

Delegate's Report
Fall Assembly, November 4, 2017
"Leaving" Indecision at the Door!

Welcome to the Fall Assembly and Thank you to District 8 and District 9 for hosting the Assembly. Welcome District Representatives, Group Representatives, Area Officers, Past Delegates, Coordinators, Guests, Area 11 Guests, Alateens, Alateen Sponsors and welcome incoming GR's and DR's. Thank you all for attending.

Remember, the Alateen Bake Sale going on today. In addition, Alateen will have a raffle for a Serenity blanket. The funds received help the teens attend Connecticut Alateen Workshop Weekend in May at Camp Hazen, Chester, CT.

Today, we will be voting on the 2018 CT AFG Budget and hearing reports from our dedicated Coordinators, the LDC, the LDC Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

I will be showing a power point presentation on the 2018 50th International Convention in Baltimore Maryland, "Celebrating One Day at a Time" and information on "The Day of Connecting".

Some of the topics for the Day of Connecting include:

Know Your WSO –Service IS its Middle Name!
Telephone Book or the Internet – What's Your Digital Age?
Tag – You're it! Now What? Becoming the Leader Others Know you can be
Al-Anon's International Reach – Our Worldwide Fellowship
Attitudes – Are Mine Worth Catching? The Twelve Traditions
Are They Still Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret? The Twelve Concepts of Service
"Face Time" – Not What It Used to Be! The Changing "Face" of Meetings

There are many more topics on the agenda – these are just a few!

Registration is available on our Convention website www.al-anon.org/international.

Information is also available in The Forum, In the Loop (formerly Group e-News), other Group mailings, AFG Connects: the Announcements community for members and the WSO Members' website.

I'm excited! I hope you are!

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE:

At the Spring Assembly I gave you information about the financial health of Al-Anon Family Groups; the following is a general overview of finances as of September 30, 2017. For the first nine months of 2017, World Service Office was trailing in 2016 in both literature sales and contribution receipts. Literature sales are ahead of budget for 2017. Unfortunately, contributions are below budget which is a concern. Expenses are running right on budget as is expected due to staff positions being filled. Most notably in the Digital Strategy Department who is responsible for the website re-creation and upgrade. Furthermore, contributions are only at 68% of budget when they were 75% last year. WSO needs to

collect about \$220,000 for each of the months of October, November and December to meet the budgeted projection of \$2,100,000. THIS WILL TAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL OF US TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN!

Gross Profit from Literature Sales is about 80% of budget and is good. However, sales tend to drop off toward the end of the year leaving some concern. There is a need to sell about \$650,000 worth of literature to meet budgeted projections.

The World Service Office is still optimistic and hopeful that the abundance manifesting in our lives will show up in the bottom line of AFG Inc.

Those at the World Service Office are always grateful to you for your willingness to carry this message about the financial needs of AFG Inc. Original Message sent by Jennie Mc., WSO Finances.

This information just came out! The site for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention as: Albuquerque, New Mexico.

AREA NEWS:

Last month at the Area Meeting, a motion was made "To form a Task Force to define what an Audit Committee should look like in order to form and Audit committee as quickly as possible." The motion passed unanimously. Ann T. V. from District 3 will be the Chairperson for the Task Force. We are looking for four Al-Anon members for the Task Force who have backgrounds in Accounting, auditing or bookkeeping. If interested, please send an Al-Anon resume with the background experience mentioned above. The resume needs to be sent to me at gelarkin@mail.com as soon as possible so that a committee can be formed. All the information sent to me will be kept confidential.

GREAT NEWS:

Area 11 Assembly, Sunday, November 12, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the VFW Hall, 41 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT. "Let Your Voice be Heard"

The Connecticut State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (CSCYPAA XXXII) will be held on November 24 through 26, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

The Serenity Breakfast will be held on January 14, 2018 with a snow date of January 21, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

The Northeast Regional Delegates Conference, NERD, will be held in March, 9, 10, 11, 2018.

41st CT AFG Convention, "Sailing into Serenity", will be held March 23 through 25, 2018, at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

I will be attending the 58th Annual World Service Conference scheduled for Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20, 2018 in West Harrison, New York. Conference members will visit Stepping Stones on Wednesday April 18.

Love in Service,

Gail L., Delegate, Panel 57