

## Delegate's Report

December 2, 2022

Hello Friends

Time flies when your having fun!!! It is hard to believe my term as CT Delegate is ending and that this will be my last Delegate's report.

### WSO:

- World Service Office (WSO) has completed the first round of questions for the Longitudinal Study. They started with 8,500 members who opted in during the 2021 Membership Survey and approximately 50% of those members completed the Year One Survey which is very good. This is a 5-year study so make a note to be on the lookout for the survey each September through 2026 if you opted in.
- The 2023 World Service Conference (WSC) will be held April 20 through April 23, 2023, at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. The 2023 World Service Conference theme is

" Love, Laugh and Grow Together"

"Aimer, rire et grandir ensemble"

"Amar, reir y crecer juntos"

- On November 12, 2022, I attended a virtual Chairperson of the Board letter. This an opportunity to hear what the Board of Trustees has been working on and to ask questions. Here are some of the highlights:
  - The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has approved a series of new messages to inform/educate Delegates about their role as Delegate, the Conference agenda, and the importance of reading the material in advance. Also, a Task Force has been created with three members of CLT and three Delegates to create and present a one-hour presentation at Conference, focusing on Concept Six and clarifying that each WSC member at Conference has equal but different roles and responsibilities.
  - At the October Board meeting the Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) led a panel discussion on diversity and inclusivity. They identified five variables that contribute to diversity: Socioeconomic, Cultural/Geographic, Disability, Race & Gender. After a thoughtful discussion, the Board decided to hire an outside consultant to present a workshop at the January 2023 on diversity and inclusivity to continue this ongoing topic.
- **Finance Update:** At the end of September, our year-to-date literature sales remain below revised budgeted expectations—literature sales have not returned to pre-

pandemic numbers—and our year-to-date contributions remain above revised budgeted expectations. Staff continues to cut costs where needed and our year-to-date expenses are slightly below budget. Thank you for continuing to send your contributions!

Registration is now open for 2023 International Convention, which will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 29-July 2, 2023. The registration fees are as follow:

- Prior to Jan 11, 2023- **\$175**
- Prior to May 10, 2023-**\$200**
- After May 10, 2023-**\$225**

This registration includes access to the following events:

- **The Partying the Plaza** (Thursday night)
- **International Big Meeting**, including the Language of Love Parade (Friday morning)
- **Family Big Meeting** (Saturday night)
- **Spiritual Big Meeting** (Sunday morning)
- Your choice of many sessions throughout the event

Available Add-ons, for additional fee:

- **Day of Connecting** (All day Thursday), with speakers and workshops celebrating service - \$55 includes Lunch.
- **Trailblazer's Breakfast on Route 66** (Saturday morning), A speaker meeting celebrating Trailblazer's throughout Al-Anon's history including those still trailblazing today- \$75 includes breakfast

Al-Anon has negotiated reasonable room rates which rely on members reserving housing through the International Convention Housing Room Block, you can help WSO offset International Convention cost, which allows WSO to keep the registration fee as low as possible. The room rates range from \$124 to \$189 a night. Reserve your hotel rooms early to be close to all the actions.

#### **Area:**

Tonight, we will hear the resumes from the candidates who express interest in the following Coordinator positions: AA Events, Alateen, Archives, Group Records & Webmaster. I received no other resumes for Literature, Phone Service, or Spanish Liaison. Please consider what HP wants your next service role?

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- New England Conference of Young People in AA (NECYPAA) which will be held at Omni Hotel, Hartford on Jan 6-8, 2023
- Serenity Breakfast will be held on January 22, 2023, at Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT
- NERD (Northeast Regional Delegates) being held Virtually on March 12-13, 2023
- 45<sup>th</sup> CT AFG Convention to be held on March 25-26, 2023, at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT
- 63<sup>rd</sup> World Service Conference to be held in Virginia Beach, VA on April 20-23, 2023
- 2023 International Convention being held on June 29-July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

I would like to take this moment to thank my fellow Officers, Katie, Elaine, Jackie & Taffy (also Pat S) that have served with me the last three unique and challenging years. I would like to extend congrats and best wishes to the incoming Officers: Elaine M-Delegate, Katie D-Alt Delegate, Lisa G-Chair, Stephanie S- Treasurer and Karen V- Secretary.

Upon reflection of my experience as being Delegate I can now recognize that I have come to embrace and rely on the Traditions and Concepts! Never would I have imagined that I would be willing and able to use and appreciate the Concepts in navigating my journey!!

I am reminded in Tradition One, "Our Common welfare should come first, personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity" as well (here's a shocker) Concept 4 "Participation is the Key to Harmony" and Concept 5; "The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard" With the Tradition 1, I learned that it's not all about me but what is best for the fellowship as a whole. In Concept 4 & 5, I discovered that I need to be a willing participant in service to enhance my own recovery and Al-Anon as a whole. In Concept 5, I gained the knowledge and ability to voice my opinion, even if the minority opinion or concern but it does not make me right or to change the majority view, it is enough that I have a voice and can speak up without fear of retribution.

I have grown so much in this service role and will continue to be of service to Al-Anon in whatever way my HP guides me.

I would again like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity, love, and support to serve as your Connecticut Delegate!!! It has been quite a ride!!!

I will leave you with this quote: **You can't grow if you say No!"**

Love in Service

Marcia M

CT Delegate

Panel 60 "Making History"

