



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE: Our Spiritual Principles in Action



World Service Conference 2014

Conferencia de Servicio Mundial:
Nuestros principios espirituales en acción

Conférence des Services Mondiaux:
Nos principes spirituels à l'œuvre

April 25 2014

- Orientation to the new Panel 54 (we can soar)
- Learned all the conference rules and behavior
- Met Trustees, Executive Director, Conference Chair, Chair of the Board of Trustees and staff members
- Attended my first Task Force “Create Ways to Raise Awareness of the Tools Available for Alateen
- Opening Dinner

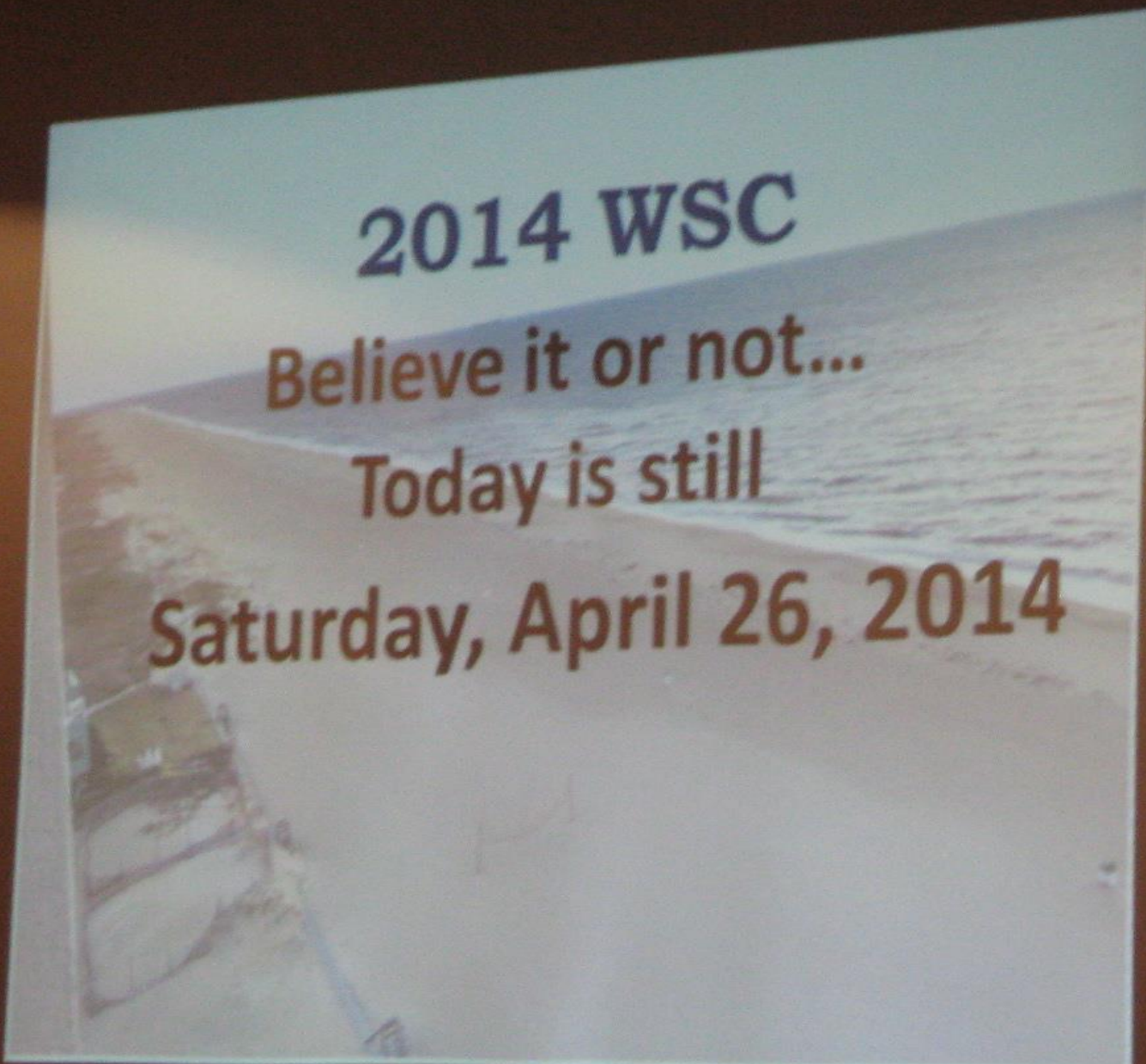


April 26, 2014

- Connecticut runs a balanced budget. WSO does not. WSO has a deficit of \$15,000.
- In Connecticut only 63.9% of the groups contribute to WSO for a total of \$20,003 or an average of \$112.79 per group.
- If each group contributed \$256/year there would be no deficit.
- Carol passed the basket here at the Assembly.
- WSO passed the basket at the Conference and the delegates contributed \$7,889.

April 26, 2014

- Non-member family memorial contributions are still being worked on by the Policy Committee and the conference wants the discussion to continue.
- I placed envelopes in your baskets so that if you or your group would like to contribute to WSO you may.
- One Area collected pennies in a campaign called Pennies for Penny (WSO's Treasurer) and collected \$2,316.79. The new treasurer's name is Jenny. What do you think?



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Believe it or not...

Today is still

Saturday, April 26, 2014



Alateen

- AMIAS recertification process is now online in group records. AAPP think it's a success.
- Alateens took a survey entitled “Teens in Technology” The survey ended 5/12 and now we await the results.
- Also online is an Alateen e-manual that will help sponsors and potential sponsors to train and keep up with how Alateen works. I know that Dave will have plenty to share.

Group Records

- There is a new communication Group e-news. How many of you have seen this communication?
- WSO only has 51% of the groups CMA 's emails so that they aren't being received. How can we make this better in CT? Let me know your feelings.

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Sunday, April 27, 2014

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by helping others!

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Public Outreach

- New initiative called Treatment Facilities Outreach Project. Which will increase Al-Anon's outreach to treatment facilities. There are 4 modules available and I know we in CT will start using them soon.
- I spoke with the head of Public Outreach and he told me that there are two TV stations in CT that showed our PSA in 2013. Channels 11 in New London and 20 in Hartford.



LDC and Finance Committee

- Finance Committee
- LDC Manager

Board of Directors

- Meet the Board event takes place in St. John's Newfoundland July 19th.
- Since the trial period has another two years they are asking if any Area would like a meet the board event in their Area
- Sat in two board meetings and listened to the discussions as they sat new board members.

2014

Today is:

Monday, April 28, 2014

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sun is a bright, low point on the horizon, casting a reflection on the water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The water is dark with some ripples. The overall scene is calm and serene.

Forum

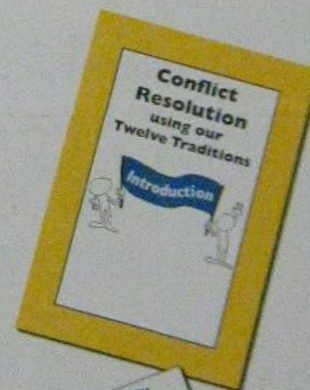
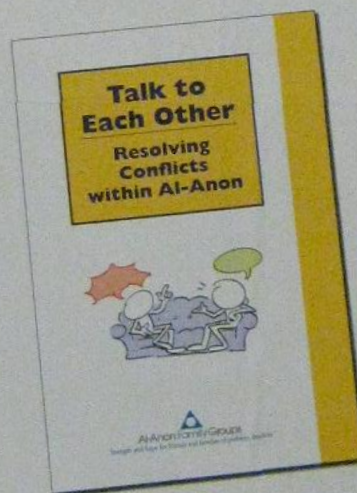
- Personal subscriptions down. How many people subscribe?
- Most members who subscribe read it from cover to cover and it's effective for members to get the unique info that is in the Forum.
- Sharing Recovery, Unity and Service is the main focus of the Forum. Subscribe today.



Literature

- One Day At A Time audio is available for \$19.99. WSO is going slow because current pricing policies support outside entity and not Al-Anon.
- New daily reader has been approved which would reflect one's current fellowship's varied relationships and communities.
- New Conflict Resolution Kit available through our LDC. Stop and Listen to hear how you can help with the resolution of conflict in all of your affairs

Conflict Resolution



Al-Anon Members who are also members of Alcoholics Anonymous

- Over the past two years there has been much discussion of Al-Anon members who are also members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in service. The policy committee has proposed and the Conference approved the following for immediate inclusion in the service manual pages 82-83.
- “Al-Anon Family Groups and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) share a common spiritual legacy in AA's Twelve Steps and Traditions.

Before Al-anon was founded, family groups met with and beside AA groups. In 1951 various family groups banded together and agreed to organize Al-Anon Family Groups, a program dedicated to helping the friends and families of alcoholics. Over the years, Al-Anon developed its own service structure, based on the model provide by AA's experience and guided by the Twelve Traditions.

Tradition Five defines Al-Anon's single purpose. Tradition Six encourages cooperation with AA, maintaining that Al-Anon is a separate entity that ought never affiliate or create the appearance of affiliation with any outside enterprise.

Putting these principles into practice maintains a separation of affiliation with any outside enterprise. Putting these principles into practice maintains a separation between the service structures of Al-Anon and AA. This separation helps avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest and safeguards Al-Anon's singleness of purpose. Accordingly, Al-Anon's policy is that members who are also members of AA do not serve as Group Representatives (GRs), District Representatives (DRs), Area Delegate, World Service Conference member, alternate to any of these service positions, or on any committee of the World Service Office.

Filling service positions is a matter of district and Area autonomy, within this policy and the spiritual principles that form its basis. Tradition Four grants autonomy to local service arms, except in matters affecting Al-Anon or AA as a whole. Al-Anon members who are also members of AA participate fully in all group activities, including group conscience decisions. However, they do not hold Al-Anon service positions that vote in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole. Participating in Al-Anon service is integral to recovery for every member. Step Twelve,

carrying our message to others, is a very important part of Al-Anon service. Members of Al-Anon who are also members of AA are often in position to carry our message to those who are not aware of the benefits of attending Al-Anon Family Groups. Members of Al-Anon who are members of AA may serve Al-Anon in ways that include being an Alateen Group Sponsor (see Alateen Policy) or they may be invited by local/Area service arms, the Board of Trustees, or the World Service Office to participate in projects, in keeping with the spirit of this policy. This policy on service participation by members of Al-Anon

who are also members of AA protects Al-Anon's viability as a program dedicated to helping the families and friends of alcoholics. It ensures that Al-Anon's service structure represents the unique perspective of families and friends of alcoholics recognizing that the alcoholic's perspective is represented in AA's service structure. Members honor this policy out of respect for Al-Anon unity and the group conscience process, in accordance with Tradition One and Tradition Two.

A.A. International Convention With Al-Anon/Alateen Participation

- 7/2-7/5 2015 in Atlanta Georgia
- Information is available in the June issue of the Forum
- In August information will reach the groups through e-groups.
- Go to www.aa.org for more news.

2013 International Convention

- Al-Anon lost money at the convention
- Unable to have TEAM events during the year due to involvement of WSO staff in convention planning.
- Al-Anon members attending 3763
- Alateen members attending 51
- A.A. Members attending 411
- Next International in Baltimore 2018.

Zonal Meetings

- Honduras 48 meetings read from the Service Manual
- Essen Germany use Google group and e-group for communication.
- Australia enjoy the connection with WSO assisting them in conflict resolutions.
- New Zealand 100 groups introduced “Personal Freedom” and learned concepts affecting their personal lives.
- Finland 120 groups celebrated 60th Anniversary

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Today is:

Tuesday, April 29, 2014



Last Day of Conference

- Task Force Developed Games from Service Manual
- Visit To WSO with lunch
- Final vote to authorize the use of electronic devices for note taking at the 2015 World Service Conference on a three year trial basis
- Closing dinner



Our Message of
Hope
from Pen to CD

