

**Alateen Coordinator – Connie :**

1. I am currently filling in for the Alateen Coordinator position also. When a selection has been made, I will gratefully turn everything over. It really is not difficult to do. I do love it and I am looking forward to being involved somehow in Midlake next year.
2. I also am an AMIAS Workshop Facilitator. That has been so successful and has resulted in many new AMIAS for Area 61.
3. Now we have to concentrate on getting more teens involved. Was thinking of doing a "thought force" around the subject.

**AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP) Coordinator – Mary S**

**Report:** Checkout all the updated Alateen documents/forms available on <http://www.area61afg.org/area-business/general-documents-forms/>, see Alateen.

**Especially note:** The updated Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Registration/Application forms packet cover letter now includes a Table of Forms. The Table of Forms provides the purpose and process for each of the forms required to become certified for working with Area 61 Alateens.

All Al-Anon members who have been attending meetings on a regular basis for a minimum of two years are encouraged to consider becoming involved in this important service work. If unable to commit to a specific schedule each month, becoming a certified AMIAS also qualifies a member to work with teens on an as-needed-basis during special events such as Assemblies or the upcoming 2017 Al-Anon conference in October 2017; for transportation; or as an occasional substitute sponsor.

**The WSO required annual AMIAS re-certification is off to a good start.** The re-certification process helps assure we stay current about who is working with our teens. A total of 139 Area 61 active AMIAS have received the re-certification form and have been asked to complete, sign, and return the form by June 1, 2016. The Area 61 AAPP must update the WSO AMIAS record for all the AMIAS before July 2016.

All Alateen Group sponsors or Current Mailing Address have or will receive a form to complete/update with current group information. An envelope addressed to me is included with this request. To continue holding meetings, updated Alateen group information forms must be completed and returned ASAP.

District Representatives and AWSC members are asked to remind AMIAS of the importance of returning this information to me by June 1, 2016.

**ARCHIVE COORDINATOR – JAMI C:**

**PROJECTS/GOALS:** *Current or long-term projects or goals proposed for the AREA Archives.*

1. I have begun the process of sorting the AREA's many plastic bins and other assorted storage containers that hold all of the archived material. My goal is to gain a full of understanding what exactly is in our collection. At the same time I am working to get a better idea of how we can use current digital technology to preserve the paper archives that are the vast majority of our collection.
2. My second and maybe most pressing goal is to research and bring my finds to the group about faster and higher quality scanning options than my HP all-in-one printer, scanner and fax machine that I am using at this time.
3. My third goal is to pull together a display board for the Spring Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your AREA Archivist.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jami Camburn

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**Assembly Coordinator: Mary Sk (acting)*****We need a host district for Spring Assembly 2017. (as well as Fall 2018)***

History: 2012: Spring : 10,11,20 Fall: 7  
2013: Spring: 2,5,22 .... Fall: 11  
2014: Spring: 6 ..... Fall: 9, 21  
2015: Spring: 1 ..... Fall: 2  
2016 : Spring: 12 ..... Fall: 8

Looking ahead:

2017 : **Spring: ???** Fall: 10, 21  
2018: Spring: 19 .... **Fall: ???**

These are the districts that can please look at hosting again: If you have had a district group conscience and decided to host, please let me know.

Districts: 3,4,7,13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

I will also talk with the Mead Hotel about possibility of increasing our block of rooms for AWSC to 10.

Presently at 8.

Joy in service,  
Area 61 Assembly Coordinator

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**CONVENTION COORDINATOR – MARY S**

Already busy in Oct. 2015 securing venue for Al-Anon Convention

Date: **Oct. 20-22, 2017**

Place: **Chula Vista Convention Center Wis. Dells, WI**

Convention Chairpersons: Cathy Trojan and Ann Jennings

Convention Program and Speakers Chair: Carol Vandenberg

We toured this venue and another. Chula Vista is proving to be most generous with our primary purpose, will provide us with all their best facilities and is giving us a great rate on hotel rooms.

The Convention Committee is hoping to meet during Spring AWSC.

We do have a growing list of volunteers willing to step up to facilitate the various aspects of putting on a convention.

Please spread the word and mark your calendars in ink😊

Your Convention Coordinator

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**Group Records – Sandi Hanamann**

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**LITERATURE COORDINATOR – ARLA P:****SUMMARY:**

I have placed my first CAL order! At AWSC, the question arose regarding insurance coverage of the materials while stored at my house as well as when they're being transported to other locations. I did some initial leg work but found that it would be necessary for the Area Treasurer to make any contractual arrangements with an insurance carrier. I contacted Stacy S. and requested her help in following through with investigating the possibility of insurance coverage for CAL. We have an inventory of about \$8.000 at this time so covering potential loss, if possible, would be prudent. Also at AWSC, Jaye R. and Milette K. volunteered to pick up any late orders from the LDC as a means of avoiding shipping and handling expenses. Thanks, ladies!

I provided CAL for the Cabin Fever Workshop in Menasha, WI. I appreciated the friendly people I met and I believe they were pleased with the materials I provided for the workshop. I appreciated their patience as I learn the 'tricks of the trade' as Literature Coordinator.

**PROJECTS/GOALS:**

The Literature Task Force expressed they'd like to see the Literature Coordinator take on the role of not only selling Conference Approved Literature but also educating members (as well as the general public who might attend events) about the resources we have available or giving tidbits of information regarding specific CAL. That sounds like a good goal for which to strive! As a result, here is the first attempt at sharing information that you might not have been aware of in a special section I'll call:

**Did You Know...** The early 1950's family groups that met when their loved ones were attending AA meetings initially called themselves NAA (Non-Alcoholics Anonymous) groups. Ruth G. started a magazine, "The Family Forum", for family members to link those groups in the San Francisco area and discussed with Lois W. the possibility of writing a book for non-alcoholics but that idea didn't materialize. Ruth G. continued writing her magazine but in 1954 Margaret D. took over as editor and Ruth gave permission to Margaret to use the name "Family Forum". This first family group magazine was the forerunner of all the FORUMs that were to follow!\* Have you purchased or renewed a subscription to "The Forum", the monthly magazine of Al-Anon Family Groups? Have you shared your own Al-Anon experience in "The Forum" in order to keep this valuable recovery tool thriving? If you're a history buff, you may find Lois Remembers to be fascinating reading!

\*Taken from First Steps- Al-Anon...35 Years of beginnings pg 25. This book is out of print and is no longer available.

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**Public Outreach – George B**

1. With this chair position vacant for the last year, the first goal has been to evaluate the recent past projects and determine which should be continued and which disbanded:
  - a. Online newsletter – A few samples can be found on the Area website
  - b. "Drip email" campaign to helping professionals – An external entity, Vertical Response, was assisting in the management of email lists and periodic outreach, via emails, to agencies that may benefit from knowing about Al-anon
  - c. Radio/TV PSAs – WSO distributes PSAs to radio and television stations in Area 61 already. Follow-up by members in our Area is essential.
  - d. Presentation Toolbox – PowerPoint presentations targeted to Educators, Law Enforcement, and Healthcare have been developed and put up on the website. The PO committee is working on a handbook, a script of sorts, to support Area members in making presentations to the above groups within each of our Districts.
  - e. AFG Connects – An online community of Al-anon members in Public Outreach across the county (and around the world?).
2. Develop a Mission Statement for our committee. At the spring AWSC we collaborated and accepted:
  - a. *To Encourage and Empower all members to participate in increasing the visibility of Al-anon through the use of provided Public Outreach Tools.*
  - b. The committee felt strongly that Public Outreach starts at the group and district levels. The most effective outreach is local. Our committee will support the groups and districts with tools, encouragement and assistance by example, and we will remain a place to start (point of contact) for outside agencies seeking information, but the responsibility will be passed to the districts.

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**WEB SITE COORDINATOR – ELIZABETH S:**

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