

I received the current AWSC Roster in a new format and will send it out to the AWSC members for review and ask all to send me any updates or corrections.

Upcoming Events

Pioneer Day - a day to honor the Founders of Al-Anon will be held on Sunday May 5th at the Wilson House in East Dorset, VT. See flyer for more details. Posted on the NY North web site.

TEAM - Together Empowering Al-anon Members is a very special event organized in partnership with World Service Office staff (WSO), World Service Conference Trustees (WSC) and members of an Al-Anon Area. Two are scheduled in 2019 in the North East Region.

1. NY Area South had the honor of being selected to host TEAM, as 1 of only 9 such events held annually in the United States. Come join us in celebrating and demystifying Al-Anon service. JUNE 2, 2019 8:00am – 4:30 pm includes light breakfast & registration. Location: Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown NY 10591 REGISTER ONLINE AT www.nysaafg.org; click on EVENTS and scroll down to “TEAM EVENT”
2. Pennsylvania also has a TEAM event scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, 2019 — 9am-4pm At the Church on the Mall 500 West Germantown Pike, #1900, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 More details by May 15 at <https://pa-al-anon.org> For questions, contact: PA-Team-Event@pa-al-anon.org

The North East Regional Delegates - NERD Conference was held March 9-11 in Palisades, NY. The purpose of NERD is

1. To provide an opportunity for all past and present Delegates to discuss mutual concerns.
2. To encourage continued interest and participation of Past Delegates and provide an opportunity for them to share their knowledge and experience.
3. To assist in preparing new Delegates for their first World Service Conference.
4. To hear the Regional Trustee’s report.

I was able to attend with the IPD-Immediate Past Delegate Diane C. As usual it is great to spend time with A-Anon folk. The Google website initiated last year has been a big FAIL and has been replaced with a groups.io web site that so far has proved user friendly and comprehensive. There were three new delegates for Panel 59 from New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont. The Pennsylvania Delegate from Panel 58 was able to attend his first NERD. It is the final year of our NERT – the North East Regional Trustee Joan S who gave her report.

The HOT Topics discussed for 2019 were

1. How Areas are working with groups prior to removing them from meeting list? How Areas are supporting them to be republished? Do other Areas have individual Area Safety Policies or Guidelines? If so, what are the primary safety issues? Does the WSO statement eliminate the need for individual Area safety guidelines?(If Areas that have safety policies, please bring a copy to NERD)
2. What are the other Areas doing to engage members to step up to service positions?

3. What is each Area's Regional Trustee process? Do they have one, if they do, what is it? If they don't, why not? Is it true that WSO has a process in place once the Areas submit their nominee; however, is the Area vetting their nominee before submission to WSO?

Workshops presented were “What is Bias?” and “Help for Families with Drug Addiction”. A Service Manual skit was presented reminiscent of our past delegate LaVaugh R – it had singing!

The Ask-It Basket provided some timely information for me. One was asking others of their experience with ZOOM or other video conferencing applications and the other was on Dual members participating in service above the group level. The social networking allows Al-Anon to reach people across the world. I've been participating in the ZOOM conferences of the Alateen interest group that sprung out of the 2018 Fall Assembly and it has been an enlightening experience for me. I'd like to look into using it in other areas of service in NY North.

Now available to order from your local Literature Distribution Center is the **Just for Tonight Bookmark** (M-81) \$0.10 each in English, French and Spanish

The World Service Conference is less than 2 weeks away. I have tons of reading to accomplish before the conference. I'm traveling by plane alone for the first time in my life – I'm a bit nervous.

Members of the WSC include Panels 57, 58, and 59 Delegates; At-Large members of the Executive Committee; members of the Board of Trustees; and WSO Staff Conference members. We always appreciate hearing from the fellowship throughout the WSC. In order to assist members who wish to send a card or package, the address of the location of the 2019 WSC is provided below. Please ask your members to include (Hold for WSC 4/13–4/17, 2019) in the address and to put the designee's name and address in the return address section of the envelope or box in the event that mail delivery is delayed. Please plan to have mail arrive **after April 10**. Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
3501 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

World Service Office (WSO) Volunteers: Many opportunities exist for members to serve the fellowship as a whole by volunteering with the World Service Office. To provide greater visibility to the opportunities for service, a new WSO Volunteer page has been created at Members > Board of Trustees > World Service Office (WSO) Volunteers, on al-anon.org. Members interested in serving can read about requirements and download résumés directly from the website.

2019 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect: The Washington Area will serve as the host for the 2019 Road Trip! Our location will be the Hilton Doubletree Hotel at Seattle SEATAC on Saturday, October 19. The Board of Trustees and the At-Large members of the Executive Committee look forward to meeting you in Seattle. Information regarding the 2020 Road Trip! and how Areas can submit to serve as the Host Area will be presented during the 2019 WSC.

2019 Together Empowering Al-Anon Members (TEAM) Events: e Board, in light of their fiduciary responsibility, made the decision to limit the 2019 TEAM Events to six rather than nine. e decision was based on a number of factors. e following Areas will be holding TEAM Events in 2019:

1. **Nevada Area** Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019 Location: First Christian Church 101 South RanchoLas Vegas, Nevada
2. **Quebec East** Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019 Location: Campus of Notre Dame Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Quebec Canada
3. **South Carolina** Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019 Location: Columbia, South Carolina Marriott Downtown Columbia
4. **New York South** Date: Sunday, June 2, 2019 Location: West Harrison, New York Marriott Renaissance Hotel
5. **Maritime Provinces** Date: May 30–31, 2019
7:00 pm Thursday–5:00 pm Friday Location: Kingwood University 26 Western Street
Sussex, New Brunswick Canada
6. **Pennsylvania** Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 Location: Church on the Mall
500 W Germantown Pike Ste 1900 Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

Bylaws: e Board of Trustees, in their legal capacity, approved updates to the Bylaws of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. and Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc. As a courtesy, WSC members will receive an electronic copy of the revised Bylaws. Copies will also be made available in the *2019 World Service Conference Summary*.

2018 Literature Sales and Contributions: On behalf of the Board and the Sta of our WSO, we would like to thank you for your continued generosity and support through the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and contributions. Unaudited gross literature sales totaled \$3,975,492, which was \$375,492 above the 2018 Budget. Unaudited contributions were \$1,953,458, which was \$46,542 below budget. Overall, 2018 was still a healthy year for contributions and a record-breaking year for literature sales.

A **Safety in Al-Anon Meetings** document drafted by WSO to aid groups in discussing and creating workable solutions to safety issues was mailed to all registered groups in December 2018. The purpose of this document is to help groups maintain Tradition One, with the understanding that our groups are not impervious to the same difficulties that affect the world around us, by discussing in advance how to address situations should they arise.

WSO sent an alert to all registered groups on the importance of discussing and creating safety guidelines. We trust the attached Safety in Al-Anon Meetings document will aid you in that process. A printed copy will be mailed to all registered Al-Anon meetings in the World Service Conference Structure in English this week. The Spanish and French translations will be mailed to meetings with these as their primary language as soon as possible in the new year.

We hope this tool will promote an environment of safety and unity throughout the groups in your Area, so they may focus on their primary purpose—to help families and friends of alcoholics.

Please note, this document applies to Al-Anon meetings, groups, events, and members: For Alateen safety, please refer to your Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements.

The WSO is currently evaluating whether to post the Safety in Al-Anon Meetings document on al-anon.org and requests that Areas not post it on their websites. Feel free to distribute print or electronic copies within the fellowship and encourage Al-Anon Family Groups in your Area to discuss safety. Please let me know if you need a copy.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concern you have at delegate@nynafg.com. The issues addressed by the WSC- World Service Conference each year comes from our members.

I'm grateful for the opportunity you've given me to serve.

Peace,
Molly C
Delegate Panel 58
NY North Area 39