

Chairperson Report

Spring Assembly May 20-22, 2016



Welcome to our Spring Assembly – we are half way through Panel 55! Isn't that amazing?

New things to be aware of:

** We are meeting in a new place. You can find the hotel information on the Area Website ... www.AFGArea9.org

** We will be sitting in a new formation! Since our Assembly will be focusing on Conflict Resolution (with a special presentation from our WSO visitor) we will be sitting in "Crescent Rounds" which will be tables of 6-8 for ease of breaking into small group discussions.

** New meal offerings: we will be continuing the Lunch and Learn sessions, giving people the option of participating in more in-depth discussion during lunch. We will have box lunch tickets available for purchase at Registration.

In addition we will offer tickets for a \$10 Breakfast which will allow you to have a hot breakfast buffet on Saturday morning before the meeting. These tickets will be available at Registration.

Elections

We will be electing a new Area Treasurer. And we will be choosing an Alateen Coordinator. Please familiarize yourself with the Election Procedures and the Job Descriptions. Both of these documents are on the Area website!

Task Forces

We have many Task Forces working hard on various topics. You will begin to see their reports and preliminary findings on the website. We have Task Forces working on Election Procedures, Convention Guidelines, Alateen Conference Guidelines, Alateen Requirements Updates, Service Workshop Guidelines and Technology. We also have a Task Force working on the Legacy and how it is changing in a digital world.

As these Task Forces finish, we will be creating new ones. So if you are interested in participating please fill out the Survey on the Area Website.

Preparation for Assembly

There is a document on the website titled "In Preparation" with lots of details about getting ready for Assembly. In addition, please bring your Service Manual. And prepare yourself for various temperatures and snack needs. Take care of yourself!

Please download copies of the Agenda, the Meeting Procedures and any other documents you think may be necessary. You are also welcome to bring your electronic devices, there will be WiFi in the meeting room. We will have some charging stations around the room, but you will not be able to have an electric outlet at your table.

Special Feature

We have a WSO Trustee – Karen W-P – with us and she will be participating in many of our events throughout the weekend:

- new GR Orientation on Friday night
- Conflict Resolution Workshop on Saturday
- Dinner with GRs on Saturday night (Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13)
- Spiritual Principles Panel Discussion on Saturday night
- Spiritual Meeting chair on Sunday Morning

I hope you all will have a chance to strengthen your connection to the WSO by getting to know Karen during her visit. If you have particular questions or suggestions for her, feel free to write them down and put them at her seat.

Hospitality

We will be having Hospitality in the Dogwood Room which is on the Lobby Level near the elevators. Districts 12 and 13 are preparing lots of special things so be sure to participate in the fellowship available there.

Alateen

- There will be an AMIAS training at Assembly on Friday night (9:00 pm)
- Recertifications are continuing, please try to finish these soon!
- Alateen Conference is July 29-31 and lots of excitement about that
- Alateen participation at the AA Convention August 3-7, look for flyers. There will also be plenty of Al-Anon participation at this event.
- See the Area website for more details on all things Alateen.

Convention – Seeing Clearly Now! Daytona Beach September 16-18, 2016. Check the Area website for more details.

Thank you all for your service to your Group, your District and to Al-Anon as a whole. I hope the Spring Assembly will support you in your efforts and also provide you with some experience, strength and hope in your own recovery.

Yours in service,

Cindy J.
Panel 55 Chairperson