

## Delegate's Report

To the Connecticut AFG & Area World Service Committee  
Meriden, CT  
September 30, 2011

Dear Friends,

Hello and good evening! As a Committee we work together and provide information for the Al-Anon/Alateen Groups keeping them well informed and part of the service structure of our program. I have attended different groups and Districts and it exciting to witness pertinent information being discussed and reviewed. The Connecticut AFG, Inc. Corporate By-laws and the Budget will be voted on at the Fall Assembly on November 5, 2011. It is the responsibility of the Area World Service Committee to present an approved Budget to the Area. I look forward to our upcoming Assembly, the largest business meeting in Connecticut. Our Alternate Delegate Ann has organized two workshops prior to the Assembly and the Long Range Committee will unveil a project regarding long time members. The election of new District Officers and Group Representatives from District 3, 8, 10 and 11 will add to the excitement. Rotations of service allow others to participate and experience the benefits of service. There has been a delay in the organizational aspects of this event but, now, all is well. District 11 will host our Fall Assembly! One of my favorite quotes from Lois can be found in the book titled Many Voices, One Journey pg. 1 "Anybody can start something, but carrying it out is the real challenge. And all the rest of you are doing that job. You're all founders in your own right, carrying the message." -Al-Anon Cofounder Lois W., to the 1987 World Service Conference. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to District 11 for stepping forward and accepting responsibility for hosting our Voting Assembly. We never have to do things alone. If we have the willingness of collaboration, trust, and the spirit of giving, we can accomplish great things!

### WSO/ Area News

How many District Representatives have participated in the private website e-communities? The website offer service members access to discussion boards and receive information from the World Service Office in a timely and efficient manner. Our Area Coordinators have benefited from this service tool and I encourage you to use it.

How many have heard the podcast on “Abundantly thinking in all our affairs”? The WSO Finance committee posted the blog and it represents a different way of thinking. Al-Anon members shared how the effects of alcoholism distorted their thinking and through the gifts of the program their thinking has changed to “I’m good enough and I have enough”. Abundant thinking in action is realized when the focus is on the needs rather than if sufficient funds are available. I had an awesome experience when Area Officers visited District 13 and it was expressed that the Area has requested financial support. District 13 made a large donation to support the Area Services. The affects of alcoholism to the family are many, and those who have received the gifts of the program through giving it away understand the importance of passing the message of hope. During difficult economic times more services are needed and new perspective members will seek out the Al-Anon/Alateen program. Our primary purpose is to help family and friends who are affected by someone else’s drinking. To reach new members and educate what Al-Anon is and how it can help is the Tradition 12 in action. “Money is a means, not an end”. How does Connecticut want to expand our community of Hope! How many members can picture themselves at the 2013 Al-Anon International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia on July 5-7, 2013? Start saving now so you can enjoy this worldwide fellowship, make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Remember, a passport is necessary to travel from the US to Canada.

The World Service Literature Committee is seeking sharing’s on our 2011 World Service Conference conceptual approval for “a new piece of literature on Intimacy, including sexual intimacy, in alcoholic relationships. Please contact our Area Literature Coordinator Jackie for some helpful questions & guidelines to follow when submitting your sharing’s and or attend the Area Fall Workshop on Oct. 22, 2011 to participate in a writing workshop on Intimacy. It will be awesome to see Al-Anon/Alateen members from Connecticut have their sharing’s published in the new book.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the 53<sup>rd</sup> AA Convention with Al-Anon participation Chairperson Jackie, all the committee members and the Area Al-Anon/AA Events Coordinator Sandy for a job well done. Area events like these energize our members and carry the spiritual aspects of the Al-Anon/Alateen program.

We had our first Task Force meeting on the development of Guidelines for paid/volunteer interpreters. We welcome more members to join this committee. Please RSVP your District Representative and join our next meeting on October 24, 2011 at the American Steakhouse in Meriden, CT. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m.; meeting will promptly start at 6:30 p.m.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude for this opportunity to serve as your Area Delegate. I truly appreciate all your love and support. As an Area may we continue to grow together and carry the spiritual message of the Al-Anon/Alateen program throughout Connecticut!

Sincerely,

Rita C., Delegate Panel 51 CT

### Upcoming Events

- Area AFG Fall Workshop- Oct. 22, 2011 at the Dodd Middle Scholl Cheshire, CT
- Area Fall Assembly- Nov. 5, 2011 at 277 Main St. Hartford, CT (the LDC site).
- CSCYPAA XXVI with Al-Anon participation- Nov. 25,26,&27, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT