

Delegate's Report

Connecticut AFG Area World Service Committee & AFG Members

January 6, 2012

Dear Friends,

Good evening and welcome to a new year of 2012 Area Meetings. Wishing you all a joyous, peaceful, and Happy New Year! The Area World Service Committee is the opportunity for reports to be given and information conveyed to the Group Representations between the Assemblies. As your Delegate, I provide information regarding World Service Office News and Area Highlights. It's important to hear the reports from our Area Officers, Area Coordinators and District Representatives. If you want to be placed on the agenda please, contact our Area Chairperson Bob K. and or the Delegate. We keep our groups healthy and strong when we adhere to the Traditions, have the willingness to participate and practice the Spiritual Principles of the Program.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of this committee. The members from District 3,8,10 & 11 please stand, give your name and District to be recognized. I truly appreciate your leadership, dedication, and willingness to pass the message of hope and recovery. It is through working together that we find strength and recovery, as we learn to love ourselves rather than wait for the alcoholic to love us in a certain way. We no longer try to change someone else in order to meet our needs. Instead we focus on loving ourselves the way we need to be loved. We have many valuable tools at our fingertips. I most recently received the Forum and Groups at Work from World Service Office. It provides a structure in which we can learn and grow.

I was given a signed "Luncheon with Lois" invitation souvenir dated October 29, 1977 from Alberta D. who graciously donated it to our Area Archives Collection. I promised it would be stored at our LDC/Storage site in Hartford and made available to our members. I'm excited to report that I have appointed Kary L. to be our next Area Archives Coordinator. If she receives your vote of confidence I will transfer the historical keep-sake to her.

My family and I were invited to share our experience, strength and hope at the Tuesday 7:00pm Group in Groton CT. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share

and grow. How do you want to expand your community of hope? Will you travel and provide a piece of literature to an ethnic outreach program? Will you invite a nonspeaking English member to share at your next anniversary? Are you willing to say yes to service and give back what you have freely been given? Through shared responsibility, involvement, and awareness, healthy Groups and a strong Area, are generated.

I look forward to our “Hand in Hand We Can” Serenity Breakfast on January 15, 2012 Buffet @ 9:30 am, Speakers @10:30 am at the Crown Plaza in Cromwell, CT. It is a jump start to the 35th CT AFG Convention.

All resumes for the Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen Area Assembly, Inc. Board of Directors requires a vote of confidence from their District and the forms need to be submitted by the District Representative to the Delegate prior to January 31, 2012. A resume review committee will be formulated and the Board of directors will vote to fill positions on March 27, 2012.

All members are invited to make love gifts for the upcoming World Service Conference “Our Spiritual Journey –We Get as we Give”. “Nuestro viaje espiritual-es al dar que recibimos” will be held on April 15-19, 2012 in Stamford, CT. Your love gifts will be greatly appreciated. I plan to bring several copies of the Long Range Planning project the book titled “Reflections of Connecticut Al-Anon” to Conference. My son received the book from a raffle at a recent group anniversary. A great raffle item!

I have received notification from the WSO that the discussion of Approved Electronic Literature will take place at the upcoming World Service Conference. More details to follow. Please forward your writings to WSO on a new piece of literature “Intimacy” which received conceptual approval at the 2011 World Service Conference. Contact our Area Literature Coordinator Jackie Z. for further assistance with this exciting opportunity.

Upcoming Events

- CT AFG Serenity Spiritual Breakfast-January 15, 2012 9:30 am @ Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.
- CT AFG 2012 Convention “Hand in Hand We Can” on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2012 @ Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.
- 2012 World Service Conference April 15-19, Stamford, CT. (Love Gifts

Appreciated)

- Al-Anon International Convention, July 5-7, 2013, Vancouver, British Columbia

Love in Service,

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