

***Spring Assembly  
South Congregational Church  
Hartford, CT  
June 10, 2017  
“Our Members: Our Hope for the Future”***

**Opening Prayer, Stacie V., Chairperson**

The Assembly was opened at 12:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Welcome and Introductions – Debbie C., DR District 6 & Maureen C., DR District 7**

Kim and Vincent thanked everyone for attending the Assembly and those members who were helping with refreshments. They also provided introduction of the Past Delegates to the Assembly.

**Roll Call – Helen B., Area Secretary**

Absent from the Spring Assembly: Donna C., ADR district 7; Bruce G., Lifeline Coordinator; Ronnie S., Literature Coordinator. Guests present: Bob K., BOD chair.

**Opening Comments – Stacie V., Area Chairperson**

The purpose of the Spring Assembly is to present the report from the World Service Conference by the Delegate. Interim reports from the Area committees are also given.

**Secretary Report – Helen B., Area Secretary**

The minutes of the 2016 Fall assembly were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurers Report – Marcia M., Area Treasurer**

Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed, the current Reserve Fund balance is \$22,298.58 as of May 31, 2017. Interest on the Fund since its inception on 3/29/97 has been \$4,345.30.

Area funds as of May 1, 2017:

Balance Forward:	\$16,952.73
Income:	\$10,255.42
Expenses:	<u>\$ 2,214.91</u>
Closing Balance:	\$24,993.24

**Alternate Delegate Report – Sue G.**

Sue has visited District 5. She has meeting schedules for most of the districts and will post them on the members' page of the Area website. DRs should notify Sue if they want to continue the discussion groups that met in the past.

**Delegate Report – Gail L.**

This was her first World Service Conference; she was assigned to the Literature Committee. New delegates gave oral presentations from their breakout groups and outgoing delegates recorded farewell talks. There were Al-Anon meetings every morning at 6:00am. Gail thanks everyone who gave her love gifts to take to the WSC; she brought back gifts from other areas. In 2018 the WSC will be in Baltimore. In 2023 the WSC will be either in Albuquerque, Denver, or Seattle. She is proud of our Area for increasing our contributions in 2016 to help resolve the deficit at WSO. You can see how the money is spent at the WSO website:

[http://al-anon.org/members/wso/financial/item/185-how-your-\\$10-is-used](http://al-anon.org/members/wso/financial/item/185-how-your-$10-is-used). The Service Manual has been revised for clarity and will be available in early 2018, at a cost of \$5.50. The groups at work booklet will be \$1.00. Free copies will no longer be mailed to groups. The prayer on the 'Just for Today' bookmark will remain unchanged. Open and closed meetings will be discussed in the future. The ROAD TRIP! (formerly Meet the Board) will be Oct. 21 in Aurora, CO. The deadline to host the 2018 event is Sept. 15, 2017. There will be no TEAM event in 2018 due to the International Convention. Let Gail know if we are interested in applying to host the TEAM event in 2019 or the ROAD TRIP in 2018. WSO is soliciting resumes before Aug. 15, 2017, to fill vacancies. See Gail for further information. New literature is being prepared for future publication. The Forum still needs monthly contributions and also favorite articles for the Forum Book. A radio interview is available on the WSO website: user name is your group name, password is AFG, from the home page click 'WSO', then 'Inside the WSO', then 'History of the WSO and Al-Anon', then 'Archives', then 'Lois W. and the Pioneers Audio Interview'. We are encouraged to send "Happy Anniversary" to WSO for a special display for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Alateen.

#### **Announcements:**

**Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36 & Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42**– Quick reference guides are available for sale in the hallway outside the auditorium.

**Alateen** bake sale is at the back of the auditorium.

**Gail L., Delegate**- Lifeline coordinator has resigned. We need to think about the future of the Lifeline.

#### **Fall Assembly 2016 Report – Carol H., DR, District 4**

140 members attended, including 8 Alateens. There were 14 guests, including 3 AA members and 10 past Delegates. There were two workshops for GRs and DRs and their alternates to polish their skills.

#### **Alateen Coordinator Report – Elaine M.**

There are 19 Alateen meetings in Connecticut. CAWW was held from May 19-21, 2017. 33 teens and 29 sponsors/AMIAS attended. This event returned \$2500 seed money to the Area. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alateen will be celebrated on Oct. 15, 2017 at the Holy Spirit Church in Newington. Besides Facebook and Twitter, there is an Alateen chatroom for teen from 13 -18. Some group sponsors and AMIAS are reaching the end of their 6-yr. terms. Volunteers are appreciated.

#### **AAPP – Jackie B.**

She works closely with Elaine, the Alateen Coordinator to maintain group information and sponsor participation.

#### **BOD Report –Bob K., Chairman**

He is newly elected; two board members have ended their terms of service; volunteers are needed to replace them.

#### **Group Records Report –Ron S.**

The process for registering/updating meeting information was reviewed. So far this year 4 new meetings have registered and 5 meetings are now inactive.

**Breakout Session w/Skit** used printed material from WSO: Instant Meeting "Making Meetings about Money Easier, Spiritual Principles in Group Money Discussions"

**LDC Finance Treasurer- Ron S.**

Opening Balance 1/1/2017	\$27,491	
Income	\$17,971	
Expenses	\$18,749	
Account Balance 4/30/2017	\$26,713	account balance 1/1/2016 \$24,042

**LDC Manager – Marie B.**

She gave suggestions for saving money on orders. For those who think the MA LDC does not charge for shipping, they have a minimum PACKING charge of \$6. In addition to supplying literature, the CT LDC also provides storage space for archives and materials for events. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Public Outreach Report – Kerry for Mary Ann T.**

Currently, 10 of the 13 Districts have PO Coordinators.

Projects include donation of CAL literature to public and high school libraries, maintaining display racks at libraries, food banks, shelters, rehabs and family centers. PO has also participated in 6 health fairs. The billboard banner and two street posters have been spotted. Radio stations are being contacted and asked to play our PSAs. Four Al-anon members will be interviewed on the local radio station in Willimantic at 7:15 am on July 17, 2017.

**Spanish Liaison – Ester L.**

There are 10 meetings a week in Spanish in Connecticut. These meetings need support. We can provide translation at area events if needed. At the area level we organized Rompiendo Fronteras.

**Website Coordinator Report – Sue G2.**

Sue asked that event information be sent to [webmaster@ctalanon.org](mailto:webmaster@ctalanon.org). Schedule changes should be sent to [grouprecords@ctalanon.org](mailto:grouprecords@ctalanon.org). Website content was reviewed.

The Assembly closed at 3:50 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectively Submitted,  
Helen B.  
Area Secretary