

Delegate's Report
Area World Service Committee Meeting
August 23, 2013

Dear Friends,

Good evening and welcome to the Area World Service Committee meeting. Our responsibility is to be a direct link of communication to the groups, by sharing information and reports. It was exciting to witness a group complete the June Delegate's Assembly Report. It really can be done reading a paragraph each week. I was impressed with the spiritual principles used, as different views were expressed at the Budget meeting led by the Area Treasurer Stacie V. I look forward to our work tonight providing the Annual 2014 Budget for the Al-Anon/Alateen group's review at the upcoming Fall Assembly.

Many members who traveled to the Al-Anon International Convention have shared their adventures and broaden view of the worldwide Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship. Here in Connecticut, we are able to carry the message of hope to those affected by someone else's drinking because our willingness to provide services and events to our members and prospective members. I'm very grateful that CT groups spiritually and financially support the service structure. I'm delighted the Literature Distribution Center has reopened and that we have qualified individuals in the leadership positions. I'm thankful to the CT AFG Board for providing an open house on August 27 and an opportunity to participate in a Fall Workshop KBDM session. We may want to consider an invitation to the board to hold an informational session at an AWSC meeting, a venue linked to the links of service.

I look forward to the recommendations of our two current Thought/Task Forces: The revision of the Connecticut Alateen Behavioral and Safety Guidelines and Assemblies/Voting Procedures. I have been actively working on a World Service Conference Thought Force: Create Strategies on the Importance of a Home Group. I'm working with 6 Area Delegates, 1 WSO staff and 1 Trustee. We will present our first draft to Mary Ann R., Chairperson of the Executive Committee by September 6. It's an exciting process to share the work and formulate a document. Our first step was to answer the 5 KBDM questions. 1) What do we know about our members' or prospective members' needs that is relevant to this discussion? 2) What do we know about the resources and our vision for the organization that is relevant to this discussion? 3) What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics of the world and our fellowship that is relevant to this discussion? What are the Pros and Cons? 4) What are the ethical implications of our choices? In other words- Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles? 5) What do we wish we knew, but don't? Using the KBDM to reach an informed group conscience places the outcome in our Higher Power hands. Group members are more likely to support the decision made because each member is equally responsible for the decision made. This process fosters open communication between the leadership and the members.

- 2013 World Service Conference Summary (P-46) is the Annual Report to the Groups about the WSC and World Service Activities. It can be downloaded and or purchased.

- A final survey will be conducted until September 8, 2013, to members who participated in the last survey, which helped define a Universal Understanding of Recovery. It will be presented for discussion at the 2014 WSC.
- Each Delegate is invited to submit a Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) for consideration during the 2014 World Service Conference. Please forward items that shape Al-Anon as a whole and that warrant an in-depth two one hour sessions during the Conference.
- Conflict Resolution using our Twelve Tradition (S-72) is a new service tool. A packet of flash cards are now available at the CT LDC.
- I look forward to the Long Range Planning presentation of the quick reference guide for the Group Representatives. I'm ever so grateful to their dedication and commitment to the fellowship.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Assembly: Our Legacies: Our Spiritual Journey Changing "Me to We". Kudos to District 3 & 4 for hosting the event.
- I attended Rompiendo Fronteras AA-Bilingual Sharing day with Al-Anon & Alateen participation July 21. A great emphasis on recovery and fellowship. I like to extend thanks to Cindy P., Spanish Liaison Coordinator for a job well done.

Upcoming Events

AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation, CoCo Key Water Resort, Waterbury, CT.
Sept. 6-8, 2013

2013 CT AFG Fall Workshop-Fall into Recovery- Kaynor Tech. Waterbury, CT, October 26, 2013

37thCT AFG Convention Crowne Plaza Hotel, March 21-23, 2014

2014 54th World Service Conference Virginia Beach, Virginia April 25-29- The theme is: Our Spiritual Principles in Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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