

Area Public Outreach Report - April 7, 2017

Hello Everyone! We begin April with our “**Alcohol Awareness Month**”. Please encourage your district members to distribute AFA’s, or other Al-Anon Literature during April. See attached list for suggestions of places.

We have contracted with Signal Outdoor once again this year to put our Road sign posters on the backs of 2 buses in the Hartford & New Haven bus lines. These bus signs will run from 2/20/17 - 5/14/17, and can appear in any of 27 towns in the Hartford Area, and any of the 18 towns in the New Haven Area. One bus poster was spotted on Orange St. in New Haven by Kelly. I’d love to hear from anyone who spots these buses!!

CT Valley Hospital hosts a Family Education Night Event every Thursday for families of patients in recovery at that facility. Every 6th Thursday is Al-Anon Night. For the past 4 years 2 Al-Anon members & 1 AA member have been regular speakers at these events. They are looking for some help & need new speakers. Please present this opportunity to your district members, as it is a wonderful opportunity for Public Outreach Service. Please share the dates listed below with your district members and contact me to put your name, or a district members name, on the list of speakers: *July 27; Sept 7; October 19; November 30.*

The “Girl in the Bottle” Book mark has been redesigned and made into a poster. And we are working on a new “Girl in the Bottle “ book mark as well. We can still use the original bookmarks while the supply lasts. Moving forward, the “Girl” is now faceless and turned around, in keeping with our principle of anonymity. A supply of posters has been ordered & will be distributed as soon as they are ready!

The Ridgefield VNA Health & Wellness Fair on 4/1 was a wonderful event. Many people stopped by our table for information & meeting schedules. I look forward to participating in this event in 2018.

For your information, we have two limited access Al-Anon groups in Niantic. One group meets at the Niantic State Prison, and the other meets at the York Correctional Institution. WSO has created a new Writing Guide for incarcerated Al-Anon Members which WSO has sent to the Al-Anon members serving as group contacts. Forum sharings from inmates can help to create awareness of Al-Anon meetings at correctional facilities and could help these groups attract more newcomers to the group that meets at their facility.

Health Fairs & Expos scheduled for 2017: 4/30/17 - Sothern CT Women’s Expo, Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull, CT; September 2017 - Total Life Expo, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT; 10/21-22/17 - CT Women’s Expo, Hartford Convention Cntr.

Our Billboard & Street Poster project is ongoing. Please keep a watchful eye & report to me when & where you see them.

Our next Area Public Outreach Meeting is **THURSDAY MAY 11, 2017**. See attached flyer for revised Area PO meeting schedule.

Thank you all for your Service & support. I can’t do this without you!

With Gratitude, Mary Ann T CT AFG Area Public Outreach Coordinator
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