

Delegate's Report

To the Connecticut Area World Service Committee & the Al-non Family Groups
Meriden, Ct
March 4, 2011

Dear Friends:

Good evening and welcome! We are gathered together on the night of Lois's Birthday. How many of you had the opportunity to leave a piece of Al-Anon literature in any public place? What a special way to share a gift of the program in remembrance of our co-founder. Let it Begin with me. Our committee is nearly complete. I have appointed Lisa G. from District 2 to be our next 2011 Fall Workshop Chairperson. You will hear her resume tonight and make the decision if she will receive your vote of confidence. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bob B., for the unanimous vote he received to be our next Alateen Coordinator. I'm looking forward to seeing all that he will contribute to the Alateens in Connecticut. We had a lengthy discussion on the need to separate some of the duties of the Alateen Coordinator's duties. Wayne has been available to answer questions and he has agreed to continue with his AAPP presentation. Knowledge, Based, Decision, and Making encourages us to have historical information, understand the topic's relevance, and have time to review the information and have the ability to ask questions. I encourage our members to participate in the discussion and allow the discussion to lead to the outcome. At conference it is suggested to speak one time on a specific business topic which allows all members to participate. Presume goodwill and embrace the group conscious.

WSO News

The World Service Office has organized and encouraged some of our service arms to participate in Conference calls. It will be great to hear about your experience when you present your report to the AWSC and or Assembly. Our new Archives Coordinator has been invited to participate in a 60th Anniversary Project. It will be exciting to hear about the details on that project. I hope you all have received your invitation to Celebrate Al-Anon's 60th Anniversary with an Open House and ticketed Banquet event on Saturday, April 16, 2011. I was able to participate in my first WSO Conference call on 2/26/11. It was a wonderful opportunity to increase my knowledge base and understand my service commitment. We reviewed some of the Agenda Topics, Conference Etiquette, and Voting Protocols. It was exciting to connect with WSO and receive encouragement to strive forward and to be successful in your service work. My primary responsibility as Delegate is to share the experience of the Groups and bring the views and the spirit of worldwide Al-Anon back to the Area. I pray each day for the guidance of my Higher Power and the willingness to take one step at a time, to collaborate with others, and to keep an open mind. Have you received your complimentary Group Forum- from the World Service Office each month? Please check your current mailing address (CMA) with WSO. Each Group Representative is a Forum Representative! How can we get the message out about the Forum being a recovery tool worth holding on to? A familiar phrase we are accustomed to hearing is the Forum is like "A meeting in your pocket".

Area News

I have appointed Stacie our Area Treasurer to chair a Thought Force on the needs of the Area regarding Conventions. It is time to brainstorm and explore all possibilities for Connecticut. She plans to invite past Chairpersons and interested AFG members. This thought force will then report back to the AWSC with their recommendations.

I truly appreciated Harry N., for coming forward and reading his resume and sharing his interest to serve the Alateens and to work collaboratively with Bob B., When it comes to the Alateens we are all responsible and encouraged to support the youngest members of our program. Our Alateen program continues to grow with many committed Alateen sponsor's available for guidance when needed.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to this fine committee and all members who keep the doors to this world wide fellowship open for people who are affected by someone else's drinking. This program continues to expand my world and offer gifts of recovery beyond my dreams.

Yours Sincerely,

Rita C., Delegate Panel 51 CT

Upcoming Events

- Northeast Regional Delegate's Conference, March 11-13, 2011, Mansfield, MA.
- CT AFG Convention 2011 "Garden of Gratitude" April 1-3, 2011, Cromwell, CT.
- A meet and greet of the Area World Service Committee members (AWSC) on April 2, 2011 at 12:00p.m. In the Hospitality room Cromwell Plaza Hotel.
- World Service Conference, April 11-15, 2011, Virginia Beach VA. Followed by a WSO Open House and a 60th AFG Anniversary Banquet on April 16, 2011 at Virginia Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA.
- CT Area AFG Al-Anon/ Alateen Bilingual/ Public Outreach Workshop on May 1, 2011, 9am-3pm at the Spanish Community Center- Wallingford, CT.
- AA Round- U p with Al-Anon Participation on May 15, 2011 12:00-4:00pm Masonic Temple Meriden Ct.
- Connecticut Alateen Workshop Weekend (CAWW) on May 20-22, 2011 Chester, CT.
- AA Soberfest with Al-Anon participation on June 3-5, 2011 Odetah Camping Resort Bozrah, CT
- Spring Assembly on June 11, 2011, location and time TBA
- Rompiendo Fronteras, A.A. Bilingual Sharing Day with Al-Anon participation, June 26, 2011, 9am-3pm at Cheshire Grange, 44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, Ct.

