

Area Public Outreach Report - January 5, 2018

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Our official Public Outreach Magazine, “**Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism**”, has only 2 printings per year. The deadline for the ordering for the next printing is **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**. They will ship late March to be received by early April. Every District & every Al-Anon meeting should always have a supply of AFA's, so each member can continue to do Step 12 work by distributing our magazine to appropriate places. I have attached an AFA order form as well as a list of suggested places to distribute them. AFA's are great to give to Newcomers along with our Newcomer's packet. The next ordering deadline is early July for delivery in late August. Order enough for all of your district meetings! Each district PO Committee should order their own.

Our most important piece of literature is our **Meeting Schedule**. Please make sure each of your meetings has a good supply on hand to give to Newcomers. Always have enough schedules on hand so each member can use them when doing their Step 12 work, which is Public Outreach. **The 2018 CT AFG Meeting Schedules are available only through the LDC for \$1 each**. Please put enough \$ in your budgets to have enough of the schedules on hand at all times.

I have attached our 2018 Area Public Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule. All District PO Coordinators are encouraged to attend. All Al-Anon members can attend. Come see what PO is all about & see what each district is doing for their Public Outreach projects. Our next meeting will be Thursday January 11, 2018, at the Best Western Hotel, Berlin Turnpike, Berlin ,CT.

The sign-up sheet for speaking at CT Valley Hospital is updated for 2018. Many people have already signed up. Currently the only dates available are June 28, Sept 20, Dec 13. Anyone interested in speaking should call me as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!!

March 4 is Lois W's birthday. Each year we celebrate & honor her with our “**Leave Hope**” Project. All Al-Anon members are asked to **Leave** 1 piece of Al-Anon literature in a public place. I have attached a flyer for our Leave Hope Project as well as a list of suggested places where to leave the literature.

We will be participating in the **Ridgefield VNA Health Fair on Saturday April 21**. More information will follow on this event. The **Southern CT Women's Expo in Trumbull**, which was originally scheduled for 4/21/18, in which we have participated in the past, has now been **changed to a Bridal show on 3/25/18**. I feel this is not an appropriate venue for Al-Anon Public Outreach, **therefore we will not be participating**.

Thank you all for the work you do to bring Al-Anon's message of help & hope to the general public, so that those who have not yet found us will be able to find us and begin recovery for themselves. Together, we can make a difference

With Gratitude & Love In Service, Mary Ann T., CT AFG Area Public Outreach Coordinator