



Al-Anon Family Groups

Orange County Intergroup
12391 Lewis, Suite 102
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Intergroup Meeting Agenda December 2, 2015

- ✓ Call to Order and Serenity Prayer - Julie S. - 7:35
- ✓ Silence cell phones
- Twelve Traditions (read by a volunteer) *Holden*

Secretary : Mary Lou L. *met Darlyn / Philip 3rd*

- Review and Approve Minutes of the last Intergroup Meeting October 2015
- Review business of previous Service Board Meeting Nov 2015

Reports

Treasurer : Ada G. *(absent)*

Julie S report - dec rep. bc of fundraising.
Misc - 1500 = website development
exp

- 7th Tradition

Office Coordinator : Julia T

TY Bill + Jerry for helping setup + sell @ area

Chairperson : Julie S

IR mtg will be nominations (Feb 17) - dec rep, website
IR one yr + Alanon only. See Tentative Agenda w/ RR
patluck

Chair Elect : Cianna C

Announcements

Andy - Aliso Viejo new mtg - Tues 6:30 - 7pm

Bob 50/50
alathon Sat 9-4

Kevin - AA Com / w/ mar 25-27
© Orange
Paula

SOS

Dec 8
Patluck 11:30

Dec 28 -
Forgotten
St Pat

7 potluck 7:30 Mtg

Break - 10 Minutes

Office Phone Coverage : Ellen J; Jackie G

74 for phone coverage last 3 mos. Need Jan / Feb Coverage
Signup -

Alateen : Amy L; Brandi & Alateen Liason : Stephanie

got call
Hr Sch - Anah -
start Alateen Mtg.

Steph Annual Tree Trimming event - Sunday 6pm
Amy - recent Cell repair

Brandi - Red Robin - Spk 22
to X @ high
to diff classes

Orange Blossom : Marie P

gift a subscri. to OB

Round Robin : Ralph B (absent)

World Service : Jerry E ; Bill P (absent)

ASK IT CAN
• Goal to do phone coverage on website
• phone signup have own table to sign up.
• Feb 17 Round Robin mtg 7pm pot luck

Public Information : Sandy O ; Will W

outreach

Community outreach @ IR - send back to mtg

Focus

Service - work thru concepts.

Institutions : Diane M ; Wendy M

need volunteers -

also find out where there are panels

contact Diane
send to central office

Foreign Language Liason : Sophia F ; Myrna N (absent)

See ODAT - Oct 31

- SPECIAL REPORT - JAYME ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- Motion to Close ← Mary Jo
- Serenity Prayer ← Roger

855p

Don't take a group conc. against All-Non Traditions.

limited to what is good for fellowship as a whole.

Group ~~Autonomy~~ Autonomy

Chanting

→ see handout

→ informed group conscience (how to close mtg)

"qualifier" - not All-Non

Financial Report For November 2015

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

INCOME	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	YEAR to DATE Current	PRIOR YEAR TO DATE Nov-14
Literature	6,981.15	5,825.03	38,510.72	43,695.83
Sales Tax	558.51	466.01	3,080.81	3,493.68
Contributions	8,374.34	4,034.44	26,851.65	25,079.28
Orange Blossom	87.00	110.00	393.25	454.01
Interest MIQ	3.86	3.74	19.05	31.41
fundraising	1,139.00	-	1,139.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	12.08	15.89	46.50	155.39
Total Income	17,155.94	# 10,455.11	70,040.98	72,897.22
EXPENSES				
Payroll	3,450.66	3,541.66	17,554.96	16,945.69
Health Ins.	210.00	300.00	1,342.25	990.00
Office Expenses	347.50	88.03	781.13	1,049.17
Phone/Internet MIQ	118.49	119.56	572.54	561.12
Literature (Purchased)	5,529.61	2,132.27	24,061.19	27,725.31
Literature (Use)	-	12.42	778.42	125.55
Directory	-	-	200.00	2,700.80
Rent	1,476.30	1,476.30	7,381.50	8,253.20
Orange Blossom	175.00	175.00	1,405.00	1,600.00
Service Brd Exp	-	-	1,064.00	300.00
Sales Tax/Q	2,056.00	-	3,545.00	4,401.00
Payroll Taxes MIQ	263.40	272.38	1,549.31	3,749.92
Miscellaneous	105.13	1,521.08	2,389.90	881.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,732.09	# 9,638.70	62,625.20	69,283.20
CASH FLOW	3,423.85	# 816.41	\$ 7,415.78	\$ 3,614.02

MONTHEND SUMMARY

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Office COH	100.00	100.00
Service Board COH	50.00	50.00
Checking	72,566.86	73,947.47
Money Market	45,450.36	45,408.67
CD	41,263.27	41,263.27

TOTALS 159,430.49 # 160,769.41 -

Mis/last payment for Website update

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergroup Representatives and Alternates
FROM: Julia, Office Coordinator
DATE: December 2, 2015
RE: Orange County Al-Anon Office

Last Area meeting on November the Orange County office was invited to take literature to sell. The office had successful sales, thank you to Bill P and Jerry E service board members who helped set up and sell literature.

New updated directories will be at the office Friday December 11th.

The office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 2016.

Happy Holidays!



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12/2/2015

Chair Report
Julie Smith

Good evening and thank you for coming tonight. We are fast approaching the year end and preparing for the new year to come. I am very proud of our current board and I am excited by some the new ideas we have for the upcoming year.

Our first important announcement is regarding our next Intergroup Meeting. That night is our nomination night to gather prospective members for our Service Board. We would like to make this announcement early in order to give everyone an opportunity to join in and be of service to our Intergroup.

We would like to recruit members with some particular talents some of which are in the fields of accounting/bookkeeping, website administration, administration of the Orange Blossom, as well as Alateen, Institutions, Public Outreach and World Service.

We welcome the input and enthusiasm of our fellowship and hope that you will look inside yourself for the willingness to be of service. There are some requirements for being of service at this level. Requirements as laid out by our By-Laws and Al-Anon Service Manual require one year of service as an Intergroup Representative and a member of Al-Anon only. If you have any questions of eligibility please contact us after the meeting.

We are also providing an opportunity to purchase the Al-Anon Service Manual and the Al-Anon Groups At Work Book to bring this wonderful resource into your program and back to your meetings.

Thank You & LIS

Julie S.

Al-Anon

Information Service Office of Orange County
12391 Lewis St., Suite 102, Garden Grove, CA 92840
(714) 748-1113

TENTATIVE AGENDA

for February 17, 2016

Intergroup Meeting

- Serenity Prayer
- Logistics Announcements
- Minutes Review/Approval
- Speakers Sharing
- FOOD
- Reports
 - Treasurer/7th Tradition
 - Office Coordinator
 - Chair
 - Chair-Elect
 - Ex-Officio
 - Public Information
 - Institutions
 - Round Robin
 - Phone Coverage
 - Alateen
 - Orange Blossom
 - World Service
 - Foreign Language Liaison
- NOMINATIONS
- Wrap-up, Round Robin Information, 50/50
- Serenity Prayer, Clean Up



Cathleen Corey <areaalateensponsorcoordinator@gmail.com>

AFG Commitments Available

John Wade <sotheir@hotmail.com>

Sat, Nov 28, 2015 at 1:54 PM

To: Home <sotheir@hotmail.com>

Cc: Al-Anon - IE <serenitysheet@iealanon.org>, Al-Anon - LA <centraloffice@alanonla.org>, Al-Anon - OC <editor@orangecountyalanon.org>, Al-Anon - SD <sandiegointercom@yahoo.com>, Al-Anon - VC <alanon@alanonventura.org>

Hi Al-Anons;

Our convention is on track to be the best AFG convention it can be. We have wonderful speakers, marathon meetings.

We do have a couple of committee positions open:

- 1). Boutique Chair and Cochair
- 2). Entertainment Chair.

So, if you need an Al-Anon commitment or someone you know needs an Al-Anon commitment, these committee positions offer an opportunity for personal growth in Al-Anon. Please call me at 818.516.4167, if interested.

I've also attached a signup sheet for opportunities to be of service at the 2016 AFG convention, please printout a copy and take to your Al-Anon meetings.

Love in Service,
John W.
2016 AFG Chairperson
818.516.4167

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Wade <sotheir@hotmail.com>
Date: November 28, 2015 at 1:16:08 PM PST
To: John Wade <sotheir@hotmail.com>
Subject: FW: AFG signup sheet

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SOS WORKSHOP

Date January 16, 2016
Registration 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Workshops start at 10:00 am
134 N. Kenwood Ave.
Glendale, CA

Topic "Sponsorship"
Presentation from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Open sharing from 11:00 to 11:30

Lunch

11:45 to 12:45 from local restaurant
INCLUDED WITH PAID REGISTRATION

Topic "Service/How to get more members involved"
Presentation from 12:45 to 1:45
Open sharing from 1:45 to 2:15

Speaker 2:30
Larcine G. from Hawthorne

Registration is \$15.00

ORDER FORM

First and Last Name(s)

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Number Attending: _____ Registration Fee Amount Enclosed: _____

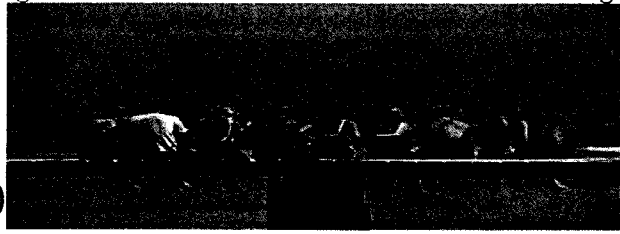
Make Checks Payable to SCWS. Mail Form and Check(s) to:

Eva B., 1635 Rowan Street, San Diego CA 92105

Cut off date for pre-registration is January 5, 2016

For Questions or Information Please Contact Pete B. (714) 222-0057 or altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org

December 2015



OC/GLB Intergroup

Alateen update

(AMIAS = Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service)

In order to be eligible for recertification on May 31, 2016 every AMIAS must attend one of the designated Area sponsored AMIAS Recertification Workshops. You must be in attendance for the entire workshop and participate in order to receive the Certification of Attendance. There is no registration fee. All workshops are FREE and open to ALL Al-Anon & Alateen members.

The AMIAS Recertification Workshops scheduled through May 2015 near/in Orange County:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Host:</u>	<u>Contact:</u>	<u>Email to Register:</u>
1. Oct 10	10a-3p (lunch hr) 2015	66	Gordon A.	gordon.g.alexander@gmail.com
2. Feb 6	10am – 2 pm	63	Heidi S.	selleck1122@yahoo.com
3. Mar 5	9:30 am – 4 pm	OCIG	Brandi S. Sophia F.	bepeaceful@gmail.com courage2heal91@yahoo.com

New certification training 9:30 to 11:30- (1 Spanish Speaking Session / 1 English speaking Session)
Lunch at 11:30 served on site.
Recertification Workshops 12:00 to 4:00(1 Spanish Speaking Session / 1 English speaking Session)

*The district/group hosting the workshop will distribute flyers with location details.
Email the contact person to RSVP or ask any questions you may have.*

2015-2016 Workshop includes:
Travel & Treatment Authorization Form
Alateen Ecent Plan Form
Role of the Group/Event Sponsor
Dealing with Behavioral Problems
Dealing with Conflicts
Interacting with Parents
Alateens in Difficult Situations
Mandatory Reporting in California

Note: *Any AMIAS who does not attend a Recertification Workshop through May 2016 will loose their certification effective May 1, 2016, and must begin the Certification Process as though he/she were applying for the first time. Alateen meetings without an appropriate certified Group Sponsor will be transferred to "inactive" status effective May 1, 2016.*

SCWS Alateen Information: <http://www.scws-al-anon.org>. Click on "Alateen Sponsorship" tab on left side of home page.
Revised SCWS Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (effective June 1, 2013)

A Jr. High School and a High school in Anaheim have expressed interest in having an Alateen meeting on campus. We are in contact with the school district and then if they approve it will begin the process and work with SCWS to get this set up.

Brandi has supplied literature to the counselor at the High School that is spearheading this idea, as she sees a need on campus and got in touch with us.

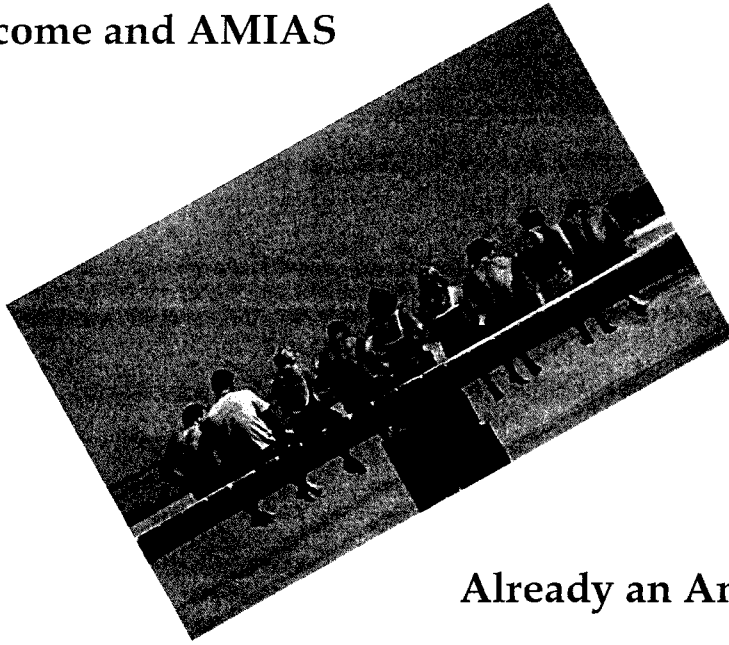
During Red Ribbon week Brandi took two, Alateens to a Jr high in Anaheim and she spoke to 6 different classes in one day. It was very powerful and the Alateens were very moved by the questions and comments that were brought up.

Alateen Events Coming Up:

Always available at the <http://www.scws-al-anon.org> website, Alateen's can get the password from their home meeting. Site is password protected for the protection of our Alateens.

Please remember that the safety of our children is our highest concern and so when producing flyers and announcing activities or events that involve the Alateen Groups, we need to make sure that they are cleared through the correct channels. Please reach out to a Board member if you have any questions.

**Support our Youth,
Become and AMIAS**



Already an Amias? Recertify

**2 sessions of New
Certification training**

**Spanish Speaking
courses**

2 Recertification Workshops

When: March 5, 2015

Where: 10280 Slater, Fountain Valley CA. (The King of Glory Lutheran Church)

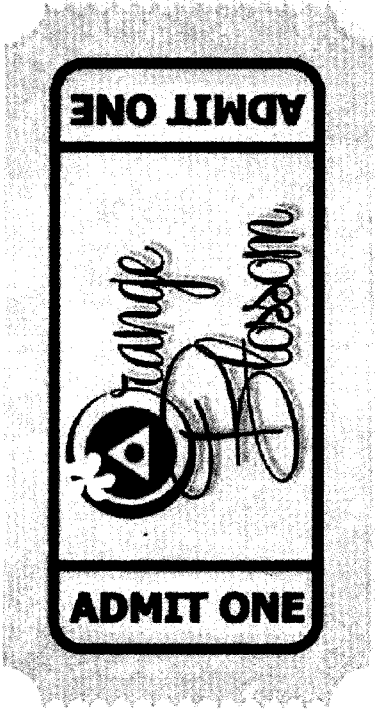
Schedule as follows:

New certification training 9:30 to 11:30- (1 Spanish Speaking Session / 1 English speaking Session)
Lunch at 11:30 served on site.

Recertification Workshops 12:00 to 4:00(1 Spanish Speaking Session / 1 English speaking Session)

Please RSVP to Brandi S at bepeaceful@gmail.com for English courses and

RSVP to Sophia F at courage2heal91@yahoo.com for Spanish speaking courses



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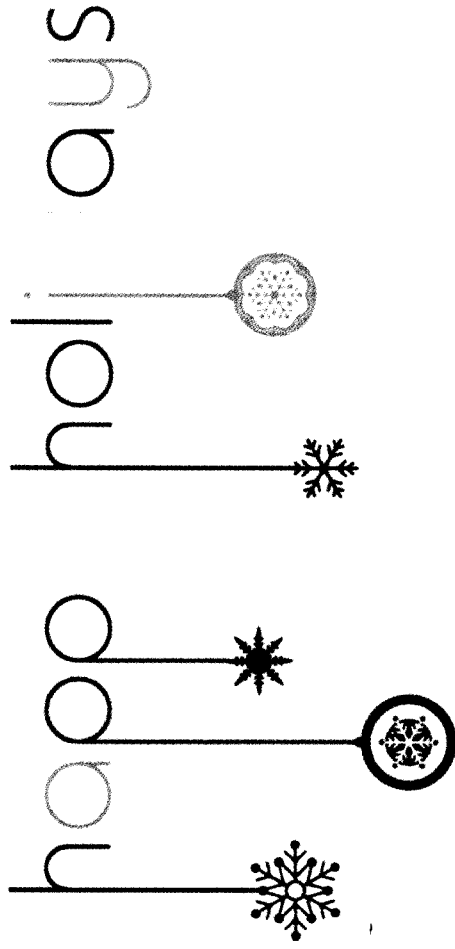
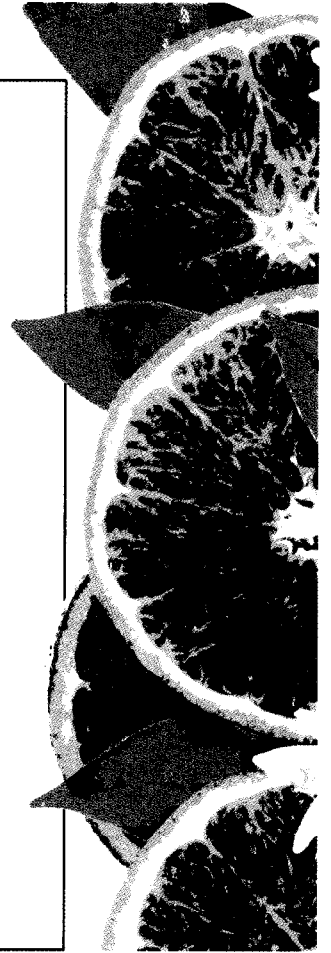
Fill out, clip, and return this form with your payment (check or money order, please) to:

Orange County Al-Anon
12391 Lewis, Ste 102 Garden Grove, CA 92840

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/email: _____



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JUST FOR YOU.

A ONE YEAR
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE
ORANGE BLOSSOM

FROM



Al-Anon Public Information

December 2015 – February 2016

Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work: reference pages 14, 40, 60

December	Making visits to local police and fire departments providing information and literature
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January	TBA
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February	TBA
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Contacts: Will (949) 981-0926 or Sandy (714) 514-0410

Oct 28th: Red Ribbon Fair @ Saddleback College.

With the upcoming elections in February, we are providing some additional information for those that may be interested in serving at a higher level than the ISR (Information Service Representative)

Our Three Legacies

Recovery through the Steps, Unity through the Traditions,

And Service through the Concepts

Al-Anon Declaration

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and – *Let It Begin with Me.*

Our Three Legacies...

The threefold guides of Al-Anon point the way to a normal, useful life for the individual. They also are a framework within which the groups can carry on their affairs in harmony.

RECOVERY	UNITY	SERVICE
Through the steps	Through the Traditions	Through the Concepts

Twelve Concepts of Service

1. The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.
2. The Al-Anon Family Groups have delegated complete administrative and operational authority to their Conference and its service arms.
3. The right of decision makes effective leadership possible.
4. Participation is the key to harmony.
5. The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.
6. The Conference acknowledges the primary administrative responsibility of the Trustees.
7. The Trustees have legal rights while the rights of the Conference are traditional.
8. The Board of Trustees delegates full authority for routine management of Al-Anon Headquarters to its executive committees.
9. Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of world service the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.
10. Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided.
11. The World Service Office is composed of selected committees, executives and staff members.
12. The spiritual foundation for Al-Anon's world services is contained in the General Warranties of the Conference, Article 12 of the Charter.

Additional resources:

Al-Anon Alateen Groups at Work 2014-2017

Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017

Paths to Recovery--Al-Anon Steps, Tradition.

How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics

Institutions Report

Please make the following announcements at your meeting:

Institutions' in the process of updating the panel list for their records. If you know of any existing panels or coordinate a panel in Orange County, please provide the following information and email to: h_i@orangecountyalanon.org

- Your first and last name
- Address
- Contact phone number
- Name of facility and address
- Contact person and phone number

If you would like to participate on a panel please send the following information to the above mentioned email address.

- Your first and last initial
- Contact phone number
- Email address
- Your interest: General, H & I, Alateen
- Days available

Thank you for your continued support.

H & I

Is there an official answer on the “chant” or “cheerleading” following the closing prayer in meetings?

Concern over the length of meeting closings because of the additions of chants was a discussion topic at the 2001 World Service Conference. The Conference members concluded that it is not appropriate for the WSO or the Conference to make a policy or issue a statement regarding the use of chants in the closing of a meeting. Conference members were in agreement that it is within group autonomy to determine the use of chants and/or prayers at the end of a meeting by making a group conscience decision that abides by the Traditions. The group conscience decision could then be stated at the end of the meeting. Conference members were reminded that our cofounder, Lois W., said, “It doesn't matter what [prayer] we close with, but we close with a spiritual moment.” Details of this discussion can be found in the *2001 World Conference Summary*, page 21.

So there is no official policy regarding chants; how groups close their meetings is the decision of an informed group conscience. The only reference to the closing at the end of a meeting in the *AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* is the **Suggested AI-Anon/Alateen Closing** on page 24 (2006-2009 edition). It states at the end of the **Suggested Closing**: “It is suggested that groups close in a manner that is agreeable to the group conscience.” (The *Service Manual* can be found on the AI-Anon/Alateen Members' Web site: www.al-anon.alateen.org/members under the “Group Services” tab. The password to enter the Members' site is your group name followed by AFG, e.g. *Easy Does It AFG*.)

Some additional things to think about regarding “chants”:

- Chants are not part of AI-Anon and came into the program from treatment centers and other 12 Step programs.
- When looking at the faces of newcomers when members are chanting and pumping their arms, they are clearly left out of the process.
- Such chants and behaviors may reinforce the idea that AI-Anon is a cult when we know that it isn't nor do we want it to be perceived to be.
- The experience of some groups has been that adding the AI-Anon Declaration at the end of their chosen closing prayer seems to replace the chants. In 2006, every group was sent a table card to display the Declaration, and it is printed in the “Groups at Work” section of the *AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (page ~~24~~ in the 2006-2009 edition).

CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS

A Brief History

On Tuesday, April 20, 1976, Ted K., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, conducted the first of these sessions, which were, at that time, called "Green Light." A "Green Light" meant that all ideas and feelings were a "GO" for Conference floor discussion.

He went around the room and everyone offered a topic for discussion. He then continued to go around the room until every topic was exhausted. He listed them on flip chart sheets that were papered all around the room. There were 80 topics. He combined the topics that were similar and removed those items that were already scheduled for discussion at that year's Conference. Other topics were referred to committees or the Board of Trustees. Conference members then voted by a show of hands and prioritized the topics.

Posting of the topics on flip charts remained the same until 1986. At that Conference, a motion was passed¹ that the

Green Light questions be received at the World Service Office before the start of the Conference. The "Red Light" session could then be held on the first day of the Conference. The vote was 82 ycs, 10 no.

The title Green Light remained from 1976 through 1994. In 1995, the Conference Committee determined that Green Light/Red Light was confusing and changed the title to "Timely Topics." In 1998, the title of the session was changed to "Conference Chosen Agenda Items."

At the onset of this Conference, members were given a list of all questions submitted to the Conference. They were asked to review the entire list and vote on the three items that they considered the most important. The four questions that received the most votes were then brought to the floor for open discussion. The remaining questions were discussed during workshop sessions. Questions that received less than five votes were answered in the Ask-It-Basket.

Sandra F.,
Transition Consultant



Open Discussion No. 1: Chants and Prayers

The following questions were the basis of discussion on the floor of the Conference:

- Are "chants" after the closing prayer (i.e., *it works if you work it* and others) considered an appropriate meeting closing? They seem to be getting longer with new add-ons each year, depending where you live. If so, why are they not in the suggested closing in the *Service Manual*?
- Why not suggest using the "Declaration" after the Serenity Prayer at the opening of our meetings rather than at the closing, which is usually the Lord's Prayer?
- Why does "group autonomy" endorse Christianity by having the group close with the Lord's Prayer? Why doesn't the World Service Office (WSO) put out a policy statement that closing with any religious prayer is not appropriate?

It was stated by several that it is not appropriate for the WSO or Conference to make a policy or issue a statement regarding the use of chants or the Lord's Prayer in the closing of a meeting.

The common threads running through most of the responses from Conference members were group autonomy and group conscience. The Conference members suggested taking a group conscience to see if something else might work, such as the Declaration. Some felt that certain prayers belong in church.

One member suggested that by reading the history of AA, it was felt that the Lord's Prayer is not considered a religious prayer. Yet another member stated, "I did not come to Al-Anon

for two years because I am from a religious minority. We do not use the Lord's Prayer. I was desperate, so I came back. Lots of people don't come back." Another Conference member said, "People did not return to our meeting, so I called them. They said they couldn't come because the prayers are offensive to their culture."

Several spoke about the pros and cons of the chanting at the end of meetings. One member shared that she came back because that was the message she heard at the close of the meeting, while others stated that for them chanting is very disruptive after a spiritual meeting.

"I heard some things today that make me more aware of our differences. I will be more tolerant." A member reminded the Conference: Lois W. said, "It doesn't matter what prayer we close with, but we close with a spiritual moment."

Open Discussion No. 2: Trusted servants fulfilling service role.

The second open discussion on the Conference floor addressed these two questions:

- How do you "demote" a district representative (DR) that won't step down or is not performing the duties as described in the *Service Manual*?
- Could we have a discussion on accountability of trusted servants such as removing a DR or area officer who acts inap-