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- 1) Call to order: 9:08 AM by Chair Elaine R
- 2) A moment of silence was followed by the Serenity prayer.
- 3) Traditions ready by Nancy O
- 4) Concepts read by Carolyn D8
- 5) Welcome and Information Items:
  - a) Welcome new DR's and GR's. There is a presentation at lunch for all the DR's at the deli lunch this afternoon. If new GR's were not here or unable to attend the new GR meeting this morning, make sure you attend at the next assembly.
  - b) There are 4 banquet tickets available for anyone who wishes. Go to the registration table.
  - c) Bucket contains folders for all the AWCS members. There are agendas and an explanation of voting procedures on the tables. Only GR's have a vote at the Assemblies.
- 6) Roll Call: please report the number of voting members from each district present in the room:
  - a) Districts
 

1-4	2-3	3-5	4-0	5-5	6-6	7-1	8-6	9-0	10-8	11-1
12-3	13-0	14-3	15-6	17-4	18-5	19-3	20-1	21-5	22-2	23-2
24-4	25-6	26-2	27-2	28-0	29-5					[92 VOTING MEMBERS]
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  - c) Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Public Information, Newsletter Editor, NYNAC, Homepage, Spanish contact
  - d) Officers: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair
- 7) Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Spring 2007 Convention were read by Molly C and corrections taken. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. M: Jean D14 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paula Rochester AIS  
Passed by a voice vote.
- 8) Breakout for Action Committees.
- 9) Lunch
- 10) Call to order at 1:39 PM
- 11) Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 12) Delegate's Report: copy is attached.
- 13) Business Items:
  - a) The Basket Raffles close at 4:00 PM. Winners will be drawn at that time.
  - b) Reminder that only the Archivist is allowed to take pictures. No one else is allowed that includes cell phones.
- 14) Action committee Reports: Copies attached.
- 15) Treasurer' Report: Pam A distributed the NYN Financial Statement January 2007 -December 2007 and a NYN Financial comparison of income and expenses from Jan through August of 2206 and 2007. Copies are attached. She reminded everyone that the average donation in 1067 - 400 years ago was \$1.. that is still the average donation in 2007. She asks that we urge our members to "BREAK THE BUCK BARRIER" at our meetings.
- 16) Roll Call: reminder you must be in the room to be counted as a voting member.
  - a) Districts:
 

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- 17) "Lost in the Web" Homepage Coordinator Presentation: Kathi D did a power point presentation on her job as Home Page Coordinator. Because of the search for a new web host her position is currently atypical. Part of her job is to reach out to new people looking for help at the NYN site and to our members of NYN. She maintains up to date web pages. Responds to "Contact Us" inquiries. Writes articles for the Northern Highlights. Attends AWSC meetings and Assemblies. She is a liaison between the NYN Area and the web hosting service. Electronic information is best to put on the web but she can scan flyers and documents. Questions:
  - a) When will the minutes to the AWCS and Assemblies be one the web. A: when they are submitted.
  - b) Is there a gateway to these minutes to prevent people at large from viewing them? A: That is to be determined by the Assembly but it can be a very simple one like the member info on the WSO site.
  - c) Can you put flyers on the web? A: yes just send them via email or us post.

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- d) Will it help to have members hit the site to help us get listed on the search engines like GOOGLE? A: No it's a matter of filling out a form to get listed by the search engines.
- e) To be the Homepage coordinator do you need to know HTML code. A: No the web host provides templates.
- 18) Agenda Items :
- a) Donation to WSO. A motion was made to donate 10% of the Spring Convention's profit - \$400.00 to the WSO. M: Jan L D12 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sylvia D27 Passed by voice vote.
- b) 2008 Proposed Budget. Copies of the proposed budget were distributed by the Treasurer, Pam A. with a reminder that the budget is not set in stone. It is fluid as needs change. A copy is attached. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. M: Joannie D6 2<sup>nd</sup>: Corrine D17 Passed by voice vote.
- c) Host for the 2009 Fall Assembly: Districts 8 and 22 offered to host the 2009 Fall assembly. Accepted by all present.
- d) Host for the 2008 NYNAC: Connie D stated it is possible the Alateen groups on Districts 8 22 and 24 are possible candidates. She will be meeting with them shortly and will report back at the Spring AWSC meeting.
- e) Long Range Committee on Conventions and Assemblies. It was explained that the Ad Hoc Committee on conventions proposed changing the current structure of the NYN Assemblies and Conventions to include a Convention that just focuses on program and fellowship. To follow up on their work it is proposed that a committee be formed to look at NYN's and other areas practices. M: Bob C: to establish a long range committee on conventions and assemblies 2<sup>nd</sup>: Connie D Discussion followed w/ questions
- i) Q: Seth D24: why do we need 2 conventions? A: to carry out the NYN business
- ii) Q: Betty D1: What did the 1<sup>st</sup> committee formed to revise the guidelines: A: Ruth S: 3 one day assemblies, one for only the Delegates Report and 2 AWSC meetings before the Assemblies, and one 3 day convention for fellowship, program and fun. Anne F was appointed as Chairperson. Anyone who want to participate please see her.
- f) Committee to update the Policies of NYN. Elaine R, Chairperson wants all AWSC members to have current copies of the Policies of NYN AL-Anon Area. All changes approved by the NYN membership is in the minutes of the assemblies and Conventions. Molly, the secretary will review and gather the changes to forward to this committee. M: Pat D15 to form this Committee to update the policies of NYN 2<sup>nd</sup>. Connie D. Jan L, D12, Janet S D12 Angel D12 and Gina D will help review the minutes. Pam A suggested after the update is complete that any and all changes be updated as they happen. Motion passé by voice vote.
- g) Newsletter Editor has authorization to distribute the Newsletter in the most effective manner. Nancy is keeping options open.
- h) M: Connie D to establish a \$200 line item in the budget as a fee assistance for the AIS/LDC Workshop. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ruth S. After much discussion a Vote was taken and motion was passed 90 Yes, 14 opposed, 5 abstentions.
- i) M: Lenny to say the cell phone and photo statement at every AWSC meeting Assembly and convention. As a reminder. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne R. Passed by voice vote.
- 19) Many district and group announcements were made.
- 20) M: Gary D \_\_\_ to close the assembly, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sylvia. D The meeting was close with the Al-anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted

Molly C

**9.15.07 DELEGATE's REPORT**

- ❖ I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is looking forward to upstate New York's beautiful fall foliage season. I'd also like to extend my welcome back to the many members who have been with us at assemblies/conventions in the past and also to welcome those of you who are participating in your first assembly/convention. It's important to realize that without the business portion of our fellowship there would be no fellowship and without service there would be no one business segment and we would be nothing but chaotic.
- ❖ There is much to bring you up to date with from World Service and there are a lot of exciting things happening or coming up. The following are all Items that should be conveyed to the Area and, of course, from there to the Districts, and the Groups:

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- ❖ A Literature Coordinators Conference call was held on August 4th at 2:00P.M. EST. The purpose of the call was for the Coordinators to get to know one another, have discussions on topics they had suggested, and answer questions anyone might have. Instructions were sent to all Literature Coordinators ahead of time, they were sent an agenda and an attendance list (36 names), and there was follow-up by way of a Conference Call Evaluation Form. Tom Coffey, Associate Director of Communications-Literature coordinated this effort which I've heard went well.
- ❖ Executive Director, Ric Buchanan sent a memo out to Conference members regarding the topic of Trustee Selection Process- At Large and Regional. He indicated that the Board of Trustees is continuing to evaluate the selection process for selecting Trustees in order to find the best candidates to serve the fellowship. The Conference has agreed to a trial period for the selection of Regional Trustees. All resumes were to be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The selection process will now include an additional question that is not on the resume. The nominating Committee will formulate the question and no Candidate, including incumbent Board Members will know the specifics until the question is mailed on or about August 15<sup>th</sup>. The question will be one with which the Board has an interest in and that will assist the appropriate Committee on Trustees and Nominating in selecting the final candidates. Candidates will be notified before the question is mailed out and they will be given a relatively short response time. If anyone has any questions please contact Lorraine Fuchs, the Nominating Committee Chairperson or Ric Buchanan at afg@al-anon.org The Nominating Committee is interested in how people express themselves not their position on a particular question.
- ❖ The 2007 World Service Conference Summary is now available on the Members Web site. I should be mailed by the end of August and the price for members is only \$3.00 and it is more than worth it! There is a good chance that I will have the copies for the OR's, Officers, and Coordinators by the time I present this report.
- ❖ The 2008 International Convention flyer is now available from a link on the Member's Web site. This should be a helpful tool for members who have inquiries about the International in Pittsburgh.
- ❖ The 2013 International Convention site selection will be announced in late October or early in November.
- ❖ 110,625 copies of the outreach magazine I-Anon Faces Alcoholism have been sold. The next issue of this magazine will be offered in the spring 2008. Last year in its initial release the magazine sold over 168,000 copies. That's incredible.
- ❖ The Annual Report will continue to be updated on progress regarding the Board's Strategic Plan. The STAFF AND Committee reports will be attached as an Operational Update similar to this year's format.
- ❖ There is an opening for the position of a Web Architect. The job description can be found on the Member's Web site.
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- ❖ The Service Manual will have a new look and will be out in late fall. The date on the Service Manual will be 2006-2009. The Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2006-2009 will include all 4 books (P24/27) as it does now and there will be a separate printing of the Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work (P-24) booklet. All groups will be providing with printings and individual members will be encouraged to purchase a personal copy of Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work. There are lots of changes including the inclusion of several pieces from the Group Binder and the moving of the meeting format to the front.
- ❖ There were 27 e-CAL submissions last month, ten of which were text only, seven texts with clip art, nine were photos without text, and one was multimedia. Please encourage your District and Groups to submit all kinds of e-CAL but especially multimedia.
- ❖ The Board of Directors, in response to discussions of Delegates and Past Delegates at Regional Service Seminars decided on a fourth theme to be added to the Strategic Plan. In addition to "Everyone Everywhere", "Universal Understanding of Recovery", and "Unlimited Abundant Resources", the fourth theme is "Support and Strengthen our Structure"
- ❖ In response to "Support and Strengthen our Structure" the Board is looking at a variety of ways members of our fellowship will be able to serve. The Board is in the process of reconfiguring some of the Committees into Task Forces, Work Groups, Teams, and Ad Hocs in order to make the committee structure more nimble and focused. Committees will have the flexibility to utilize more members from the fellowship in a variety of tasks thus using our unlimited abundant resources.
- ❖ MORE DETAIL ABOUT COMMITTEE RECONFIGURATION
  - The following are information items regarding planned and considered actions regarding the committee structure:
    - The at large position of the International Coordination Committee (ICC) will not be filled at this time.
    - Forum Editorial Advisory Committee (FEAC) is traveling to Virginia Beach once or twice a year on a trial basis and will possibly have a non-Trustee Volunteer Chair with oversight by a Trustee.
    - The Public Outreach (PO) Committee will be reconfigured with a Trustee as Chair having oversight. The PO Committee as well as all
      - ◆ committees may use Al-Anon members on Task Forces with the focus on particular tasks.
      - ~ Literature will continue to have a Trustee Chair and individual work on specific pieces may be assigned to an Ad Hoc, Task Force or Work Groups for each piece thus allowing more work to be moved forward at the same time. Task Forces or any other sub-group would still be accountable to the Committee who created it. The Committee would still have oversight and report its proposed actions to the Board.
      - vi Delegate participation in the CAL process will continue regardless of other adjustments to the overall process.
      - / Group Services will continue to have delegate members but may use Task Forces with affected or informed members to work on specific projects.
      - / The Alateen Advisory is currently in a trial and is meeting at two RSS's, thus making it possible to have Alateen participation in Canada (for the first time) as well as the United States.
      - / The Conference Committee is being reorganized on a trial basis as the Conference Leadership Team. The work is being streamlined. The Team will report back to the Board and specific tasks may be turned over to Board, Executive Committee, and staff members working as Ad Hocs or Work Groups as needed.
      - / Future plans may involve Delegate participation in work not related to the current Committee assignments.
- ❖ The Board is continuing (As the 2007 WSC suggested) to find ways to get the best qualified people to serve as well as identify the needs of the Board on an annual basis.
  - ◆ • The Board of Directors voted to bring Nicolette Stephens, the WSO Information Analyst, as an observer to the October Board meeting without voice (unless pertinent to her position) or vote.
  - ◆ • Chairperson Zelda Richwine has appointed an "Alateen Traditions ad hoc" to consider what additional steps are necessary to protect and elevate the Alateen Traditions to the same status as the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.
  - The WSO Information Analyst introduced to the Board the 2006 Members' Survey presentation prepared for professionals. It will or is available on the Members' Web site.
  - Board members, Executive Committee members and staff are available to visit your Areas as a resource for your Assemblies. All communication regarding this has been with the Area Chairperson and the Delegate and

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therefore they are encouraging us to do that. We had Mary Gregory last year so we need to see who else would be beneficial to us.

- All Delegates are being called by the Trustees in order to help develop or improve a relationship in order to provide support and aid the Delegate in achieving success. One of the questions our Chairperson, Zelda would like us to discuss with the Trustee that calls us is: What items or pieces from the 2007 WSC did you use or find helpful when giving your Delegates Report at your assembly or in your Districts?
- Last, but certainly not least I want to be sure to alert you to my concern about Pyramid Sponsorship. This was a very big topic at this past year's WSC and it was left as an open item to be looked long and hard at in a KBDM mode. I will just briefly say that I am concerned that this practice in some of our groups and maybe even districts throughout World Wide Al-Anon is misrepresenting what we are and what we stand for as a fellowship and in doing so is hurting our reputation by presenting our fellowship as one that stands for things that we actually are very much opposed to. I dedicated my entire Northern Highlights column this month to this topic and I'm not going to repeat the whole column in this document. I feel so strongly about it however, that I will read this body my column at the end of this Delegate Report. I really want to raise the conscientiousness regarding this issue in our whole Area through the links of service. My goal is to have members talking and learning about this in every district and every group in our Area. I am also going to request to the World Service Conference Committee or Team as they will now be calling it, to please make time on the agenda or in a workshop to try and come to some consensus as to what we should do to fight this non Al-Anon painting of our fellowship as something that it isn't.

#### **FINANCE UPDATE August 2007**

Mary Ann R., Treasurer

The following update is based on unaudited financial statements for the six months ending June 30, 2007.

Income of \$286,800 was recorded for the period as compared to \$36,600 in the prior year. Overall income and expenses were generally in line with budget projections.

#### **INCOME**

Literature sales were \$54,400 or about 2% more the first two quarters of this year than last. The gross profit on literature sales were 80% for 2007 compared to 77% for 2006. Contributions for the period were \$612,000 compared to \$557,100 in 2006. This represents a 10% increase. Income from subscriptions to *The Forum* is down about 8% from last year.

#### **EXPENSES**

Total operating expenses decreased by \$82,000, or 2.6% from last year. Overall expenses are in agreement with the budget. Payroll expense is lower because of unfilled staff vacancies during the first two quarters. The shipping expense has improved by \$10,800 this year from last due to the new shipping charges. Postage expense is less than last year because we are sending more information electronically. Office services are higher due to more training for the Administrative Team and other consultant fees. Travel expense is higher due to travel to China and Europe.

#### **RESERVE FUND**

The market value of the Reserve Fund investments totaled \$5,419,000. This amount includes an unrealized gain of \$665,000 and does not include the cost of accrued postretirement health benefits. In compliance with a Board motion, actual investment income received less investment costs was transferred to the General Fund.

#### **9.15.07 Alternate Delegate! Forum Coordinator**

There sure is "No Place like AL- ANON" and we need to keep it strong and keep sharing the message to all who are out there still hurting. To keep our Fellowship going we must be aware of our leaders and choose them for their abilities not for their popularity. Next years fall assembly we will electing new officers for our area. Maybe time to think about leadership now and the position that we might like to serve in. We all have special talents and some we don't know we have if we don't try. I never thought I could do some of the things I am doing now. I am so grateful for all the times I just stepped out in faith and gave something in service a try. Check out Concept ~ in our Service Manual. It includes an excellent article written by Bill W. (Co-founder of AA) on Leadership. Check with the officer or coordinator who's position your interested in for the Area Guidelines about their service position.

As your Forum Coordinator I want to remind you that the September Issue of the Forum has a great article on the subject of Crosstalk, and a meeting in your pocket on Service. Let's keep our meetings alive interesting by not just using only the daily Readers at every meeting. The Forum is a great substitute. Some groups have a meeting format that includes the Forum as a meeting topic once a month. Do you have any other ideas. Please share them with me.

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My group received a sample of the new bookmark on Sponsorship. It's a great piece of literature. Have your group order some.

Love in Service~ Sherry

### 9.15.07 Public Outreach Coordinator Report

As Public Outreach Coordinator, one of my responsibilities is to act as a conduit between WSO, the Professionala, and the Groups. This Summer I received two such e-mails asking me to Contact Professionals.

One e-mail requested that I contact the Director of OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) to talk to a group of there Service Providers about what Al-Anon is and is not. They also wanted us to set up a table of P1 Material that these Professions could use to learn about Al-Anon. This was to take place in Syracuse, NY on Sept. 11th. I am sorry to report that this was canceled by the state but the good news is that they are planning a weekend Conference sometime in the spring. This might be a better opportunity for more people to participate. I will keep you posted.

The Second e-mail asked me to contact a Professional at Buffalo State University, who was working on a grant proposal that would help women who live with active Alcoholism (predominantly spouses). She wanted to have contacts with Al-Anon who would be able to give her information about meeting schedules, meeting times, hotlines or emergency call numbers so that if these women were in a crisis situation they could contact Al-Anon. I have spoken to her and am in the process of getting permission from the DR's and AIS Representative from Buffalo to pass on their contact numbers, so that she calls them directly. This will be a five year project for this women and I do believe that this is an opportunity for Al-anon to reach out and help.

WSO has set up an exchange website for Public Outreach Coordinators to get up to date information from very Departments of WSO. I have received five of these in the last two weeks. I will be passing out copies of the exchanges listed below to all Offices, Coordinator and DR's.

- Tracking Report for TV PSA Campaign #011 — State Order (I just included Northern New York Stations)
- Announcement of a possible Hallmark Hall of Fame film option to film Lois Wilson Story-When love is Not Enough- WSO is a research for the development of a screenplay for the Project. Also a copy of pages from a July 2007 issue of the Daily Word magazine article title "God in Action" about the authors friendship with Lois and her relationship to Bill W.
- Announcement of an All Area Public Outreach Coordinator Conference Call October 6, 2007 which I will participate in.
- Announcement that a total of 110,625 copies of English, Spanish and French Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2008 were shipped in August 2007( if you are one of the groups that ordered them please let me know how you will be distributing them)
- Flyer asking for stories from Professional and Members, who were helped by professionals to be included in the 2009 edition of the above mentioned magazine (flyer gives instructions)
- A News Release Project- for all groups to deliver a Customize News Release to all editors of newsletters where Al-Anon/Alateen meeting are held- such as churches, hospital, schools and Community Centers. (a sample copy is available for you all to photocopy)

Please note that I have extra copies of the Hall of Fame Announcement, the Daily Word Article, the Announcement of the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Project, and the News Release Project. These copies will be available today for anyone who wants a one who is Not a DR, Officer or Coordinator. If you do not get one before they are all taken, please ask you DR to make you a copy or e-mail me.

Public Outreach- Keep it Simple! Recovery in Action!!! Participate!!

Diane C

### 9.15.2007 Group Service Action Committee

- ❖ **In attendance:** Alateen and NYNAC Coordinators, District and Group Representatives from D-6, D-10, D-19, Group recorder
- ❖ **General info**
- Reviewed notes from ASWC
- Noted that there's a new service manual – for three years–out in October.

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- Discussion of New York North Directory – 2007. Should it be distributed to someone not in current District service? Much discussion ensued and more will be revealed at the next AWSC meeting.
- ❖ **Next AWSC meeting** will be Fayetteville & date will be announced in NY Northern Highlights and given to DR.
- ❖ **GROUP RECORDS REPORT**
- Lois from Group Record
- If you're not getting your Northern Highlights info, please let Lois know. She has the mailing labels.
- Directory distributed by Lois. Contact her with any changes
- 127 Alanon members involved in Alateen mtgs.
- 24 Alateen groups in NYN
- 292 Alanon family groups (one Spanish, 4 American Sign Language, 4 Institution, 23 Adult Children).
- ❖ **NYNAC Conference Report from Claudia**
- Claudia, NYNAC coordinator and Erin, sponsor for the home group, for NYNAC present. Cost for sponsors and Alateen is \$110; cost is \$163 (member involved in Alateen service).
- Dates 11/30-12/2.
- Working on it. By next week, registration packets will be mailed out.
- "Don't be another brick in the wall" is the theme.
- Deadline: 10/30.
- Last 65 total (49 teens)
- Helen was delegated to buy the Alateen 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake for NYNAC conference.
- ❖ **Alateen Coordinator Report from Helen:**
- Reminder that Alateen is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday for the whole year. 2. WSO publications, *the Forum* and *Alateen Talk* have asked for sharings on birthday topics.
- Updated Alateen Conference Guideline (G-16) is now available on the WSO Members web site. These include behavioral guidelines, connection with the area, multi-area conferences.
- All Alateen meetings need to be registered with the WSO to use the Alateen name and to be listed in local directories. If you have any unregistered groups in your District, please contact them and ask them to register. If they won't, please let Helen know, and she will inform WSO.
- Alateen Web Talk is the only online meeting to use the Alateen names. 888-4AL-ANON. Registration open website browser [www.alateenwebtalk](http://www.alateenwebtalk.com). Alanon.org. Follow prompts.
- NEW RULE-Helen will add a small ad to announce the web page to the newest Northern HighLights newsletter as it runs every months.
- ❖ **Goals**
- How many hits to the website. No info available as yet. It will be published in the Northern Highlights magazine.
- NYNAC 2008. A sponsor group will be snared at the NYNAC 2007.
- ❖ **Group Goals**
- To strength connection between the Assembly and existing groups: Al-Anon, Alateen, Lone Members groups that meet in institutions, on-line, etc. To encourage each group to have a Group Representative at the assembly. To reach out to newly registered or unregistered groups to invite participation. To keep our area mailing list current. To continually monitor the safety and maintain adult responsibility for functions with Alateen participation.

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### 9.15.07 Fellowship Communication Action Committee

Gina C., NYN Archives Coordinator opened the meeting by taking attendance. In attendance were Corinne P., Michael S., Mary F., Sherry S., Lucy J., Michelle H., Crystal M., Zaidee L., Heather B., District 5 DR., Theresa B., Maureen K., Pauline G., District 27 member, Nancy H., Northern Hi-Lights editor & District 10 DR., Carol M., Julie O-J, Jim M., District 18 DR, Claudia H., Seth R., Sue P., Gina C., Archives Coordinator and myself.

I read the minutes from the previous action committee meeting at the AWSC meeting. There was some discussion on the cost of the permit.

#### FORUM

Sherry S., Alternate Delegate & Forum Coordinator urges the District Representatives (DRs) to share the fall issue of the Area Highlights with the Group Representatives (GRs). She urged GRs to share it in their 5 minute report.

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The FORUM for September has a great article on crosstalk & service. There is also a new bookmark on Sponsorship. The September issue also has an article on Leadership. Sherry reminded the action committee that she could use some Forums to send to new groups.

**ARCHIVES**

Gina C., NYN Archives Coordinator stated that she will be giving a slide presentation during dinner. NYN has been in existence for 40 years. She is working on putting on a slide presentation for NYNAC and is looking for more pictures from earlier NYNAC's- particularly the mid 80's.

Her October schedule is booked; she goes to Days of Sharing, Anniversaries, etc. and will take pictures with permission. If people have taken pictures and donated them to her she will put them in the Archives Album.

She has 10 copies of the Forum indices from 1980-2003 for people who want them.

Of the original groups that Lois & Anne sent the letter to 2 are in NYN, 1 in Utica & another in Rome.

There was a question if the Utica group is still going.

**NORTHERN HI-LIGHTS**

Nancy H., is researching discount mail – formerly called bulk mail. In answer to a question about the permit one has to be purchased for each location i.e. Syracuse, Ithaca, Buffalo, Rochester, etc. The Hi-Lights is on the web NYNAFG.com with 4 back issues.

**LITERATURE**

Anne F., past NYN Delegate gave Lynda S's report.

WSO is looking for mini-reviews of people who have read the latest book "Opening our Hearts, Transforming our Losses." She stated that there is now a web page about the book at [www.al-anon.org/b29.html](http://www.al-anon.org/b29.html). She urged members who are proficient in multi-media presentations to submit a sharing to e-Cal. She also urged members to write sharings for Our Recovery in Relationships (working title). Especially needed is sharings using the 11<sup>th</sup> Step, the Traditions, and the Concepts & CAL in relationships.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A District 5 Archivist in attendance encouraged other District & AIS Archivists to attend the fellowship communication action committee. She suggested mailing the minutes to the Archivists.

**GOALS**

Use the web page for further membership action committee.

Find ways to stimulate GRs.

Gina stated that she will put in the newsletter that at the Spring Convention she will have extra Forum's for whoever wants them.

Respectfully submitted. Louise F Recorder

**9.15.07 PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTION COMMITTEE**

Meeting opened @ 11:10 AM. Present: PI- Diane C, Home Page- Kathy D, Spanish contact – Ceta DRS: 2,3,8,11,14,20, GRs and PD: Connie D.

**Reports :****Spanish Contact: Ceta**

Membership of 2 some out of Towner's attend the Spanish language meeting. 2 people are enough. The meeting is still going but no newcomers so far. Posters are placed. There is no response from Crying House Spanish bookmarks. 2 Members are getting a lot out of the meeting. Growth has increased. No response at AIS which is answered in Spanish.

Ceta will be available for contact ask individuals for their phone numbers to give to Ceta.

**Homepage –Kathi D**

She has had a lot of inquiries for meetings, last few months, especially Alateen, sent to Helen H . Kathi shares a lot of basic hope especially to newcomers . "Just go and listen".

When we offer flyers to post make sure there is a contact on it.

Wants to give the web site a new look which will include more for professional resources. We have to ask WSO to approve anything added. A small committee should be developed to work on this then bring things back to the group. Kathi is looking for people who are using sites and have a bit of tech knowledge. See Kathi to sign up.

**Public Outreach – Diane C**

Mailed to contact AOASAS Service providers with al-anon info. The meeting was cancelled. SUNY A Student needed info for a Women in Crisis assignment. Passed our Tracking report for TV PSA for July. Announcement that Hallmark Hall of Fame is developing a screenplay on "The Lois Wilson Story. When Love Is Not Enough" with



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cooperation from WSO also an article wanted from professionals who are AFG members News Release project – asking members to send news release. Customize for individual meeting locations. PO keep it simple but participate:

**Long and short term goals :** help Kathi with the Web and Diane with Outreach.

**Goal Summary:** volunteer with Kathi on updating website. Email Diane C for customized news releases.

**9.15.07 GROUP RECORDS REPORT**

Current rosters are being distributed today along with the current update form, for each district with instructions to verify information and contact Group Records with any revisions. As of September 15, 2007 all information is current. I have received the Fall 2007 bi-annual report from WSO and am working on reconciling NYN records with WSO records.

Currently I have 127 Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). I have 22 Alateen Groups on file which includes 3 listed as inactive.

Currently there are 292 Al-Anon Family Groups (does not include Alateen) which includes 2 non registered groups.

Included in the 292 groups are: 1 Spanish Language, 4 American Si~n Language, 4 institution meetings and 25 Adult Children meetings. Of the 292 groups, there are 87 Open, 201 Closed, 3 Signing and 1 Unspecified.

NYN has 4 Information Service Groups, 4 Literature Depots and 10 Newsletter Exchanges with other areas. 292 Al-Anon Family Groups and 22 Alateen groups meet as follows: (total 314):

District#	Groups	District	#Groups	District	#Groups
01	25	11*	6	21	8
02	12	12	18	22	14
03	8	13	4	23	3
04*	6	14	16	24	8
05	11	15	12	25	15
06	15	17	9	26	11
07	9	18	16	27	3
08	27	19	6	28*	4
09*	6	20*	4	29	12
10	26				

\*Districts without District Representatives (5) (28 Districts, 5 without DR's)

Of the 292 Al-Anon groups, 120 groups have been able to keep their Northern Hi Lights subscription current (about 41%).

Please forward any corrections to me by mail, e-mail, phone, or through the NYN Website. If possible, list your WSO # with the correction(s).

Respectfully submitted, Lois M

**9.15.07 ALATEEN COORDINATOR**

This is a reminder that it is Alateen's 50th Birthday for the whole year. WSO publications, including The Forum and Alateen Talk have asked for sharings on birthday topics. Special articles in 2007 will acknowledge this mile stone event. The " Inside Al-Anon Family Groups" section of The May Forum featured Alateen' s birthday.

The updated Alateen Conference Guideline (G- 16) is now available on the WSO Members' Web site. The guideline addresses issues some of you can "identify with".

1. Behavioral guidelines: All Alateens, even those of legal age, are required to comply with t Alateen Conference guidelines, as well as the Area requirements when participating as an Alateen participant.
2. Connection with the Area: Having an official, recognized connection between the Conference Board, the Conference Committee, and the Area is positively required.
3. Multi-Area conferences: The involved Areas can collaborate in detennining the structure of the Conference.

Every registered Alateen group receives a quarterly copy of Alateen Talk, in addition to The Forum every month. Both can be resources for meeting topics!

There have been some sharings on the **Alateen Web Talk** Bulletin Board meeting in the last couple of months! The WSO is still in a trial period with the only authorized Alateen on-line meeting. Please encourage Alateens in your area to join the conversation. The 888-4AL-ANON operators are giving the access information to callers

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looking for Alateen meetings, and the hope is that your local Al-Anon Information Services will do the same, as well as your District Alateen coordinators.

**Remember: Alateen Web Talk** is the only on-line meeting able to use the **Alateen name**.

The annual recertification list is sent in March, not only to update the WSO's records but also Area records. It is a benefit to both. It is the Area that determines certification status of each Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service. The WSO's list does not verify continued certification. The WSO I.D. number is only for the WSO's database. Having an I.D. number does not verify current certification. Only the Area can do this.

All Alateen meetings need to be registered with the WSO to use the Alateen name and to be listed in local directories. If you have unregistered groups in your District, please contact them and ask them to register. If they won't, please let me know, and I will inform the WSO.

Helen H

### 9.15.07 Treasurer's Report

#### ❖ 2007 Overview - As of Aug 31, 2007:

- The balance in the Checking account - \$2,490.66
- The balance in the Reserve account - \$4,450.31
- The Mutual Funds were estimated at approx. \$3,312.00

#### ❖ As of 8/31/07 Income and Expenses were:

- Income = \$7,896.92
- Expenses = \$9,111.21
- Expenses exceeded income by \$1,214.29

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#### ❖ For the same period in 2006 Income and Expenses were:

- Income = \$12,229.03
- Expenses = \$10,414.63
- Income exceeded expenses 1,814.40

#### ❖ Compare 2007 figures to 2006 for the same time period

- Income has decreased by \$4, 332.11.
- Expenses decreased by \$1,303.42.
- ❖ NYN received an anonymous donation of \$500.00 in July - Thank you.
- ❖ The Seed Money from the 2007 Spring Convention/Assembly was returned Expect to receive the profits from the 2007 Spring Convention/Assembly in the near future - estimate amt to be \$3,900.00 to \$4,000.00.
- ❖ The Annual Appeal letter will be sent to all groups via the Northern Hi-Lights in the October edition.
- ❖ Upcoming expenses: Cost for Trusted Servants to attend the Fall Assembly - Delegate Equalized Expenses WSO - \$ 1,200.00.
- ❖ Please encourage your groups to **"Break the Buck Barrier"** and support ZVYN Please remind the members that the average amount donated at a meeting in 1967 was \$1.00 and the average amount donated at a meeting today is still \$1.00. Please encourage members to try to increase their weekly donation so all "Service Arms" can continue to carry the Al-Anon message.
- ❖ If you need a copy of the suggested group financial guidelines or the "7th Tradition" pamphlet, I have copies available.
- ❖ All financial records and reports are available for your review at any time.

Respectfully submitted by: Pamela A