

Delegate's Report to the Connecticut Al-Anon Family Groups
Fall Assembly: Fall into Service
Hartford, Connecticut
November, 3, 2012

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the largest group conscious Al-Anon business meeting in Connecticut. We all have a great responsibility to be active listeners, demonstrate mutual respect and presume good will. Always reminding ourselves we are the leaders of today and by our example new members will be encouraged to step into Service. Though all of us are equal members in Al-anon the Group Representatives are given the responsibility and authority to make decisions regarding their Groups today. I encourage you all to have an open heart, bring forth the groups voice, trust the process and be guided by "Our three Legacies: Pass Along Understanding: Recovery –through the steps, Unity – through the Traditions, and Service – through the Concepts." Service Manual p.g. 221. It is through service we grow and recover.

I would like to extend a thank you to the hosting Districts 1 & 2 for a job well done. It is through your example we attract newcomers into service. I hope you enjoyed the Workshops Ann B., Alternate Delegate organized this morning. Our Area is very fortunate that our Past Delegates continue to participate and share their experience, strength and hope. I'm looking forward to Ellie's PowerPoint which focuses on Strengthening Groups. As we work together we broaden our ability to reach that person in despair and find the doors to Al-Anon.

WSO News

- Celebrating Worldwide Unity-Registration for the International Al-Anon Convention in Vancouver British Columbia on July 5-7, 2013 is open on the Web site: www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org, or call (757-563-1600). Registration for the Al-Anon's 2013 International Convention Fees are: \$115 U.S. (must be received by 12/31/12), \$140 U.S. (between 1/1/13 and 05/31/13) and \$ 165 U.S. (June 1st through the Convention) Come a day early and attend a separate, "day of connecting" event on Thursday, July 4th. Preregister for this separate event for a fee of \$15 U.S. by May 31, 2013.
- The 2013 World Service Conference theme is: Our legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me to "We". To be held on April 14-18th, 2013, at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Do you have an agenda item that you would like to be discussed at the 2013 World Service Conference? Please make sure it cannot be answered in the Service Manual, it merits an in-depth discussion and could shape Al-Anon as a whole. Each Delegate is asked to submit a question, review and complete the chosen agenda items worksheet by Sunday, December 16, 2012.

- I was assigned to work on a Task Force: Tool Kit on Service and Personal Growth. I have had numerous conference calls and will continue to work collaboratively with other Delegates and World Service Staff. I will continue to prepare for the upcoming conference.

AREA NEWS

- How many of you participated in Open Alateen Awareness Month? I had a special experience at the Thursday Wallingford meeting. I also was invited to an Alateen meeting in Woodbridge to discuss why it is important to read the Delegates report! If you hear the calling to be an Alateen Sponsor, contact Area Alateen Coordinator Bob B.
- “A Task Force is a temporary unit of people established to work on a single defined task or activity.” Service Manual p.g. 64. The Task Force Committee Report titled “Guidelines for Interpreters for Al-Anon / Alateen Events in Connecticut will present their recommendations to the Assembly. We have met regularly since January 2012 and look forward to presenting our recommendations.
- A Task Force is currently working on revisions on the Connecticut Alateen Guidelines. More information to follow.
- Each Area has further developed its own Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements. Every Al-Anon member involved with Alateen Service has met these requirements and has agreed to follow them. All Alateen Annual Recertification paperwork needs to be filled by our Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). In order not to jeopardize our Alateens and be in full compliance with the World Service Office, complete the recertification process in a timely manner. Please contact Harry N., (AAPP) and or your District Representative for any questions regarding this annual process.
- We have found much success with the use of the Knowledge, Based, Decision, Making method. Forward your ideas through your District Representatives for future Thought /Task Forces for our Area. I will review and appoint the Chairperson; provide the five questions of KBDM. Currently a motion has been approved by AWSC for a Task Force including groups & districts to gather more information on the use of sign language.
- Provide agenda items to the Area Chairperson through your District Representative you want to be discussed at the Area World Service Committee; two weeks prior to the Area meeting. “Participation is the key to harmony.”

In conclusion, I’m truly grateful to serve as your Area Delegate and appreciate your willingness to share my reports and broaden our knowledge of worldwide Al-Anon.

Upcoming Events

- CSCYPAA with Al-Anon/Alateen participation November 23-25, 2012 CoCo Key Resort, Waterbury, CT.
- 2013 AFG Serenity Breakfast January 20th, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT.
- Al-Anon Family Groups Convention March 15-17, 2013, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT.

Love in Service,
Rita C. Delegate Panel 51 CT

