

New York North AFG Report

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June 2023 Board of Trustees Update

There is good news to share! June 2023 contributions exceeded the budgeted expectations by eight percent. Literature sales were only one percent below the budget for the month, which did not include the 2023 International Convention sales. The Board approved the 2023 Revised Budget, which includes an anticipated net income of \$64,770 for 2023.

The Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark (M-82) that was given conceptual approval by the 2021 Conference has completed the CAL process and should be available this fall in English, Spanish, and French.

The new Public Outreach Toolkit was launched earlier this year, and the WSO Staff has already received 13 member submissions.

2023 International Convention Highlights: Book sales at IC2023 were amazing. Members purchased 8,015 English copies of A Little Time for Myself—A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences (B-34), our new daily reader, 584 Spanish, and 29 French. The four day sales figure was \$152,421. The IC2023 member registration totals were: 3,387 Al-Anon, 42 Alateen, 293 A.A., and 54 guests (3,776 total in-person participants) plus 741 virtual registrants. A new record was set at 4,517 registrants! Seven professionals attended as well. Collaborating with international structures, the WSO was able to offer 127 Al-Anon members the opportunity to attend virtually at registration rates which were discounted to represent the equivalent rate in local currency.

During the 2023 International Convention Language of Love Parade, 21 international structures represented in person and 13 structures participated virtually.

Alateen Feasibility Update: An update on the Alateen Feasibility Strategic Plan Strategy was presented. A motion passed to approve the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) identifying next steps for a project to create an Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirement (EASBR) for Areas within the WSC Structure and an intentional EASBR for international structures.

Group Contributions to WSO

Through June 30, 2023, 110 groups have made contributions to WSO totaling \$9850.20. Currently, there are 227 active groups, which means that only 48% of active groups sent in a contribution. On a brighter note, 89% of the Area Districts have at least one group that contributed.

The 2023 computed WSO cost per group is \$321.25. If every active group contributed this amount at the end of the year NYN Area groups would have sent approximately \$73,000 to WSO. While this is not realistic as some of our groups are small, as an Area we are falling far short of being self-supporting.

The top 12 Districts with the highest percentage of group contributions:

District	Percentage
12	80%
5	71%
19	71%
27	67%
1	65%
2	63%
3, 26	60%
14	57%
17, 25, 29	56%

Most of these groups are part of a district and/or an AI-Anon Information Service (AIS) that is actively connected with the Area - the Links of Communication shine through.

2024 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

NYN submitted the application to host next year's October Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, which concludes with the Saturday fellowship program. WSO handles all of the event's logistics. The Area's responsibility is to greet Saturday's attendees and to actively encourage AI-Anon members to attend. The expectation is that the host Area will have at least 100 members attend the day long program. This is an opportunity to meet WSO staff and trustees, learn about the business-side of AI-Anon, participate in activities, and hear staff and trustees sharings.

Memorial WSO Contribution

Connie Dodge, Delegate Panel 43, recently passed away. Connie's service to Al-Anon Family Groups was instrumental in moving NYN forward. She introduced the Area to Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) and worked diligently on the creation of NYN Alateen Behavioral Safety Requirements. She was often heard saying "Alateen is Al-Anon" as we worked through this time of great change. Other Area positions Connie held were Chair, Public Outreach, and our first Presentation Coordinator.

Below are some of the tributes expressed by past and present World Service Conference members:

"She was my Conference Mentor and I am every so grateful for her loving patience with me! She made me feel welcomed and taken care of. We kept in touch for a few years and then each of our lives went on. My condolences to you and your Area! She will be missed by many!" - Connie H. Panel 45, Iowa

"Our deepest condolences to you and New York North for the loss of Connie Dodge (P/43). We are so fortunate when Al-Anon pioneers like Connie, continue to guide our Areas after their terms as delegates have ended." - Emily D-C Panel 60, New York South

"These members held us and our fellowship and stewarded us through years with their service. Connie sounds like a beautiful soul (sic)." - Jane P Panel 62, Massachusetts

"She was a faithful servant to NYN and World Al-Anon." Mary G. Panel 28, NYN

"I am saddened by Connie's passing. She was an inspiration to me. I met Connie at an Alateen workshop she was facilitating back in the late 1990s. It was result of that workshop that I became an Alateen sponsor and later became an AMIAS. Connie was also the person that asked me to tell my story for the first time. That was at a meeting in Queensbury, NY. Later our terms as Delegates overlapped. She was on panel 43 and I panel 44. Over the years Connie and I had fun with speaker exchanges with groups from Hudson Falls, NY and Rutland, VT. That was well received and a great get in the car event where a group of us from Rutland would travel to Hudson Falls and one or two people would share their stories and several months later a carload or two from Hudson Falls would come to Rutland and a couple of people would share their stories. I am grateful that I knew Connie and that she shared her enthusiasm for carry the message with me." - John McL Panel 44, Vermont
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"Connie was a beautiful person and dedicated to the principles of the program. I always appreciated her thoughtful comments and will miss seeing her at NERD. It has been a privilege to know her." - Mary Ann R Panel 27, Connecticut

"I am sad to hear of Connie's death but also glad I was influenced by her at my first conference. As sometimes happens, I am positively affected by someone but I don't recall thanking her directly for her spiritual way of being. I try to be a channel for the positive energy she emitted (sic) while at WSC. I felt an underlying peace from her which helped me. I admired her for her dedication. I am sure there is a hole in many hearts at hearing this." - Marilyn M. Panel 44, AB/NT

“Connie was a strong serene influence at WSC during some difficult times and I called her several times during those two years we served together and received calm and wisdom in return.

NYN was blessed to have her willingness to serve.” - Kathy B Panel 44, New Jersey

Given all that Connie gave to Al-Anon, I would like NYN to express our gratitude by making a Memorial Contribution to WSO in Connie’s memory.