

Delegate's Report
Fall Assembly, November 2, 2019
Fall into Service

I hope you enjoyed our Etiquette Rap!

Welcome to our Fall Voting Assembly and Thank you to Districts 4 and 5 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 is today. Please help purchase goodies for the Connecticut Alateen Workshop Weekend (CAWW) held in May.

There will be lots of excitement today! We will be voting for changes to the Area Guidelines to allow additional candidates the privilege of becoming Area Officers, we will be voting for new three-year terms of Delegate, Panel 60; Alternate Delegate, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, also the 2020 Budget.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE:

The 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) will be held in Virginia Beach on Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2020. Delegates may will arrive, Sunday, April 19 and depart, Saturday, April 25, 2020. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. The 2020 Conference Theme is:

Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision

Rever grand avec une vision20/20

Sonar en grande con vision 20/20

The 2021 Conference will be held on Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 16, 2021.

We just received an announcement that the availability date for printed version of the 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (p-24/27) version two (2). The online version two Manual in all three languages is on schedule to be posted on November 22, 2019.

It is with great relief that we are able to announce the availability date for printed version of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) version two (2). The online version two (2) *Manual* in all three languages is on schedule to be posted on November 22, 2019. The printed version will be available for shipping in all three languages on January 31, 2020. The new version will be identified with version two (2) on the title page and will contain changes approved at the 2019 WSC and corrections based on previous WSC motions.

Version two (2) includes extensive changes across all sections of the *Manual*; therefore, change pages

will not be available to download for this version. Those wishing to have a current printed copy of the *Service Manual* will need to purchase version two (2) from their local LDC or the WSO.

The Executive Director, Vali Fahey, “stated her regret that challenges they experienced in publishing and apologize for the long delay in the delivery.” This will not happen in the future.

This just came in: The World Service Office (WSO) recognizes the difficulty imposed on Spanish and French groups in not having a Spanish and French version of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* available, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to send a complimentary printed copy of version two (2) in the appropriate language to groups registered with the WSO as Spanish- and French-speaking. These printed copies will be mailed in February 2020.

The World Service Conference is coming up in April, 2020. Conference members can submit Chosen Agenda Item topics for discussion. The purpose of the Chosen Agenda Item is to give the Conference members and opportunity to select topics and issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide. Do you have any topics of concern you would like me to present to the Conference for discussion? Please consider whether the topic merits an in-depth discussion that could benefit Al-Anon groups and members worldwide; and whether the topic is related in some way to the Conference theme: “Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision.”

I am asking you, the members, to send me any concerns you think might fit into a large concern we have for our Area. I’m thinking of sending: How will the WSC handle the on-going need of technology in our groups, districts, and areas? I can see that we will need to use systems such as Skype or Zoom to help members stay in touch with Alateen Sponsor meetings District meetings, etc. This use would be for members who live away from the meetings held within the center of the State and have difficulty in making these meetings. Likewise, with the use of technology within the framework of the World Service Conference.

What do you have? What do you think?

This doesn’t mean that the WSC will use our questions, but they will be sent out to the 2020 Conference delegates to choose for Conference discussion.

AREA NEWS:

The 2019 Conference Theme is: “**Action is Attraction –There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone**” I am hearing that the 2020 CT Convention doesn’t have a Program Chair and Co-Chair, also no Chair and Co-Chair for Properties and Fliers. Why? This lack of coming forward to take positions, seems to be happening State wide. I do not understand why there is such lack of service. When I first came to the program, my sponsors told me I had to service the group in some capacity. From there I was encouraged to service the district and with that the Area World Service Committee. I grew and didn’t stand still in my recovery.

Al-Anon saved my life! Has it saver yours? By doing service and not say no to service, I continued my recovery. Thank you Al-Anon. Thank you Alateen. Giving back continues to keep our program thriving.

I plan to continue in service even after my three-year term as delegate ends. We need you! We will have elections today for Area Officers. Those of you who are eligible to stand, please step forward and

Serve. We should be voting for more than one person who stands. That's the healthy way to keep this program working. If you were to attend an Area 11 election, you would see that more than one person stands up for service. We should be supporting Al-Anon/Alateen in all ways of service.

Let's talk about "Links of Service", (S28). It means: If the groups have difficulties or questions, the Group Representative and the groups try to solve the problem themselves. If the group cannot solve a problem, the Group Representative goes to their District Representative and the district solves the problem. If problem is solved, the GR brings information back to the group. If the District Representative cannot solve the problem along with the district, the District Representative goes to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC). It's discussed there. If this cannot be resolved, the District Representative goes to the Delegate. The Delegate is your liaison to the World Service Office and finds out the answer.

A District Representative does not go directly to the World Service Office and then comes back to the Delegate. Also, World Service Office is to refer the DR or anyone else to the Delegate to respond.

This also relates to sending in donations to the Area, LDC and World Service Office. What makes us think that it's okay to pick and choose where we donate? There are some districts that do not send any money donations to their Area, World Service, or support the Literature Distribution Center. As a member of Al-Anon/Alateen, I am not working my program by holding back support whether in doing service within our group or sending in financial support to keep Al-Anon going. Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity. Yes, our groups and districts are autonomous but not when it affects Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole, Tradition Four.

My deepest prayer is that we remember where we came from and how hard it has been to keep the faith and support our events and service structure.

First and Last, I want to thank you all for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you these past three years as your delegate.

GREAT NEWS:

Area 11 Assembly, Sunday, November 3, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield, CT.

The Connecticut State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (CSCYPAA XXXIV) will be held on November 29 through December 1, 2019, at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

Al-Anon's Serenity Breakfast will be held January 20, 2020, in Southington, CT. More to come on this event.

43rd Annual CT AFG Convention will be held March 20 through 22, 2020, at the Red Lion Hotel, 100 Berlin Tpke., Cromwell, CT.

Love in Service, Gail Larkin, Panel 57, Delegate