

## ***Delegate's Report***

To The Connecticut Area World Service Committee and the Al-Anon Family Groups  
Meriden, Connecticut  
March 2, 2012

Dear Friends,

Good evening and welcome to the Area World Service Committee meeting. Let's all congratulate and give a special welcome to our newest members, Kary L., Area Archives Coordinator and Cindy P., Spanish Liaison Coordinator. We look forward to your contributions to the Area. I encourage all Area Coordinators to contact our Area Chairperson Bob K., to schedule a time when you want to be placed on the Area Agenda. This committee and the Al-Anon Family Groups will benefit from hearing about your e-communities communications, World Service conference calls, and your points of area interest and activities.

It is with sadness that I report that Dawn M., District Representative from District 9 has stepped down due to health issues. I'm grateful I was present when she shared her Assembly report in February's Area Meeting. It was a fine example of the work she so often produced. She created a well detailed report, which will assist many Districts to come, in how to host an Area Assembly. Thanks again Dawn, for all your dedication, spirit of good will and leadership. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I am attending the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Regional Delegates meeting on March 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, to be held in Mystic, Connecticut. This NERD meeting prepares me for the upcoming World Service Conference and welcomes a new Panel of Delegates. This is an opportunity to share Area Successes and Concerns. To learn about each other experiences, share ideas, and discuss solutions, expand our knowledge, and improve our leadership and communicative skills.

I am also attending the fifty-second Annual Al-Anon World Service Conference April 15-19, 2012. Our Spiritual Journey-we get as we give- Nuestro viaje spiritual- es al dar que recibimos.

I have been assigned to the Task Force: Tool Kit on Service and Personal Growth. The Task Force is scheduled to meet on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. I look forward to sharing my experiences and a new perspective on this topic with you all. Prior to Conference, I will meet with the Delegates whom I have worked with throughout the year on a PowerPoint presentation. Our Thought Force titled "Utilization of the Service Manual" will be presented to the 2012 Conference. I soon will be participating in the largest group conscience in Al-Anon. We will have two chosen agenda items discussions. #1. How do we empower the average Al-Anon member to speak up at meetings when someone else's sharing is not Al-Anon? #2. How does WSO see social networks, such as Facebook and You Tube, as a way to attract and retain new members to our fellowship? We also will have a lively discussion on considering the impact of electronic Conference Approved Literature on the WSO, LDCs, and structures outside the WSC structure. I'm thrilled to be representing Al-Anon/ Alateen members of Connecticut! Thanks again, for all your love and support.

The Task Force on the Development of Guidelines for Translators/ Interpreters was held on

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February 27, 2012. I'm delighted to report, two new members have joined the committee and we will present our recommendations to the Area World Service Committee at the next scheduled Area meeting on May 4, 2012. We as an Area, have identified that good interpretation services are necessary and we hope the guidelines will provide clarification.

The Tuesday Alateen meeting on March 13, 2012-7:00p.m., in Woodbridge is open to the fellowship to help raise funds for CAWW. Join the fun and hear three great Alateen Speakers! It's a great way to support Alateen.

In closing, I hope we can continue to strive to work together, to presume good will, and extend our hand to those affected by someone else's drinking, to provide hope and recovery. As our 35<sup>th</sup> CT AFG Convention theme suggests, "Hand in Hand We Can"! I look forward to seeing you all at the Convention.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Northeast Regional Delegate's meeting on March 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Mystic CT.
- CT AFG Convention on March 30, 31, and April 1, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.
- 2012 World Service Conference April 15-19, 2012, Stamford, CT. ( Love Gifts Appreciated)
- AA Round – Up with Al-Anon & Alateen participation, April 22, 2012. Wethersfield, CT.
- Connecticut Alateen Workshop Weekend – CAWW- May 2012
- Rompiendo Fronteras / Breaking Frontiers – AA Bilingual Sharing Day with Al-Anon & Alateen participation- July 29, 2012, 112 East Main St., Meriden, CT
- Al-Anon International Contention, July 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2013, Vancouver, British Columbia

Love in Service,

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