

Area Public Outreach Report - August 25 , 2017

Hello Everyone!

Al-Anon's official Public Outreach magazine, "**Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism**" now has a new format for 2018. Delivery is expected in early September to those who had ordered by July 5th. There are only 2 ordering periods per year to order AFA's. The next ordering period ends February 6, 2018. 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 to do Public Outreach Service! DR's in districts with no PO Coordinators are encouraged to order a supply of AFA's for their district members to do their Public Outreach Service.

Our Website Coordinator, Sue G., has constructed a page on our website for Public Outreach. It 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. I encourage every member in CT to check out the wonderful information available to us on our website. A copy of my report will be posted on our page of our website, readily available to all members of CT to read.

Cybulski Community Reintegration Center, Enfield, CT, is a CT state prison primarily for chronic DUI offenders and drug use & offenses. They have asked Al-Anon to provide speakers for their Family Education Nights, **Monday Sept 11, 2017, and Wednesday, October 4, 2017.** Please see attached flyer and please share with your district members. Anyone who would like to speak at Cybulski please contact me as soon as possible.

York Correctional Institution, Niantic, CT, is the only CT state prison for female offenders. They have requested Al-Anon speakers for 2 information sessions for their staff of corrections officers, substance abuse counselors & social workers, during September, National Recovery Month. Two speakers are needed for each of the 2 dates: **Tuesday, Sept 12, 10-11am; and Tuesday Sept 19, 10 -11 am.** A background of law enforcement or corrections would be a plus, but not mandatory. Experience with having had an incarcerated loved one would also be helpful. Please see attached flyer for more information on this Public Outreach opportunity.

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. We are looking for Al-Anon members to speak to the families of the residents. Please present this opportunity to your district members, as it is a wonderful opportunity for Public

Outreach Service. Please contact me for the 2018 dates and to be placed on the 2018 speaker list or on the waiting list.

CCAR (CT Community for Addiction Recovery) will be hosting the 18th Annual Recovery Walks on Saturday Sept 23, at Bushnell Park in Hartford, 10 am - 2 pm. CT AFG Public Outreach will have a table displaying our literature. ***We need volunteers to help staff the table.*** Please see the attached flyer for sign-ups & more information on this event.

Health Fairs , Expos & Conferences scheduled for 2017: 9/28/17 - iCan Conference, Artist's Collective, Hartford - 8am - 2:30pm ; 10/21/17 - Total Life Expo, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT 10 am - 3 pm; 10/21-22/17 - CT Women's Expo, Hartford Convention Cntr, 10am - 5pm. *We are looking for volunteers for helping out at these events. Please contact me if you are interested in doing this service work.*

We have contracted again with OutFront Media for 7 Street Posters. It will be with Al-Anon's roadside design, like the bookmark. These street posters will be found on any of over 700 places throughout CT, on CT state roads, such as Routes 1, 6, 10, etc., and will be in cities on very busy roads. OutFront has given us a great deal that when they have a vacant sign that has not been rented, our poster will go up for a minimum of 30 days. This was great exposure for Al-Anon last year when we did this project. Please ask the members in your district to notify me when & where they see our poster. They can contact me by going to our website at ctalanon.org, or by using my contact info listed below.

Our next Area Public Outreach Meeting is **September 7, 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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