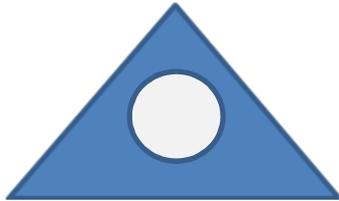


# Area 35 World Service Committee



# Alanews

Connecting New Hampshire's Al-Anon and Alateen Members

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## 2017 Convention Coordinator Confirmed

NH Area Assembly Meeting  
May 20 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hope for NH Community Recovery  
Center ~ 293 Wilson St., Manchester

Registration 9:45 AM

This is how Al-Anon works! If your group doesn't have a group rep, please hold a special election to designate a temporary G.R. Then work hard to fill the position. All groups, all districts vote at these Assemblies. Your group has a voice. Get a wider view of Al-Anon and meet people at this important event.

Hope for NH Community Recovery Center is located at the corner of Wilson St. and Valley St. There is a parking lot directly across the street on Wilson. Overflow parking is available at the shopping center across Valley Street.

Potluck lunch.

There is a kitchen, with sinks, electrical outlets, but no stove. You'll be pleased to sample the delicious dishes Al-Anon members contribute. There's talent in this fellowship!

When we take Step Five and share what we have learned with another person as well as with our Higher Power, we demonstrate a willingness to change. . . . *In All Our Affairs: Making Crises Work for You*

In Al-Anon, we inspire one another, and the story of the 2017 convention is no exception to this. On April 23, at the NH World Service Committee meeting in Concord, Trish W. was confirmed as the Coordinator of New Hampshire Al-Anon's 2017 Convention, scheduled for September 15 through 17 at Attitash Grand Summit Resort in the Mount Washington Valley.

The Convention Coordinator position had been open, with discussion of a convention even suggesting a one-day gathering as a last resort. But when Trish attended the Massachusetts Al-Anon Convention, she was inspired. She volunteered. Now we need all of you. As Trish put it, "Here is an opportunity for you and/or your sponsors, sponsees, fellow group members to join together in some service work. As we all know, participation is the key to harmony.

"Get back to me if interested in participation, and in what capacity. *Together we can make it.*"

Email [convention@nhal-anon.org](mailto:convention@nhal-anon.org) or leave your contact information at the Area Assembly. More information and times in the next Alanews. Thank you, Trish.





## In Memoriam

At the April, 2017, Area World Service Committee meeting, Dennis R.'s resignation as Historian was approved with regret. He gave failing health as a reason. At the end of April he passed away.

Kate M., our Area Chairperson, summed up his dedication to Al-Anon saying, "For me, Dennis sat in the corner seat at the Bedford Sunday Morning meeting when I first attended the program. He was always there to say hello and share his experience, strength and hope. He was especially good at passing along the links of service in Al-Anon. He will be missed."

### *Al-Anon International*

The Al-Anon World Service Office has announced that registration for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, opens in July. The theme will be "Celebrating One Day at a Time." Look for information about groups traveling from N.H. as the date draws closer.



Assembly Topics and other food for thought...

Discussion started at the last Assembly on the removal of "Prayer for Today" from Al-Anon literature. Nancy D., our Delegate to the World Service Conference, will report on how the topic was framed during discussion there. She will also report on other business.

Group Reps and District Reps from the northern and western parts of the state travel long distances to meet in southern N.H. If you have suggestions about how to make monthly and quarterly meetings easier to attend, please share them.

### *New Al-Anon Meeting*

Manchester Saturday Night  
7 P.M.  
Manchester Vineyard Community Church  
150 Dow Street

### *Editor's Note*

There's an opportunity for service waiting for someone. It will bring a fortunate volunteer into contact with new and talented people from around the state, and while it comes with responsibilities, it will also bring rewards.



Answering Service Coordinator oversees that valuable An-Anon connection those in over their heads turn to when they see a number listed on our Al-Anon posters. "Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and let it begin with me."

Many twenty-four hours ago, I called the mental health center in a neighboring town. "I need an appointment. I think I'm going crazy," I told the woman who answered. She calmly said, "Someone from Al-Anon will call you."

What? I didn't mention alcohol. "I want an appointment," I reiterated. "Someone from Al-Anon will call you," she repeated. I told her I didn't want to talk to someone from Al-Anon. I got the appointment, and someone from Al-Anon did call me. She later became my first sponsor.

How did the receptionist connect me with someone's drinking? There are no secrets in small towns. We who live, or have lived can always spot 'em. Much later, because she practiced her 12<sup>th</sup> Step, she became an important mentor in my loved one's recovery program.

I got- and still get- my recovery in Al-Anon. The volunteer who steps up for answering service will find, as I have, that paying it forward is also self-enriching. Contact [chairperson@nhal-anon.org](mailto:chairperson@nhal-anon.org) if you're the one who will keep our answering service first-rate. Or you can volunteer at the Area Assembly. CH