

## **Area Public Outreach Report - May 5 , 2017**

Hello Everyone!

Al-Anon's official Public Outreach magazine, "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" now has a new format for 2018. **Deadline for ordering the 1<sup>st</sup> printing is July 5, 2017**, for delivery in early September. There are only 2 ordering periods per year to order AFA's. Please consider what your district needs to order & don't hesitate to get that order in. Every group should have AFA's on hand to give out to NewComers & for members who want to do Public Outreach Service!

Our Website Coordinator, Sue G., has offered to make a page on our website for Public Outreach! I thought this was a wonderful idea. Sue & I will keep you all posted as to when this page will be up & running. It will contain all things Public Outreach, including information on all PO projects for the Area, as well as District PO projects, so that everyone has the opportunity to help and support in the projects & activities they would like.

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!! Only 1 week left for bus posters!

CT Valley Hospital hosts a Family Education Night Event every Thursday for families of patients in recovery at that facility. Every 6<sup>th</sup> 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. **The available dates for speaking at CVH in 2017 are: July 27; Sept 7; November 30. Please see attached flyer for information to put your name on the CVH speakers list.**

The "Girl in the Bottle" Book mark has been redesigned and made into a poster. The "Girl" is now faceless and turned around, in keeping with our principle of anonymity. The new posters are ready & available for PO use. & will be distributed to the District PO coordinators at the May 11 meeting. The new "Girl in the Bottle" bookmarks have been ordered and, with any luck, will be available at the 5/11 meeting as well. Both will be available at the Spring Assembly.

**Health Fairs & Expos scheduled for 2017: 10/1/17 - Western New England Women's Expo, The O'Neill Center, Western CT State Univ, 11am - 5pm; 10/21/17 - Total Life**

Expo, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT; 10/21-22/17 - CT Women's Expo, Hartford Convention Cntr, 10am - 3pm. We are looking for volunteers for helping out at these events. Please contact me if you are interested in doing this service work. I will have sign up sheets at the Spring Assembly .

**Walk the Walk for Recovery** scheduled for Saturday 5/6/17, 9 am - 4 pm., at Community Lake Park, 291 Hall Avenue, Wallingford, CT. CT AFG Public Outreach will participate as a vendor & will rent a table. Members may also participate in the "Walk" registering as individuals, not as representatives of Al-Anon, of course, as we do not affiliate.

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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