

Delegates AWSC Report April 2, 2016

It's hard to believe that 2015 has come and gone, and Panel 55 is starting its second year of Service.

In the next few pages I want to share some things I have been doing and what I have planned for the next couple of months

Throughout January and February, I have received many e-mails from WSO on the web **AFG Connects**. What a great way to communicate. Not only have I received e-mails directed to all current Delegates, but also received those sent to District Representatives, Forum, Archives, and Public Outreach. Area Information Services, AAPP, Area Chairs Treasurers, Groups Records, Literature, Newsletters Editors, Web and Current & Past WSC Members. This is a lot of reading and keeping up on things. If you are one of these Coordinators and are not receiving this form of Communication from WSO please let me know in order for us to get you signed up. This is not only a great way for WSO to communicate with us, but for us to communicate with other Areas as to what they are doing. I am sorry to say that this form of communication is not available to the general membership at this time but they are working to see a way to make this happen. (Logistics I think)

I have received and am reviewing the Annual Report, the Preliminary Budget, the 2015 Audit, and wording on Policy relating to the Eleventh Tradition, Memorial Contributions, and Group Contributions, and Forum Sales. (I will have copies of these for District Representatives).

I have also been working with my fellow **Task Force members on Meeting Types**. We will be presenting our final report, followed by a workshop & a skit.

My assigned Task Force for 2016 will be **"Spirituality in District Money Discussions"**. Our first meeting will be at the Conference, so stay tuned for future information.

On March 11-13 I attended NERD (along with Ruth S. -Immediate Past Delegate) in Berlin, Connecticut.

We met with 43 other Past and Current Delegates. We were introduced to the new Delegates from New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts (Panel 56). It was nice to renew my friendship with Panel 54 and Panel 55. Here are some of the things we did:

- Listened to the World Service Regional Trustee's Report regarding Finances of WSO and the Budget Deficit, What to expect from the Conference this year and Plans for the 65th Anniversary Celebration.
- I prepared and presented a Timely Topic for the NERD (North East Regional Delegate) Meeting about a concern of mine *"How to increase Participation of Group Representatives at Area Assemblies"*. I wanted to discuss this topic with other Delegates because of that out of the 299 Groups in New York North we average of 85 voting members attended and participated of the last 5 years. There are others who attend but only Group Representatives are able to vote. Vital items such as policies, finance, and elections of Officers and Coordinators are being decided by this small amount of people determining what happens in New York North.

What I learned from these Delegates is to celebrate those who do attend, District Representatives are the link that passes the information on to the Groups, and so I need to keep in contact with them to see what they need to do their job. I also learned that this is not unique to New York North so I should not worry, but it was good to reach out for help rather than keep it to myself.

- We heard a presentation on KBDM and how it relates to the Leadership Essay in our Service Manual (Pages 199-202 2014-2017). This presentation will be posted soon on the NERD Yahoo Groups & I will try to download it for anyone who wanted to look at it.

- We had Break-out sessions on Strategic Planning, Getting groups to participate in Assemblies, and two other topics.
- We heard Area Highlights from the Delegates and I reported on the success of the NY State Fair Public Outreach Project.
- We voted on next year's NERD location to be in Palisades, New Jersey the second week in March 2017
- We heard Three Minute Talks from Panel 54 who's will be spending their last year at the Conference.

I will be traveling to Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 9th to attend the 2016 World Service Conference.

If you have any Love Gifts or cards send to me at the address that I provided.

(This will be projected on screen at the AWSC meeting.)

Remember to write your Delegates name and address in the return address section of the envelope in the event that mail delivery is delayed.

Please plan to have your cards or packages arrive after April 7th.

Many of you know that 2016 is the **65th anniversary of Al-Anon**. Some of our New York North members will attend a special celebration in Virginia Beach. If you are not able to attend you can still celebrate throughout the year in some way. Here are some suggestions:

- Have a Birthday Party for Al-Anon. Collect \$ 65.00 per group in your District (putting change in a can each week to make it possible)
- Send Birthday Cards to members of your District or Group Celebrating their Recovery in the program in honor of the 65th Birthday
- Plan a Day of Sharing and have Birthday Cake, Sing Happy Birthday to Al-Anon. Give a Gift of the first Al-anon book **Al-Anon- Family Groups Classic Ed. (B-12) or the book Many Voices One Journey (B-31).**
- *Collect money in a can (\$65.00) to purchase subscriptions of the Forum to members of your group or to purchase Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to do a Public Outreach Project*

One of my Goals for this year is to continue with the Task Force on Dim and Dark District. If you were on this committee I would ask that you let me know if you would like to continue on it and if there are any others who would like to join it please let me know. I would to meet at the Spring Assembly so please let me know before then if you are interesting in serving.

Thank you for your continue for your continued support and for the privilege of being a New York North Trusted Servant!

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