

January 6, 2023

Hello,

Welcome to my first AWSC meeting as Connecticut's Delegate. I feel both privileged and excited to represent members in Connecticut, however I wouldn't be truthful if I didn't say, "I am nervous."

I would like to welcome my fellow Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives and Alt District Representatives to our new service term.

WSO wasted no time in contacting me sending an invitation "Opportunities to serve on 2023". I was asked to prioritize my area of interest. I am awaiting my assignment.

How many of you read "In the Loop"? If you haven't subscribed yet I would encourage you to do so. It has lots of information in it and a world of information. There is no charge to subscribe, is open to ALL Al-Anon/Alateen members and you only need to submit your email to WSO.

News from WSO

The Board of Trustees are actively trying to regenerate Al-Anon/Alateen in many ways such as.

- How can we encourage members to do service?
- How do we start an Alateen group?
- How can we use social media for public outreach?
- How can we translate and reprint CAL?
- How do we handle conflicts within groups?
- How do we welcome newcomers?
- How do we sponsor people? Which literature should we use?

While we are fortunate in Connecticut to have the ability to purchase literature and attend meetings openly without reprise many countries do not have the same ability and or privilege we do.

In order to keep the lines of communication open with international structures, countries with an evolving structure, and groups in countries without a structure, an International Team has been formed at the World Service Office (WSO). Questions or requests for more information can be directed to the International Team at the following email address: international@al-anon.org Now for some exciting news! At the last ICC meeting, it was determined that Honduras has met the requirements and is now ready to become a General Service Office (GSO). The ICC recommended to the Board, and the Board unanimously passed, a motion to allow Honduras to become a GSO!

The printed version of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27 v2) hopefully will be available in January 2023. Please support our local service structure and reach out to our LDC office when the service manuals are available for purchase. Although this new manual is currently available online, my own preference is to have the book in front of me.

Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) led a discussion at the October Board of Trustee meeting to Address diversity and inclusivity

- Socio-economic
- Cultural/Geographic
- Disability
- Race
- Gender

A decision was made to hire an outside consultant to present a workshop at the January 2023 Board of Trustee meeting on the topic of diversity and inclusivity. The Board will continue to have discussions on the topic of diversity and inclusivity.

After postponing the Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect! Event for the past two years, The Board of Trustees and WSO were at last able to hold the 7th Road Trip! In Cleveland, Ohio on October 29th! with a record attendance of 137 guests. For those of you who may be wondering, Road Trip! Is an all-day event designed to bring the Al-Anon fellowship together in an engaging way. Plans are already being made for the 2023 Road Trip! Which will be held in October and the location of this event will be announced after the January 2023 Board meeting

The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be held June 29-July 2, 2023, at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme for the 2023 International Convention is “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery.” Registration opened on November 8, 2022. For the latest updates, go to:

<https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/>

Area News:

The Area is need for the following positions.

- Phone Service
- Literature
- Spanish Liaison

Do you know of anyone in your District who might be interested please tap them on the shoulder.

I will be attending the Northeast Regional Delegate’s Conference on March 10th through 12th.

Upcoming Area Events

Serenity Breakfast- January 22, 2023 – Sheraton Hilton South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

Convention- 45th Al-Anon/Alateen Convention – March 25-26, 2023 – Sheraton Hilton South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

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