

Delegate's Report
To the
Connecticut Area Al-Anon/Alateen Fall Assembly
"Embracing Our Possibilities"
Hartford, Connecticut
November 6, 2010

Dear Friends:

Hello and welcome to our Fall Assembly! It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as your Delegate the past 3 years. Our theme last year, "Embrace the Legacies: our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future" comes to mind. I would like to leave you with some of my thoughts – Gina R. Panel 48 CT. Delegate – my legacy. In Concept 9; on the www.al-anon.org/members blog that Ric B. shares using the concepts in our personal lives there is a picture of a flock of birds with the caption, "an example that inspires others to follow." Concept 9 talks about leadership skills – it states: "Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of World Service the Board of Trustees assumes primary leadership." Ric B. talks about Bill W's essay on leadership within Concept 9 of the Al-anon/Alateen Service Manual states, "leaders are those members with skills that attract other members and make us want to follow them. Bill's essay also tells us that leaders are people who exhibit responsibility, stability, tolerance flexibility, judgment, and vision." I believe I have been walking the walk, not just talking the talk. Today you will vote for a new panel of Area officers. Panel 51 will have a great opportunity to carry on our legacies – embracing our possibilities of hope, love & serenity. May the Higher Power guide your thoughts to keep an open mind, setting personalities aside. My dear friend Barbara W., past delegate from Ohio, states on the Concept 9 sharing blog: If I am "practicing these principles in all my affairs," and placing "principles above personalities," **I DO** "have the wisdom to know the difference."

Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope.
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 16th at the WSO and Al-Anon's 60th Anniversary banquet dinner at the Virginia Convention Center that evening. The flyer is attached to my report today to reserve tickets. It is also on the Member's website. The group's copy of the November Forum will include a flyer/order form and the Winter 2010 issue of Area Highlights will also include a flyer/order form. Please note that ticket sales close March 31, 2011 and will not be sold at the door.

- The English version of the 2010-2013 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24-27) is now available on the Member's website, www.al-anon.org/members. The printed version is on schedule to be mailed to the groups sometime in November.
- The Conference Leadership Team is asking all Delegates to submit 1 topic to be considered as an agenda item at the WSC, 2011. What are the important topics that affect Worldwide Al-Anon that you believe needs to be discussed? I would love your input before December 19, 2010.
- Our annual public outreach magazine "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism," needs your sharing! Send your articles to AFG Headquarters by January 1, 2011. I have attached the flyer in this report.
- All three Legacy blogs found on our Member's website are open for posting, and all postings will be considered for use in the new legacy workbook in development. Please share your E, S & H.

Area News

- Special thanks to our AA/Al-Anon Liaison, Dave T. and his committee for their participation in the 52nd Annual AA Area 11 Convention “The Joy is in the Journey”, held in September at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The weekend was filled with fellowship of mutual respect and trust.
- Our TEAM Event (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) was held October 2nd & 3rd. What an exciting weekend it was the Spirit of CT – CT Rocks! – Special thanks to Ann B., Chair & Kary L., Co-Chair and the TEAM Committee of dedicated Members that welcomed with open arms the WSO Staff.
- Special thanks to the Alateen Groups opening their doors for guests in October: Alateen Awareness Month! It was a special treat to visit 2 groups in CT and see the unconditional love of the Members and Sponsors. Special thanks to Wayne M., our Alateen Coordinator.
- CSCYPAA (CT State Conference of Young People in AA) with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, November 26-28th, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell. Still time to register! Flyer on line – Member’s website.
- CT AFG Convention: Garden of Gratitude will be held April 1-3, 2011 in Cromwell at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Convention Committee Volunteers needed! Serenity Breakfast will be held Sunday, January 16, 2011. Contact Angela B. or Sam C. – Flyers on line – Member’s website.
- Please think submitting your resume to me **NOW** if you are interested in becoming an Area Coordinator with our new term of officers 2011-2013. I would like to have our current coordinators please stand up now – Thank You – Thank You - Thank You!! Great Job!
- In conclusion, I want to thank Districts 7 & 8 for hosting our Fall Assembly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each Member who 3 years, put your trust in me to carry the message with open communication at all times, from CT to the WSC and from the WSC to CT with grace, dignity and most of all deep love for this fellowship. We have been building bridges, embracing the legacies, and celebrating our circle of hope. The possibilities are endless! With great love and admiration for you, my friends. Connecticut Keeps Rocking!

Love in Service,

Gina R., Delegate (The Love Goddess)
Panel 48, CT Area 7

Upcoming Events

- CSCYPAA (CT State Conference of Young People in AA) with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, November 26-28th, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell.
- Garden of Gratitude AFG Convention. Serenity Breakfast will be held Sunday, January 16, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT
- NERD – Northeast Regional Delegate’s Conference, March 11-13, 2010, Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA.
- Serenity Breakfast – January 25, 2009, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell.
- CT AFG Convention 2011 – “Garden of Gratitude”, April 1-3, 2011, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell
- World Service Conference, April 11-15th, 2011 at Wyndham Virginia Beach Hotel in , Virginia Beach VA followed by a WSO open house 60th AFG Anniversary Banquet on April 16, 2011 at Virginia Convention Center, VA
- Save The Date – Al-Anon International Convention, July 5-7th, 2013, Vancouver, British Columbia
- World Service Website: www.al-anon.alateen.org/members.
- CT website. <http://www.ct-al-anon.org/members>