

NYN Public Outreach Coordinator's 2014 Fall Assembly Report

Dear NYN Family

I have been busy enjoying the summer and trying very hard to get the hang of using my new laptop with the help of my daughter and my AL-Anon E-Buddy to get this report to you. I have a few articles to share with you from the WSO. I am sorry if they are a little late in getting to you.

1. NIAAA (National Institute of Alcohol & Abuse Alcoholism) exclusive interview with its director (Dr. George Knob) by Pamela Walters (Marketing Information Analyst for Al-Anon headquarters Inc. Dr. Knob describes the impact of a loved one's alcoholism on family member's and friend's as devastating. If you log into al-anon/alateen.org you can find all of Dr. Knobs comments on a pod cast about the impacts of alcoholism on family member's & friends as part of the "First steps to Al-Anon Recovery" podcast series.

2. People minimize how seriously a drinker's behavior has affected them. Al-Anon Family Groups newly released Public Outreach Magazine "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015 offers ways to evaluate whether

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Al-Anon can help people cope with the drinking behavior of a family member or close friend. Pamela Walters talked about there being 16,000 groups in 130 countries and in 40 languages. That is why it is so important to keep our group information current with the WSO(World Service Office). For more information contact al-anon.org or find a meeting by dialing 1-888-4AL-ANON.

3.National Media Announcement: Syndicated newspaper columnist “Dear Abby” was published on August 14,2014 that responded to a request from a women who was in trouble with her husband’s drinking. The article also appeared on the internet at <http://www.vexpress.com/dearabby/>. In communities where editors choose to publish Al-Anon contact information as part of the “Dear Abby” column it would be appropriate and helpful for members to send thank-you notes to the newspaper. It is also so important to keep your meeting information correct.

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