

Area Public Outreach Report - CT AFG Fall Assembly - November 4, 2017

Happy Fall to Everyone!

It is with great pleasure that I report to you on CT AFG Public Outreach activities for the 2nd half of 2017. Public Outreach is vital to Al-Anon's growth. We must continue to reach out to the general public to let them know there is help & hope.

We currently have 8 out of 13 districts with Public Outreach Coordinators, and many, many PO committee members throughout our state working their Step 12 & giving Public Outreach Service.

In 2017, we have participated in 4 Health Fairs ; 2 Walks for Recovery ; the iCAN Conference. 5 members were interviewed on the Wayne Norman Show on WILL radio.

For September, National Recovery month, York prison in Niantic & Cybulski Prison in Enfield, requested speakers for Family Night, but both canceled at the very last minute due to a lock down & staff shortage. Hopefully they will reschedule.

We have 7 Street Posters out there. Has anyone seen them?

Every 6 weeks, CT Valley Hospital has their Family Education night dedicated to Al-Anon. We provide 4 speakers. The 2018 sign up sheet is now available. Please consider this great service!! First date we need speakers for is January 11.

Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan has a family day every other Sunday at noon. Sam S. has served as Outreach chair for Silver Hill for 10 years. He is now stepping down. Thank you Sam S. for your dedicated service. We need volunteers to oversee this important service as well as 2 speakers for each Family Day. Please contact me for details & to volunteer for this service.

We now have many School Libraries, as well as Public libraries with both Alateen & Al-Anon books, which are available for borrowing. PO Committee members continue to participate in school health fairs, speaking at assemblies and speaking to health classes. We provide literature & speakers for special events at hospitals, and rehabs. We continue to display literature, posters, business cards & bookmarks to Public libraries, Police & Fire Depts,

So far this year, we have given out nearly 15,000 Business cards; over 5,000 "Girl In The Bottle" Bookmarks; nearly 9,000 AFA's; over 1,000 posters.

I'd like to thank all of our PO Coordinators, their committee members for their wonderful work in Public Outreach. To the DR's, Alternates, Coordinators , Officers , Delegates , all CT AFG members, Thank you for your service & your support.

The purpose of Public Outreach is Step 12....*to carry the message to others.....*Al-Anon has a wonderful message of recovery. Let us all continue to work our Step 12 & carry this message of hope

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann T. CT AFG Area Public Outreach Coordinator