

Delegate's Report to A.W.S.C. 8-21-10

The 2010 Conference summaries "Celebrate! Embrace the group conscience to expand our circle of hope" have arrived and a copy is available for each officer, coordinator and AIS liaison. If you are eligible for more than one copy, I ask that you share your additional copy with your alternate or another interested service member. Additional copies are available from WSO for \$5.00; order forms can be found in the back of the August Forum and on line on the member's site of the WSO.

I have placed a copy of Commissioner Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo's letter which I shared with you at the Spring AWSC meeting. I would be interested to know whether any district or AIS has been contacted by a professional in your area in response to the Commissioner's letter. I would also be interested in helping any district or AIS get connected to the professionals in your areas. If you are interested in doing this, you need to send me an e-mail indicating your interest.

On Wednesday evening, September 22, I will be taking Al-Anon materials and information to a special showing of "When Love is not Enough" in the Rochester area. This is a special event for Recovery Month being sponsored by the local branch of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. The keynote speaker for the event will be Robert Lindsey, President of NCADD, Inc.. Several other Al-Anon members will also be attending. It is free; but registration is required.

Mary Ann Reid, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, follow up letter to the July Board meeting has a number of important tidbits of information:

- The 51st WSC has been planned for Monday, April 11 thru Friday, April 15
- Saturday, April 16th there will be a 60th Birthday Party for Al-Anon
- The conference theme: " Expanding our Community of hope by embracing:
 - Yesterday's foundations
 - Today's successes
 - Tomorrow's possibilities
- The delegate's equalized has been set at \$1,2500.00; actual \$1,966.00

A new Thought Force is being formed to look at the Current Conference Structure. This is a topic which has been in discussion over the last several years. This past conference there was a presentation on it and you can read about it on pages 58 & 59 of the current conference summary. This has to do with the dividing of large areas which have already been divided such as California and Florida and balancing this with smaller areas such as Delaware and New Hampshire.

TEAM EVENTS have been taking place through out the country. To date three of these events have been held and the reports have been exciting. I have been collecting information on these events and will continue to give you feedback on them. One is currently planned for October 2 & 3 in Cromwell, Connecticut. A flyer on this one was in the July-August Northern HiLights and I have additional flyers with me today. If and when we are ready to do a TEAM EVENT I have lots of material we can look at. So far

10 TEAM EVENTS have been scheduled; Pa. has one planned for the Philadelphia area, New Jersey is in planning; Maine & several neighboring areas are planning for 2011.

The Policy Committee at the WSO continues to look at policy and to discuss possible changes. Sections currently under consideration include: PSA's, a Do Not Refer Code for meetings that are believed by their area to be violating Traditions and thirdly, they are discussing social networking sites on the World Wide Web and whether these sites could be used for public outreach.

FORUM subscriptions continue to grow but we still have a long way to go. You have probably noticed that copies for the group are now marked as such. We need to continue to make the magazine more visible at our meeting by using it as part of our sharing. More articles are also needed. Let's see if we can up the numbers to more than two personal copies per group in New York. Have you completed the Readership Survey that accompanied one of the recent issues? If not; it's not too late to do this either by mail or on the WSO member's website.

Thought Force: How to include dual members in service while maintaining our policies. As a member of this Thought Force I have participated in this group over the internet and by conference calls. We have recently submitted a draft of our work thus far to the Board of Trustees chairperson and are awaiting her response.

Chosen Agenda Item: I would like you to be thinking about a topic which I could submit to the Conference Leadership Team for possible discussion at the 2011 WSC. Topics that are general in nature and pertain to Al-Anon worldwide such as Diversity and How do we get new members interested in service. For this year's CAIs see pages 37-41 of the 2010 WSC Summary. I will be asking for your suggestions at the up-coming Fall Assembly.

Workshops and Power Point Presentations: I would like your input as to whether or not you find any of these activities helpful? We did the Second Tradition skit this spring and have posted it on our NYN website. Has anyone used it at a meeting or district function? Today we will be doing a workshop on Conflict Resolution using the Traditions and "Paths to Recovery." I have also brought with me several other pieces which are in notebook format for your consideration. Please look them over and share your thoughts with me.

Public Relations piece M-76. When you don't know where to turn... These were given out at the Spring Assembly and are available for FREE from WSO in English, Spanish and French. You can localize them by using a small sticker at the bottom of the white side.

I would like to welcome the new Al-Anon & Alateen groups to NYN and we now have our second Spanish Al-Anon group in Western NY.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is now being shipped to those who ordered them. It can also be viewed online on the WSO member website. This is a great tool for reaching out to professionals and others in the helping professions who may be in a position to refer new members to our groups.

Any questions? Thank you for this opportunity to serve Al-Anon.