

Alternate Delegate
Spring AWSC meeting
March 26, 2011

As the Alternate Delegate, I sent welcome packets to seven new groups to the New York North Area. One group in Western New York is a Spanish speaking meeting. I was able to find a translation program so the welcome letter was in Spanish.

I received the first memorandum of the year from the Forum WSO staff liaison in February. Julie outlined two “jobs” for the Area Forum Coordinators. Our first job is to encourage every group in our area to take advantage of the complementary copy of the Forum that each group receives each month. Our second job is to encourage more members to make the Forum a part of their personal Al-Anon program – by reading and writing for the Forum.

A way to measure the success of our efforts is to look at the number of members who have a personal subscription. The number of subscriptions has dropped from the start of the year. New York state subscriptions are down 18 compared with the loss of two groups from August 2010. When we look the ratios of subscriptions per group, things have not changed as much as in other states. As of February the ratios went from 1.33 subscriptions/group last year to 1.29 subscriptions/group. As a point of clarification, the WSO does not separate New York North and New York South numbers. The WSO has set a goal of 2.0 subscriptions per group for each state. New York numbers are better than some states and not as good as others.

We are compiling a list from New York North of how groups use the Forum during a meeting and how groups encourage members to have their own subscription. More to follow.

Gratefully submitted,
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