

## Public Outreach Report for Spring Assembly/Convention on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Area 39

1. NY State Fair – August 25<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>. Sign up begins June 1<sup>st</sup> through the NYN website [nynafg.com](http://nynafg.com). We will be in the same building as the AA booth, the Science and Technology building.
2. AFA's (Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism) 2017 orders must be in by Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Orders will be shipped by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
3. The position of Syracuse AIS Public Outreach Committee Chair is open. Our last public outreach committee chair, Carla, has moved out west. Before leaving, Carla and others set up a meeting with employees of a Syracuse Health Center. It was decided to give the DVD, **Al-Anon and Alateen's Role in Family Recovery (AV-31)** to the Center so the families seeking recovery could view it. Everyone feels that this DVD is a wonderful tool and will help get the word across to all of the family groups. It would have been difficult to organize speakers for the short amount of time the families have together. The cost of this DVD is only \$5 and is available through WSO.
4. The position of Buffalo AIS Public Outreach Committee Chair is open. Kelli, the AIS chair for Buffalo, told me about a treatment center with 14 locations looking for presentations to families on a regular basis. Kelli and other members are looking into this. We may have someone willing to step forward, from District 1, to contact TV stations regarding the airing of our PSA's (public service announcements), and then perhaps radio stations.
5. Our Rochester AIS Public Outreach Committee, with Brian as its energetic Chairperson, is inspiring. Here are 5 fresh initiatives:
  - a. Contacting a representative of the Rochester City Council regarding Al-Anon resources.
  - b. Presenting our local Alateen flyer to the Director of Rochester's "Center for Youth".
  - c. Communicating with the Mayor of Rochester regarding our work, meetings, resources, etc. (Brian is hoping to meet with the Mayor soon.)
  - d. Offering a meeting at a local recovery house for women recently released from prison.
  - e. Planning to participate with a local organization, "Family Recovery Network," at whose meeting we will have an Al-Anon table displaying "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016", meeting lists, and other outreach material. Special thanks to Brian and his committee members.

6. E news for professionals didn't get posted to the WSO website due to an internal error. Distribution occurred only to the professionals' mailing list. It is now up and running. You can find it by going to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) Click on professionals and you will see it at the bottom of the page. Consider signing up for it.
7. September is National Recovery Month and I have received information from Claire R. from WSO about a two-day event in Troy. The dates are Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 pm to 9 pm, and Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am to 6 pm. The New York Credentialing Board (NYCB) of the Association for Substance Abuse Providers (ASAP) will host this 2016 event. This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn of Troy. With momentum growing across the country to curb addiction and better support recovery, New York is paving the way with innovation and collaboration. This Conference & Celebration will bring together the many different initiatives making an impact throughout the state, NY's first state-wide recovery conference. Since Recovery Month is a celebration of individual and family "recovery" from alcoholism or drug addiction, many of the events are fun in nature such as a picnic, a race, an art show, or a walk. Having an Al-Anon presence at a local Recovery Month activity is a way to show attendees that recovery is as important for the family as it is for the alcoholic. I have passed this information on to Bob C., DR for District 7. As Bob and I learn more about this event, and our role, we will keep you informed.
8. It might be a good idea for all those involved in public outreach to keep a notebook of events held, literature costs, contact people, and phone and email addresses. This way we can pass information onto those coming after us.
9. I continue to write my articles for Northern Hi Lights, attend District and Rochester AIS meetings, and write reports to keep all informed. I am on several committees for NYN, so as I receive information from WSO, I am able to pass that along.
10. Can I be of help to you? Any ideas or suggestions? Please email me at [ponynafg.com](mailto:ponynafg.com)

Together we can make a difference,

Pat H.

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