

**Spring Assembly
South Congregational Church
Hartford, CT
June 13, 2015
*Living Our Spiritual Principles - Expanding Our Vision***

Opening Prayer, Sue G., Chairperson

Assembly opened at 12:30 PM with the Serenity prayer.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Districts 11 and 12 hosted this Assembly. Janet P., DR District 11 and Betsy N., DR District 12, welcomed all in attendance and thanked the many volunteers helping make the Assembly a success.

Roll Call - Donna C., Area Secretary

Absent from the Spring Assembly were: Martha N., ADR District 1, Kimberley G., DR District 4, Irene P., ADR District 5, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Carol F., ADR District 12, and Steven I., AAPP. Guests present: Gerry V., Past Delegate Panel 24, MaryAnn R., Past Delegate Panel 27, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Kary L., Past Delegate Panel 34, Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36, Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Rita C., Past Delegate Panel 51, Joan C., Regional Trustee, Pat S., Chair of the Board Connecticut Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc, Craig W., AA Delegate.

Opening Remarks - Sue G., Area Chair

We were reminded that we have assembled to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen in accordance with our Legacies. As much information was to be provided by our Delegate and Area service arms, we were encouraged to keep both purpose and time constraints in mind. In addition to these reports, we were privileged to have our Regional Trustee, Joan, with us. Sue reminded all gathered that gossip and criticism have no place here.

Secretary's Report - Donna C., Area Secretary

No corrections were offered.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the 2014 Fall Assembly as presented was made by Maureen G., GR in District 7, seconded by Marcia M., DR District 7. The Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Carol D., Area Treasurer

Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed, the current Reserve Fund balance is \$22,289.66. Area funds as of

Balance Forward:	\$21,903.73
Income:	\$ 2,682.03
Expenses:	<u>\$ 5,088.82</u>
Closing Balance:	\$19,496.94

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Amy A., DR District 8, seconded by Liz, GR District 9. The motion carried unanimously.

Alternate Delegate's Report - Stacie V.

Stacie thanked everyone for their service. She continues to facilitate DR Discussion groups and visit individual District Meetings.

Announcements.

Sue G., Area Chairperson reviewed the procedural guidelines for Assembly reports. Aimee L., Literature Coordinator - Please check the information board on "The Forum" at the break. The red raffle ticket given out at registration is a drawing for 3 Forum subscriptions.

Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36 & Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42 - Quick reference guides are available today for \$2.00/copy.

Ron S., Schedules Coordinator - November 8, 2015 the longest running meeting in the state, Monday Night New Haven AFG will be hosting a 60th Anniversary Meeting on November 8, 2015. This is the longest running AFG meeting in Connecticut.

Ann B., Area Delegate - Love gifts are available on the back table.

Delegates Report - Ann B.

Ann began by reading a letter set to her at the World Service Conference from a Fairfield Al-Anon member.

Her trip to WSO began with her participation on a task force about "Creating ways to raise awareness of the tools available to Alateen" and a Conference committee to vote on incoming Trustees at large.

She reviewed the upcoming Meet the Board event to be held in Newfoundland in July 2015 and two upcoming International conventions, AA International to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Al-Anon International to be held in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018.

The WSO budget was approved with a \$52,000 shortfall. It is suggested that each registered group contribute \$252/yr. The reserve fund is less than one year's operating expense because WSO has borrowed from this fund. WSO assures us that no services will be cut for the membership.

Connecticut donated \$24,442 last year with 63.9% of registered groups contributing.

CT Lifeline Coordinator - Margaret G.

Margaret has created an on-line only one page issues for Anniversaries. Please encourage your groups to submit fliers early.

The Lifeline currently costs .30 cents/copy to print. At 8 issues per year a significant budget surplus exists.

Please continue to encourage individual members and groups to send submissions for publication.

CT Board of Directors - Pat S.

Pat reviewed what the Board is, what it does (and does not do), and current members. She reviewed the areas the Board has been working on and how information is gathered and disseminated. We were encouraged and reminded how to contact her with questions or concerns.

CT LDC Manager - Marie B.

Thanked everyone for pre-ordering Literature and to pick up orders before 2 PM.

CT LDC Finance Committee Treasurer - Michael C.

Michael reviewed the 2014 income and expense report and provided first quarter review as well as a 2014/2015 year to date comparison.

2014	Total Income	\$58,465.00
2014	Total Expenditure	<u>\$54,954.00</u>
2014	Net Income	\$ 3,512.00

CT Convention 2015 - Sue G.

Sue reported attendance was down from previous years despite a lower registration cost. The Convention did however return the seed money and additional \$192.60 to the Area.

CT Convention 2016 - Chair Gail L., Co-Chair Amy A.

Gail announced that the 2016 Convention will be held on April 1, 2, and 3, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. Committees are forming and planning meetings will start in September.

Amy encouraged all to participate in the theme contest for this convention.

Regional Trustee - Joan S.

Joan began by thanking our Area Delegate and Area members for inviting her to this Assembly.

She remarked about how wonderful it is to see Al-Anon Family Groups working so well everywhere she travels.

Joan shared some of her personal story with us and explained the process for becoming a Trustee and her responsibilities as a Trustee.

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CT Area Dreams - Break out session

The Assembly members broke up into smaller groups for discussion. Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen Family groups dream of:

More diversity.

More members stepping up for service.

Al-Anon/Alateen growth.

More Public Outreach in the state.

Creation of a Spanish District.

Increased Alateen participation.

Increased availability for special needs members.

Increased LGBT participation.

Couples meetings.

The basket was passed for WSO donations and \$740.20 was collected.

Delegates Report - Ann B.

The Forum Advisory Committee introduced a motion to reprint Forum articles, making them Conference Approved Literature. The conference members voted to approve the motion.

Sharings are still needed for the new book on Intimacy.

CT Forum/Literature Coordinator - Aimee L.

Aimee requested members consider bringing old Forums to your meetings to offer to newcomers and to use a topic material.

She is looking for some Districts to host a writing workshop to support the creation of a new daily reader. Try including a bit of description about yourself in your writing.

Thus far WSO has received 1130 sharings for the book on Intimacy and only 216 for the new daily reader.

Aimee reminded all that the Conflict Resolution tools are available in English, Spanish, and French.

2014 Fall Assembly Report - Pauline K.

Pauline reported 147 members were in attendance, including many Past Delegates. Seed money was returned to the Area Treasury along with an unexpected return of \$535.03

Delegates Report - Ann B.

TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members), a joint time when an Area and WSO members come together and share experience, strength, and hope. Four TEAM workshops are planned this year and Connecticut is one of them.

The new AFG connects will replace e-communities in October 2015.

Ann reported that 8,517 members participated in the membership survey. Results are posted on the WSO website.

Discussion continues on Understanding Universal Recovery and updating the wording for Concepts 8 and 11.

Two conference agenda items were chosen by the Delegates. First was how to clarify our primary purpose while welcoming newcomers who may have an addiction issue in a family member or friend. Second item for discussion was, Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of Alateen.

CT TEAM Chair & Co-chair - Ann T-V., Mary Ann R.

The WSO members participating in this event were announced along with the three topics that had been requested by the Area. The committee will be working hard to make this event a success for all. This is a pre-registration only event. Ann has asked for member assistance on the day of the event.

CT Alateen Coordinator - Dave T.

Dave reported great Alateen turnout and participation at this years' Convention and CAWW.

We were reminded that there are no Alateen meetings in Districts 8, 9, or 10. Alateen sponsorship was encouraged.

CT AAPP - Steven I.

No report.

Delegates Report - Ann B.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism will be out in September for Recovery Month. In 2014 347,000 copies were shared.

There is a new PSA, and you can also see it on Facebook under Al-Anon as we are also reaching out.

CT Public Outreach Coordinator - Pat R.

CT Public Outreach continues to reach out at health fairs, and by distributing literature to schools and public libraries throughout the state.

Delegates Report - Ann B.

Discussion and a motion to approve conversion of Lois's Story and Lois and the Pioneers (currently on VHS) to DVD for continued access of these pieces of film.

CT Archives Coordinator - Marcia M.

Motions made at the Area meetings from 2004 to present are currently being pulled together for archiving.

Other Business - Sue G.

Raffle winners for subscription to The Forum were announced.

Group Records Coordinator Terry F., announced that she has placed her report into the District baskets and asked all to review.

A motion was made by Marcia M., DR District 7 and seconded by Amy A., DR District 8 to close the Spring Assembly. The motion passed unanimously.

The Spring Assembly closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Collette
Area Secretary