

# AL-ANON-CER



Quarterly Newsletter of Al-Anon Family Groups of Maryland and District of Columbia (AFG of MD and DC, Inc.)

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## AREA 24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8-10, 2018	Spring Convention in Chestertown, Maryland – <b>register until June 4, or come for Saturday only</b>
June 29-July 1, 2018	48 <sup>th</sup> Annual Area 29 Maryland State AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation – see flyer
July 5-8, 2018	Al-Anon International Convention, Baltimore MD – registration form attached; see <a href="#">official website</a>
July 21, 2018	Wrap-up Kick-off meeting for 2019 Spring Convention (flyer attached)
September 15, 2018	Fall AWSC Meeting- Hosted by District 7
October 20, 2018	Fall Area 24 Area Assembly Hosted by District 13 (save-the-date flyer attached)
November 2-4, 2018	Fall Convention, again this year at the Hunt Valley Inn ("Delta Hotel")
Anytime	For the latest up-to-date calendar of events in and around Area 24- <a href="#">click here</a>

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## District Meeting Schedule

**ALL** members, not just Group Representatives, are welcome at District meetings.

For more information about any of these meetings, please see contact the corresponding **District Representative** listed under the “**Our Trusted Servants**” listing later in this newsletter.

If you would like your District Meeting listed on this calendar, please contact the Editor (see page 4).

<b>District 2</b>	Usually held first Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 5740 Green Valley Rd, New Market, MD 21774
<b>District 3</b>	-Acting DR is Wanda R
<b>District 5</b>	Meetings are held on the third Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at 6:30 PM before the Wednesday Fallston Unity Group at the Fallston Presbyterian Church, 600 Fallston Rd. Rt.52, Fallston, MD 21047. We are invited to attend the 7:30 PM Fallston Unity meeting.
<b>District 6</b>	Meetings on even months 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 6:30 PM before the Sunday night Chatsworth meeting
<b>District 7</b>	Meetings held the following Sundays in 2018 after the Evergreen Discussion AFG meeting (Loyola University, Knott Hall, room G007): 12:15 PM August 19, November 18
<b>District 8</b>	Meets first Tuesday 6:45-7:45 PM, of the even months: February, April, June, August, October and December. Held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Rd, Parkville, Md 21234 [in 2018: 6/5, 8/7, 10/9, 12/4]
<b>District 9</b>	Last Wednesday of the odd months, January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meeting is held at 7:45 PM, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1131 Mace Avenue, 21221
<b>District 10</b>	Meets usually on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, except for July, November and December at the Serenity Center, 9650 Basket Ring Road, Columbia MD 21045. Contact Phil B, DR, at 410-428-2020
<b>District 12</b>	Meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each odd month (January, March, May, July, September and November) at <b>6:45 PM</b> at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive Rockville MD 20850, in the basement of the sanctuary, room 50. All are welcome to stay for the 8:00 PM Al-Anon meeting in the same location.
<b>District 13</b>	GR's meet on the odd months, on the third Thursday of that month at Colesville Presbyterian Church, 12800 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 6:30 - 7:50 PM. Regular Al-Anon meeting at 8:00 PM. All are invited.
<b>District 15</b>	District meetings are held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.) at 7:30PM in Room 150 of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, MD.
<b>District 17</b>	Inactive
<b>District 18</b>	DR Angie S. Meetings for 2015 are held on 3/28, 5/23, 9/19, 11/21. Location TBA. Contact DR Angie S 202-234-6306
<b>District 22</b>	District meeting are held the first Friday of each quarter, at 7:00 PM at Life Stream Church of the Nazarene in Waldorf MD

**This is your Area's confidential newsletter. Please share this information within the Fellowship only.**

## AIS (Al-Anon Information Services) Meeting Schedule

- Anne Arundel** Meets in May and October, on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Woods Memorial Church, 611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD 21146. For more information, call (410) 766-1984 or email [alanon@md-al-anon.org](mailto:alanon@md-al-anon.org). Information is also available at [www.md-al-anon.org](http://www.md-al-anon.org).
- Baltimore** Second Tuesday of the month (no meeting held in July this year – normally June – or December), 7:30 p.m., at Parkville Senior Center, 8601 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234. For more information, call (410) 832-7094 or go to [www.alanon-maryland.org](http://www.alanon-maryland.org).
- Mary Del Tri-County** Every other month (Feb/Apr/Jun/Oct/Dec), 1st Tuesday of that month, 7:30 p.m., at North East United Methodist Church, 308 South Main St., North East, MD 21901. For more information call (410) 836-6209 or go to [www.marydelalanon.org](http://www.marydelalanon.org).
- AIS-DCSMD** All Steering Committee and AIS-DCSMD (Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service of Washington, DC and Suburban Maryland, Inc.) meetings are held at Seekers Church Building, 278 Carroll Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012, and (202) 635-2023. For further information contact Service Center Administrative Assistant, Caroline at 202-635-2023 or go to [www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org](http://www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org).

From the Editor,

“Progress not perfection.” Living with a disease that the AMA labels progressive (as in, gets worse), positive progress seemed as unattainable as perfection. In this fellowship I’ve learned to leave perfection to my Higher Power, and to celebrate incremental improvement. Sometimes that improvement is easier to see in others than in myself. In service I get to see my own progress: this issue may or may not be better than my first, but I’m struggling far less to put it together.

I’m a bit immersed these days in “The Undersea World of Jacqui-Can’t-Say-Know,” the Friday night skit for our Spring Convention. As a one-time shell collector, I was never impressed with the gray, rough and lumpy home of the oyster. Therefore I was amazed to learn that they are the source of pearls. Apparently, when an irritant such as a grain of sand gets into their shell, the oyster coats it, layer by layer, eventually transforming it into a glowing orb of delicate beauty. That’s quite a program they’re working!

With gratitude,

Robert W  
Al-Anon-Cer Editor

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Please include a phone number or email address with your submission to enable the editor to verify/clarify information.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Issue	Deadline
March	February 1
June	May 1
September	August 1
December	November 1

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**Please make checks payable to  
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and mail to:**

**AFG of MD and DC, Inc**

**3116 Parkway**

**Cheverly, MD 20785**



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Email your subscription request to:

[Newsletter4Area24@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter4Area24@gmail.com)

## Group Records

Group Representatives—please keep your District, Area Information Service, Area 24, and the World Service Office informed of your group's new contact information by sending each of them a copy of a completed "Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form." The form is available at the end of the newsletter, or on the Area website: [www.marylanddc-alanon.org](http://www.marylanddc-alanon.org)

### Area Information Services

**Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service of  
Anne Arundel County**

P.O. Box 763  
Severna Park, MD 21146-0763  
(410) 766-1984  
[www.md-al-anon.org](http://www.md-al-anon.org)

**Baltimore Area Al-Anon Information  
Service** -- new mailing address:

P.O. Box 185  
Kingsville MD 21087-0185  
(410) 832-7094  
[www.alanon-maryland.org](http://www.alanon-maryland.org)

**Cumberland Answering Service**

(301) 722-6110  
(through AA answering service)

**Easton Answering Service**

(410) 822-4226  
(through AA answering service)

**Salisbury/Ocean City Answering  
Service**

(410) 742-2504

**~~Mary Del Tri County  
Al-Anon Information Service  
(Harford & Cecil Counties)~~**

*has been absorbed into the  
Baltimore AIS*

**Frederick – Hagerstown Answering  
Service (Frederick & Washington  
Counties)**

(240) 285-9831

**Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service  
of Washington, DC and Suburban  
Maryland, Inc (AIS-DCSMD)**

c/o Seekers Church Building  
278 Carroll Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(202) 635-2023  
[www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org](http://www.al-anon-alateen-dcmd.org)

### Literature Depots

**Baltimore, Baltimore County, Harford  
County & surrounding areas:**

Jen Decker

Please email orders and include the group  
and your name, address, and phone #  
[AlanonLiteratureDepot@gmail.com](mailto:AlanonLiteratureDepot@gmail.com)

**Washington DC and surrounding  
areas:**

See contact **AIS-DCSMD** information  
above.

**Eastern Shore (District 24):**

*NEW:*

Ruth Cody  
(443) 235-0300  
[ercody1@aol.com](mailto:ercody1@aol.com)

## **WORLD SERVICE OFFICE**

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.  
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

Meeting information: 1-888-425-2666  
All other business: (757) 563-1600  
Website: <http://www.al-anon.org/members>

Email: [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org)

***Note: Make WSO donation checks payable to "AFG, Inc."***

**NEW!**

**Alateen web link:**

**[www.alateenmddc.com](http://www.alateenmddc.com)**

## **New GR's, AGR's, CMA's, and DR's**

Last summer, Maryland and DC the groups elected new Group Representatives (GR) and Alternate Group Representatives (AGR). The GRs then elected District Representatives (DR). When the GR does not have an email address or does not want to receive mail at home, the groups will also find a person to act as Current Mailing Address (CMA) for the group.

If you haven't already done so, please notify the following offices about the new trusted servants:

- AFG, Inc. the World Service Office (WSO)
- Al-Anon of Maryland and DC, Inc (Area 24)
- The Al-Anon-Cer, the Area 24 newsletter ([Newsletter4area24@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter4area24@gmail.com))
- The Al-Anon district in which meeting takes place

- The local Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)

The GR-1 form is used to notify the WSO and Area 24 of the new CMA. Every group must have a CMA, who is usually the GR. The form is available on the Al-Anon.org/Members web site at New Group Registration/Update under the Groups tab. It can be filled out on your computer. Send the form to the Area Group Records Coordinator at [Area24GroupRecords@Aol.com](mailto:Area24GroupRecords@Aol.com). You can also use the GR-1 form to email your Al-Anon-Cer subscription request to: [Newsletter4area24@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter4area24@gmail.com).

Email the GR-1 form to your district representative to notify the district of your group's new GR. Your current DR is listed in the Al-Anon-Cer in the Our Trusted Servants section. New DRs need to notify the WSO, Area 24, and the Al-Anon-Cer. They can do this by emailing their name, address, phone number, and email address to [MMvolunteer@verizon.net](mailto:MMvolunteer@verizon.net)

### **Report from our Area Delegate**

To My Dear Area 24 Al-Anon Members,

It is my privilege to serve you as your new Area Delegate. We have an amazing Area and I am looking forward to embracing what our Higher Power unfolds for us in the next three years.

This year I was honored to attend the 2018 World Service Conference on behalf of Area 24. The Conference was held in West Harrison, New York and marked eight years since the full Conference has returned to Stepping Stones. While Stepping Stones was the personal home of Bill and Lois W., it also served as the initial location of the Clearing House. It was from Stepping Stones in May of 1951 that 49 family groups moved forward in selecting the name of Al-Anon Family Groups. Lois and Ann compiled Al-Anon's first pieces of literature, pamphlets called Purposes and Suggestions and One Wife's Story, and within eight months Ann and Lois moved The Clearing House to the Old 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse in New York City. With help of volunteers, they registered 200 groups. All of this was accomplished without computers and smart phones. Upon returning from our visit to Stepping Stones, we were given the opportunity to share personal reflections. The comments expressed were filled with the overwhelming evidence that Lois and Anne B. were envisioned thinkers, committed to reaching families and

friends of alcoholics. Personal reflections included the gratitude for the opportunity to visit, expressed hope that the Conference as a whole will continue the practice of returning, gratitude for the work of our founders, as well as the overwhelming feeling that our Higher Power was and remains at work within the grounds of Stepping Stones.

The Spirit of Lois's message to the 1973 Conference--"**Don't let the seriousness of your task stand in the way of your enjoying each other's companionship and the fun of working and planning together**" -- was infused into the 2018 WSC Conference with the introduction of the newly revised Conference App. This year's Conference App included a new social media platform that gave conference members the opportunity to interact with each other as they would on other social media platforms, while protecting anonymity by ensuring comments and photos remained in the App itself. Excitement and use of the App increased once users discovered the "gaming" feature which assigned points based on postings, shares, likes and photos. The App was a daily reminder of this year's Conference theme, **Al-Anon—There is no standing still!**

For many years, the WSC has been using a spiritually based approach to discuss topics and to more effectively communicate information to the membership. The week was characterized by the joy of service and the application of Spiritual principles. I am so grateful to Area 24 for our continued commitment to be the active voice and effective group conscience of the MD/DC area. Let this be our primary purpose and as we move forward let there be no standing still.

With Love in Service  
Idalia R.  
Area Delegate  
Panel 58



**AFG of MD and DC Inc**  
**Income and Expenses**  
January through March 2018

**Treasurer's Corner—**

Contributions for the first quarter of 2018 totaled \$4,711. Thank you to all the Groups and Districts for these contributions.

Group Treasurers—Please put your Group # and Meeting Name on all contributions. Please send contributions, payable to AFG of MD and DC Inc to:

AFG of MD and DC Inc, 3116 Parkway, Cheverly, MD 20785

Total income for the first quarter of 2018 was \$7,711, which included \$3,000 in excess funds which were transferred from the Fall Convention account.

Total program and administrative expenses for the first quarter were \$3,528.

The main expense for the quarter was \$1,975 supporting the attendance at the Northeast Regional Delegates Conference of our new and 3 of our past delegates.

We paid \$250 for a Legal Review of Alateen Safety Requirements and a \$304 premium for the crime and theft insurance, both of which occur every three years.

Cash Balances for AFG of MD and DC Inc., at March 31, 2018 are Operating Account at \$18,391 and Reserve Account at \$14,313.

The Spring Convention and Fall Convention bank balances on March 31, 2018, were \$8,332 and \$3,909, respectively

Yours in service, Charles Lady, Treasurer Email: Area24Treasurer@Gmail.com

**Income and Expenses**

Income	
4100 · Contributions	
4101 · Group Contributions	\$4,368
4102 · District Contributions	\$343
Total 4100 · Contributions	\$4,711
4200 · Conventions Proceeds	
4202 · Fall Convention Proceeds	\$3,000
Total 4200 · Conventions Proceeds	\$3,000
4800 · Interest Income	\$1
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,712</b>

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,712</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,528</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$4,184</b>

Program Expenses	
5020 · Alateen Support	
5021 · Alateen Coordinator	\$89
5022 · Alateen Process Person	\$300
5023 · Background Checks	\$150
Total 5020 · Alateen Support	\$539
5030 · Literature	
5032 · Jessup Literature	\$400
Total 5030 · Literature	\$400
5080 · Public Outreach Coordinator	\$88
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,027</b>

Administrative Expenses	
6010 · Steering Committee	
6013 · Treasurer	-\$28
Total 6010 · Steering Committee	-\$28
6020 · Regional and Past Delegate	
6021 · Northeast Regional Delegate	\$656
6022 · Past Delegate N.E. Regional	\$1,320
Total 6020 · Regional and Past Delegate	\$1,975
6060 · AWSC Meetings	\$250
6070 · Insurance	
6073 · Crime Theft Insur	\$304
Total 6070 · Insurance	\$304
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,501</b>

<b>Total Program &amp; Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,528</b>
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### Contributions, Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2018

000000 Unknown Group	\$ 130.10	00043421 Courage to Change	\$ 77.31
0002415 Brightwood AFG	\$ 18.81	00045964 Germantown Lunchtime AFG	\$ 30.00
0002417 Chevy Chase Ingleside	\$ 13.60	00046107 Gratitude	\$ 50.00
0002424 Friday Night St Albans DC	\$ 40.00	00046224 Homecoming	\$ 25.00
0002429 Lafayette Sq Monday Noon	\$ 86.96	000501422 Sunday Afternoon ODAT	\$ 60.00
0002430 Mid East AFG	\$ 48.00	000502454 Middletown AFG	\$ 64.00
0002432 Monumental AFG	\$ 80.00	000502745 Kensington Women	\$ 41.87
0002436 Pit Stop Al-Anon	\$ 20.00	000503618 Hope and Serenity	\$ 15.00
0002437 Saturday Night Gratitude	\$ 23.57	00050888 Harundale Mon Night	\$ 20.00
0002443 Friday Step	\$ 50.00	00052431 Came to Believe	\$ 60.00
00027312 Oakleigh Sun Night	\$ 15.00	00052791 Bolton Hill Family AFG	\$ 26.86
00030511875 P F Daytimers	\$ 25.00	00053132 MWF AFG	\$ 20.00
00030519063 Paths to Recovery	\$ 44.33	00053483 Sunday AFG Gaithersburg 1 pm	\$ 17.00
00030532420 Sat Serenity Easton	\$ 60.00	00053993 Early Risers	\$ 100.00
00030544512 ODAT	\$ 30.00	0005774 Annapolis Tuesday pm	\$ 130.78
00030550843 New Beginnings	\$ 50.00	0005777 Thurs Morning AFG	\$ 175.35
00030555587 Norbeck Blvd AFG	\$ 18.00	0005780 Focus On Recovery AFG	\$ 25.00
00030563855 Severna Park Sat Morn	\$ 16.41	0005803 Loch Raven Fri Morn	\$ 75.00
00030563857 Severna Pk First Things First	\$ 40.00	0005805 Govans AFG	\$ 40.00
00030573893 Just for Today	\$ 30.00	0005824 Parkville Wed Night	\$ 100.00
00030575737 Mon Noon Hunt Valley	\$ 146.00	0005856 Potomac Womens AFG	\$ 39.70
00030586318 Keep It Simple AFG	\$ 30.00	0005862 Bowie Mon Morning	\$ 57.00
00030604129 Epworth Tue Night	\$ 54.72	0005916 Forest Hill	\$ 28.00
00030606314 Every Sunday Takoma Park	\$ 19.00	0005917 Fallston	\$ 36.50
00030615297 Friday Freedom	\$ 47.00	0005968 Came to Believe	\$ 25.00
00030621591 Gaining Tools	\$ 30.00	0005976 Friday Night Northeast	\$ 10.00
00030625526 Sunday Serenity	\$ 50.00	0005988 Fort Smallwood AFG	\$ 50.00
00030636576 Safe Harbor AFG	\$ 55.00	0005990 Riviera Beach AFG	\$ 50.00
00030659178 Early Bird Serenity AFG	\$ 24.90	0006014 Easy Does It	\$ 60.00
00030676594 Noon Progress	\$ 25.00	0006035 Montgomery Hills	\$ 60.00
00030676662 Paths to Recovery	\$ 20.00	0006036 White Oak Al-Anon	\$ 50.46
00030678086 New Market	\$ 46.75	0006060 Westminster Mon night	\$ 50.00
00030864 Georgetown Visitation Step	\$ 74.00	00061600 How AFG Works Study	\$ 54.06
00033832 Wed Westmoreland Circle	\$ 80.00	00062294 Reisterstown Sun	\$ 36.00
00036535 Capitol Hill Adult Chil	\$ 2.18	00064317 Midtown AFG	\$ 41.00
00038099 Marley Tuesday Night	\$ 50.00	00065736 Serenity AFG	\$ 78.25
00040274 4th Step Study	\$ 18.60	00065794 Friday Noon Adult Child	\$ 20.00
00041029 Easy Does It	\$ 32.70	00066188 Evergreen Loyola Step Al Anon	\$ 133.00
00041392 Rockville East Step Sutdy	\$ 88.50	00067141 Hunt Valley Wed Morn	\$ 540.00
00041614 Hyattsville Fri Lun	\$ 48.80	District 7	\$ 84.00
00042081 Takoma Park Sat Mtg	\$ 13.04	District 23	\$ 159.00
		District 24	\$ 100.00

TOTAL      \$ 4,711.11

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS OF  
MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

March 17, 2018 – District 10 Hosting  
Catonsville, MD 21228

**Minutes from the Spring 2018 AWSC Meeting**

Morning Session

**Opening**

- Opened with the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of our Steps- Glen, Traditions- Gail, and Concepts- Ally

**Welcome**

**Area Welcome- Joe D.** thanked District 10 for hosting and for everyone attending. The majority of people are in their current position for the first time, which is an indication that we have good rotation of service.

**Host District Welcome- Greg** apologized for confusion about the change in location. The other location was not available for Saturday. He gave an overview of use of kitchen, bathroom, etc.

Past Delegate, Jack, read from the service manual (p. 162-163) regarding the purpose of the AWSC meeting, who votes, who reports, districts, etc. There are also guidelines on the members page of the WSO website, [al-anon.org/for-members](http://al-anon.org/for-members).

**Roll Call, Vote on Substantial Unanimity – Group Records Coordinator, Maureen M.**

In attendance: Joe D, Chair; Idalia R, Delegate; Charles L, Treasurer and Spring Convention Chair; Dolores M, Interim Secretary and Archives; Maureen M, Group Records; Mike S, AAPP; Barbara, Alateen Coordinator; Robert W, Newsletter Editor; Paul C, Technology Chair; Rita O, Public Outreach; Katie CS, Website; Jeff, AA Spring Convention Liaison.

Districts represented: D2, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, D12, D13, D16 (someone spoke for this district, even though not a district rep), D19, D20.

Districts not represented at the AWSC: D1, D3, D4, D11, D14, D15, D17, D18, D21, D22, D23, D24.

3 past delegates: Jack, Connie, and Charlie S  
Baltimore AIS- Diane, Anne Arundel AIS- Mary Kay

Number of Voting Attendees was 28

Motion, Seconded, and Approved: That 2/3s be considered substantial unanimity, or 18 people.

**Approval of Minutes, Fall 2017 AWSC meeting – Acting Area Secretary, Dolores M.**

The minutes from the Fall AWSC meeting were accepted as printed in the Dec. 2017 issue of the Al-Anon-Cer.

**Reminders: Area Chairperson, Joe D** - Meeting Protocols, Ask it Basket

## **Delegate's Report /NERD Report – Area Delegate, Idalia R.**

The World Service Conference is in 4 weeks.

Idalia as the delegate, went with several past delegates to NERD (Northeast Regional Delegates conference). They covered “the Delegates role at the WSC.” Connie really gave her good guidance, emphasizing “trusting the process”.

Highlights from NERD:

Al-Anon is trying to link area websites with the WSO website.

Encourage the use of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism within meeting list.

Linking Alateen with school-based wellness centers- having open meetings.

Technology Sites discussed:

- Eventbrite
- Survey Monkey
- Mail Chimp
- G-mail for proofing documents
- GotoMeeting™
- Free Conference Call.com
- Office 365® office reports/finance documents

Digital Sharing Team at WSO.

NERT- Northeast Regional Trustee conference.

Encourage everyone to participate in the Day of Connecting at the International Convention.

New WSO Website includes meeting links for each area.

Applications for Trustee-at-Large in the NE are due by August 15, 2018.

There was a Road Trip to Aurora, CO. About 155 attendees.

WSO Planned team events- What are they? WSO officers come to your team event. They share their stories. It is a spiritual experience. You get a change to meet the Executive Director.

### **WSO 2017 Budget**

\$1,974,931 contributions

\$3,523,843 literature sales

\$5,498,774

\$5,276,835 expenses

(Other expenses not listed)

Net Gain/Loss     \$ 67,213

2023 International Convention- out of 15 cities the top 3 were Denver, Seattle, and Albuquerque. The winner was Albuquerque.

## **International Al-Anon Convention 2018 Update – Host Committee Co-Chair, Phil B.**

Subcommittee chair positions have all been filled. We are now meeting monthly.

However, we are starting a new T-shirt committee. We are looking for someone to handle T-shirts for the volunteers, including design and purchase.

Volunteer training date is May 5, 10- noon, at the convention center. This is our second choice date, but this is the date WSO selected. We want to get the word out. If you cannot come to the training session, you can still volunteer. It will be helpful to attend. We don't know yet when the volunteer assignments will be posted. Jack, Chair of Greeters Subcommittee, will give a report at the Spring Assembly.

We have about 200 volunteers, but we need 200 more. Volunteering link: There is a link to a tinyurl and WSO is initiating a link. The host committee is responsibility for the volunteers for greeters. The WSO is responsible for volunteers to lead a workshop.

If you already signed-up, there is no need to sign up again. You are only signing up for about an hour time slot. You don't have to sign up for all day. This would be for greeters at BWI, train station, or the convention center.

Lisa RE will be handling "love mementos" or gifts for attendees. She has created a flier about them. (The question came up about commercial endorsement of Baltimore items, like Old Bay, the Baltimore Orioles, and other products associated with Baltimore. This may be what the Chamber of Commerce would recommend as symbols, but as Al-Anon we do not endorse outside enterprises. Please make note of that when using imagery.)

### **Spring Convention 2018 Update – Chair, Charles L.**

The Convention will be held June 8-10 at Washington College, Chestertown, MD. They did the walk-through last weekend. Kent Hall has been newly renovated. There will be a live band for the dance. 26 people already registered. You can get linens through the college, or bring your own. The theme is Hunting Al-Anon Treasures. Workshop names are very clever.

### **Fall Convention 2018 Update – Fall Convention treasurer, Charles L., reported**

Yes, we are having a fall convention. They were able to lower the minimum number of room nights so we don't have as big a commitment as previous years (in light of the International Convention). This is in the same hotel as 2017, still a Delta Hotel, Nov. 2-4, 2018.

### **AA Spring Convention 2018 Update – Liaison, Jeff J.**

He is super excited about this AA Convention with Al-Anon participation, June 29-July 1, 2018, at the Clarion Hotel in Frederick. It is important that Al-Anon have a presence at the convention. A loved one may come with the AA member and might not know about Al-Anon, and there are many dual members.

People can registered online at marylandAA.org. The theme is "Our Kit of Spiritual Tools".

There will be 2 combined AA/Al-anon workshops and 2 separate Al-Anon meetings.

An Al-Anon speaker is on schedule for Saturday morning. Jeff could use some help with workshop ideas. There is a double-winners' workshop on Saturday 2:30.

Contact information: 240- 505-1394. There is a flier out in the mail to previous Al-Anon attendees. Budget-\$500 - What does that cover? We decided years ago that the budge can't pay for someone's registration.

Can we announce this in the Al-Anon-cer? As long as it says Al-Anon participation.

It's on Area 24's website as a downloadable flyer.

## **DR Reports:**

### **District 2: Frederick and surrounding- Glen**

We have a Spanish-speaking meeting in the district. The district meets once a month and had to change locations. Because the district is sprawling and some people would have to come from a long distance (like Washington Co.), GRs can now call in to the district meeting. Cell phones are in the center of table. There is a workshop coming up: AA workshop with Al-Anon participation, Sat. March 31, called The Family Afterwards. It's on the Area website.

Outreach opportunity tomorrow- not an Al-Anon event. How do we do outreach at non-Al-Anon events, without promoting the event?

- People shared their experience in outreach at non-Al-Anon events. Have a table at the event.
- Don't send the outside event flier. Reshape the message to ask for volunteers.
- There is downloadable information about outreach on the WSO website and literature order form.

#### **District 5: Harford County, Cecil County, and NE part of Baltimore County- Gail**

There are 16 active groups in Harford and Cecil County. 2 are struggling. They are planning for a fall workshop October 27th.

#### **District 6: North and NW Baltimore Co.- Ed**

The February half-day workshop was well attended. The church on Deerco Rd. was a good location.

They may consider a full day workshop with lunch for next year.

He asked about what is a good prudent reserve.

#### **District 7: Central Baltimore City- Lucinda**

There are 9 active meetings, some with standing room only. There will be no Serenitea event this year, but they are planning for March of 2019. They have established regular meetings with four business meetings a year.

They are trying to get more people involved in service. The district treasurer was really active in contacting all group treasurers, and keeping them informed about who the incoming treasurer is and where contributions go. Continuity!

#### **District 8: NE Baltimore City/County- Winston**

There are 13 active meetings and good participation. As the district rep, he's been visiting all meetings he doesn't normally attend, so he's getting a lot out of the service. He informs groups what the Area does.

#### **District 9: Eastern Baltimore County- Sandra S.**

We have 5 groups in our district- 2 in Essex, 1 in Dundalk, and 2 in Baltimore City. Our newer meeting will be celebrating its 5th year in April. We are having our traditional Potluck and Letting Go Ceremony, where we burn our God Boxes.

For the International Convention we are making Love Mementos as a district. We will be meeting during the next few months to make as many as possible.

We will be having our annual picnic.

#### **District 10: Catonsville, Ellicott City, Columbia – Flemina**

The annual picnic will be in May, with AA participation.

#### **District 12: Montgomery Co. Rockville/Gaithersburg - Kathy O. representing in place of Patty S.**

There are 18 active groups. Public transportation to Baltimore for the International Convention is much cheaper (\$14). She traveled it herself. So they are encouraging that.

The district is having a hayride in the fall, October 3 or 4th.

[Also sent in from Patty S.- One new group Serenity Ridge AFG that is on Wednesday Nights at 7 pm in Damascus. Address 11215 Bethesda Church Road, Damascus, MD 20872. For the 2018 International we as a District were thinking of renting a bus to transport people too and from the Convention Center. We formed a committee who did extensive research and we found that the best recommendation we made to our groups was public transportation. That is the commuter bus to BWI Airport and Light Rail to the Convention Center. The cost was very reasonable. We are also looking at having another hayride/bonfire this fall.]

**District 13: Wheaton/Glenmont and NE of Washington, DC - Suzy**

This is her first AWSC meeting. The Spirituality Weekend (last weekend) went very well. All positions in the district are filled. Great dedicated group of people. There are 21 active meetings. They are talking up the International Convention. Logistics were too difficult for organizing transportation because of how the district is geographically. Continuing conversation about coming together as a district. Communicating. Hosting Fall Assembly Oct. 20. Location to be decided.

**District 16: Bethesda, Chevy Chase and NW of Washington, DC- Chris, Alternate DR**

He attends meetings in 3 districts and is representing District 16 today. They have 3 adult children meetings in this district. The Attitude Adjustment meeting is a new meeting.

**District 19-** no separate report

**District 20-** no separate report

[**District 3-** open service position- Wanda is currently acting DR.]

Afternoon Session: Started with the Serenity Prayer

**Secretary Report – Acting Area Secretary, Dolores M.**

No report other than approval of minutes above.

**Treasurer's Report – Area Treasurer, Charles L.**

Financial Results—

2017 full Year

Net Income- \$1,928

Operating cash- \$14,208

Reserve cash- \$14,313

Income	Budget	Actual
	20,123	23,434

Program Exp	11,055	8,784
Admin Exp	<u>14,215</u>	<u>12,722</u>
Total Exp	25,270	21,506

Contributions	17,040	23,431
Spring Conv.	1,500	0
Fall Conv.	1,500	0

All details are published in the Al-Anon-Cer.

2018 Budget- (- \$3,687) Keep in mind this is just the budget. The actual always varies.

Fall convention in 2017 had a surplus of \$3000, which went to the Area.  
As of March 15, 2018, the net income is \$5716.

Send contributions for the Area to:  
AFG of MD and DC, Inc.  
3116 Parkway  
Cheverly, MD 20785

Put the WSO group number on check.  
If it comes from the District, put the district number on check.  
If it's a personal contribution- add personal on check.

**Nancy T:** She has extra service brochure, a quick reference guide printed last year.

#### **Important Dates for 2018 - Joe D:**

May 19	<b>Spring Assembly</b> , hosted by District 11- World Service Conference Report from Idalia
Sept 15	<b>Fall AWSC meeting</b> , hosted by District 7
October 20	<b>Fall Assembly</b> , hosted by District 13

#### **Area Coordinator Reports:**

##### **Group Records Coordinator – Maureen M.**

Recalculating attendance after lunch: 2 voting members left at lunchtime. Eighteen votes would still be required to pass a motion.

WSO has simplified the Group Records Process- see the new graphic with “Is your meeting information in sync?” WS Office database -> District Reps-> Al-Anon Information Services -> Area Group Records Coordinator

As the GRC, Maureen is the only one who can enter anything in the database. You have to get changes to her about the meetings. It's really easy to search. If you have a meeting that wants to get started you can go into the WSO site and put information in. WSO does the vetting. They need a contact with the CMA (current mailing address). Maureen will get the group number emailed to her. She communicates it to the AIS, district, etc. It's a problem when there are no district representatives for 5 districts. That means there is a hole in the communication process.

If you want to change the time of a meeting, handicapped accessible, etc., contact Maureen.



The GR-1 form has been retired. You can use it if it's easier for you to send information to Maureen or the WSO.

Look at the new directory the WSO website. (There are some anomalies there, related to google and geography.)

Contact information for Maureen: mmvolunteer@verizon.net (Al-Anon-Cer has the old form, but Charles will forward any to her.)

At the end of 2017 there were 263 active groups in Area 24.

**Archives Coordinator– Dolores M:** Planning to have an archives display at the International Convention.

**Literature Coordinator – Suzanne T:** not here

**Public Outreach Coordinator – Rita O.**

As the new coordinator, Rita made a presentation covering the purpose of Public Outreach, the scope she perceives it to cover, and the short and long-term plans. Rita currently has a committee of 6 people. Martha D. is the co-chair.

The current budget of \$400 was a guess, since not much was done in public outreach during the last three years.

Initially she is focusing on professionals- because most people are referred to Al-Anon by a therapist. She wants to provide information for the newcomer and information about Alateen. She would like to follow-up with the treatment centers, groups like NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) and VA Health. She would like to do a possible email blast to professionals.

WSO does provide a DVD.

Long-term, she is asking for an increase in budget so she can travel around, talk to people, and get to outlying districts. Her committee will need money for office supplies, media, and mailings to professionals. She would like to know how to proceed. It was suggested that a budget increase be voted on at the Assembly.

People had different suggestions for her, including using a low-cost printer in Baltimore, ordering copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, and other ideas.

Do her plans cover reaching out to the Hispanic market, the blind, or hearing-impaired community?

She would like to do the mailing to professionals, but it does add to the budget. If she had to lose the mailing, she would focus on what she can do through email.

Idalia suggested that she identify the top 3 things that she would like to do? Gil suggested that rather than ask the Assembly for a budget covering the ideal annual plan, to request what would cover the remainder of this year alone. Let Assembly know what you can do this year and the long-term plan for next year.

Rita talked about overcoming problems with professionals: Either they don't know who we are or they have misconceptions (Al-Anon only encourages a hands-off approach, or Al-Anon replaces therapy.)

**Alateen Area Process Person – Mike S.** (not available in afternoon session)

**Alateen Coordinator – acting coordinator Barb M.**

Barbara works with Mike. She submitted a handout called "What's Alateen All About".

There are currently 13 meetings in the Area. The goal is to have at least one meeting in each district. Meetings should have the right tent-cards on the meeting table.

Annual training is coming up. An AMIAS is an Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service. They have to be fingerprinted and fingerprinting is paid for by the Area. Mike S. handles all the details.

**Al-Anon-Cer Editor – Robert W.**

Met with Paul. He is still doing mailings of the Al-Anon-Cer to people who do not want to receive it electronically. Even though he is using Printron, the low-cost commercial printer in Baltimore, the cost is really more than we are asking people to pay for a subscription. But he is not stressing.

Should he be sending out more emails with updates on timely event or information, or just send the Al-Anon-Cer out quarterly? (I think the answer was yes, send out more immediate information in between.)

**Webmaster – Katie C.**

She did a number of updates in last couple months, including pages regarding the newsletter. They removed identifying information. Main tabs include home, about, meetings and events, resources, alateen, and contact.

List of all the district meetings- Make sure your district meeting information is up-to-date.

Find a Meeting search goes to WSO website now.

She is working with the Technology committee. They might want to add some public outreach.

Alateen has one page, and Alateen has its own website which Mike keeps up-to-date.

**Technology Committee Coordinator – Paul C.**

He has a committee. They have met once, and have the next 2 meetings scheduled over the next 2 months. They agreed to limit the meetings to 90 minutes, and will meet as many times as necessary to accomplish their goals. Members include Paul C, Connie C, Flenena B, Katie S, Greg M, and Joe I.

They have drafted and approved a Mission Statement:

"To bring Area 24 into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by using technology to improve communication by:

- Improving access to information
- Facilitating interaction among Area 24 members
- And retaining new members,  
while maintaining the spirit of the Traditions."

They recognize that fear of technology can exist, and they plan to present short training sessions during Area meetings, as time permits.

**Insurance Committee Report — Gil L. Insurance Coordinator**

Area provides insurance for any meeting you have, like conventions, workshops, etc. Call Gil for insurance certificate. AISes are not covered. They are an exception.

Update or renewal- Liability insurance year begins April 1. We are getting new insurance policies.

Renewed crime and theft policy for a 3-year term.

- Sent out one request for Insurance Certificate
- Renewed Crime/Theft Policy with Travelers Insurance  
Term March 16, 2018—March 16, 2021
- Submitted renewal application for General Liability Policy, for year beginning April 1, 2018
- Working on renewal for D&O Insurance for year beginning May 21, 2018

### **Area Information Services Reports:**

**Anne Arundel County AIS- Mary Kay, new Chairperson** – She recognizes they have a huge learning curve. She is focusing on outreach and working with Rita O. Phone system- this is a big part of their budget and she will be looking at this cost. What are other people using?

**Baltimore AIS- Diane-** new Chairperson of Baltimore AIS, used to be with MaryDelTri. It made sense to become part of Baltimore and they divided the budget too.

There are 3 Alateen meetings, 86 Al-Anon meetings, and a literature depot in the Greater Baltimore Area. They have new meeting directories. They are working on Public Outreach and having the Baltimore AIS Birthday Luncheon (celebrating the beginning of Al-Anon in Baltimore.)

They are looking for tech person for the Baltimore website. The web person does a great job with the front end but is looking for someone to do the back end.

Love gifts for International- Baltimore AIS is working as a collection point.

They will have a June meeting instead of July, because of the International Convention. District reps can bring the Love Mementos to AIS in June.

**Mary Del Tri-County AIS** – (sounds as if they have disbanded and the Maryland part merged with Baltimore)

**Washington DC & Suburban Maryland AIS (DCSMD AIS)- Maureen M.**

They have a separate public outreach. Maureen is handling libraries. They exhibit at health fairs and talk to professionals.

The College Park Alateen meeting is struggling.

They are struggling with service at the AIS level. They do not have a chairperson for the Spring Luncheon nor the Fall Workshop. They have a paid part-time worker.

The newsletter goes out sporadically.

On a positive note, they are selling lots of literature. The literature person is very energetic.

**Delegate, Idalia:**

Idalia will be representing us next month at the World Service Conference. Should we develop a theme to carry through over next few years?

Suggestions:

Join Al-Anon- Give it What You Got

From the Ocean to the Mountains

Do Some Service and Grow

**Motion that we ask this question at the Assembly, seconded, 18 voted yes**

**Abstained- 4**

[The voting numbers don't add up here. Someone may have voted that should not have.]

**Ask it Basket-** Joe D. conducted this part of the meeting.

**Question 1: When should we stop people from reading non-conference approved literature in meetings?**

As soon as possible in a nice way.

Besides literature- Big Book

Before the meeting

After the meeting

Immediately following the meeting, privately.

CAL announcement as part of the beginning of the meeting, in the group statement.

**Question2: Does our Area have a stance of giving chips in Al-Anon?**

Someone was part of a group that gave out chips for 10 years- appropriate chips.

Al-Anon doesn't celebrate anniversaries- Jack says that isn't in the service manual.

One group gives out a chip at the person's first meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration and the Serenity Prayer

42nd Annual Al-Anon Family Groups of  
Maryland and the District of Columbia

# Spring Convention

With AA Participation

Al-Anon & AA  
Speakers

Lodging Option:  
\$15 Linen Rentals

Entertainment,  
Dancing, Bingo

Spirituality  
Speakers



Early Registration  
Discount

All Meals Are  
Included

Hospitality Room:  
Snacks

Fun &  
Fellowship

**June 8, 9 & 10, 2018**

Washington College, Chestertown, MD

Early Bird Prices through May 7 are:

\$95 Saturday Only: all events and meals

\$160 No Lodging, full weekend: all events and meals

\$195 + \$10 Refundable Key Deposit: Traditional Dorm

\$215 + \$10 Refundable Key Deposit: Room in Suite Dorm

**Online Registration:** [www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC](http://www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC) (3% Convenience fee)

Lodging registrations must be received by June 4, 2018

Convention begins 4:00 pm Friday and closes after lunch Sunday.

Registration is Friday 2:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday 7:30 to 9:00 am.

Questions: Email Charles L. at [SpringConventionChair@gmail.com](mailto:SpringConventionChair@gmail.com)

*All Weekend Registration Meals include: Friday & Saturday Night Dinner, Saturday & Sunday Breakfast & Lunch.*

*Meals offer Vegan and Gluten-free options.*

Directions to Washington College and local lodging: [washcoll.edu/about/directions.php](http://washcoll.edu/about/directions.php)

Registration form at [www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC](http://www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC)

Registrations refundable before June 4, 2018

# **AFG of MD and DC Inc. Spring Convention 2018 Registration Form**

## **“Hunting Al-Anon Treasures” June 8, 9 & 10, 2018**

Mail form(s) with your check to: **AFG Spring Convention, 14 Ridge Rd, Unit T, Greenbelt, MD 20770-2950.**

Dennis G., Treasurer: 301-982-0598; MDDCSpringCon@Gmail.com

Register online at: **www.TinyURL.com/AFG24SC (3% convenience fee)**

**Registrant Information:** Full registration fee refundable through June 4. After June 4 a \$15 cancellation fee will be charged

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ **June 4, 2018**

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

For room assignments please check: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Prefer Single \_\_\_ Indicate any dietary concerns or special physical needs:

Emergency contact (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Registration Options, including all meals**

#### **Meals and Events, No Lodging:**

	<u>By May 7</u>	<u>After May 7</u>	<u>Onsite</u>
Saturday Only (Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner)	___ \$ 95	___ \$ 105	___ \$120
Full Weekend	___ \$160	___ \$170	___ \$185

#### **Lodging, Meals and Events: (includes \$10 refundable key deposit)**

Traditional Dorm (closer to meals and events)	___ \$205	___ \$215	N/A
Suite Dorm Room (4 single rooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, L/R)	___ \$225	___ \$235	N/A
College Linen Rental Option: (sheets, towels, pillow, blanket)	___ \$ 15	___ \$15	N/A

**Traditional Dorm:** Single room (double room by request) shared common bathroom per floor

**Suite:** Single room in 4-room suite with 2 bathrooms.

**Unless renting linens, on-campus attendees NEED TO BRING: pillows, blankets, sheets, towels, toiletries, hangers, and reading lamp (if desired). If renting linens, bring toiletries, hangers, reading lamp (if desired)**

Make check or money order payable to: **AFG Spring Convention** Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Service Opportunity for active Al-Anon or AA members to lead a workshop**

#### **Al-Anon Workshop Topics**

**No. of Years in Al-Anon: \_\_\_\_\_**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of workshop you are willing to co-lead: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

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|---|--|
| 1. Following HP's Treasure Map – Steps 1, 2 & 3             | 11. Cutting the Anchor – Parents of Alcoholics                   |
| 2. Digging Deep for Booty – Steps 4, 5 & 6                  | 12. The Treasure Trove of Gratitude                              |
| 3. Transforming Rocks to Gems – Steps 7, 8 & 9              | 13. Savoring Our Inner Fortunes – Self-Esteem                    |
| 4. Polishing and Sharing Our Riches – Steps 10, 11 & 12     | 14. Navigating Life's Seas With Our Mates – Intimacy & Sexuality |
| 5. Avoiding an Al-Anon Shipwreck –Traditions                | 15. From Rough Water to Calm Seas – Fear to Faith                |
| 6. Al-Anon's Hidden Treasures – Concepts                    | 16. Growing and Sharing Abundance – Love                         |
| 7. Pearls of Wisdom – Slogans                               | 17. Guide on the Trail to Treasure – Sponsorship                 |
| 8. Choosing to Walk the Plank – Resentments                 | 18. Living with a Reckless Pirate – Financial Issues             |
| 9. Baubles of Fun – Humor                                   |  |
| 10. From Devil's Island to Treasure Island – Adult Children |  |

#### **AA Workshop Topics**

**No. of Years in AA: \_\_\_\_\_**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of workshop you are willing to co-lead: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Spirituality in AA       | 3. Step 10: Keeping it Current |
| 2. The Alcoholic in Al-Anon | 4. Carry the Message           |



# 48th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention

With Al-Anon Participation  
Hosted by Maryland General Service, Inc.

**Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center**  
**5400 Holiday Drive**  
**Frederick, MD 21703**  
**Phone: 301-694-7500**

Convention Room Rate: \$99/night + Tax. Mention the **MGS State Convention** for this reduced rate.

*Note that the hotel does NOT have an elevator. If you require ground floor accommodations, please alert the hotel when registering.*

Hotel reservations must be made by May 30, 2018 For hotel reservations, call 301-694-7500.

Online hotel reservation is available at: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EQ8EG2>

<u>AA Speakers</u>	<u>Friday June 29th</u> <u>"Maryland Strong" Speaker Series</u>	<u>Saturday June 30th Cont.</u>
Dave N. -- Annapolis, MD	8:00 am Registration Desk Opens	NOON LUNCH
Linda B. -- Waldorf, MD	8:15 am Prayer and Meditation	1:00 pm Old Timers' Panel
Shrinidhi S. -- Baltimore, MD	10:30 am AA & Al-Anon Workshops	2:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Workshops
Rose E. -- Brooksville, FL	NOON LUNCH	4:00 pm AA & Al-Anon Workshops
Scott F. -- Bristol, PA	1:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Workshops	6:00 pm BANQUET
Tim H. -- Louisville, KY	4:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting	7:00 pm Delegate Report followed by Sobriety Countdown
	6:30 pm DINNER	7:30 pm AA Speaker Meeting
<u>Al - Anon Speaker</u>	8:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting	9:00 pm Ice Cream Social
Janice S. -- Takoma Park, MD	9:00 pm Ice Cream Social	9:00 pm Dance with DJ
	10:00 pm AA Speaker Meeting	
<u>Evening Activities</u>	<u>Saturday June 30th</u>	<u>Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Ice Cream Socials both nights	8:00 am Registration Desk Opens	9:15 am Prayer and Meditation
Professional DJ on Saturday Night	8:15 am Prayer and Meditation	10:00 am Speaker Meeting
	9:00 am AA Speaker Meeting	
	10:30 am Al - Anon Speaker Meeting	







## *Celebrating One Day at a Time*

Al-Anon's International Convention 2018



\*\*\*Baltimore, Maryland\*\*\*

Friday, July 6 – Sunday, July 8, 2018

**Area 24 is the convention host and we need you to  
REGISTER and VOLUNTEER!**

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/>

Access the Convention's website for info on special events, housing, workshops and more!

### **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

Area 24 is the host committee and we need you to help us **WELCOME THE WORLD** to Baltimore. Some ways to help:

- Groups and individuals create keepsakes for giveaways in hospitality room
- Guides in convention center
- Welcome at airports, train stations, bus stations, hotels
- Welcome desk and bilingual support
- Count numbers in workshop rooms
- Hospitality room
- Upcoming: Host Committee T-shirt Design Contest
- MORE....



Send an email to [afgintl18@gmail.com](mailto:afgintl18@gmail.com) with your name, email & phone number.



# REGISTRATION

You are encouraged to copy this form and distribute to friends.

Instructions (Please print)

Complete name and address for each person.

If you would like the badges to be mailed to one person, place an **x** in the ☐ in front of that person's name.

**Name on badge:** your name will appear as first name and last initial, unless otherwise indicated.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
Country (if other than U.S. or Canada) \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ 1st Al-Anon International?  
☐ Physically Challenged? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Are you willing to serve in your capacity as an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)?  
**Translation:**  
☐ Spanish ☐ French ☐ American Sign Language ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
**Years of Membership:**  
☐ less than 1 year ☐ 4-10 ☐ 21-30 ☐ 41-50  
☐ 1-3 ☐ 11-20 ☐ 31-40 ☐ Over 50  
**Age:**  
☐ 12-19 ☐ 26-39 ☐ 56-65 ☐ Over 75  
☐ 20-25 ☐ 40-55 ☐ 66-75  
**Indicate program badge which will identify you to others at this meeting:**  
☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen—only members ages 12-19 with an Alateen badge and children ages 9 through 11 may attend closed Alateen meetings.  
☐ A.A.  
☐ Friend/Spouse of one of the above  
Name on badge, including last initial if desired. \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee (per person)** Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ registrations.  
☐ \$130.00 US must be received by 12/31/17 ☐ \$195.00 US after 5/31/18  
☐ \$165.00 US between 1/1/18 and must be received by 5/31/18

**Pioneer Luncheon Tickets at \$65.00 US** ☐ Poultry ☐ Vegetarian

Register for the "Day of Connecting", a separate event to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

☐ \$40.00 US by 5/31/18 ☐ \$45.00 US after 5/31/18 **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "2018 Convention Fund" or pay by credit card:

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Your signature authorizes your credit card to be charged for the total payment due. Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. reserves the right to charge the correct amount if different from the total listed above.

**Please register early. Mail Registration form to:**  
2018 Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention  
RCS, 1833 Portola Rd, Suite D, Ventura, CA 93003



## **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS OF MD/DC SPRING CONVENTION**

**WRAP-UP 42<sup>nd</sup> CONVENTION**

**KICK-OFF 43<sup>rd</sup> CONVENTION**



**SATURDAY JULY 21, 2018 2:30PM AT THE ALANO CLUB**

**9231 RUMSEY ROAD COLUMBIA, MD 21045**

Help make the next Spring convention a wonderful Al-Anon event.

Be part of the Committee!

**For more information:** Charles L., [CharlesLx82@Gmail.com](mailto:CharlesLx82@Gmail.com)

[MDDCSpringCon@gmail.com](mailto:MDDCSpringCon@gmail.com)

### **LOCATION**

From I-95, take MD-100 W toward Ellicott City. Exit 2, MD-104, toward MD-108. Take third exit off roundabout onto MD-104. Waterloo Road. Right onto MD-108, Old Annapolis Road. Right onto Red Branch Road. Red Branch Road to Rumsey Road. At the end of Rumsey Road, turn left into Equus Court. The Alano Club is in the building directly ahead of you.

**Please**  
**Save the Date for**  
**The Fall Area 24 Assembly**  
**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**District 13 is hosting at:**  
**Liberty Grove Methodist Church**  
**15225 Old Columbia Pike**  
**Burtonsville MD 20866**

**Look for Flyer near end of Summer!**



Love mementos will be provided in the hospitality suite at the International Convention for attendees to take home with them as a reminder of the event. They don't need to be fancy...we just need a lot of them (think: thousands)!

Love mementos can be almost anything: Chips (circular coins), keychains, bookmarks, pins, buttons, notecards or papers with quotes from literature or other items! They can be recovery-themed (the conference theme is *Celebrating One Day at A Time*), Maryland-themed (crabs, Old Bay, Dominios, etc.) and more.

Have fun and be creative!

*Please avoid references to businesses, including sports teams. We're unaffiliated!*

Individuals or groups can make the love mementos.

If possible, label your gifts with your meeting name, such as, "With love from Saturday Steps to Serenity, Gaithersburg, MD"

**Love Mementos need to be complete by Wednesday, June 27 so they can be collected in time for the convention.**

Questions or sign-up: Lisa at [lisarad6@gmail.com](mailto:lisarad6@gmail.com) or 410-227-2506

# Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)

Please send this form through your Area Process or the WSO

## 1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number

District Number

Area Name (Abbreviation)

## 2. Status

- ☐ New  
☐ Change  
☐ Inactive  
☐ Not Sure If Registered

## 3. Changes (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Group Name  
☐ Current Mailing Address (CMA)  
☐ Mtg Place  
☐ Mtg Day ☐ Mtg Time  
☐ GR ☐ Contact

## 4. Group/Registration Overview

Group Name  Mailing Language

*Reflects Al-Anon principles and is inviting to all. See Instructions to fill out the GR-1 Form. Please note that group names not in compliance with the Al-Anon policy will delay processing of the registration. Contact your Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO for further information.*

Location: Meeting Place

Meeting Address

City  State/Province  Zip  Location: Meeting Place

Group e-mail

Contact First Name  Phone Number

Contact First Name  Phone Number

## 5. Meeting Details

Day  Time  ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language  Member Count

- ☐ Beginners\* ☐ Introductory\*\* ☐ Limited Access\*\*\*  
☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free  
☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions

## Additional Meeting

Day  Time  ☐ AM ☐ PM

Type: ☐ Open ☐ Closed

Spoken Language  Member Count

- ☐ Beginners\* ☐ Introductory\*\* ☐ Limited Access\*\*\*  
☐ Handicap Access ☐ Babysitting ☐ Fragrance Free  
☐ Smoking Permitted ☐ Sign Language

Location Instructions

\* Held in conjunction with a regular Al-Anon group meeting; not considered an Al-Anon group. Provide newcomers a simple introduction to Al-Anon.

\*\* Attendance changes frequently; not considered an Al-Anon group. Attendees are invited to go to regular Al-Anon meetings.

\*\*\* Meeting access is limited due to the facility's entry restrictions. These groups meet at sites such as military bases, institutions, industrial plants, or schools.

## 6. Current Mailing Address (WSO mail for the group is sent to the CMA postal and e-mail addresses)

First Name  Last Name

Street/PO Box

City  State/Province  Zip/Postal Code  Country

Phone Number  E-mail

CMA e-mail address is entered here. Please enter Group e-mail address in section #4 (See instructions for more information)

## 7. For Area Use

☐ Group Rep ☐ Other

First Name  Last Name

Street/PO Box

City  State/Province  Zip/Postal Code  Country

Phone Number  E-mail

*The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meeting will be open to any Al-Anon members. Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27), "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies"*

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