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From Our Delegate



Nancy D., our Delegate to the World Service Conference held in April in Virginia Beach, did an admirable job of condensing the intensive meeting schedule into a clear presentation to the Area Assembly of some important topics discussed.

Area delegates had breakout sessions that examined ways to welcome and support newcomers while remaining true to the Al-Anon Steps, Traditions and Concepts. They discussed cooperation with AA, which usually happens at the Area level, as well as barriers to attracting younger participants. This would include Al-Anon and Alateen members, considering ways to keep them after they've attended one meeting. It begins with us, she noted, saying, "One person can really make a difference."

These were part of the Chosen Agenda Items submitted by the Areas to discuss. Based on confusion of a Closed versus Open meetings, and discussion and feedback from Area Delegates with the Policy Committee, it was recommended that the Policy Committee review and revise the service manual. They were asked to consider terminology to preserve anonymity, confidentiality and safety important to all members.

The Trustees have put together a Thought Force to determine how Al-Anon can better support phone and electronic meetings within our service structure. Currently there are 17,000 members who participate in phone and electronic meetings.

The World Service Office preliminary budget for 2017 is \$5,229,500, with revenue projected to be \$5,240,000. This money comes back to every group in the form of support, literature editing and publishing, and outreach. Over 90% of N.H. groups contribute to the World Service Office, making us number 2 in WSO support. *We do a great job!*

More about the Conference will be shared at the next Area Assembly.

What makes a Fabulous Group Rep or District Rep report?



Cue the sighs when a Group Representative brings a report back to his or her group from a district meeting. Let's improve that experience. Our Delegate challenged those at the May 20 Area Assembly to describe what they want from our trusted servants. Here's the list:

- ✓ A brief statement, including the date, location and attendance at the meeting.
- ✓ An informative report, relevant to group concerns
- ✓ A concise statement, written if possible
- ✓ Notice of any changes in Conference Approved Literature

Two-way communication is vital to the life of every local group just as it's vital in our relationships. We thank those who serve, especially our trusted Delegate, Nancy D.



Wisdom in the Mountains
34th NH Al-Anon/Alateen Convention
September 15, 16, 17 2017
Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, Bartlett N.H.
Registration forms and information online at
www.nhal-anon.org

Celebrate !

Our Delegate recommended that Group Representatives and their District Rep (as well as anyone else) take a road trip to get to know one another better.

These group anniversaries are opportunities to travel to beautiful places as well as share experience, strength and hope.



Friday, June 23, 2017

Al-Anon Friday Night Serenity Group ~ Gibson Center

14 Grove Street, North Conway

Anniversary speaker meeting, Al-Anon and AA speakers at 7:45. Come early for food, folks and fellowship at 7 PM. Pot luck ~ finger food or dessert.

Monday, July 24, 2017

Peterborough Al-Anon

United Methodist Church, Concord Street

6:45 to 8:15 ~ Al-Anon and AA speakers

Going to Attitash?

Group room rates are available for the 2017 N.H. Al-anon Convention at Attitash Grand Summit Hotel. When making a reservation (1-888-554-1900) mention the code NH Al-Anon. Register for the workshops at nhal-anon.org.

When that's done, Trish would like your help at the convention. If you can assist with registration, hospitality, workshops, or literature email convention@nhal-anon.org.

MEETING CHANGE

Franklin Wednesday Night Meeting

6:15 to 7:15 ~ now at Hope for NH Recovery

175 Central Street

Check nhal-anon.org/meetings/ for other Franklin meetings

Alanews submissions

Please submit notices of special Al-Anon events, meetings, and your own personal reflections to alanews@nhal-anon.org, by the 15th if possible.



Our Area Treasurer,



Gary, has asked for one more volunteer for the N.H. Budget Committee. It's time to prepare next year's budget. If you

can assist please email treasurer@nhal-anon.org.

Meanwhile, our 7th Tradition support has missed its mark. The Area budget requires \$8,000 to cover minimal expenses, but as of April 30 received \$2,080 from the groups. Especially in times when addiction makes the headlines, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, especially in 7th Tradition giving.



Happy 66th, Al-Anon !

Across America, groups are planning special activities for Al-Anon's 66th anniversary. You can download the DVDs *Lois's Story* (AV-1) and *Lois W. & the Pioneers* (AV-24) at al-anon.org. There's also a free .pdf summary at <http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/S35.pdf>. Share your group's celebration with Alanews. We're grateful to Lois and the pioneers! Let's carry the message forward.

Downloadable Al-Anon

The World Service Office website now links to vendors who offer Conference approved Al-Anon and Alateen audiobooks and electronic literature. Prices are in the \$7.99 to \$9.99 range for selections. Click *electronic literature* on Al-Anon's literature page.

From Courage to Change (p. 207)~

"Being powerless over alcohol and the alcoholic simply means that it cannot be done by forcing issues. A change in our attitude, on the other hand, has limitless power to bring serenity and order into the home.

Today's reminder

"I am not powerless over myself., and the way I act and react. This is, in itself, a power than can work miracles in changing the attitudes of others."