

## **Delegate's Report May 5, 2017**

### **WSO**

On April 24 through April 29, 2017, I attended my first World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, VA. I cannot tell you what a wonderful experience it has been. I meet such wonderful delegates from Panels 56, 55 and my panel 57, the Trustees from all over the country and Canada, WSO Executive Committee and WSO staff. I realize it takes a great deal of work to put a conference in place and still try to make it fun. So many members of the fellowship shared their experience, strength and hope. It was a very busy and hardworking conference and yet it was enjoyable. By the way, the food was excellent! It was truly, "Our Members: Our Hope for the Future."

Next year's conference will be held at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, West Harrison, NY, April, 2018.

Debbie G., chairperson, Board of Trustees of the WSO has announced they have posted and are looking for resumes for the position of WSO Executive Director. The Application and Resume submission period begins May 1, 2017. Mary G. has served as interim Executive Director and stayed on for a period of time that ensured that changes within the office were implemented and functioning well. Mary G. will remain until a new Executive Director has been named.

The time line is as follows:

May 1 - June 15, 2017, Application and Resume submission period.

June 26 - 30, 2017, Video conferencing interviews.

Week of July 17, 2017, Final candidate interviews with the Board of Trustees, Virginia Beach, VA.

September 5, 2017, Desirable start date for New Executive Director at the WSO in Virginia Beach.

### **AREA**

Thank you to all of you who have sent me cards and post cards giving me your love and encouragement. I truly appreciate all your kind thoughts and good wishes. Again, thank you for the love gifts I shared with the conference members. I cannot tell you how important it is to receive mail while in Virginia Beach. I brought home many 'love gifts' from other Areas and Regions and will bring them to the June Assembly for you to take home and share with your groups.

### **HAPPENINGS**

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

June 2 - 4, 2017, Soberfest with Al-Anon participation at Camp Odetah in Bozrah, CT.

Area 11 Assembly on May 20, 2017, New Britain, CT.

Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly June 10, 2017. South Congregational Church, Hartford, CT.

New York South Assembly Area Al-Anon Convention with AA participation, July 14 - 16, 2017, at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 W. Red Oak La., West Harrison, NY. For information contact: nysdiscoveryconvention@gmail.com.

Save the Date: A New Freedom & A New Happiness, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 11 Convention, Sept. 29 through October 1, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

Love in Service,

Gail L.

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