

Delegate's Report

To The Connecticut Area World Service Committee & the Al-Anon Family Groups
Meriden, Connecticut
August 26, 2011

Dear Friends,

Hello and welcome back! I hope you all have enjoyed your summer and had the opportunity to attend different Area, District and Group events. I truly appreciated your attendance at the June Assembly. It has been great to witness Group Representatives read the Delegate's Report. It only takes minutes to read a few paragraphs each week to keep your Group informed and involved in our worldwide fellowship. Let's extend a warm welcome to the new District Representative and Alternate District Representative of District 13. We are very fortunate for all the services and events available to the members and potential new members of the State of Connecticut. As we all strive together and offer hope to the newcomer we find out that the more we give the more we receive. Our attitude of abundant thinking is contagious and continues to expand our community of hope.

WSO News

The next World Service Conference is April 15-19, 2012 to be held in Stamford Connecticut. The Delegates will attend Stepping Stones Lois and Bill's home the birthplace of the Al-Anon clearing house. The theme is "Our Spiritual Journey-We get as we give" "Nuestro viaje espiritual-es aldar que recibimos". If you have a question which cannot be answered in the service manual and requires in depth discussion which shape Al-Anon as a whole please contact your District Representative by December 1, 2011. The items will be compiled and the conference members will vote for two Conference Agenda Items (CAIs) for one –hour sessions during the Conference. The World Service Office is seeking a qualified Group Services Assistant 1 –Alateen. The description of the position is posted on the Member's Website at www.al-anon.alateen.org/members.

The Executive Director of the World Service Office Ric Buchanan has sent a letter of deepest sympathies to the Connecticut Area Assembly for the loss of our beloved Past Trustee Ruth Lawson.

A service tool for Area Chairpersons and District Representatives will be activated this Fall to participate in discussions on the e-communities site, along with past and current conference members.

The use of Electronic Literature continues to be researched and discussed by the Board. I will share any new developments when presented. The WSO is looking at the possibility of its own production. Many members have asked about when Al-Anon would be on social media outlets, and the time is now! We are on Face book and twitter. Please remember these are public sites and Al-Anon/Alateen messages which are posted should not breach your personal anonymity.

The World Service Office's Canadian corporation is relocating to a new location in downtown Ottawa on September 1, 2011. This location provides virtual access and a more convenient location. The contact information is Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc., 275 Slater St. suite 900, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H9 @613-723-8484.

AREA NEWS

In preparation for the upcoming Al-Anon Family Groups Fall Assembly on November 5, 2011 please review the proposed Budget and the changes to the Connecticut Al-Anon Family Groups By-Laws. You are welcome to participate in a By-Laws workshop at the Fall 2011 Area Workshop and download the changes on the CT website at www.ct-al-anon.org/members.

There continues to be a need for qualified Alateen Sponsors! Our new conference theme Our Spiritual Journey- We get as we give- lends the way to saying yes to Alateen. Did you read the July issue of the Forum? A wonderful description and gifts received on Alateen Sponsorship written by Sam C. from Connecticut titled " Becoming an Alateen Group Sponsor helped my own recovery" is a worthwhile read. Is Connecticut ready for an Alateen Chat room? Currently, there are eight Areas that host Alateen chat rooms. The registration process is now automatic for teens. Please contact Bob B. Area Alateen Coordinator for questions about Alateen and Alateen Sponsorship.

It has been brought to my attention that some Districts and Groups need guidance in Reimbursement Guidelines. Although service expenses are a matter of autonomy, Stacie our Area Treasurer continues to be available to offer a mini-workshop on financial insight and how to implement guidelines for the future and how to handle the current requests from members.

It continues to be my goal to help change the face of Al-Anon and Alateen in Connecticut. Let's continue to reach out to all members regardless of situation and remove the language barrier faced by the Spanish speaking members. The purchase of 18 translation equipment has broadened our outreach to the Hispanic population.

As the demands for translators/interpreters increase the development for guidelines for using volunteer and paid translators are needed. If you are interested in participating on a Task Force to develop guidelines please contact your District Representative. The first meeting will be held on 19 September, 2011 @ the American Steak House, Meriden CT, @ 6:30 p.m.

The 2011 World Service Conference Summary is now available for \$5.00 and or on the Members' website!

How many Groups have purchased the soft cover How Al-Anon Works (B-32) to be given to newcomers who enter their first Al-Anon meeting? This is an excellent public outreach tool!

Up Coming Events

- 53rd AA Convention with Al-Anon participation- September 9, 10 & 11, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.

- Area AFG Fall workshop- October 22, 2011 held at the Dodd Middle School
Cheshire, CT
- Al-Anon Family Groups Fall Assembly- November 5, 2011 location TBA.
- CSCYPAA XXVI 2011 with Al-Anon participation- November 25, 26 & 27, 2011
Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.

Love in Service, Rita C., Delegate Panel 51