

## Area Public Outreach Report - March 2, 2018

Hello Everyone!

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 March 15, 2018, at the Best Western Hotel, Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to speak at CT Valley Hospital. Every speaker slot for 2018 has been filled!! We do have a CVH Speaker Wait list. If you are interested in being on the wait list, please call or email me. If someone has to cancel at the last minute, we will use the names on this list to find a replacement.

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. Our "Leave Hope" project can continue for the entire month of March.

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month. I have an attached flyer talking about this and an invitation to everyone to participate in an "Alcohol Free Weekend", which is traditionally the first weekend of April (sponsored by the NCADD), to raise awareness of alcohol and how it may be affecting individuals, families, businesses, and our communities.

There are 2 Health Fairs we are participating in during April. I have attached Guidelines for Service work at Health Fairs. It's a great way to work your Step 12 & do service work. It's fun & easy, and you just might help someone find the help & hope of Al-Anon, they so desperately need.

The first is the **Greater Vernon Holistic Healthfest, Saturday & Sunday April 7 - 8, 10am - 4 pm both days.** We still need volunteers for both days. See attached flyer - it will give you the dates, times, & address of this event.

We will also be participating in the **Ridgefield VNA Health Fair on Saturday April 21**. We still need 1 more volunteer for this event. Please call or email me if you are interested. Please see attached flyer.

I am in the process of purchasing 25 Street Posters from Outdoor Media. The process will be completed within the next few weeks. We are hoping to start having some posters up by April, for National Alcohol Awareness Month. Keep a watchful eye when driving. They can appear anywhere in CT & will be on State roads, such as Route 1, 5, 17, 10. In 2017, our Al-Anon Roadside Street Posters appeared on State roads in Wallingford, Westbrook, Chester, Groton & Mystic. With ordering 25, this year we hope to reach many more towns throughout the state.

This is the final year of my 3 year commitment as Area Public Outreach Coordinator. I will be actively looking for someone to take on this great position.

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,  
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