

DELEGATE'S REPORT
To The Connecticut Area World Service Committee
North Haven, CT
December 3, 2010

Dear Friends:

WOW!!! Imagine, my last report to you as Delegate. Where did the last three years go? I can't believe it's December already. I do believe in rotation of Service and that it's time for me to move on with other service commitments.

As we conclude this panel and Connecticut Al-Anon turns over to a new chapter, I find myself looking at where we've been in the last 3 years. My gratitude goes to the Area Coordinators and their committees for their accomplishments. I believe the Area exhibits stability, flexibility, good judgment, tolerance, responsibility and great vision in applying Concept 9 and the Serenity Prayer.

I have been blessed, by you the members, to show your love for the program in many, many ways. The list is too long for all the wonderful ways. We have accomplished a lot the past 3 years.

WSO NEWS

- Update on new Service Manual & Groups at Work; each registered group with a current mailing address (CMA) received their complimentary copy in November. If your group did not receive a copy, please verify your (CMA) with WSO.
- Please note that the Service Manual is being translated and we expect the Spanish & French Versions to be mailed to the Spanish & French groups in mid-January.
- When looking for an answer, remember, it's in the book!
- The Board of Trustees at the WSO is conducting ongoing discussions as they approach the question: "What external changes in the environment will affect Al-Anon in the future?"
 1. Are we always welcoming to prospective members regardless of their cultural practices?
 2. Are we tolerant of those seeking help because a family member has multiple addictions, combined with perhaps a mental diagnosis?
 3. Do we take time to explain the Al-Anon program and its focus, and offer them the opportunity to decide if Al-Anon is the right place to be?
 4. Do we welcome teenagers to Al-Anon where no Alateen meeting exists?
- The Group Services Dept. is working on four podcasts to assist Group Representatives (GRs) in the understanding of their responsibilities and how to be effective in carrying them out.
- A free copy of 2011 issue Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA), will be sent to all groups in hope that more groups will participate in P.O. projects.

Area News

- Special Thanks to all members who attended our Fall Assembly in November. It was a great day, thanks to our host committees – Districts 7 & 8, Maria F., Carol D. – DRs and their committees – Also, thanks to LDC Office for being open that day – Sue, Ruth & volunteers.
- Congratulations to our new Area Officers 2011-2013 voted in that day and our new budget 2011!!

Delegate Panel 51 – Rita C.

Alt. Delegate – Ann B.

Area Chair – Bob K.

Area Secretary – Gail L.

Area Treasurer – Stacie V.

“Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope”

- CSCYPAA (CT State Conference of Young People in AA) with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation was held Nov. 26-28th in Cromwell. Thank you Dave, Kim, & committee members for a great weekend of recovery. I saw that weekend Step 12, Tradition 3, 5, & 6 in full motion among Al-Anon/Alateen members – What a Spiritual awakening I had.
- Serenity Breakfast update: still time to register – flyers on line for Sunday, January 16, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell. Experience our Convention Spiritual Breakfast with Sharings from Al-Anon, Alateen & AA. Speakers.
- CT AFG Convention 2011: “Garden of Gratitude” April 1-3, 2011 in Cromwell at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Register now - Forms on line – Member’s website or at your groups – ask your GR for more details. Come celebrate with us our gratitude for AFGs.
- Tonight we will be hearing resumes for our new panel of Area Coordinators who will be serving along side the new Area Officers. My Higher Power has guided me to tap some of these candidates on the shoulder and others have come forward by a tap from other trusted servants. I trust the process and by using KBDM we, the committee, will make an informed group conscience to expand our circle of hope. You may ask your GR their names in the upcoming weeks and your DR will have a list for January 2011. I am very grateful that members are stepping up in service positions – Service is love in action!!
- In conclusion, Special Thanks to the Area Officers; Rita, John, Linda, Jackie & Ann for loving me unconditionally, trusting me with your grace, dignity & keeping communications open. We have built bridges, embracing the legacies, and celebrated our term and will continue to be guided well with our new panel of Area Officers. With great love and admiration for you, my friends. Connecticut Keeps Rocking!

Love in Service,

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

Upcoming Events

- 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.
- CT AFG Convention 2011 – “Garden of Gratitude”, April 1-3, 2011, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell
- World Service Conference, April 11–15th, 2011 at the 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, Virginia Beach, 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>