

Delegate's Report
To the Area World Service Committee
North Haven, CT
December 7, 2012

Dear Friends,

Did you all receive the email I sent containing the letter from the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc., Policy Update, Finance Report, and a text motion which will be presented for consideration at the 2013 World Service Conference? Please review and provide feedback through your District Representative. Your ideas are welcomed and you may also view the quarterly letter on the WSO Members' Web site at: www.al-anon.alateen.org/members. It has been a privilege to be your Delegate and represent Connecticut at the World Service Conference. Our Conference theme is Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me to We". I'm very excited when I bring back information from conference and the members have the willingness to be open, ask questions, and apply the information to their Groups, Districts and Area. "Our World Service Conference (WSC) is the active voice and the effective group conscience of our society in world affairs." (Service Manual page 176.) Thank you for your trust and support in my shared leadership service position.

I have forwarded a copy of the Conference Procedures Booklet to all members of AWSC and asked the DR's to distribute to their Districts and Groups. They are guidelines and can be adapted by Areas. I received expression of concern from several GR's and AWSC members about the Assembly process. It is time to begin the discussion on how we can improve our business meetings and to be sure to follow the spiritual intent of the Al-Anon Family Groups Steps, Traditions and Concepts. My recommendation is that we have a discussion, an opportunity to ask questions and share opinions. If an action is deemed necessary we can formulate a Thought/Task Force: Assemblies/ Voting Procedures. To find out what we know about Assemblies and what we wish to know. We can open up this topic for discussion, provide historical information, hear different opinions, and know we all have a voice in how we conduct business. Let's work together by focusing "in the solution" rather than living "in the problem". What's best for Al-Anon as a whole? Our business affairs are unique; we embody our legacies, not a corporate approach. The Knowledge, Based, Decision, Making method has been successful in our Area!

WSO News

- A new survey which seeks out participation from adult children of alcoholics is now available on the Members' Web site and will also be available to the general public.

- Celebrating Worldwide Unity- Please register now for early registration for the International Al-Anon Convention in Vancouver British Columbia on July 5-7, 2013. Registration forms are on the Web site, www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org.
- 2018 International Convention will be located in Baltimore, Maryland. It's never too early to start saving!
- Area Public Outreach Coordinator Deborah has submitted a resume to the World Service Office to participate in an At Large Public Outreach Project. Congratulations Deborah and thank you for an outstanding job as our Area Public Outreach Coordinator.

Area News

- I like to extend my appreciation to everyone who participated in the Fall Assembly. A special thank you to the hosting Districts 1 & 2. We truly appreciated your dedication and commitment to the Assembly.
- Let's all acknowledge the work and dedication from the Panel of District Representatives & Alternate District Representatives who will have successfully completed their term December 31, 2012. Are you looking for your next service position? Contact Bob B., Area Alateen Coordinator and start the process to be an Alateen Sponsor!
- A Call for resumes is underway for the Chairperson for the Al-Anon Fall Workshop. A job description can be found on the CT Web site. This is a one year position with a voice only at the Area World Service (AWSC) meetings. Please forward all resumes to the Delegate.
- Kudos to Amy N., Chairperson and the Committee of the CSCYAA with Al-Anon participation. Thank you for your dedication and representing CT AFG.

Upcoming Events

- Al-Anon Writing Workshop/Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, December 9, 2012, 1:30pm, First Congregational Church, 37 Main St. Southington, CT.
- AFG Serenity Breakfast, January 20, 2013, 9:30am, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT.
- Northeast Regional Delegate's Meeting, March 9, 10, & 11, 2013.
- AFG Convention, March 15-17, 2013, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT.

Love in Service,

Rita C., Delegate
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