

Area Public Outreach Report - October 6 , 2017

Hello Everyone!

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 see that attached flyer and contact me for the 2018 dates and to be placed on the 2018 speaker list or on the waiting list.

The CCAR (CT Community for Addiction Recovery 18th Annual Recovery Walks was held on Saturday Sept 23, at Bushnell Park in Hartford. This was a wonderful event for Public Outreach to participate in. There were over 1,000 attendees, most of who were at various stages of recovery (from 3 months to 35+ years!) and many were members of AA or NA. Our PO table was very busy. Many substance abuse counselors attended as well and were thrilled to have our literature available to them. Many recovering parents were happy to find Alateen information. I look forward to sponsoring an Al-Anon PO table again next year at this event!

The speaking events at **York Correctional Institution in Niantic , and at Cybulski Reintegration Facility in Enfield** were canceled at the last minute. York had a lock-down that day & Cybulski had a staffing shortage in the prison, so the family event was canceled. I will advise if & when these events are re-scheduled.

The **iCan Conference** which was held in Hartford on September 28th was a very successful event for Public Outreach. Lots of interest from attendees & those who staffed the PO table said their table was very busy all day!! Lots of literature was asked for & given out.

Health Fairs ,& Expos : 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. See attached Flyer.***

Please keep a watchful eye out for our **Roadside Designed Street Posters** (these are the smaller billboards on CT state roads such as routes 1, 5, 6, 15) Please let me know when & where you or any member spots one !

Our next Area Public Outreach Meeting is **November 9, 2017**. See attached flyer for 2018 Area PO meeting schedule.

Thank you all for your Service & support. I can't do this without you! With Gratitude,

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