Spring / Assembly Report June 2010

Hi NYN Family,

How did you all enjoy the Hallmark "Love Isn't Movie" The Lois Wilson Story? Did any of your Groups have a "Lois Parry" with Popcorn? Have you tried any of the Idea's that were suggested in my last report? Have you gotten any questions or newcomers? If you have not experienced any of these idea they have never gone out of style or use to trying using especially getting out our AFA Magazines (Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism)

I haven't heard from the WSO lately. I have nothing new to report from my last report so I will share my own experience, strength, and hope about Public Outreach. You never know when the Higher Power will use you as a tool for Public Outreach if you remain open to his will and plan for your life. This past week in the Diocese of Albany, which is the Diocese in which I live I had the unexpected opportunity to be a channel for the Higher Power to do Public Outreach. I was taking care of myself and enriching my spiritual life when I signed up for a course at the Diocese's "Spring Enrichment Program" to learn more about my faith and additions. The name of the course was "Spirituality and Recovery From Addictions and Mental Illness" The class was a discussion of how the church and outside agencies can work together to heal the wounds of those suffering from Addictions and Mental Illness. The presenter had done excellent research from outside agencies especially about AA. Most of the class was on the success of AA in recovery and a few other types of Recovery Methods. Nothing was said about the Family Disease and how the family suffers and also needs to Recover from the effect of the disease and how the family in recovery often time aids the alcoholic's recovery. I was given a very welcome opportunity to share about how the family suffers and how Al-Anon Family Groups can aid Recovery. After sharing I was given the opportunity to answer a lot of questions by the presenter and the members of the class. I ended up giving out my email and the NYN AFG Web site to several people including the presenter. It was a very interesting and rewarding experience. If we are open to our High Power we never know when we will find an opportunity to do Public Outreach to reach to Professional so they can reach out to those families still suffering and in turn refer them to our wonderful fellowship.

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