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There are some common forms that groups and members are asked to fill out all the time. I have made the following links available for you. To access these forms hold your control key and click on the underlined words. A new window will open and your document will be there. Be sure to click ok to the warning you will get about unsafe documents.

[Group Records Change Form](#)

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The LDC office will be closed from December 15th and reopen on January 5th.

Al-Anon Declaration

Let it begin with me
When anyone anywhere reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be
there and
let it begin with me.

Districts in Ontario South

District 1.....	Muskoka
District 2.....	Georgian Bay
District 3.....	Bruce County
District 4.....	Waterloo Region
District 5.....	Huron Perth
District 6	London Region
District 7.....	Sarnia Region
District 8	Windsor/Essex
District 9.....	Chatham Region
District 10.....	Elgin Region
District 11.....	Brantford
District 12.....	Niagara Region
District 13.....	St. Catharines
District 14	Hamilton
District 16.....	Mississauga, Oakville
District 17.....	Upper Peel-Halton
District 18.....	Dufferin, York, Simcoe
District 19.....	Toronto North
District 20.....	Toronto West
District 21.....	Toronto Central
District 22.....	Scarborough
District 23.....	Lakeshore
District 24.....	Kawartha
District 25.....	Quinte
District 26.....	St. Lawrence Region
District 27.....	Seaway Valley
District 28	Ottawa
District 30.....	Upper Ottawa Valley
District 31.....	Loyalist
District 32.....	Kawartha South

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My final report to Ontario South as delegate....

I have spent a lot of time considering what I would like to share with you. I have asked my HP to guide my thoughts - and let those thoughts guide my words.

So...

I sincerely wish that there was another expression other than "thank you". It does not seem to do justice to what I feel in my heart.

Nevertheless, thank you.

I have loved having the opportunity to have been invited to and to have visited so many groups and districts in our Area. I will truly miss this aspect of my service.

I have been blessed to have been able to serve with an amazing group (Michele, Debbie, Jean, Marg, Neil, John, Claire, Joan and Sue) on the Ontario South Executive over the past three years and to have built friendships with many of them

I think it will be when I step back from this time as Ontario South Delegate, Panel 52 that I will be able to comprehend the effects that the last three years have had on me.

Today, this is what I believe this gift of service has given me...

an improved understanding of what it means for me to be willing

an awareness that listening with an open mind is different from just looking like I am listening quietly

knowledge that saying my truth has become a recovery tool for me

recognition that courage is a gift my HP has given to me

knowledge that I don't need to pretend to have all the answers

knowledge that I am blessed to know that I can ask for help and that I do ask for help

a deeper commitment to naming, exploring, understanding and using the spiritual principles of our program

a deeper commitment to developing a healthy, strong sense of home groups and the groups' relationship to

Concept One

a deeper commitment for open, honest, clear communication with all members at all service levels

deep gratitude to be of service to all members of Ontario South

My service role is changing. I continue to extend my hand to you if I can be of any service at all.

**Much Love & Many Blessings,
Jane**

The Fresh Start AFG, Wednesday night at 7:00, Sherbourne and Carlton Streets (downtown Toronto) will have their annual Gratitude candlelight meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

Following that, December 24 and 31 there will be no meeting as the church will be closed.

ASK-IT-BASKET
ASSEMBLY 2014

Q - What is the proper word we use for the people who are sponsored? "Sponsee" just doesn't seem or feel right.

*** An incorrect response was given at Assembly. The correct response follows ***

A - The word "sponsee" is used on Page 49 of the Service Manual and in the pamphlet *Sponsorship, What It's All About* (P-31).

Q - Can we do a newcomers meeting at a regular meeting?

A - Yes, we do a newcomer meeting at our meeting.

Q - Can you hold a group inventory on a separate night other than the regular meeting?

A - Yes, you can have an inventory meeting anytime the group conscience decides. See page 45 of the Service Manual and G8-A and G8-B of the Guidelines.

Q - Why do I get funny looks from other Al-Anon members when in the elevator and a stranger asks me what kind of conference is it and I answer "Al-Anon"?

A - We have no idea - ask them. Maybe they don't want their anonymity broken.

Q - How do we go about advertising our end of April Al-Anon Day in the Open Lines (how long in advance do we have to notify them) and how do we advertise our Al-Anon Day on the Ontario South website?

A - It says in Open Lines what the deadline is for the next issue. The Ontario South Website Coordinator will give direction.

Q - To be a District Treasurer do you have to be a GR?

A - This is up to the group conscience at the District level.

Q - I have long admired the Area 86 quilt which I have seen displayed at Assembly and Trillium. I'm wondering how it came about - history, etc. I have found our District's square and am wondering what if new District's are created, amalgamated or absorbed - will the quilt get changed?

A - The Delegate has a book with the history of the quilt - ask her for access to the book. Assembly passed a motion in October 2001 that the quilt be kept as a memento of 50 years and brought to Area Assembly each year after to show what members have made. It is not likely that the quilt will be changed.

Q - A suggestion to use the term Al-Anon Families rather than Al-Anon. Reason: so we identify ourselves easily (no confusion that we are AA.)

A - This is not a question. It is a statement.

Q - What to do if a group member is creating personal conflict with a non-member but may affect our group (ie property management)?

A - It's a personal issue. Since you have said "may affect" use Tradition 10 - outside issue and Let Go and Let God.

Q - Group insurance - is there any thought of getting an insurance company to represent all our groups as one? or is each group responsible for itself?

A - Page 59 of the Service Manual.

Q - Which Districts or Groups in Ontario South maintain their own website?

A - Suggest you contact each District and ask them directly.

Continued on the next page...

Ask It Basket Continued:

Q - Our group needs clarification for the closing prayer. We have a member that has sent a "page" from an old Forum and she states we must say the Lord's Prayer. Those of us who have looked into this feel it is group conscience. Are we correct?

A - Page 22 of the Service Manual - "It is suggested that groups close in a manner that is agreeable to the group conscience." Also Traditions 2 and 4.

Q - Should groups be sitting on hundreds of dollars and wanting cheaper rent from the church? Shouldn't we be paying our way like other groups? I think that is against our Traditions.

A - See pages 56 and 57 of the Service Manual and Traditions 6 and 7.

Q - There is a misunderstanding at our group. I am the in-coming GR - the outgoing GR contacted WSO with my contact info. I just checked with the Group Records person here and was told we should have contacted her as well. Maybe other groups are confused too.

A - Contact the Group Records Coordinator when making any group information changes and they will forward the updated information to WSO. That is the link of service.

Q - How do I submit a sharing to the Forum or CAL?

A - There is a sharing sheet included with each Forum and from the Ontario South LDC whenever a literature order is sent out. See also the WSO website - Members Only.

Q - What positions are dual members allowed to hold at the District level?

A - Members of AI-Anon who are also members of AA may hold any position where they are not voting on matters that effect AI-Anon as a whole.

Q - How much time do you need to become an Alternate GR?

A - It's up to the group conscience.

Q - How large should OSA's prudent reserve be? Given that it is larger than WSO's 1-year expenses guideline, at what point should part be disbursed? (ie to WSO, Public Outreach in the Area, etc)

A - At the end of each fiscal year it may be determined by the Executive to distribute the excess fund if there is any.

Chairpersons Final Report.

How the time does fly.....it's already November 8th. The snow is trying to make it's presence felt up here in Ottawa, and I know that other parts of our Area have already experienced the "white stuff".

And there's 2 more months until my term as your Area Chairperson comes to an end. It's been a wonderful, challenging, frightening, amazing, gratifying, learning, and enjoyable experience for me. I've learned so much (about myself), and have learned so much about you. I've learned that you are passionate, caring, concerned, supportive, and love your AI-Anon. Those are also the qualities you have given to me during my time in this position.

There have been challenges we have faced during this term, as well as triumphs.

And together we as an Area have grown. I have had the privilege of being able to be a part of that.

You had faith in me 3 years ago, that I could fulfill this position and I wasn't sure how I would do that. I had to learn not to compare myself with those who have gone before me. I had to learn how to bring Michele to the position and sitting here today I know that I was successful.

So I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your support, love, hugs, thoughts, and concerns. In other words....."thank you for being you"

big hugs

Michele
OSA Chairperson

Alternate Delegate's Report

Thank you Ontario South for an amazing 2014 Assembly. Our host committee did an incredible job of planning and welcoming us to Toronto. The enthusiasm, participation and connectedness from all who were in attendance was very tangible. I really appreciated being a part of such a remarkable and willing group of people. Al-Anon in action! So many members willing to do their part, for the health of their Groups, Districts and our Area. As this term comes to a close I have been honoured to serve our Area as Alternate Delegate and have appreciated all the opportunities to meet so many members personally, at meetings, program events and through the phone and emails. I have grown through these opportunities and I am grateful.

We have been served by many wonderful members on our Executive and Coordinators. They have carried us and supported us through many challenges and successes. We appreciate each of their contributions to Ontario South!

I now look forward to continuing to serve and sincerely appreciate your support in this new role I have been elected to, as next term's Ontario South's World Service Delegate. I feel privileged as I glimpse ahead and our journey together is renewed.....

The search for Area Coordinators willing to serve this next term starting on January 1st, 2015 continues. To date we have the following positions filled:

Alateen Coordinator - Cheryl M. from District 18
Group Records Coordinator - Joan T. from District 27
Literature Coordinator - Bonnie R. from District 23
Open Lines Coordinator - Brian S. from District 12

We welcome these members and I am confident the remaining positions will be filled soon.

I would also like to welcome Jane H. and Michele D. as our two Area 86 Advisors for this next term. I personally appreciate their willingness to continue to serve Ontario South.

I look forward with much Gratitude to continuing my service journey serving our Area. I want to be open, available and approachable to you, our members. We are in this together and together we get better.

With much Love & Gratitude
Debbie P

**Together
we can
do it.**

Secretary's Report

What a great Assembly! Thank you to the members who helped me out by taking notes during the timed Discussion Items and while I was out of the meeting room. You'll find the Minutes and Coordinator and LDC Reports on the Ontario South website (www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca).

As I come to the end of my term, I am filled with gratitude. It has been an amazing journey. I've been able to work with members who love Al-Anon as much as I do. I have used my voice to advance the Al-Anon discussion in Area 86. I have been given the opportunity to listen attentively, to practice keeping principles above personalities, to honour my values and integrity and to ask for help when I need it.

To those of you starting out in a new service role/position. Thank you for your willingness and dedication to Al-Anon. I look forward to watching you grow.

Love and Hugs in Service,
Jean McSA

Treasurer's Report

My name is Marg K, a very grateful member of and the G.R. for for Learning to Live AFG in Toronto and am the treasurer for Ontario South. I have been in this position since mid-March 2013 and have to say that I am enjoying the service and meeting everyone either in person or through your emails. I want to thank everybody for their support and kinds words during Assembly and look forward to continuing in this position for the next three years.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and entire winter. Thank you very much for your donations so far during 2014. Please remember to use the donation form that can be found in the area manual or online to ensure that donation is recorded to the correct group. See the link below.

[Donation form](#)

If you decide to send a cheque without using the form please make sure you include your group name and group number. And remember that if you are fortunate enough to be travelling to someplace warm this winter your group is still there.

Marg K
OSA Treasurer

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON REPORT

This will be my final *Open Lines* report as AAPP for Ontario South. I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere "Thank You Very Much" to everyone who has contributed during the past three years so that Ontario South could meet the "Area Alateen Safety and Behavioural Requirements". We accomplished this by working together - one form at a time.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the World Service Office Group Records Department for their ongoing guidance and support. They have been simply wonderful!

Thank you for giving me this Service opportunity - it has been both challenging and rewarding. I have tried my best to do my part to ensure that Al-Anon and Alateen will be there in the future. "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and – Let It Begin With Me".

With love and gratitude to all,
Marg McC, Waterdown AFG

Area Archives

My name is Heather P and I am your outgoing Ontario South Archives Co-coordinator. I am a grateful member of this world – wide fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups, and my home group is the Love & Hope Angus AFG in District One.

Here I sit, winding up my Area service work for this wonderful fellowship. The In Memory board has been updated from Assembly, and as I recognized some of the names from the districts in our Area, most notably District 4, it brought back many fond memories. In September I attended District Two's Al-Anon Day and shared a brief history (and I do not do brief very well, hehe) on Al-Anon's very beginnings and a workshop on their district group histories. Thank you District 2 for such a great day!

As I mentioned in my report at Assembly, the Area will need a new Archivist. So I ask that if you have had that nudge, that whisper in your ear, to take a step into service and talk with our incoming Delegate. There is a saying that some of you may have heard out there. "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"

Our Area Archives is a wonderful opportunity to grow, acquirer artifacts and document to preserve our past. I truly believe that to move forward, one must learn from the past.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee members and Co-ordinators both past and present for their loving dedication to Al-Anon and Alateen in Ontario South. A heartfelt thank-you to all members of Ontario South for your love and support through out my years as a trusted servant in Area service work. This is not a final good bye, but a simple "until we meet again".

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with growth and opportunities, One Day At A Time. May God Bless and safe journeys to all who are in your new service positions.

As always, sending Love & (Hugs) in Service, Heather P

Area Alateen Coordinator

This is my final submission to Open Lines as Area Alateen Coordinator. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to ALL the Al-Anon members who have chosen to become Supportive Al-Anon Members (SAM)

Together we have chosen to give teens affected by someone else's drinking a safe place to heal and grow. The growth of Alateen continues to be a slow process and perhaps will take more time to evolve.

The point is we do see progress (miracles if you will) one teen at a time. The miracles we see every day with ourselves and others in the Al-Anon program are happening in Alateen too!! As my husband and I retire to the sunny south, know that we continue to support Ontario South Alateen as SAM(s) and will happily return to Wasaga Beach Alateen in the spring.

I am very grateful to Jane our Delegate for asking me to serve Area Alateen, grateful to my Higher Power for accepting this service position. I grew up a lot! With all the SAM and financial support from individuals, groups, and Districts, Alateen has incredible room to grow in Area 86. We may indeed see changes surrounding the advances in Alateen in the years to come. I firmly believe we will always be there for Alateen, and let it Begin with me. Thank you for your support!

Alateen R---Ks!!
Yours in Alateen Service
Hugs Janet T

POSTED TO FACEBOOK BY A MEMBER CELEBRATING HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN AL-ANON

"I took a step toward **How Al-Anon Works** and attended my very first meeting April 22nd, 1976. By **Opening My Heart** I was able to **Transform my Losses, One Day at a Time**.

Of course it took **Courage to Change** but **Discovering Choices** led me on a **Path to Recovery**.

As I Understood, the **Twelve and Twelve** would help me in **All My Affairs**. For 38 years now I have moved away from **Survival to Recovery** and gained **Hope for Today**"

Thank God!

Service in Al-Anon

Service in Al-Anon has been the greatest gift I have received. Service is the foundation of our fellowship. The purpose of service is to keep the doors of Al-Anon open for the many people who are affected by the disease of alcoholism. Members were there for me when I went to my first meeting, are your doors open in your groups and Districts? If not, why not?

When I began my journey, little did I think I would have met so many people, travelled to so many different places and learned so much about our wonderful fellowship.

My years in service began when I accepted the position as G.R. when the past G.R. resigned. I finished her term and began another 3 year term with the New Hope group. After a few years, I decided to attend a District meeting and lo and behold, I was elected District Representative. When I accepted this position, I remember saying to the group members present that we were there to forward information to our respective groups but most importantly that we could have fun doing it. That period of time was a great 3 years with the members in my district.

Attending AWSC and, Assemblies brought more purpose to my life. I submitted my name for Alternate Delegate and was elected. Our Area Chairperson resigned in the 2nd year and I was given the opportunity to fulfill that year as Area chairperson. In 2006 I was elected as your Area Delegate, Panel 46. That experience was a highlight in my life. Since then, I became the LOC chairperson and advisor for two terms.

God has a purpose for each and every one of us. My purpose was to serve and carry a message to the best of my ability. Lois stated "Let it begin with me". I answered the call, will you? Please consider the opportunities which lie before you! In my early years, my mind entertained wishful fantasies, wishing life would be different, more fulfilling. God helped me build the bridge from my wishbone to my funny bone and then to my backbone as He guided me through service. Today I am devoted to pursuing a deeper meaning and a more divine expression in my life.

Thank you to all of you who have travelled this journey with me and I hope and pray that the doors of Al-Anon remain open for those who have yet to come.

Love and Blessings to all
Joan P.
Panel 46

Everyone needs a Hug



Website Coordinator,

How time flies!!! First of all I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Here we are months away from the end of our term. I am full of emotions of excitement and wonder to what is going to be coming in our service future. It was really nice to see everyone at Assembly. I don't have a chance to see everyone as this service position is somewhat of a behind the scenes position. I have learned a lot about myself and have grown while helping Ontario South. I invite you to consider this position it is a great way to give back what you have been given. If you are familiar with computers and love working with them, please send your resume to the incoming Delegate.

The website is going good. There has been a hike in the amount of visitors in October. 6837 visitors and most of the visitors are looking at events, meeting lists, Open Lines, Delegates Corner and Area Manual. The usage of the website is highest between 6pm to 3am. It is a great place to get information for newcomers and anyone looking for information such as meeting lists, events...You can also order Literature Online. So please take a look and experiment with the all the links that you see on the Ontario South Website. If you have any suggestions on how to make the website work better for you please do not hesitate to contact me at ontariosouthwebsitecoordinator@outlook.com.

Have a great month of November and see some of you at the Handover meeting.
Hugs in Service

Denyse K.

Ontario South Website Coordinator

IS YOUR GROUP AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE AL-ANON FELLOWSHIP.

This questions was discussed as part of a District Meeting in District 28. We were asked to reflect on the ODAT reading and how our group relates to its members (new and long-time), to the District, to the Area, to WSO. What follows is a summary of what groups felt defines active participation in the fellowship.

ODAT: PG 304: A fellowship is defined as participation, community of interest, sentiment and nature, the spirit of comradeship. In a fellowship we give of ourselves. (as individuals and as groups ..Carl)

ODAT: PG 323: As a member for Al-Anon, I am part of a group which is part of a fellowship of thousands of groups ... the spirit that motivates us is the same.

Group to Members Long-timer and New

Temporary sponsors noted on group telephone list
Literature (newcomer's pkg) handed out and sponsor new comer meetings
Hand out phone number to newcomer when they need to chat
Celebrate recovery birthdays recognized with one year or more
Fellowship after meetings held in the meeting location
"Meetings on Wheels" for members ill and not able to attend
Calling members, reminding of upcoming events
Encourage experienced my member sponsor newer members in chairing, greeting anything
Have a welcoming and friendly greeter
Celebrate group anniversary yearly by hosting a special meeting or doing a service project together

Group to District

Financial support
GR ensures info flows both ways
Service work (coordinating events Al-Anon Day or Al-anon participation in AA events), encourage both member and group service projects
Supporting District level decisions at the group level
Going to events held in District
Going to group anniversaries to show support and acknowledgement
Has a separate loose change collection for AIS support

Group to Area

Trillium – raising awareness and importance; help with funding
Attend Assembly and support financially (ie fund another member)
Provide financial support to area services
Order CAL from our own LDC

Group to WSO

Financial support to WSO
Encouraging members to share their stories for FORUM, or special publications and to purchase the
Doing online surveys
Attend International Conferences





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SCARED TO GO HOME?

If someone's drinking is affecting your life,
ALATEEN CAN HELP.

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Literature Coordinator

Dear friends,

I just want to express my gratitude for allowing me to be of service to our Area – Ontario South. My season has ended as your Area Literature Coordinator and as I depart, I am not gone, just resting for another journey to dawn.

Service – a way of life! A way for my life. It is only by applying our Al-Anon three legacies that my journey began my healing and I continue to grow and heal.

Recovery through the Twelve Steps
Unity through the Twelve Traditions
Service through the Twelve Concepts of Service

Thank you again. It's been a wonderful journey.

Wishing you a wonderful Season in a journey filled with joy!
God Bless,
Marianne E
Area Literature Coordinator

District 23 (Lakeshore) is going to be busy with Gratitude Meetings

Plan to attend one or them all if you are in the area!

- Brooklin New Beginnings, Brooklin (north of Whitby) -- December 3rd
- Back to Basics, Pickering -- December 10th
- Morning Glory, Oshawa - December 15th
- Circle of Hope, Oshawa -- December 15th
- Paths to Recovery, Pickering -- December 16th
- Bowmanville Serenity, Bowmanville -- December 18th
- Let It Begin With Me, Oshawa -- December 18th
- Traditions, Oshawa -- December 18th
- Saturday Night Open, Whitby -- December 20th
- Pickering New Hope, Pickering -- December 23rd
- Happiness Within, Oshawa -- December 24
- Growing Together, Port Perry -- December 17
- Oshawa Hope, Oshawa -- December 16
- Courage to change, Whitby -- December 26

Morning Glory AFG
is celebrating our 25th anniversary on
Monday January 26 2015. 9:30AM
Glen Stewart clubhouse
Cabot and Cartier in Oshawa
Al-Anon and AA speakers
District 23 welcomes all to our celebration.
Coffee, tea, cake and fellowship.
Celebrating 25 years of service to our community !

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

7:00 P.M. – MEETING
Friday December 12th, 2014
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
723 Balmoral Drive
Brampton, On., L6T 1X5
Please bring a candle.

Fellowship and Refreshments to follow!!

Open Lines Coordinator

It is with mixed emotions I put this my final edition of Open Lines together.
I will miss the instant notification of all the events going on in the area and the great communication with all the groups.

In the last six years I have seen and implemented a lot of changes with Open Lines.
We are now a primarily electronic publication saving a lot of trees and money. After this term we will publish just three times a year hopefully making Open Lines a better tool for the groups.

I thank you all for the confidence in me over the last two terms and trust that my higher power will lead me to where I need to be as I take a service break to redo my 4th step and take care of myself.

Yours in service
Sharon R
Open Lines Coordinator

From the Literature Distribution Center:

Warmest greetings for the coldest darkest time of the year from the LDC.
Lots of preparations are happening at the LDC at this time for the new year.
Pre orders for the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015* are coming in. Pre orders need to be at the LDC by February 2, 2015 to assure delivery in April. Payment is not required until the pamphlets arrive.
Lots of groups are renewing their table displays as a gratitude gift to their group. The table cards do wear out and need replacement occasionally, so a fresh face of cards on the table does wonders to the group morale.
It is great to see many groups are continuing to give the softcover version of How Al-Anon Works to newcomers. In my group, we first give the newcomer package, then, after about 5 weeks of attendance, we give the softcover book. It's amazing to watch the change in attitude of the newcomer on receiving and starting to read the book - understanding themselves starts!
I hope all members enjoy the holiday season and remember to create wonderful memories for yourself.

The LDC office will be closed from December 15th and reopen on January 5th.

It is a joy to be here to serve you,
Ann K

Group Records Coordinator Report

Winter weather is here and I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. I have finally recovered from my cold that I had over Assembly weekend.

In January we are having our handover meeting and my term will be finished. While I am happy to turn the position over to another person I am also sad that my term is ending. During the past few days I have finally caught up on all the changes I have received since coming home. I have sent out welcomes to 2 new groups and have noted a number of groups that have closed their doors.

It was nice to see everyone out for Assembly this year even if I couldn't give out all my hugs as usual.
I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Stay safe and warm,
Bonnie Ball