

Delegate's Report

August 28, 2015

Welcome back after a great summer. I hope you got to some of the AA sponsored events during the summer. Please send Margaret a little note if you did go to any of these events and share your experience with the rest of the fellowship. Since it is August WSO has sent all the District Representatives and service arms a copy of the 2015 Conference Summary. Enjoy reading.

WSO

The 80th AA International Convention with Al-Anon participation in Atlanta was great with a lot of walking and great sharings by so many. I am looking forward to the Al-Anon International Convention in 2018 in Baltimore.

I emailed to all the District Representatives and service arms the Chairperson's of the Board's letter to be shared with members. I will let you know though that all members can access this letter by going to the website www.al-anon.org. Go to members page, then to the service structure and all the communications from the Chairperson are there. This website is wonderful and many members are using it to check out Area Highlights, the Conference Summary, Alateen and lots of other useful information.

An item that was not mention in the COB letter is from the last Executive Committee meeting which we have been asked to pass along the fellowship. It is an answer to the question about automatic monthly contributions.

"A process for automatic monthly contribution drafts was reviewed. The WSO discovered that it would cost \$13,000 to install this feature and would also require a \$6,000 annual fee. A similar process for making contributions through all mobile devices was also researched. This process would cost between \$12,000-14,000 along with a yearly licensing fee of \$5,000. It was noted that this information should be made available to the fellowship so that they are aware that their suggestions have been heard, but that at this time it is not financially feasible. It was also suggested that this information also include that PayPal was also considered, but that it would not be possible to identify who is making the contribution and would not allow the WSO to verify if the person making the contribution is a member."

AREA

I as your delegate am feeling quite moved by the lack of participation, enthusiasm and energy in service to the Area. I'm hoping with the TEAM event (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) and getting to meet with some of the people from WSO and the Trustees there will be a revitalization to saying yes to service positions in the Area. I feel that by bypassing things like a Day of Service and a Meet the Board event the Area has missed out on a great opportunity. Service has been a great boost and learning experience in my personal recovery so everyone think about becoming involved.

Love and Peace

Ann B

Happenings

September 4-6th 2015 AA Convention with Al-Anon participation Meriden CT
October 3 2015 TEAM 277 Main St Hartford CT
November 7 2015 Fall Assembly 277 Main St Hartford CT
November 27-29th 2015 CSCYPAA Crowne Plaza Cromwell