2006 OSA Assembly be accepted as is”. Vote was called. All in favour, motion carried.

### **Delegate’s WSC Report – Joan P:**

A portion of today’s report and a report of the Regional Service Seminar were mailed to District Representatives along with the 2007 World Service Conference Summary. The report is to be copied and distributed to Group Representatives, who in turn are to share with the group members.

Joan thanked the membership for allowing her to serve as Area Delegate and shared her appreciation for the cards and love gifts she has received. At the AWSC, Joan P. handed out twenty four pages of information to the District Representatives, that was to be passed along to each Group Representative and in turn passed on to group members. Joan’s report also touched on the business of Regional Committee on Trustees Election, celebrating Alateen’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, our updated Service Manual which should be available very soon, and our new book titled “Opening our Hearts, Transforming our Losses”. Joan shared with the membership three power point presentations that enhanced her report.

### **Regional Trustee - Canada Central - Jo-Anne L:**

Jo-Anne brought greetings from World Service Office and shared the process and workflow of a Trustee at the World Service Office. Jo-Anne shared her humorous morning encounter with Joe Public and how they knew about Al-Anon. Jo-Anne thanked all for allowing her to be a part of the Assembly.

*Announcement* made with regards to the Public Outreach project: the books are available to be picked up and signed for by the District Representative.

## **Break 9:45 – 10:15**

### **REPORTS PART 1:**

#### **Treasurer's Report (2007) – Jean B:**

Jean updated Assembly with regards to registration, that there are 301 registrations. Jean asked that all read the final 2007 Trillium financial report in your package. Jean then presented current Ontario South Assembly treasury report. Jean shared the importance of using the donation form when submitting a group donation. The form is also available on the OSA web site.

#### **Trillium 2008 Chairperson – Bob T.**

Trillium flyers and report available in the package received from the OSA Treasurer, Jean B. Bob shared on the past fundraiser of baskets and presented the new idea of holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in your districts. Theme of 2008 Conference is “The Family Gift of Recovery” being held on June 27, 28, 29, 2008.

#### **Trillium 2009 Chairperson - Jane H**

Jane shared on her experience on the decision to become the next Trillium chairperson. Jane also spoke with regards to her conversation with a Higher Power and Service Sponsor and urged others who may be having the same conversation, to consider working on the 2009 committee.

#### **Literature Distribution Centre – Gail C. & Lyn S. (report in package)**

Gail introduced the board members. This year's LDC office closure will be December 21, 2007 to January 02, 2008. Lyn shared that she has researched the cost and expense of other ways of getting your orders to you. The LDC will need to continue using Canada Post. Gail presented the Assembly Executive with a copy of the LDC by-laws. Gail shared on the move of the LDC office to Lyn's home rather than a stand-alone office and the cost effectiveness of stock and other expenses. In addition to our regular literature and groups ordering in bulk through WSO due to exchange rate, we are operating at a loss at this point. The question Gail posed to the membership is “Do you want an LDC?”. The membership was asked to think about it and if so, to please support the LDC by placing your orders from LDC in Ontario South and not WSO.

Conference summaries are available through LDC.

#### **Alateen – Kristine B. (report in package)**

Kristine asked that Group Representatives ask District Representatives for a copy of section 11 of the Area Policy & Guidelines manual that has draft guidelines for the

Additional Alateen safety measures. These will likely be presented at AWSC 2008 for approval. A member put forth that this section is available and up to date on the web site. Kristine shared on the links of service.

**Alateen Advisory Committee Chairperson** (report in package)

In Shireen's absence, Dana was asked to report on the Re-Unity conference that was held in Markham in October. There were a total of 130 registrants. 52 Alateen 34 sponsors and 44 Al-Anons. Dana shared on the warm fuzzies she was wearing. The membership showed their gratitude to Shireen for all her work over the past year as the Alateen Advisory Committee Chairperson. The executive will ask Kaitlin to come forward into the position of the new Alateen Advisory Committee Chair and work on establishing the Alateen Advisory committee.

**AAPP – Matthew H.** (report in package)

Matthew shared that he continues to learn through this new process and that it is a work in progress and to please bear with him, as sometimes this position is more time consuming than at other times. He will bring forward to the Executive the possibility of stream lining or simplify the paper work. Will also bring up at AWSC that the police records check be moved to a three- year period. Matthew is working on a database for storing this information and will be discussing with the Executive at the next meeting in November. Jo-Anne advised the membership that she would have copies of the Police Record Check letters tomorrow for those that need them.

**Special Note:** A recurring request throughout the reports is, when corresponding with the Area Co-ordinators, please supply District, group name and ideally, group numbers.

**Al-Anon International Convention – Greg M.**

Greg shared with the membership how he became the co-ordinator of the "Love Gifts" and what these gifts represent. Greg has been asked to co-ordinate the making of "Love Gifts" from Ontario South Districts.

Chairperson Jo-Anne reminded the membership of the seating arrangements upon their return.

**Lunch 11:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Meeting reconvened with Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**ESTABLISH KBDM GUIDELINES:**

Knowledge based decision making (KBDM) information was shared. Jo-Anne G. shared on the process and four points of discussion guidelines and the aspect of crafting a motion after discussion takes place. 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 at the mic for any one subject. It was respectfully asked that all applause be withheld. If a motion does come forth following

the discussion, the Executive has offered the Advisors to be available to assist in crafting a motion during the break. Motion forms are to be obtained from OSA Secretary.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES:**

If a motion comes forward, a majority vote (50% + 1 of votes cast) is required for passing motions. An amendment motion takes precedence over the main motion and we will vote on the amendment first. The tabling of other motions received is at the discretion of the Chairperson. They will be brought forth if relevant to today's discussion. If not, then they will go to the Executive and/or to AWSC. When presenting a motion from the floor, it is to be written legibly on a "blue" paper and seconded by another voting member. Only a voting member can make a motion and it needs to be seconded by another voting member. The motion is "tabled" when the Chair reads it to the Assembly. The "mover" may speak first and she/he may only speak again once others have had a chance to address the Assembly. Voter eligibility was discussed. Abstentions were clarified. The sit down, stand up process for voting was presented. Vote was called on this process. All voted in favour. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **1) Discussion Item: Proposed 2008 Budget**

Jean spoke to 2008 budget. Floor was opened to questions/discussions.

#### **2) Discussion Item: Requirement for elected positions on OSA Executive**

Presented to the members through the District Representatives at AWSC.

Original motions on this subject received at AWSC 2005 were withheld until further discussion could be held through the KBDM process. Jo-Anne shared with the membership, a bit of background and the questions that were provided in the pre-Assembly information package. Floor was opened to questions/discussions and a lengthy discussion took place.

**Break 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

*Notice of Administrative Change: Wording on proposed 2008 Budget, under Other Expenses, to include "and Alateen Advisory Committee Chair and Executive Liaison"*

### **MOTIONS:**

(related to Discussion Item #1)

#### **Motion #1**

Moved by District #6 and seconded by District#1 that "Budget for Newsletters be increased by \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and the budget for Assembly Registrations be increased by \$1,000.00 (400X25=\$10,000) to \$10,000."

Vote called, all in favour, motion carried.

**Motion #2**

Moved by District #1 and seconded by District#1. that “We accept the 2008 budget as amended.”

Vote called, all in favour, motion carried.

(related to Discussion Item #2)

**Motion #3**

Moved by District #16 and seconded by District#16. that “Anyone standing for nomination for an Executive position shall submit an OSA Executive resume by a date determined by the OSA Executive.”

Vote called and required a count. Count taken by Chairperson, those in favour number 145, those opposed number 63. Motion carried.

**Motion #4**

Moved by District# 23 and seconded by District #23. that “Should no resumes be received for an OSA Executive position, that nominations be open to the floor as is per the current practice.”

Vote called, motion carried.

**Motion #5**

Moved by District #28 and seconded by District #28. that “There be an amendment to the OSA Executive Resume question “List the experiences and skills learned in Al-Anon/Alateen that you feel qualify you for this position...” to include an acknowledgement that you have read the responsibilities for the position.”

Vote called, motion carried.

**Election of our Ontario South Nominee for WSO Regional Trustee:**

The Delegate received only one resume for OSA Nominee for Regional Trustee. Gail C. was asked to step forward to speak to the membership with regards to her willingness to let her name stand for the Trustee position. Gail was asked to step out of the Assembly while election takes place.

Vote called, unanimously carried.

**REPORTS: Part II**

**Archives – Mary Jane McK.** (report in package)

Mary Jane clarified what the lists at the archivist table are for and asked that these be picked up and shared with the membership. Mary Jane also visually presented ways of sending in your archived information. It was shared how and what information is needed when sending in your information.

**Group Records – Darlene K.** (report in package)

Darlene shared about the group records database and how it is used to create labels for LDC and assist WSO with their record keeping. Forms can be found on web site. Darlene shared how important it is for your group to have a Current Mailing Address. Darlene asked for all District Representatives to pick up their group listings and confirm their accuracy.

**All other reports held over to Sunday**

Closed meeting with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

**Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 6:15**

**WORKSHOPS:** (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

1) *Getting The Word Out* (John M.)

The members present were asked how they describe Al-Anon when asked, then they were asked to say the same thing in one word. Suggestions were made on how to attract new members such as a music jingle, college fair, You Tube, Oprah show, internet game, signs and symptoms of Al-Anon members to employee assistance programs. In summary, Doreen D. recommended that the links of service would be to forward the objective of the workshop, that is to create a clear, concise, descriptive term for what we have, to Joan P., Delegate, Ontario South, for discussion at the World Service level.

2) *KBDM – New Thinking, New Energy* (Sheilagh R. & Martie B.)

Each Group Representative shared on how they are/are not using the KBDM process, then discussion went around again on issues. All agreed information is key BEFORE decision is made. Less pressure in this process, open mind is encouraged and gives an equal voice to each person. Process is not confrontational.

3) *Abundant Outlook – Next Steps on the Service Journey* (Penny F. & Carol L.)

Group brainstormed on “What does abundant outlook mean to you?” and “what do I care about in Al-Anon?”. Second part of session was on questions regarding our next steps in our Service Journey.

**Evening Entertainment** (7:45 p.m. as organized by Host Committee)

**Meetings:** (8:30 p.m.)

1) Ask it Basket committee 2) Alt. Delegate with Coordinators 3) Alateen GRs meeting

## **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2007**

Meeting opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

Sue G. made final Host Committee Announcements. She introduced and thanked the members of the Host Committee.

Jo-Anne thanked the host committee as well and made a couple of last minute Assembly announcements.

### **REPORTS: Part III**

#### **Literature – Penny F.** ( updated report in package)

Encouraged the membership to continue their support of our Area Literature Distribution Centre.

#### **Public Outreach – Michelle D.** (report in package)

Shared her hopes of getting the minutes from the districts PO co-ordinators. This would be of great help to her to put the focus where it needs to be to help support the groups and districts in getting the information out there.

#### **Open Lines – Martie B.** (report in package)

Each group receives a copy of the Open Lines free to those groups with a Current Mailing Address. Group Records provides the labels to Martie for mailing. Look for the next issue around December 01. Open Lines can be accessed through the web site. Hard copy is yours to archive as it is not archived on the web site. Questions or comments can be sent to Martie.

#### **Website – Don C.** (unable to attend – report in package)

#### **Ask-it-Basket Answers:**

Questions and answers to be published in upcoming Open Lines issues as where space available.

#### **Delegate's Update:**

Joan wished Doreen, our “gift”, a safe journey home. A reminder that the Conference Summary has been mailed to the District Representatives. Love gifts are needed for the next Conference held April 13-17. The theme for the Conference is “Build Bridges, Energizing Our Spiritual Quest”. Information on the 2008 International convention is also on the web site. The Al-Anon/Alateen service manual for 2006-09 will be spiral bound and should be at WSO now and ready for distribution. “New Groups at Work” booklet will be mailed out along with the new Service Manual complementary to your group, if you have a Current Mailing Address. The 2010 AA International Convention



will be held on July 01-04 in San Antonio, Texas. The next Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention will be held 2013 in Vancouver BC. There is a new bookmark on sponsorship available. The new PSAs were presented to the membership. The television video is available at the LDC office. The radio spots are not yet available. Reminder that next year is a voting year and it would be good if your group can support sending the incoming and outgoing group representatives.

**Open Mic:**

For those who wished, shared with the Assembly.

**Meeting adjourned with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration**

**Open Speaker Meeting**

Topic "Al-Anon Transforms Lives"

Chair: Jacqueline K.

Speaker: Tricia R.

Speaker meeting closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

**THANK YOU for your participation.....**