Area 61 AFG Fall AWSC August 3, 2013

Coordinator/Contact Reports

ALATEEN COORDINATOR:

Date: 7-21-13 Event: Fall AWSC

Name: Connie Oliver District Number: 19 Position: "INTERIM" Alateen Coordinator

PROJECTS/GOALS:

1. Area 61 is the "HOST" committee for the 2014 Midlake Alateen Conference. One of the responsibilities of the Alateen Coordinator is to organize that event with the help from committee members.

- Cathy T, named me as the "Interim" Alateen Coordinator until such time that the Area has a volunteer for the job. It's really not that hard and now that the re-certification is done, I don't mind doing what I can
- 3. We had our first Midlake planning meeting yesterday in Fond du Lac.
- 4. AMIAS present were Kathy J., Jackie B., Georgia H., Chris H., Buffy F., Gary P., Mary V. and myself. We were also very fortunate to have Carol V. join our group. She has so much valuable knowledge and I know she will guide us in the right path.
- 5. Alateen's present were Callie J., Evangeline J., Noah and Autumn. I apologize that I did not get their last initials. They are an eager group so far and had a lot of good input. They had some theme ideas and Callie even started drawing logo designs which was wonderful.
- 6. Chris H. has computer design experience and said when they are finished, he would tweak it for final printing,
 - We were able to have everyone volunteer to chair one of the committees with the exception of the Peace Corp.
- 7. Chair Gary P., Co-chair Mary V., Secretary Kathy J., Treasurer Noah (with me approving expenses and submitting to Ann J. for payment. Ann J. will deposit all incoming money also.), Hospitality Mary V., Registration and registration table Connie O., Kathy J., Jackie B., Callie J., Evangeline J., & Autumn, Banquet & Food Gary P. and Mary V., Fund Raiser Buffy F., Program Carol V., and Gary P.
- 8. Ann J. informed me that she also maintains a separate checking account for Midlake. That put any worries any of us had about finances. Noah and I will work out a process with Ann J. There is a little over \$3,000 that is currently in that account.
- 9. We will meet again in a month. Location and date to be announced later.
- 10. IMPORTANT ALL DR'S, GR'S, OFFICERS, COORDINATORS AMIAS AND ALATEENS ALL COMMITTEES (ESPECIALLY HOSPITALITY, PEACE CORP AND FUND RAISER) WILL NEED WILLING MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT. This year Wisconsin had only eight AMIAS and 14 teens at the event. WE WANT TO SEE THOSE NUMBERS GROW. WITH YOUR COMMITMENT WE CAN!!!!!!!!!
- 11. One of the other duties of the Alateen Coordinator is to act as an Alateen resource for Public Information. WSO forwards requests for information to me. I purchased enough literature for ten requests and to date, I have sent out five. Should anyone get requests, please forward to me and I'll get information out.

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP):

Date June 25, 2013 **Event**: Fall - AWSC

Name: Connie Oliver District Number: 19 Position: Area Alateen Process Person

PROJECTS/GOALS:

 I still have concerns regarding Alateen Sponsors that "think" they are certified, but for one reason or another are not. I usually identify them when someone submits a Group Registration/Change Form (GR-3). I always double check the WSO Group Records data base for each name or group submitted. If anyone knows of a sponsor "WITHOUT" WSO ID #, even though they filled out paperwork, had fingerprints taken or attended training. THEY ARE POSSIBLY NOT CERTIFIED.

- 2. I also want to remind everyone that the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (Page 85) clearly states that: "Alateen Group Sponsors and other Al-Anon members do not serve as personal Sponsors to individual Alateens. Alateen members are encouraged to sponsor each other in a peer-to-peer relationship."
- 3. The beautiful "NEW" website now has the GR-3 (Group Registration/Change Form as well as the complete set of forms for AMIAS Application. They can be found in "Area Business."
- 4. Area 61 is the responsible "HOST" for the May 23 25, 2014 Midlake. I attended this year and it was wonderful. All of the Wisconsin Sponsors and one teen met with the Illinois team for lessons learned meeting on Sunday morning. In the absence of an Alateen Coordinator, I said I would be willing to be a "go to" person, but did not want to chair the event. Gary P. and Mary V. volunteered to be chair and co-chair. We have our first meeting July 20th at the Gratitude Club in Fond du Lac. We will be looking for teens and sponsors to help Wisconsin have a most successful event. Mark your calendars. Anyone wishing to help, please see me, Gary P. or Mary V.
- 5. I saved the best for last. The Area Re-Certification was complete as of June 21st, 2014. Almost everyone cooperated with the process. I ended up calling people, e-mailing people or asking others for help. We got it done. Thanks all. At the moment, we have 20 active Alateen Groups and 124 Certified AMIAS.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:

1. Better communication – it is frustrating to have e-mails unanswered or ignored...

ARCHIVE COORDINATOR:

AWSC Fall Report 2013 By the Archive Coordinator

After further review of the materials given to me by the last coordinator, I find that a great number of items are copies of items from WSO. Most times these items can now be downloaded and read on the WSO site. My suggestion is that the Chairperson appoint a three person Thought/Task Force to help review which items should be eliminated from the Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Archives.

Next I would invite the AWSC to take History Forms back to your districts and ask groups to fill out historical information to place in the Archives. There are also forms for personal information and i have copies for that also. Forms will be available at the Fall Assembly and I will make them available via our Website. These forms could be emailed back to me, archive@area61afg.org.

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My last goal is to work with a team and Website Coordinator to develop one or two power point presentations to make available to our districts in Area 61 to share concerning our rich history. I remain grateful for Al-Anon and for all of you who join me on this spiritual road to recovery.

Your trusted servant, Karen D.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR:

Assembly Coordinator Report: AWSC August 3, 2013

Hosting Districts for upcoming assemblies:

- Fall Assembly 2013: District 11
- Spring Assembly 2014: District 6
- Fall Assembly 2014: District 9 has stepped up with another district co-hosting (identity to be revealed
- Spring Assembly 2015: District 1 is considering with help from another district please. Who is interested in the opportunity?
- Fall Assembly 2015: open

I am part of a thought force on some changes in assembly fees and related issues to be discussed at the policy meeting Aug. 2, 13.

In gratitude, Mary Skytland Area 61 Assembly Coordinator

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR: No Report

LITERATURE COORDINATOR:

I have just received a copy of our new workbook, Reaching For Personal Freedom, P92. It appears to be an excellent workbook. Communication from World Service describes it as a workbook that uses brief introductions and personal examples with questions to encourage members to apply the steps, traditions, and Concepts of Service in every aspect of their lives.

The Literature Committee is seeking sharings from parents and grandparents. They especially need writings how parents and grandparents apply each of the twelve steps and how they have worked through difficult challenges of a particular step.

Sharings are wanted for "CAL Corner". Especially needed are articles Discovering Choices, B30, Many Voices, One Journey, B31, and Reaching for Personal Freedom, P92.

Ferrell Nachatelo, Literature Coordinator Area 61

PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR: No Report

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WEB SITE COORDINATOR:

Website coordinator's report AWSC August 2013

New website is up and running smoothly as of May 2013 Statistics as reported by *Google Analytics* for the month June 13 – July 13 2013

> 1855 visitors first time visitors 1335 (68%) returning visitors 520 (31.7%)

Interesting fact: From the graphs, an increase in visits to website was seen on Mondays, usually the highest number of views for the week.

Most viewed page: "Find a Meeting" followed by Home page

Another interesting fact: 6 countries viewed the website

The number of emails requesting meeting information as dropped significantly since the new website opened.

Reminder to all coordinators, and DR's: Please use a non-work related email account for Al-Anon email. Yahoo, Google and others have free email account available. Work email accounts are reviewed frequently and often have words flagged such as alcohol, alcoholism etc. Thanks to all who changed email accounts following the request at the assembly. We want to insure the anonymity of members in written materials.

Respectfully submitted in service,

Sandi Hanamann Webmaster 2013-2015

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