

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**  
**To The Connecticut Area 7 World Service Committee**  
**MERIDEN, CT**  
**January 8, 2010**

Dear Friends:

Hello and I wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year! On Page 9 of our Service Manual it states: the message of the Al-Anon Family Groups is one of hope. The harmony and success of each group depends on shared responsibility, a warm spirit of fellowship and individual self-improvement. Al-Anon will always be what we its members make it.

A big hug and welcome smile to all the new GRs, DRs and Alternates. You are in for an adventure of a lifetime in serving your groups and working on the Traditions & Concepts in Service. Do you have a Service Manual?

Our World Service Conference Theme for 2010 is Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand our Circle of Hope sounds so exciting. I can't believe this is my last year as your Delegate in attending the World Service Conference. I am very grateful and honored to be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WSC. I am very excited to bring back to the Area what I learn at WSC and express our joys and concerns to them. Thank you all for loving me unconditionally and trusting in me to serve as your Delegate!

**WSO NEWS**

- Fiftieth World Service Conference – Theme: Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand our Circle of Hope continues to invade my computer with up to date information on preparing for the WSC in April. Love gifts are requested for me to bring from you or your groups to give as gifts to the other conference members of this worldwide fellowship. You may bring them to the next Area meeting in March or the March AFG Convention hospitality Room. There will be a love Gift table there where you can make arts & craft items or you may send a package, letter, or love gift to the Hotel after April 7<sup>th</sup>. Here is the address:

**Gina R., CT Panel 48**  
**(Hold for WSC 4/11 – 4/15, 2010)**  
**Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront**  
**5700 Atlantic Ave.**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

Thank you in advance for the creative love gifts – CT Rocks!

- Getting in touch with Al-Anon/Alateen (S-23) Pamphlet is ready for orders, 2010 edition. This is a world directory of Al-Anon information services/international groups and national offices.
- Our Two Newest Books – Please continue to increase awareness of opening our Hearts (B-29) and Discovering Choices (B-29). Sales for B-30 are lower than they were for B-29 in the same length of time, and both books have fallen behind in comparison to the introduction of other new books in the past. This is despite the fact that the subject matter of both books is applicable to all members.
- Forum Magazine subscriptions are up 10% since September. More members are needed to share their stories. How about you?
- Beginning in January 2010, several innovations regarding the blogs about the Legacies will take place. A new blog, “Using the Al-Anon Steps in our Personal Lives”, will be launched on both the Public Outreach and member's web sites. Members will need to protect their anonymity, as their sharing on this blog will be at the public level. The Traditions and Concepts blogs will continue to be available on the member's web site: [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members).
- Our PSA was announced recently during an episode of popular daytime soap opera “General Hospital.” The producers of General Hospital were very cooperative with the WSO in preparations for the December 29<sup>th</sup> story line. They altered their original script for an Al-Anon PSA to be integrated into the program. Thank you Public Outreach volunteers – Let it begin with me.

- In December the WSO sent all DRs a copy of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2010 (AFA 2010) Magazine along with a flyer and order form. Hopefully, working together with the Public Outreach Dept., this will motivate the districts and groups to join the fellowship AFA magazine outreach project. Has your district or group ordered them for your next P.O. project?

### **AREA NEWS**

- Welcome Deborah C. from Wolcott, our new Public Outreach Coordinator, voted in at our Area meeting in December, to start in January 2010. Special thanks to Betsy N. who is stepping down after 3 years of dedicated service.
- Announcing Ann B. from Newington, voted in at last month's Area meeting as our TEAM Chairperson. First meeting January 24, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell. More information in the flyer. Come celebrate the gift of love in service – volunteers needed.
- Hope to see you all at the Serenity Breakfast on January 17, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell. Volunteers are still needed for our CT AFG Convention to be held March 26-28<sup>th</sup> in Cromwell. Contact Bob C. at <[convention2010@ct-al-anon.org](mailto:convention2010@ct-al-anon.org)> to join the committee. Also, registration is on-line. Special thanks to Co-Chair Angela B. for research on the site location for Convention 2011 voted on at the December Area meeting to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, April 1-3, 2011.
- I would like to announce that I received from WSO that another group has registered in Connecticut. Keep coming and Building the Bridges, thanks to District 12.
- In conclusion, let the understanding, love and peace of the program grow in you one day at a time and let it begin with me. With great love and admiration for you, my friends. Connecticut keeps Rocking!

Love in Service,

Gina R., Delegate  
Panel 48, Connecticut

### **Upcoming Events**

- AFG Convention Serenity Breakfast – January 17, 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell
- NERD – New England Regional Delegate's Conference, March 12-14, 2010 at Mystic Best Western, Mystic, CT.
- CT AFG Convention 2010, "Serenity When? 2010", March 26-28, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 11 AA Round-Up "To Keep What You Have, You Have To Give It Away", David Wooster Middle School, Stratford, CT with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, April 11, 2010.
- World Service Conference "Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand Our Circle of Hope." April 11-15, 2010, Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 5700 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.
- Soberfest 2010 – June 4, 5 & 6 – AA Weekend Event with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation – Odetah Campgrounds, Bozrah, CT
- 2010 AA 75<sup>th</sup> International Convention, "A Vision For You", July 1-4, San Antonio, Texas with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation.
- Save the Date: TEAM Event, October 2 & 3, 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT.
- Save the Date – Al-Anon International Convention, July 5-7, 2013, Van Couver, British Columbia. More info TBA.
- World Service website: [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members).
- CT website: <http://www.ct-al-anon.org/members>