

**Delegate's Report  
To The  
Connecticut Area World Service Committee  
Meriden, CT  
March 5, 2010**

Dear Friends:

Hello and Come Celebrate! Embrace the Group Conscience to Expand Our Circle of Hope. This is the theme for our 50<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference which I am preparing to be an active participant, as your CT Delegate. This is my last year at Conference. WOW! Three years went by so fast. They say service keeps you busy and humble. I just finished submitting to WSO my 3 minute outgoing message to read at Conference and selecting two leadership workshops to go to at WSC. They are: 1) Embrace the Group Conscience, and 2) Celebrate Diversity – Understanding Ourselves and Others. The two chosen agenda topics that were picked by the Delegates are: 1) How can the members of the WSC develop an effective strategy that would bring Al-Anon Family Groups into the communities and cultures of specific minorities in the U.S. and Canada? If we are effective in reaching minority communities, what actions must we take as a fellowship to ensure that they remain as active members? And, 2) What do we do when members holding service positions are unable to effectively do the task of the position, and these deficits are negatively impacting the Area and potentially Al-Anon as a whole? How do we balance “being willing to serve” and possessing “necessary skills and talents” to be effective? Each topic will be discussed for 60 minutes and I am looking forward to a lively discussion! Any input from you, dear members, would be welcomed and embraced to take with me on the plane to WSC. I also have the pleasure of mentoring a new Panel 50 Delegate from Alabama, Vickie C. Sharing my experience, strength and hope with her and remembering my 1<sup>st</sup> year. I would like to do exactly what my WSC mentor, now past Delegate, Barbara W. from Ohio, Panel 46, did for me, “Embraced me with unconditional love and kindness.” Last, but not least, I have served on the Public Outreach Committee at WSO, all 3 years and loved it! Serving with other Delegates, Trustees and the WSO P.O. staff has enhanced my step 12 work. We have a luncheon meeting scheduled at Conference and have been working on several new P.O. projects. Oh yes, how could I forget, 2 comedy skits?? One is with all Panel 48 Delegates (22) and the other I was asked by the WSO Team Committee. I love to have fun in our fellowship – any chance I can and I know my higher power always has a way to help me with that. Again, thank you all for loving me unconditionally and trusting in me to serve as your Delegate! As you can see, I love it!

**WSO NEWS**

- Sixty-seven Area Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee members and WSO staff will meet in Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 11-15, for Al-Anon's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual WSC, Trusted Servants enjoy receiving mail from members and groups in their Areas while at Conference. Please send cards or love gifts to: **(Please plan to have them arrive after 4/7/10)**

**Gina R., CT Panel 48  
(Hold for WSC 4/11 – 4/15, 2010)**

**Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront**

**5700 Atlantic Ave.**

**Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

More info in Lifeline concerning love gifts for you to send to WSO or bring to the Convention or make that weekend in the hospitality room. Please read Lifeline update. I would love your support. Thanks to our Lifeline Editor, Sue G.2

- The WSO has received information from the producers of Hallmark Hall of Fame, about a TV movie about the Life of Lois W., Al-Anon's Co-Founder called, "When Love is Not Enough – The Lois Wilson Story" to be aired on CBS Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9pm. In keeping with Al-Anon's public relations policies, the WSO cooperates with outside entities, but does not endorse or affiliate with them. The information is provided to make members aware of forthcoming films that have the potential of increasing the public's understanding of alcoholism as a family illness and may encourage anyone concerned about someone else's drinking to seek help in AFG. Special activities are being planned by Public Outreach Committees. See Deborah, our Area Public Outreach Coordinator to find out what you or your group or district can do – "Let it Begin With Me."
- Our WSO Alateen Director, Mary Lou M. has announced the 4<sup>th</sup> power point training module, "Alateen Challenges" has arrived. There are 3 parts filled with information. See Wayne, our Alateen Coordinator for more information. Also new Alateen table display cards can be ordered from our LDC office and a new Public Outreach Alateen video will be released soon.
- In the Forum, CAL Corner, for January & March, there are articles about the book "As We Understood" (B-11) and in February they relate to Alateen – "Hope for Children of Alcoholics" (B-3). Members share how a particular piece of our literature has helped their recovery. Awesome articles! Why don't you take a look and do a meeting on an article? You're worth it!

### **AREA NEWS**

- CT AFG Convention – Serenity When? 2010 – March 26-28<sup>th</sup> in Cromwell. Still time to pre-register. The deadline is March 12<sup>th</sup>. Give yourself a gift!
- CTEAM Event – October 2 & 3, in Cromwell. Come celebrate our first team in CT – join a committee – check the flyer this month.
- NERD – New England Regional Delegate's Conference – March 12-14 in Mystic – being hosted by CT. This is a yearly event for all past and present Delegates and Trustees from 11 states. We come together to share our experiences, strengths and hope, as well as our concerns. We also listen to our Regional Trustee, Frank R. from Delaware give his update report from WSO. Taffy is our Chair and Kary is our Treasurer this year. They have been planning for months and I would like to thank them and their committees. I am very excited to go and also we will welcome the new Panel 50 Delegates from the New England states and help them prepare for Conference. CT keeps rocking!

In conclusion, I have to say (which I know I have said a lot this month) I have been busy traveling to many meetings and events with great pleasure and admiration for all of you doing service work on the Area, District and Group levels. I pray my Higher Power will remain close to me in my travels to NERD

and the WSC. I know I am not alone, I have all of you 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**

- NERD – New England Regional Delegate’s Conference, March 12-14, 2010 at Ramada Inn, Mystic, CT.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> 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, with CT 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.
- CAWW (Connecticut Alateen Workshop Weekend) – May 21-23, Camp Hazen, Chester, CT.
- Soberfest 2010 – June 4, 5, & 6 – AA Weekend Event with CT Al-Anon/Alateen Participation – Odetah Campgrounds, Bozrah, CT.
- Lois’ Picnic – Saturday, June 5, 2010, noon – 5pm - Home of Bill & Lois W. – 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Group Picnic, at Stepping Stones – Katonah, New York.
- Our CT Spring Delegate’s Assembly, Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – more to be announced.
- 2010 AA 75<sup>th</sup> International Convention, “A Vision For You”, July 1-4, San Antonio, Texas with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation.
- CT Annual AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT – Sept. 10-12, 2010.
- CTEAM Event, October 2 & 3, 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell.
- CT AFG Fall Assembly, Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – more information TBA.
- CSCYPAA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT – November 26-28, 2010.

- Save the Date – Al-Anon International Convention, July 5-7, 2013, Vancouver, 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>