

Convention Coordinator

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When I was elected to this position I didn't have much of a clue as to what the responsibilities and tasks were. But I did discover a wealth of information on the NYNAFG.COM web pages.

- Service Position Descriptions:
 - Three year term (a beginning and an end)
 - Attends all AWSC & Assembly meetings (I attended March 29th, beautiful Sunday afternoon at Public library in North Syracuse; well attended; wealth of info shared)
 - Writes a monthly article for the Northern Hi Lights Newsletter (John O, editor, sends us timely reminders. Mine has been there. Surely y'all remember reading the news ☺)
 - Is familiar with current Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, New York North Area Guidelines, and Al-Anon Legacies. (An on-going process for me; wealth of information, and if I need further explanation, clarification I have learned it's ok to call and say "I need help")
 - And the list goes on..... (So keep looking, Nancy.)
- Convention Coordinator position Description:
 - Again the answer to most of my questions are answered on pages 9-10 of the Service Position Descriptions. (I discovered that Step by Step it was spelled out... and in Al-Anon I have learned if I don't understand, need directions, clarifications, I can always ask someone who has walked these steps before me.)

So what have I done during these past 5 months as NYN AFG Convention Coordinator? Lots of e-mails, phone calls, meetings with chairpersons of 2015 & 2016 Assemblies/Conventions. Sometimes I am giving information. More often I am learning, or learning together, what the next right step is as we plan and carry out the work to make each Assembly/Convention helpful to all Al-Anons & Alateens in NYN.

***And the call goes out, "Which districts are stepping up to host Assembly/Conventions in 2017?? Yes, it is a big job....but everyone working together, and following the guidelines "How to plan a Convention/Assembly" (9 pages), the process can be a wonderful experience... and the end result is a wonderful weekend for NYN Al-Anon Family Groups.

Bonus: 2017 is New York North AFG's 50th anniversary.

"Serenity is getting out of self"

Nancy H. 