

## DELEGATE'S REPORT

To The Connecticut Area World Service Committee & the Al-Anon Family Groups  
Meriden, CT  
January 7, 2011

Dear Friends,

Welcome and Happy New Year 2011! The New Year brings new beginnings as we find our way in our service positions. We had a very exciting Area meeting on December 3, 2010 as we witnessed new Special Service Area Coordinators shared their resumes and received a vote of confidence. I was thrilled to be part of something so very special. The room was filled with great anticipation, joy, and a spirit of goodwill. A new committee formed before our eyes as Al-Anon members stepped forward willing to pass the message hope and recovery. I also would like to congratulate the new District Representatives from panel 4~ Michael C. District 5, Kim C. District 6, and Elaine M. District 12. This panel system allows the experienced District Representatives to guide the newest members of this committee. It is also suggested that we select a service sponsor who has completed the service position which we are currently holding. I hope in the near future we will have representation from District 4 & 13. The rotation of service allows other members to step forward and receive the benefits service work provides. Our personal recovery is our primary responsibility. We have learned through the program that self-care is not being selfish. The formation of this committee will not be complete until 2011 Area Alateen, Archives and Fall Workshop Coordinators' positions are filled. We will hear from a qualified candidate Brenda R. for the Area Archives Coordinators' position tonight. Please listen intently to your heart for the call from your Higher Power if you are the one to step forward for these remaining Area positions.

### WSO NEWS

I will attend my first Delegate's Conference April 11-15<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Virginia Beach, Virginia. The theme for the Conference is: Expanding our community of hope by embracing: Yesterday's Foundations- Today's Successes- Tomorrow's Possibilities. I have already received several packages of information from WSO and have been assigned a conference service sponsor. I also will attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual-Northeast Region Delegates (NERD) on March 11, 12, & 13, 2011 to help prepare me for Conference. I look forward to sharing a broader perspective of this worldwide Al-Anon Fellowship with the groups. The Al-Anon Family Groups celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Banquet and tour of the World Service Office on April 16, 2011. I hope to see many of you there! There will be a special ceremony at the WSO on Saturday April 16th celebrating paying off the mortgage of the World Service Office. The 15 year trial period of WSO property ownership is coming to a completion. Please review and discuss with the members of your Group the Pro's & Cons of property ownership. Please revisit this topic because the Delegates will be voting on this issue at the Conference in April 2011. The Conference will choose one of the following options: 1. End the trial and keep the building 2. End the trial and sell the building 3. Extend the trial for another period of years. I encourage all members to review the historical, factual, and varied opinions found in the 2010 World Service Conference Summary on pages 52 & 82. It contains some helpful background information like:

It's common for nonprofit organizations to own property. Group Contributions can go towards other Group Services, and other international services are following in our footsteps.

## AREA NEWS

Please come for a meet and greet informal gathering of the Area World Service Committee Members on April 2, 2011 Sat. at 12: 00 noon in the Hospitality room at the Cromwell Plaza. We also will have a table of arts and crafts to make love gifts for the Delegate to bring to the Conference. A love gift is a small token with an Al-Anon theme which can represent a particular group and or Area. I visited with District 13 & 5 in December and will begin the process again as your Delegate. I want to travel to different Districts and Groups to personally share my report and hear your viewpoint and understanding on important matters. We received a warm welcome and witnessed their last D.R. Report. Kudos to Steven & Stacey for a job well done! Steven is willing to be there for the next D.R. and is currently in the process of becoming an Alateen sponsor. Stacey our Current Treasurer for the Area has agreed to be available to share her knowledge and wisdom regarding finances. We don't have to be afraid of the discussion of money, to fully understand what a prudent reserve looks like, and Yes it o.k. for Districts to make contributions to the WSO! Our Alternate Delegate Ann is already focused on the development of the workshops at our Assemblies and will also travel to the Districts. As we all work together may we strive to reach a level of spiritual awareness and be steadied by the firmness of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

Love in Service,

Rita C., Delegate  
Panel 51, CT

## Upcoming events

Serenity Breakfast celebrating the up-coming AFG Garden of Gratitude Convention. January 16, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT.

Northeast regional Delegate's Conference, March 11-13, 20011, Mansfield, MA.

CT AFG convention 2011 "Garden of Gratitude" April1-3, 2011

World Service Conference , April 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA followed by a WSO open house 60<sup>th</sup> AFG Anniversary Banquet on April 16, 2011 at Virginia Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA

Al-Anon International Convention, July 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2013, Vancouver, British Columbia

World Service Website: [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members)

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