

## **Delegate's Report March 2, 2018**

### **WSO**

The Chairman of the Board letter for January 2018 has come to the delegates and follows: With the start of the New Year, our new Panel 58 Delegates will be arriving at the World Service being held in West Harrison, NY.

Part of this year's Conference will include a return to the roots of Al-Anon's beginnings with a visit to Stepping Stones, the home of our Co-founder, Lois, and her husband, Bill Wilson. I have invited, Marsha, our Area Treasurer to join me at Stepping Stones and for the closing dinner. Marsha has never been to Stepping Stones and to the Conference.

The Board Committees met starting in January, 2018, including the Nominating Committee, the Finance and Executive Committees, the Conference Leadership Team and updates from the Finance and Policy Committees. We the Delegate's will be voting for the First, Second and Third year terms of the various Regional Trustees, Trustees at Large, Board Officers, along with resumes for the Executive Committee members. Joan S. our local Trustee has been nominated as Vice-Chairperson of the Board and will be voted on an elected at the Conference.

This year the Board is looking forward to scheduling six Area visits in 2018.

TEAM Events will not be held in 2018 due to planning for the International and will resume in 2019. We are now able to submit our requests.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect: This year will be held Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Texas East at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport. Flyers and registration will be made available soon.

### **Celebrating One Day at a Time 2018 International Convention July 6-8, 2018**

It is fast approaching! Registrations Fees for the 2018 international Convention are as follows:

Before May 31, 2018: \$165.00

After May 31, 2018: \$195.00

You can stay connected with "breaking news" at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) website.

The World Service Conference Homecoming will take place aboard Baltimore's own Inner Harbor Spirit Cruise. Past and Current Conference members are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Some of us will be attending this event also.

There will be on sale a commemorative edition of One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (ODATO): This edition will only be available at the International Convention and for the remainder of 2018 while supplies last. The commemorative edition will include a ribbon bookmark and front cover indicating "50th Anniversary." It will be available in English, French and Spanish with a bookplate to be offered only at the Convention. The purchase price is \$15.00 US.

2018 Day of Connecting: the Trustees and Staff are completing plans and are excited to meet with those attending the Day of connecting held on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The fee for this is a separate fee of \$40 and will increase to \$45 after May 31, 2018.

The Board and Staff at World Service Office, thank you for the \$1,972,931 in contributions received in 2017 and literature sales of \$3,523,843 (based on unaudited financial statements).

Your contributions and literature sales reflect the resources necessary for the Staff to develop and provide the following new programs and services in 2017 and beyond:

- Completion of the newly designed al-anon.org website
- Completion of the newly designed Members link on the al-anon.org website
- Ability to hire and retain Staff versus the expense of outside consulting
- Completion of the new meeting search
- Ability to not only look to the future but the continued commitment to our primary purpose of reaching families and friends of alcoholics.

Finance Committee Updates: The following is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2017:

The General Fund recorded a loss of \$67,213 as compared to a gain of \$78,821 last year.

Income: Literature sales were \$3,523,843 for this period, compared to \$3,337,651 this time last year. Gross profit on literature sales was \$2,768,460 compared to \$2,714,877 for 2016. Contributions are at \$1,972,931 for 2017, compared to \$2,098,098 last year—a decrease of 6% and falling short of budgeted projections by \$127,000 for the year. Forum subscriptions exceeded projections by \$14,000 in 2017.

Expenses: Operating expenses were \$5,276,835 for the year, compared to \$5,142,217 last year. The Committee stated that there were no surprises on the expenses. The year ended close to budget.

Reserve Fund: The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$5,855,854 and increase in value of \$734,000 for this year.

Falling short of our budgeted amount for contributions, literature sales were unexpectedly strong and allowed WSO to end with a small deficit. However, World Service is encouraged that members understand the need and will continue to support the efforts of the World Service Office.

- Policy Committee Update: The purpose of the update sent quarterly is to report progress and provide information on the following:
- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee, issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretations in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Policy motions to be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions passed by the WSC.

More will come after the Conference on the actual items they are working on. The Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon and Alateen member, group, or Area regarding issues that might need clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

Next week is (NERD) The North East Regional Delegate's Conference in New York WOW! I can't believe it's here so soon. This weekend prepares me for the Conference next month.

The 58th World Service Conference will be held Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 W. Red Oak Lane, West Harrison, New York 10604. This is the address to send cards and letters to me. Please include (Hold for WSC 4/16-4/20, 2018). Please try to have the mail arrive after April 13<sup>th</sup>. I truly appreciate the cards I received last year and hope that you will send them again this year. I need your support and good wishes.

Please use the following address on the return address section of your cards and letters.  
Gail Lxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, xxxxx, CT 06xxx [Redacted for the website]

**Please consider making “Love Gifts” for me to share with the Delegate’s at the Conference from Connecticut.** A group may wish to make them individually or within the groups. A table will be available at our CT AFG Convention in the Hospitality Room to make “Love Gifts.” I appreciate anything I can bring to the Conference. **I will have a box at the table for the “Love Gifts.” Thank you in advance.**

How many of you completed the 2018 Al-Anon Membership Survey? The questionnaire was available in English, Spanish and French until this February 27, 2018. I did. I hope many of our Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen members participated.

## **AREA**

I hope you are all doing well and your districts are doing the same. I plan on visiting district meetings starting again this month. I want to be available to support you in any way I can. Please contact me at any time and I will do my best to visit your districts to be of support. I hope to visit District 12 and District 4 this month.

Carol D., our Area Coordinator for AA Events has sent out an email requesting support for the Area 11 Roundup. This Roundup is AA’s Workshop with Al-Anon participation. It would be great to have Alateen participate. This is a wonderful one day event that is easy to put together for Al-Anon. Area 11 does most of the work and our job is to put together Al-Anon topic meetings. The last one we had was very successful and quite a few Al-Anon members came to support the meetings. There are AA and Al-Anon speakers at the close of the workshops. Not to mention the FOOD! Area 11 puts on a great spread.

Please consider joining Area 11 to support Al-Anon by coming forward and Chairing this event!

## **HAPPENINGS**

The Northeast Regional Delegates Conference (NERD) will be held, March 9, 10, 11, and 2018 in New York.

## **SAILING INTO SERENITY**

Our CT AFG 41<sup>st</sup> Convention will be held March 23, 24, 25, and 2018 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell. Please come and support our CT Convention by registering before March 8<sup>th</sup> and joining in on the Experience, Strength and Hope our fellowship shares with us. The Convention teaches us to laugh again and we learn to have FUN.

The 58<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference, April 16 through April 20, 2018.

Area 11 Roundup: Date to be determined.

Love in Service,

Gail L.  
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