CT AFG Alternate Delegate’s Report

September 11, 2020

Welcome to our second CT Area World Service Committee meeting on Zoom! I hope you had a pleasant and relaxing summer. Over the last six months of quarantine from the COVID-19 virus, Zoom has become a lifeline for Al-Anon service meetings of all kinds.

So far this year, I have attended meetings in Districts 1, 11 and 12. I’d love to get to know you better and assist you in any way I can. Please send me an invitation to join you and your Group Representatives (GRs) at your upcoming meetings.

This is a busy season for Districts 3, 8 10 and 11 (Panel 14) whose representatives’ terms end this year. Groups in those districts will elect new Group Representatives and Alternate Group Representatives this month. In October those districts will elect new District Representatives and Alternate Group Representatives. Those members elected will begin 3-year terms in January 2021. These elections are part of our Paneling process for Rotation of Service. In January 2021, these Districts will be in Panel 17.

Please consider stepping up to new positions if your term expires this year. At the Fall Assembly, we will welcome newly elected DRs, Alternate DRs, GRs and Alternate GRs to attend with their outgoing counterparts. We hope to have a workshop for GRs at the Fall Assembly.

Prior to the Spring Assembly, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, and I held a workshop for DRs, Alternate DRs and prospective ones, to learn how to make their term a learning and growth experience. Pertinent information and resources for DRs and Alternates was sent to them by email. One of the documents was the Paneling Document posted on our website, which indicated that the Public Outreach Coordinator’s term ends this year with Panel 14. This was an error, which was brought to my attention by the current Coordinator, Kathe B., who was appointed to a three-year term in January 2019. After research and discussion, the Area Officers decided to place Paneling on tonight’s agenda. Recommendations will be made to have Public Outreach in Panel 15, which has a term from 2019-2021. Several years ago, the Spanish Coordinator was placed in the Panel that is currently Panel 14. Since that position was vacant for about two years, it is suggested that the Spanish Coordinator be moved to Panel 16. The current Coordinator, Sue D., was appointed in October 2019. See attached document.

Love in service,

Pat S., Alternate Delegate