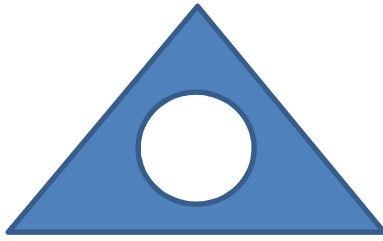


Area 35 World Service Committee



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World Service Conference Time

From April 24 to 28, our N.H. Delegate, Nancy D., will attend the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, VA. She discussed the business the Conference will consider when she reported to the Area 35 Assembly on March 18.

As many of us know, Al-Anon is run from the grass roots. This means that every member at every business meeting in every Al-Anon group, here and abroad, has a voice in what goes on. Study of the Concepts helps to understand how this works.

Delegates from all Areas will represent the members as they deliberate over issues that affect members. One topic that has been discussed before is the Prayer for Today, now on the back of the Just for Today bookmark. There are strong opinions on both sides of the debate over whether to keep this prayer or remove it. But what distinguishes Al-Anon from more political groups is the way this debate is handled. If consensus isn't reached, Al-Anon's `Knowledge Based Decision Making process will continue, and further study will enlighten the discussion next time it comes up. No one will be forced into an untimely decision.

Love Gifts ~ Many groups want to acknowledge the service of all delegates by making or assembling small gifts that can be mailed to arrive during the Conference. Your Group Rep, District Rep or any Area coordinator has information about mailing.

Your copy of Alanews

Alanews can be mailed electronically to your home. Just ask at alanews@nhal-anon.org. Likewise, if you're on the mailing list in error, please include your email address in the body of your request to be removed. Group members are asked to print a copy to share with anyone not connected to the Internet.

Happy Anniversary, Alateen!

Celebrate 60 years of help for teens



whose lives have been affected by a loved one's drinking. Some groups in N.H. are marking the 60th anniversary by using Alateen literature at a meeting.

Meanwhile, Noah P. has continued as interim Alateen coordinator while that position remains open. Derry, Laconia, Raymond and Portsmouth currently have Alateen groups. Each group must have two qualified Alateen sponsors, as well as two backup sponsors who fill in as substitutes. An ongoing review of sponsorship documents is being done by an Alateen task force. Please consider learning more about the task force by attending a meeting at Concord Hospital on April 23 from 10-12, prior to the Area World Service Committee meeting.

Anyone interested in the requirements for sponsorship may email Noah at: Alateen-coordinator@nhal-anon.org.



From Our Forum

Coordinator

Have you heard about Al-

Anon's great publication, *The Forum*? Every month I look forward to an envelope in my mailbox that is anonymous because I know that inside is a great magazine called *The Forum*. It contains short articles by Al-Anon members about how they have applied Al-Anon principles to their life. Each article is a short story. Some are comical, and others of a more serious nature. All of them explain the way that Al-Anon works. The articles cover a large array of topics. I can relate to most of them in my everyday journey. At the end of the magazine are three pages each devoted to the Step of the month, Tradition of the month, and the Concept of the month. *The Forum* is on my nightstand so I can pick it up first in the morning or in the evening before I go off to la la land.

Here is a chance to be published! You can write an article for *The Forum*. Articles written are signed only with the first name and the state they come from so you don't have to worry about your anonymity.

Because I enjoy *The Forum* so much I decided to be the Forum Coordinator for the Area. My goal is to help members and prospective members to become aware of this wonderful resource (which can also be used as a meeting topic). I welcome the opportunity to be of service by visiting meetings to share about *The Forum*, explaining how to obtain a copy or guidelines for writing articles, or simply by sharing my copy of the magazine with you! By the way, it only costs \$11.00 annually for a subscription. Readers can borrow one at most meetings. I find that I pass mine along to other members as part of my 12th Step work.

Should you have questions or comments feel free to contact me at forum@nhal-anon.org

Yours in recovery,

Cindi B

April Dates

April 29- Spring Workshop, Dist. 2 & 12, 9 to 3 United Church of Christ, Atlantic Ave. and Post Rd., N. Hampton. Potluck lunch, suggested \$5 donation. Everyone's welcome.

April 7 to 9- Area 43 N.N. A.A. Convention at the North Conway Grand Hotel, 72 Common Court, N. Conway NH. Al-Anon participation.
nhaa.net/event/area-43-2017-convention

April 24-28- Al-Anon World Service Conference at Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA.

April 23- AWSC Meeting- noon to 3 at Concord Hospital, Concord, NH. Everyone's welcome.

Submit your news by April 15 to
alanews@nh-alanon.org

Area 35 Assembly notes

Gratitude to Kate, our Area Chairperson, for moderating Area 35's assembly March 18.

~Districts 1,3,4,7,and 10 need District Reps

~There are 11 Districts and 30 voting members (GRs or alternates) in our state.

~The 2016 NH Al-Anon Convention was successful. A vote to confirm a 2017 Convention Chair will happen at the April 23 AWSC meeting.

~In 2018 the Al-Anon International Convention will be held in Maryland.

~ The May 20 Area Assembly will be at Hope for NH Recovery, 293 Wilson St. Manchester, NH



Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 at Grace Episcopal Church, 30 Eastman St. Concord – This meeting needs your presence. Just showing up is Step 12.

A Meeting on Your Tablet

New Hampshire's Al-Anon website is nhal-anon.org. There you will find meeting information, links to the national organization, and contact access to all NH Al-Anon service coordinators. Go further and connect with Al-Anons nationwide at al-anon.org, where there are online and phone meetings available. You're never alone!