

## New York North delegates report Fall assembly 2016

### Update of the things presented at the Spring Assembly

- I forwarded your responses regarding the changing the Prayer on the *Just for today Book Mark* to the WSO Literature Committee. As of this time there will be not further action until it is brought up at the World Service Conference. I do not know when that will be. Thank you for you input.
- I have brought with me copies of the **Workshop on Meeting**. Feel free to use it to spice up your meetings.
- With the help of Dianne R. and Pat H, the work on the Dim and Dark Districts Task Force continues (they stepped forward when I could not). Dianne made personal phone calls to meeting contacts or GR's in Districts 4, 11, 13 and 28 asking if they knew about the assembly's, if their group had a GR, if they had a District Representative or if not would they be willing to step forward to carry out these important Links of Service. Pat H, personally attended a meeting in District I1 and 28 and talked to the group about having a GR. I thank these Committee members for their Service. If there are any one who is attending from District 4, 11, 13 or 28 here today we would like to personally welcome you.

### MY Summer Activities

- **Worked with a Task Force, on a Workshop, to be presented at the 2017 World Service Conference entitled "Spirituality in District Money Discussions.** I have worked on the Module titled "*Fears and Barriers that hold us back from Talking about Money*. Districts will be able to use this workshop as a tool to understanding the use of Money in their Districts (Income & Expenses) but also understanding the spiritual principles behind each one of these.
- **Worked with the New York North Finance committee.**
- **Working with the Presentation Committee** to present a skit & workshop at this Assembly entitled **Acceptance of Communities, Cultures and Beliefs.**
- **MEET THE BOARD Event:** I forwarded four Hotel Sites' suggestions on to WSO (2 in Albany and 2 in Syracuse) as acceptable sites to hold the 2017 Event. At the October Board of Trustees Meeting, WSO will draw, literally from a hat, the name of one Area and an Alternative. They will be notified and an announcement will be made in December 2016 where the event will be held.  
**Do not fear!** The Responsibility of the Host Area will be to publicize this event and encourage people to attend. Meet the Board is a one day event following the weeklong October Board of Trustee Meeting. Members of the area will be given a chance to Meet & Greet Board Members, find out what their jobs are and what WSO is does.
- This year the World Service Conference was asked to consider a name change for the 2017 Meet the Board Event and the chosen title was, "**Road Trip !! You and Your Board Connect**"

### **Highlights from the Chairman of the Board July 2016 Letter.**

**The Policy Committee** continues its work on incorporating spiritual principles into the text portion of the 'Financial Matters' section of the "Policy Digest," as well as revising the text of 'Convention and Other Events' formerly title 'Conventions,' pages 85 and 86, of the 2014 -2017 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27). The 'Conventions and Other Events' policy was presented in a motion to the 2016 World Service Conference (WSC); however, a consensus affirmed that the language be re-worked and brought back in 2017.

**The Policy Committee** continued its discussion of the terms "open" and "closed" meetings using KBDM, and considered strategies that might eliminate any confusion these terms cause for the public and even for Al-Anon members.

*(I have copies of the questions being asked and I would like your input so I have brought copies of the questions being asked and I would like you to **take a copy and answer it today.** I will then tabulate them and send a consensus as to what our Area understands these terms mean to us.*

Because several Al-Anon member have asked the **Policy Committee** whether or not the WSO accepts money from a program in which individuals can sign up to support their favorite non-profit organization. The Policy Committee unanimously agreed that Al-Anon does not accept contributions from any program like this because it is impossible to know whether or not the donations (percentage of the amount spent by the consumer) come from Al-Anon members. In addition, the proceeds donated are from outside entities, e.g., the charitable foundation of a business. Accepting any contributions of this type violates our Traditions.

**Our sixth International Convention will be held July 6-8, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.** At the time of this writing, there were only 94 weeks remaining before the start of our convention. Convention information can be found at: [al-anoninternationalconvention.org](http://al-anoninternationalconvention.org). Now is the best time to start planning your budget to attend!

**The Board** continued our review of suggested language changes to the World Service Handbook. The Task Force has been diligent in their review and in bringing suggested changes to the Board for approval. Our goal is to complete the revisions for presentation during the 2017 World Service Conference.

**The 2017 World Service Conference will be held April 24-28 at the Wyndham Oceanfront in Virginia Beach.** Comments reflecting appreciation for the opportunity to participate in offering suggestions for the 2017 Conference theme, along with a new title for the Meet the Board Event by the 2016 Conference. . The Board enthusiastically approved the 2017 World Service

Conference theme: **Our Members: Our Hope for the Future**

**FINANCE UPDATE** (The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2016)

The General Fund recorded a gain for this period, compared to a loss of this period last year. This is due in part to higher than budgeted literature sales and lower than budgeted expenses. Revenue from literature sales was below 2015 revenue. The investment income and transfer from the Reserve Fund totaled \$130,722 compared to \$25,255 in 2015. 2016 Contributions for the first six months exceeded 2015

Literature sales were \$1,845,798 for this period, compared to \$1,851,530 at this time last year. Gross profit on literature sales was \$1,495,171 (81% of sales), compared to \$1,546,665 at June 30, 2015. Contributions were \$918,718 for the first six months of 2016, compared to \$727,290 this period last year—an increase of 26.32%! *Forum* subscription income was \$118,964 at June 30, 2016, an increase of 3.16%. This reflects the additional subscriptions purchased due to the suspension of the complimentary group copies of the *Forum*.

**Expenses:**

Operating expenses were down for this period, compared to— a decrease of almost 6%. Expenses were below budget, due to some staffing changes and some timing differences for purchase year over year.

**Reserve Fund:**

The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$4,864,883 at June 30, 2016.

**Outlook:**

As you can see by the revenue numbers, our members have responded, just as our cofounder Lois said we would. We have a long way to go to meet our budgeted projection of \$1,800,000 in contributions. We are more than half way there due to our collective efforts. June 2016 was our biggest month ever for contributions, far outpacing our previous best month. If we continue to express our gratitude and financial abundance in like manner for the rest of 2016 and beyond, the World Service Office will be able to support us well in our efforts to carry the message and reach out to those still suffering from the effects of someone else's drinking. As part of our duty to keep a watchful eye on expenditures, the Finance Committee continues to find places to cut expenditures while not affecting core services to the members. The Board would like to thank our members for their overwhelming response to the last appeal letter. They also want to thank those members who have taken advantage of the updated "Contribute Now" button on our member's Website. You can now set up recurring contributions with a simple click. The new online contribution feature was enabled on May 24th. As of June 30<sup>th</sup> they have received \$5,800 in contributions. That is comprised of 102 contributions; 17 of which have signed up to be recurring contributions.

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**The Board and The Web Architect** met this year to gain a broader perspective of how technology assists our members and potential members. The Board is excited to share that the Meeting Search Web Application is allowing visitors to the Public Outreach site to find meetings quickly based on up-to-the-minute data from the WSO database. Since the beginning of the year, there have been almost 400,000 visitors to the AI-Anon page, 40,000 for Alateen, and 40,000 for phone meetings. Since the release, the office has added an update to improve the search for addresses that include words that can be spelled or abbreviated in different ways, such as: Saint and St., North and N, etc.

A copy of all of the Chairman of Board of Trustees Quarterly Letters are available on the Members website under "Board of Trustees "on the WSO tab for you to personally read/

**NEW Message from WSO- Please Pass it on to all Members in your Groups Be Informed!  
Want news from your WSO? Subscribe to AFG Announcements!**

**Now members can sign up to receive a free subscription to AFG Announcements—all we need is your email address (you can easily unsubscribe at any time). This communication system for individual members will deliver announcements from the World Service Office (WSO) right to your inbox.**

**Some examples of announcements include: new literature, surveys, WSO employment opportunities, and *Group eNews*, to name a few.**

**Members in your group can go to the Members' website to sign up, or share this [link www.ai-anon.org/members/item/491-be-informed](http://www.ai-anon.org/members/item/491-be-informed)**

***Members in service who currently receive information through this "Announcements—WSC Structure" community here on AFG Connects will continue to receive announcements in that manner so there is no need to subscribe.***

District Representatives, Officers and Coordinators and AIS please pick up your free copy (to share with your District) the 2016 World Service Conference Summary. If your DR is not represented here today please have someone from that District pick it up and give to the. (Some have already received theirs at the AWSC Meeting in August). GR's and Members Purchase a copy of Summary this for five dollars, (I believe there are a limited amount of them available at the Literature Sales Table) or thru you AIS Office or on the WSO Members Webpage.

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If you have any questions regarding this report or anything that you have heard during today's Assembly please write your question out and place it in the ask it basket. I will do my best to answer them. May your Higher Power be with you today?

Respectfully Submitted

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