

**Fall Assembly  
South Congregational Church  
Hartford, CT  
November 1, 2014  
Our Spiritual Principals in Action - Voting**

**Opening Prayer - Chairperson, Sue G.**

The Assembly opened at 12:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Hosting were Districts 7 and 8. Marcia M., DR, District 7, and Amy A., ADR, District 8, welcomed all in attendance and thanked the many volunteers helping make the Assembly a success.

**Roll Call - Secretary, Donna C.**

Absent: Donna S., DR District 2, Susan G., ADR District 3, Kimberly G., DR District 4, Pam M., ADR District 4, Janet W., ADR District 9, Megan H., ADR District 11, Diane H., Archives Coordinator, Lifeline Coordinator Kim C, Pat R., Public Outreach Coordinator, Ronnie S., Fall Workshop Chair.

Guests : Gerry V., Past Delegate Panel 24, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Miguel C., Past Delegate 39, Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48., Rita C., Past Delegate Panel 51, Deborah C., WSO Public Outreach Chair.

**Opening Remarks - Area Chairperson, Sue G.**

Sue reminded us that we have come together to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen and remembering to incorporate our Legacies. Our Delegate Ann B. will report to us on the World Service Conference at WSO. You as GRs, will report back to your groups. Please remember that gossip and criticism have no place in our program.

**Secretary's Report - Area Secretary, Donna C.**

No corrections offered.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the 2014 Spring Assembly as presented was made by Kathy GR in District 8, and seconded by Donna C., GR in District 7.

Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

**Treasurer's Report - Area Treasurer, Carol D.**

The Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed. The current Reserve Fund balance is \$22,287.09. Area funds for September 2014:

Balance Forward:	\$16,183.47
Income:	\$ 2,515.60
Expenses:	<u>\$ 1,378.24</u>
Closing Balance:	\$17,320.83

Area funds for October 2014

Balance Forward:	\$17,320.83
Income:	\$ 3,001.46
Expenses:	<u>\$ 3,755.27</u>
Closing Balance	\$16,567.02

Motion made by Holly, GR in District 8, seconded by Nancy, GR in District 7, to accept the report as presented. The motion carried with substantial unanimity.

**Alternate Delegate's Report - Stacie V.**

Stacie thanked the members of Districts 3, 8, 10, and 11 for their service and encouraged other members to step up for service.

**Delegate's Report - Ann B.**

Ann encouraged all to review the updated guidelines for GRs, DRs, and running of District meetings.

The 2015 WSC will be held April 19 - 23, 2015 in Virginia Beach, Va. The conference theme is "Our Spiritual Principles in Action: Expanding our Vision".

We were reminded that the newcomer's welcome (As a newcomer you may think that you are here for the alcoholic...), was rescinded by WSO in 2004.

The TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) event will be held October 3, 2015.

**Announcements - Sue G.**

Procedural guidelines for Assembly reports were reviewed.

**Spring Assembly Report - DR District 7, Marcia M.**

The Assembly brought 149 members together, including 9 Alateens and 10 Past Delegates. The seed money was returned to the Area with an unexpected return of \$538.48.

A \$500.00 contribution was collected and sent to WSO.

**Website Coordinator Report - Ruth S.**

The website was reviewed with visual aids. It is being update regularly. Work is in progress to make it easier to navigate.

**Schedules Coordinator Report - Ron S.**

The November 2014 schedules have been distributed. They are also available on our website in PDF form and can be downloaded.

We were reminded of the importance of keeping Group Records updated to ensure the schedules remain current.

**Spanish Liaison Report - Cindy P.**

The Spanish groups are holding workshops on the Service Manual. Cindy thanked everyone for the service opportunity.

**Public Outreach Coordinator - Dave T. for Pat R.**

The Public Outreach participation at the NBC Health and Wellness Fair in September was a big success. Al-Anon bookmarks were placed into the welcome bags and distributed at the door.

The price of the table rental will be returned as we are non-profit.

Literature was also handed out during an outdoor event at Bushnell Park.

Next event will be the Fairfield Women's Expo in Stamford on April 25-26, 2015 at the Stamford Plaza Hotel.

**Voice, Vote and Procedures - Sue G.**

A review of procedures during the Assembly was presented.

**Redistricting Proposal - DR District 7, Marcia M.**

The Waterbury Thursday Night AFG Meeting has moved to a new site in Prospect which is in District 2.

Both Districts have discussed and voted to incorporate the town of Prospect into District 7.

Motion: To allow District 7 to include the town of Prospect, made by Marcia M., DR District 7 and seconded by Sue G., ADR District 2  
Motion carried with 5 abstentions.

**Delegate's Breakout - Ann B.**

How can we make Al-Anon stronger and healthier for the next generation?

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**Convention 2015 - Sue G2.**

Sue G., and Gail L., presented a skit promoting attendance at the Convention.

**Serenity Breakfast - Gail L.**

To be held January 18, 2015.

**LDC Finance Report - Michael C., Finance Committee Chair**

Grafts were presented reviewing sales history, fourth quarter sales history, and cash on hand. Michael reported that the LDC is caring a \$15,000.00 inventory.

**Literature Distribution Center Report - Marie B., Manager**

Marie provided the Assembly members with two copies of the current LDC order forms. Review of pricing costs and suggestions for money savings when ordering literature was also provided. LDC hours of operation were reviewed and a call for volunteers was made.

**Board of Directors Report - Pat S., Chair**

A review of the Boards' purpose and introduction of Board members was made. The LDC Thought Force Committee has completed its' work and a Task Force has been assembled to follow up on recommendations made. The Area insurance policies have been reviewed, new quotes accepted, and policies have been streamlined. The Board has voted to accept policies that avoid duplication of services and extend coverage for directors and officers. The process and requirements for submitting resumes to the Board of Directors was reviewed and written copies were provided. Members are encouraged to contact the BOD members with question/concerns.

**Voice, Vote and Procedures Reminder - Sue G.**

Sue reminded Assembly members of voice and vote procedures.

**2015 Budget - Carol D.**

Carol read from the Conflict Resolution Cards on Tradition Two. Common questions on the budget were reviewed, including explanations for equalized expenses, NERD expenses, and AA events line item.

Motion - CT Area Al-Anon Budget for 2015 be approved as presented was made by Ellie L., GR proxy for Sunday Night Waterbury Group, and seconded by Tallie., GR in District 8.  
Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Archives Coordinator Report - Diane H.**

No report.

**Alateen Coordinator Report - Dave T.**

The state currently has 18 Alateen meetings; three of those are in schools. Dave put out a call for new Alateen sponsors, and more new meetings.

**Answering Service Coordinator Report - Aileen D.**

Aileen explained that although the Area has hired a company to answer incoming calls from the 800 number, the calls are then passed along to Al-Anon member volunteers. She is in the process of updating the volunteer call back list. Aileen has provided the DR's with copies of the call back guidelines and blank volunteer call back lists. She encouraged the membership to become part of this service.

**AAPP Report - Steven I.**

Steven reviewed his service role and encouraged adult participation. Aileen is now on Facebook.

**Final Announcements.**

Sue G., Area Chairperson - Please help clean up after the closing.

Carol D., Area Treasurer - Remember the budget meeting is held in August. Please return extra contribution envelopes to DRs who will return to her.

Ruth S., Website Coordinator - Submit group records changes (GR-1) to Group Records Coordinator @ [GroupRecords@ctalanon.org](mailto:GroupRecords@ctalanon.org) DRs and Coordinators send new e-mails to Website Coordinator.

Pauline K., DR District 10 - Thanks to all of today's volunteers, and Aileens for support.

Motion was made by Amy A., GR in District 8 and seconded by Donna C., GR in District 7 to close the Spring Assembly.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Spring Assembly was closed at 2:55 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Collette  
Area Secretary