Delegate’s Report

November 7, 2020

Hello All

Welcome to our second Virtual Assembly. Who would have though this way of communicating would become the new normal? With Zoom, I have been able to travel to Missouri, Iowa & Louisiana all without leaving my home. It is very interesting to see Al-Anon in action in other Areas.

WSO News:

* I am excited to announce the results of the Virtual Town Hall lottery which occurred on October 8. WSO received requests for nineteen different Areas and the following four were first in line for their preferred dates:

**Saturday, November 14th, 2020: Indiana**

**Saturday, December 12th, 2020: California-North**

**Saturday, January 9th, 2021: Florida-North**

**Saturday, February 6th, 2021: South Dakota**

**Indiana has open invitation to the 1st Virtual Town Meeting. Opens at 12:30pm and has 500-maximum attendees. Meeting # 899166453167**

* The Mobile App is the process of updating the registration process along with working out the glitches which comes up with a new platform. There have been over 400 Electronic meeting since January 2020. Electronic meetings are currently not part of the Service Structure and not assigned to any particular Area. WSO is working on bring Electronic meetings into the service structure.
* There are several Job Opportunities at WSO; which includes Magazine Editor and Group Service Specialist. Both require 5 years of continuance Al-Anon membership and are located in Virginia Beach, Va. You may contact me if you would like more information.
* The Public Outreach Committee has recommended that the year be removed from the AFA magazine cover and only be included as part of the copyright information on the inside cover. In December 2019, a consensus was reached by the Committee. WSO Staff raised a concern that the magazine without a date could be at risk for being thrown away prematurely.

So, the PO Committee, which has several members who work in the professional field, continued the discussion at the September 2020 Committee meeting. The consensus was that the year on the cover is a greater detriment than a benefit:

* Dates matter particularly when referring to research materials.
* Including the year dates our timeless content and makes it more likely to be thrown out the following year.
* Members are less likely to hand out what appears to be outdated materials, so more magazines end up being wasted across all service levels.

The PO Committee's recommendation has been presented to the Executive Committee, and no concerns were raised. The new issue of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, formally known as AFA 2021, will be the first issue printed without a year on the cover.

I would like to talk to you all about the importance of Links of Service. The service structure of AL-Anon is designed for the flow of information. We need to remember what our responsibilities are when we take a service position.

Link of Service

* Membership of Group elects a GR (Group Representative)
* GRs form Districts and utilize DR (District Representative) as a resource
* DRs form Area and utilize Delegate as a resource (who will disseminate to appropriate service arm within the Area or to WSO (World Service Office)
* Appropriate Service Arm contacts DR with the information
* DR report to GR
* GR reports to Group.

By using the Links of Service, we ensure that lines of communication are open. It may be human nature to go directly to the source that we think is appropriate instead of following Links of Service. But by doing so we are not educating the person asking the question as to how Al-Anon works. We also are depriving the relevant service person the chance to be of service in his/her designated role.

I would like to thank District Representatives, Kathy-District 3, Katie, District-8, Rose, District-10 & Martha, District-11 for a fabulous job and hope that you have all thought about what you next service role might be?

Love in Service

Marcia Minervini

Panel 60-CT Delegate