

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**  
**To The Connecticut Area World Service Committee**  
**MERIDEN, CT**  
**August 27, 2010**

Dear Friends:

Hello! Hope you are enjoying the Summer months as much as I am. My favorite season is Summer. I am so grateful to be able to enjoy outside activities like swimming, picnics, and watching my rose garden bloom. The 12-Step Program of Al-Anon has given me my life back – One Day at a Time.

Our theme, “Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope,” was so inspiring at our Spring Assembly. To see our trusted servants involved in service singing, dancing, and celebrating 50 years of the World Service Conference was so loving to me. We really embraced our circle of hope by sharing and being present at our assembly. Thank you all for participating and bringing back to your groups my report on the WSC and all the new info from our Area’s trusted servants.

I would also like to mention once again the use of the KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) process to an informed group conscience. On page 12 & 13 of the 2010 World Service Conference Summary has an overview you can share at your meetings.

A summary of the four (4) essential elements are: 1. Open Communication between leadership & membership, 2. Dialogue before deliberation, 3. All decision makers will have common access to full information, 4. We exist in a culture of trust. I will continue visiting districts, groups, anniversaries, Committee meetings, etc. with the guidance of my Higher Power, sponsor, and many tools of the program.

**WSO NEWS**

- The 2011 World Service Conference theme is: Expanding our community of hope by embracing:
  - Yesterday’s Foundations
  - Today’s Successes
  - Tomorrow’s Possibilities

It will be held April 11-15, at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia followed by an Open House on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the WSO and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet dinner at the Virginia Convention Center that evening. More info to come.

- The Board met in Virginia Beach recently and welcomed four new Trustees: Paula B. – U.S. Southeast Regional Trustee (RT); Ann C. – Canada East (RT); Anne F. – U.S. Northeast (RT); Connie H., Trustee at Large (TAL); and one new At Large Member on the Executive Committee, Mary G.
- WSO has announced that Ten TEAM Events have been scheduled to date, including three of which were already held: one in New Mexico, one in Utah/Arizona, and one in Kansas.

- The IAGSM (International Al-Anon General Service's Meeting) will be held in Virginia Beach on October 6-9, 2010. Over 30 representatives from various General Services Offices (GSO) will be coming.
- The WSC (World Service Conference) Summaries have been delivered to my house and I brought them tonight to distribute to Area Officers, DRs and Coordinators, complimentary shipping from WSO. Hope you enjoy reading them and please encourage your districts or groups to order a supply for their members. A great tool to Communicate Recovery! It is also on the member's website from WSO. It is listed on (P-46), free with \$5 for shipping and handling.

### **AREA NEWS**

- **FIRST THINGS FIRST:** I would like to thank District 5 & 6 for hosting our Spring Assembly! Special thanks to Stacie, DR District 5 and Bob, DR District 6 for sharing their love for the program that day. The pot luck lunch was delicious and the day went by so smoothly with serenity.
- Special thanks also to Sue G., manager of the LDC office, & her volunteers to have the LDC office open that day for our members to buy CAL.
- The two AA Area Events – Soberfest 2010 and Romiendo Fronterar in June, both had Al-Anon & Alateen participation. Thank you, Dave T., our AA liaison, & your Committee for making each event fun & filled with a lot of hope, embracing Tradition 6.
- The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation Committee has been very busy this past summer. Hope to see you for a weekend of shared fellowship, September 10-12<sup>th</sup>, “The Joy is in the Journey” at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Check out the flyers and pre-register now.
- The 2011 AFG Convention Committee is forming and is having a theme contest due Sept. 1! First meeting is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1 P.M. at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell. Check flyers for details or it's on our website. Join the fun! Thank you – Angela B. – Chair and Sam C. – Co-chair, for stepping up in service.
- Our TEAM Event (Together Empowering Al-Anon Member) will be held Oct. 2 & 3, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Come celebrate our first TEAM in CT. Registration is on our website. More info from Ann B., Chair & Kary L., Co-chair @ Spirit of CT@ ct-al-anon.org. I am very excited about this unique experience with the World Service Office visiting CT.
- At the Fall Assembly, Nov. 6, 2010 the GRs will be voting on the 2011 Budget and election of new Area Officers. The DRs will be bringing back the tentative Budget to their district meetings to review with the GRs. The GRs will be bringing back the information to the groups for open discussion – using KBDM tools. Each group before the Nov. Assembly will vote on approval or disapproval of the Budget for 2011 by having informed group consciences. The GRs will bring back the decisions from their groups and vote at the November Assembly. At our Area Meeting in October the DRs may bring back new suggestions from the groups to make budget changes before November. Trust the process. Any questions can be directed to Ann B., our Treasurer, through your DR. Thank you Ann for your dedication to serve as our Treasurer & for Chairing our Budget Committee meeting in August.

As for our election of new area officers and rotation of service for panel districts 4, 5, 6, 12, & 13 plus some area coordinators – the higher power is at work among us. I believe one of our secrets to **recovery** is **service**. When I Got Busy, I Got Better! Working Step 12 has built my self-esteem, confidence, and trust while reducing my fears and isolation. Talk to each other – reason things out. When somebody taps you on the shoulder and asks you to think about a service position what a compliment it is! You are a gift to Al-Anon.

I have experienced the miracles of growth and recovery through service. I suggest if you are interested in a service position to read pamphlet (S-57) – Joy of Service. One of my favorite quotes is: “You don’t get ready to be a trusted servant, you get to be a trusted servant and then the higher power gets you ready.” Also, our upcoming TEAM Event in October will be very helpful to go to because it is an election year for our Officers. And, because we will have several presentations on Leadership, Sponsorship, and the Concepts at the TEAM Event. I have said enough for this month about Service – more to come for October’s Area meeting. May the higher power continue to guide your thoughts and actions – one day at a time. With great love and admiration, for you my friends. Connecticut keeps Rocking!

Love in Service,

Gina R., Delegate  
Panel 48 CT

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ct Annual AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT – September 10-12, 2010**

**Team Spirit of Connecticut Event, October 2-3, 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT**

**CT AFG Fall Assembly, Sat., Nov. 6, 2010 (more info 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<sup>th</sup> 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>**