

## **Delegate's Report January 6, 2017**

### **WSO**

I have received a mentor for the conference in April and have been in contact with her. Her name is Lorraine D., Panel 55, and Canada. She will be with me upon my arrival in Virginia Beach in April.

I have also received my Conference Communication kit. All the information I need to know about our schedule in April World Service Conference.

WSO has posted job openings for Research Analyst, Communications Secretary (Bilingual Spanish) and Webmaster. If you are interested, job descriptions are under the WSO tab on their Members' website [www.al-anon.org/members/wso/Inside-the-wso/item/](http://www.al-anon.org/members/wso/Inside-the-wso/item/) or call Employee Resource Manager, Bill Piersol via email at [bill@al-anon.org](mailto:bill@al-anon.org).

Hot from WSO: Ann B., Past Delegate sent this out to the AWSC but I thought it would be good to bring this information to the members. Upon hearing of the financial need at WSO, at the 2015 World Service Conference contributions came in at \$1.6 million dollars. In 2016, Delegates traveled back to their Areas after the Conference confident they could explain the need to support the services the World Service Office provides.

Well, not only did they meet their budget of \$1.8 million for 2016 but the shared abundance arrived in an amazing way. In 2016, they are honored and thrilled to let you know they surpassed \$2,000,000 in contributions!

All this came in a little and amounted to a lot. "There were no windfall contributions or bequests. It was all of us, as members, responding to the need, just as Lois said we would. This is evidence of a very sustainable plan for the future."

She stated that she was awed by the generous spirit of this fellowship." Give yourselves a standing ovation! (This information came from Jenny McC, WSO to the Delegates.)

### **AREA**

Welcome to our new District Representatives from Districts 4 and 6. Districts 5, 12 and 13 have yet to vote in DR's. Welcome to our new Coordinators: AA Events, Carol D.; Alateen, Elaine M.; AAPP, Jackie B.; Answering Service, Janice R.; Archives, Taffy P.; Group Records, Ron S.; Lifeline, Bruce G.; Literature, Ronnie S. and Website, SueG2. You will find your service to be very rewarding and you will meet many new friends in the fellowship. Remember we don't do it alone! There is always someone to help you and guide you along the way.

The Alateen Task Force has received acceptance of page 3 of the Guidelines by the Board of Trustees at WSO. Thank you to the task force for bringing these guidelines up-to-date. We are anxious to hear from past Alateen Coordinator, Dave T. with his final report on this task.

The Answering Service Thought Force and Fund Raising Task Force are still gathering information and there will be more to come in March. Ann B., Past Delegate, started her last Thought Force Charge in December. It reads, "Review the current 2013 guidelines for Interpreters for Al-Anon/Alateen Events in Connecticut and to evaluate if revisions may be needed." We will need a Chairperson to form a committee.

Remember, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors in Connecticut, please contact your District Representative and go to your district meeting and have the GR's give you a vote of confidence and have your DR send your resume to me by the end of January.

## **HAPPENINGS**

Sunday, January 22, 2017, Serenity Breakfast, Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

39th Annual NERD: March 10, 11 and 12, 2017.

March 31 – April 2, 2017, Connecticut AFG Convention "Healing our Hearts", Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT.

April 23 – 29, 2017. The World Service Conference: "Our Members: Our Hope for the Future".

CAWW, May 19 – 21, 2017 Camp Hazen, Deep River, CT.

June 2 – 4, 2017, Soberfest with AFG participation at Camp Odetah in Bozrah, CT.

Assembly June 10, 2017

I'm excited about serving our Area Al-Anon/Alateen members. Concept 4 states "Participation is the Key to Harmony."

We are all in this together!

Love in service,

Gail L.

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