

CenterPoint

Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service

From the MAIS Office



The Office is now open without restrictions and several members have stopped in to purchase literature. Recently, we shipped three large orders, and donations continue to come in.

WSO is behind in processing orders and our customer service representative can't predict when they will be caught up.

Our great volunteer, Susan E., sanitized the office to keep things safe. We will continue to do this on a regular basis.

Some meetings are changing from virtual to face-to-face. As the information comes to us, we will forward these changes to Charles, our Webmaster, for updating on the MAIS website.

At our June MAIS Board Meeting, we voted to cancel the regularly scheduled July MAIS Meeting. We look forward to reconvening via Zoom on September 8 at 7:30 PM.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and support.

Save the Date!

August 11, 2021

MAIS Board Meeting
Zoom ID: 245 077 3085
Passcode: 004932

August 14-15, 2021

43rd GA Al-Anon/Alateen Convention
Virtual Event, [Register Here](#)

August 21, 2021

Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Conference

September 8, 2021

MAIS ISR Meeting
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September 18-19, 2021

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June 3-5, 2022

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Al-Anon Membership Survey Is Open Now!



2021 Al-Anon Membership Survey **Is Open!**

Available in English,
Spanish, and French.

Take the survey:
al-anon.org/membersurvey

Participation in Al-Anon surveys by all members, regardless of length of membership in the program, level of involvement in service work, or any other factor, is of the utmost importance in helping to develop and evaluate programs that will strengthen and grow the Al-Anon Family Groups.

Involvement in Al-Anon surveys is also considered service work and is greatly valued as we seek to reach out to those who are dealing with the effects of someone else's alcoholism but haven't yet found help in Al-Anon. Survey results are used in communicating with professionals who are in a position to refer patients and clients to Al-Anon. Results of surveys are also used to improve communication with the membership.

From time to time, the WSO is also approached by outside researchers who are requesting assistance in their research on friends and families of alcoholics. The WSO Policy Committee approved a procedure for determining whether Al-Anon cooperation in researchers' projects will benefit Al-Anon. The policy ensures that our cooperation with researchers complies fully with Al-Anon's

Traditions Six (non-endorsement of outside enterprises), Eleven (public relations based on attraction rather than promotion), and Twelve (protection of anonymity). A copy of the Research Cooperation Policy can be found [here](#).

The Survey Is:

- Conducted every three years since 1985.
- Open from **June 16, 2021 to July 27, 2021**.
- Available to all Al-Anon members, ages 18+ years—regardless of time in the program.
- Available in English, Spanish, and French.
- Short enough to be taken in 15 minutes.
- Mobile-friendly.

The Survey Is Not:

- Collecting personal information.
- Breaking members' anonymity.

Visit al-anon.org/membersurvey to take the survey today!

MAIS Secretary's Report



My name is Ann F. and I am the new MAIS Secretary. My home group is Solutions Seekers at NABA on Thursday nights.

If you are an Alternate GR or a Literature Chair for your home group, please join us. We now hold our meetings via Zoom on the second Wednesday of odd months so it's easy to show up. We had a record turnout for our last MAIS ISR Meeting on May 12, 2022! Thanks everyone for joining us!

We won't be having a July ISR meeting. Meetings will resume in September!

Here's a re-cap from our May meeting:

- Treasurer's Report dated April 23, 2021 was shared with the group.
- Nancy noted that selling literature is a service, but not a money making venture. Prudent reserve is important to allow us to pay our lease (which goes until May, 2022). Treasurer's Report accepted.
- Minutes from April Board meeting were read and passed.
- No Board Chair Report
- MAIS Chair report- Nancy doing the job. Volunteer needed for this position.
- Alateen chair – Adrian not present. Look in Center Point as Alateens are needing donations. If teens are looking for meetings, they can email the AMIAS for more information. AMIAS training is ongoing.
- Archives chair- an open position

- CenterPoint editor – Shannon will send the CenterPoint out this evening. She shared the CenterPoint with the group. It looks awesome!!
- InReach Chair – Nancy rallying support for MAIS.
- Area Liaison – Tim reported. Virtual Assembly this weekend. Sept Assembly – 18th virtual, 19th face to face; GA Al-anon/Alateen Convention will be Aug 14-15 and will be virtual. AMIAS recertification going on now. New e-book version of How Al-anon Works on WSO website.
- MAIS Office and Literature Chair – Mamie reported: reopened MAIS Office on May 4. All going well. Some literature has been ordered.
- Website Chair – Charles reported that update requests have been completed. Has access to e-commerce section. He is researching how to add shipping to website. He will consult with Mamie and Keith. He will bring it to Board for discussion. Nancy indicated that some meetings are coming back to face to face. Nancy would like that information to be added to the website. Keep us posted!
- -Nancy asked that everyone check the website to see if their meeting information is correct. If not, there is a form to complete to update that information.
- Public Outreach Chair – this position is vacant. Get in touch with Nancy if interested. Suzanne might be interested.
- MAIS Anniversary Party Chair- This position is vacant. Talk to your groups to see if they'd like to help.
- Old Business:
 - MAIS Thought Group. We are drafting a survey for each district. We are working on job descriptions and looking at the MAIS Mission to make sure we are on point and current.
 - Picnic discussed again. Either face to face or hybrid. Thinking about Glen Lake Park. April will take it back to her group.

Ann F.
MAIS Secretary

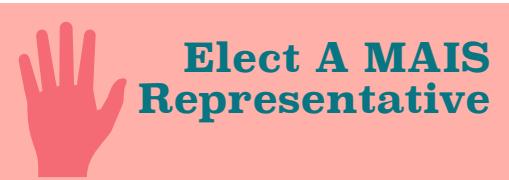
“Alcoholism, the Family Disease” (P-4)—Happy 60th Anniversary!



Here are some interesting facts about one of the first Al-Anon pamphlets published as Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in 1961 . . .

designated as Conference Approved Literature: *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (P-4) and *The Twelve Steps and Traditions* (P-17).

- The new version of *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (P-4) was “a happy merger from the Literature Committee” that combined new material developed by the Literature Committee with the title and some sections from the Kentucky group, and additional content from the *Triple A Family Groups* booklet from Arizona.
- When first printed, the “Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon” was titled, “Three Enemies of Al-Anon.”
- The pamphlet was revised in 2005 to include an adult child’s story that had been removed from *Al-Anon Sharings from Adult Children* (P-47) when that pamphlet was revised.



As your group continues to adapt in 2021, please remember to **select a MAIS representative**. Each group in the Metro-Atlanta area should elect a MAIS Representative (or Alternate Group Rep) to represent their groups at MAIS business meetings where the groups share Al-Anon related information. MAIS business meetings are currently being held virtually on the second Wednesday of every odd-numbered month from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm.

MAIS Representatives:

- Act as liaisons between their groups and MAIS
- Vote on all matters of MAIS business (each group has one vote)
- Report to their groups on motions passed at MAIS meetings
- Take announcements back to their groups
- Ensure their groups have copies of the CenterPoint
- Help plan and host the MAIS anniversary celebration

See more information on serving as a MAIS Rep [here](#).

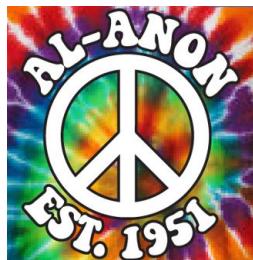
As MAIS currently serves over 200 groups we hope to have a FULL zoom room for our next meeting, **Wednesday, September 8!!**

Zoom Meeting ID: 245 077 3085
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43rd Al-Anon/Alateen Convention

43rd Annual GA Al-Anon/Alateen Convention With AA Participation

70 Years STRONG!



Spiritual Awakening
Traditions, Steps and Concepts
Recovery
One Day at a Time
New Way of Living
Gratitude

**Saturday and Sunday
August 14-15, 2021
virtual With No Registration Fee.**

[Make a Convention Contribution Here!](#)
[Register Here!](#)

Confirmed Speakers:

Bessie L. - Easley, SC
Mary Pearl T. - N. Little Rock, AR
Angie B. - Destin, FL
Darin H. (AA) - Albany, GA

Confirmed Workshop Facilitators:

Ellen C - Addison, TX
Anu B - Matthews, NC
Debi C - Daleville, AL
Cindy J - Tallahassee, FL
JP and Jeanie M - Marietta, GA
Vicki L - Atlanta, GA
Fozia K - Peachtree City, GA

[Find The Schedule Here](#)

**Entertainment:
Saturday Night Fever
Dance Party!**

The 43rd Annual Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention with AA Participation promises to be an exciting and fun time. We will be celebrating 70 years of Al-Anon as we meet together in virtual rooms. You will not want to miss one single moment!

The speakers have been gathered from around the United States, and you are in for a treat as you listen to them share their Experience, Strength, and Hope with all of us. Additionally, the workshops are all

designed with you in mind. Whichever rooms you decide to join, you will find yourself truly uplifted.

You will also not want to miss the fun that has been planned throughout the convention. We will laugh together, spend time socializing together, and yes, even dance together across the miles.

Hurry and make your reservations now as space is limited. We look forward to seeing you there. Visit ga-al-anon.org/events to register.



Update your Group Meeting Info

Volunteers at each level of service rely on updated meeting information to guide newcomers to online and face-to-face meetings. Please update your group meeting information at the MAIS website, alanonatl.org/meetinginfo, and at the Area website, www.ga-al-anon.org/meetings/group-registration-change-form. Denise, the Area Group Records Coordinator, will submit those changes to the WSO in the same manner in which she has submitted group changes in the past.

2022 Alateen Conference



The 2022 Alateen Convention will be held **June 3-5, 2022** at Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Contact Kathy S. at 22Alateen@gmail.com, 678-477-1195 if you have questions or want to participate in any way. We are looking for fundraising, hospitality, transportation, and registration chair positions just to name a few!

Announcements

- **In-Town Teen AFG**, is looking for donations. Please contact **Leslie S.** at leslieschulgen@gmail.com for further information.
- The Group Representatives of District 9 and the **2022 Pine Isle Fellowship Committee** have elected **Keith F.** as their **2022 Pine Isle Fellowship Chair**. Keith may be contacted at pineislefellowshipchair2022@gmail.com

- The **2022 Pine Isle Fellowship Committee** is in need of Al-Anon members to fill the following service positions. Please contact Keith at pineislefellowshipchair2022@gmail.com for more information:

- **Alateen Liaison**
- **Literature Chair**
- **Raffle Chair**
- **Voice (MC)**

M.A.I.S. Needs You

Metro Atlanta Al-Anon Alateen Information Service
Spring 2021 Volunteer Appeal



Service Positions Up For Grabs!

Anniversary Party Chair

Plans, recruits and organizes the MAIS Anniversary Dinner Committee and helps to develop an evening of fun and fellowship.

Archives Chair

Compiles historical records of MAIS and collects artifacts and records for scrapbook and/or other receptacles.

M.A.I.S. Chair

Plans and organizes with the Executive Committee all MAIS ISR meetings. Calls any required special meetings. Facilitates corporation among members

to serve Metro-Atlanta Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups. Keeps apprised of all MAIS activity. Serves on the Executive Committee and Board.

Public Outreach Chair

Assists groups and districts in providing Al-Anon/Alateen information to the public and the professional community; initiates and develops Public Information projects; maintains a speaker list for use in metro Atlanta. Coordinates efforts among groups, districts, and public institutions; helps the DRs set up new Institutions Groups; visits institutional meetings and aids in resolving group problems and applying Traditions to all functions.

Contact maisinreach@gmail.com to express your interest in these positions.

**Speak up!
We want to
hear YOU!**

Let us know what's going on in your neck of the woods! We are seeking information on your meeting format(s), upcoming events, and sharings of your experience, strength and hope to be included in the next CenterPoint. Email CenterPointATL@gmail.com with questions, comments, and submission ideas!



Find a Meeting

For a list of electronic Al-Anon meetings, temporarily closed meetings, as well as re-opened in-person meetings please visit alanonatl.org or ga-al-anon.org

MAIS FAQ

Learn more about MAIS and stay up to date on all events and announcements by visiting alanonatl.org regularly!

The MAIS Intergroup Service Representative meetings are held on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months, and are currently being held virtually. A representative from each group in the Greater Atlanta Area is encouraged to attend. The next ISR meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on **Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30PM**. Please send the email address for your group's MAIS Representative or Alternate GR to maisboardchair@gmail.com, or update your Group's Contact Information at alanonatl.org for more information about the meeting. **Zoom Meeting ID: 245 077 3085, Passcode: 004932**

MAIS Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of even numbers months, and are currently being held virtually. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held **Wednesday, August 11 at 7:30PM**. All MAIS board members and Alternate DRs are encouraged to attend this meeting. Contact maisboardchair@gmail.com, or update your Group's Contact Information at alanonatl.org for more information. **Zoom Meeting ID: 245 077 3085, Passcode: 004932**

GA Al-Anon's Literature Distribution Center:

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS)
737 Riverside Drive Lane
Macon, GA 31201
Telephone: 478-254-3414
E-mail: orderlit1@gmail.com
Website: www.ga-al-anon.org
Make checks payable to: GACS

GA Al-Anon:

AFG of Georgia Inc.
PO Box 7644
Macon, GA 31209-7644
Make checks payable to AFG of GA, Inc

***When making contributions to Al-Anon service arms,
please include the name of your group, your group number,
and your district number.**

AI-Anon's World Service Office (WSO):

AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617
Group Info: 800-344-2666
Other: 757-563-1600
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm
Email: wso@al-anon.org
Website: www.al-anon.org
Make checks payable to: AFG, Inc.

MAIS Address and Phone:

558 Medlock Road, Suite C
Decatur, GA 30030
Literature Orders / Office: 404-687-0467
Hours: Tue 10:00-6:00, Thu 10:00-4:00, Fri 10:00-4:00, 1st & 3rd Sat 10:00-4:00
Email: atlmaisoffice@gmail.com
Website: www.alanonatl.org
Make checks payable to MAIS