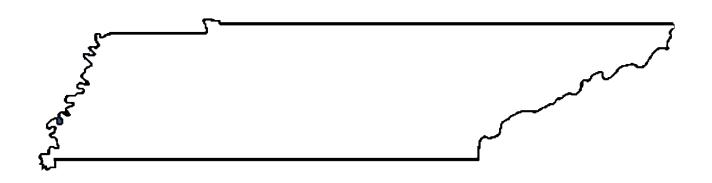
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**Delegate's Report** 

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# THANK YOU DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

December, 2020 we had four District Representatives on our AWSC Contact List. One of those DRs rotated out and that position has not been filled....yet.

We now have **ten** Al-Anon members serving as DRs. (As of March 24, 2023 we have eleven.) Our AWSC cannot serve our Area well without our District Representatives. We depend on your participation and are very grateful for your dedication.

# **District Representatives' AFG Connects**

District Representatives are members of the AFG Connects community for DRs all over the World Service structure. It is an invaluable resource to share information and gain experience, strength and hope.

These are some examples of discussions:

- Social Media and the District\Supporting Groups
- What to do About Dominance
- Taking a District Inventory
- Electronic Groups Finances
- Al-Anon District Events
- · Hybrid or Not Hybrid

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Southeast Regional Delegates Get-Together**

March 17-19, 2023 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

#### World Service Conference

April 20 -23, 2023 Virginia Beach, VA

# **TN Area 52 Spring Assembly**

May 20-21, 2023

#### **Al-Anon International Convention**

Albuquerque, NM June 29-July 2, 2023

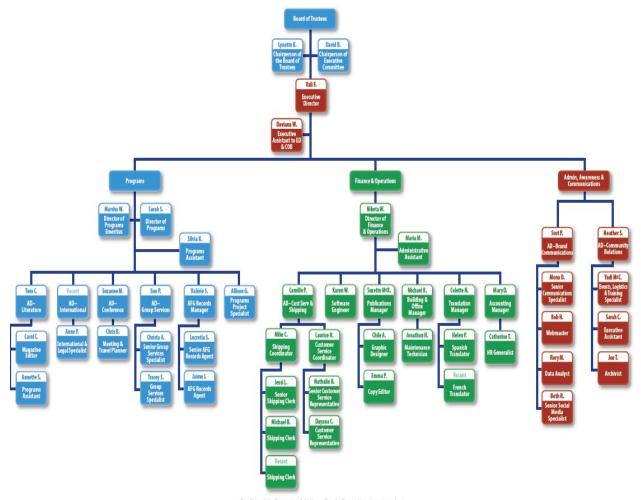
### **Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect**

Meet the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee members for a day of fun and connecting with each other. The event is being planned for October 28, 2023 in southern California. More information will be available after World Service Conference.

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# WSO OFFICE STAFF, 2022

In answer to members' requests, the chart of the WSO structure is available in the 2022 World Service Conference Summary. Look for an updated version in the WSC Summary for 2023.



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# **AFG, INC FINANCE UPDATE**

#### December, 2022

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total Actual	Total Budget
Literature	\$2,100,000	\$2,156,000		
Contributions	3,338,000	2,918,000		
Other Income	248,000	550,000		
Total Revenue			\$5,686,000	\$5,624,000
Total Expenses			-5,730,000	-5,954,000
Net Incr/Decr			-44,000	-330,000

# **GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE WSO**

#### Assembly May 20, 2023

Scot Powers, Associate Director of Brand Communications will be visiting with us at our Assembly. He managed the Digital Communications team which includes the Webmaster, Sr. Social Media Specialist, Sr. Communications Specialist, and the Sr. Data Analyst. This team maintains the <u>al-anon.org</u> website, the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App, our presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn as well as produces the Public Outreach posters, public Service announcements, and facilitates the Membership Survey and Longitudinal Study. Scot also serves on several important teams within the WSO including the Strategic Leadership Team, the Staff Management Team, and SPIRiT (Staff Policy Implementation Round Table). He will be sharing with us various resources available on <u>al-anon.org</u> and ways groups can stay informed.

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#### **AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Albuquerque, NM June 29-July 2, 2023 "New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery."

The 2023 International Convention registration includes access to the following events:

- Party in the Plaza (Thursday night)
- International Big Meeting, including the Language of Love Parade (Friday morning)
- Family Big Meeting (Saturday night)
- Spiritual Big Meeting (Sunday morning)
- Your choice of many sessions throughout the event

#### Available add-ons, for an additional fee:

- Day of Connecting (all day Thursday): Speakers and workshops celebrating service, the third leg in our recovery. \$55 US, including lunch.
- Trailblazers Breakfast on Route 66! (Saturday morning): A speaker meeting celebrating trailblazers throughout Al-Anon's history, including those still trailblazing today. \$75 US, including breakfast.

# In Person Attendance Registration

Registration fees prior to May 10, 2023 are \$200 US and after May 10, 2023 are \$225 US. To register go to the Al-Anon.org website. At the top of the page is a link for registering.

# Virtual Attendance Registration

The registration fee for virtual participation is \$145 and includes access to:

- All three Big Meetings
- A slate of sessions (two on Friday and four on Saturday)
- The International Convention event app to connect electronic and geographic participants

To register for virtual participation in the 2023 International Convention each of these will take you to the same registration page:

- https://multisoftevents.com/AlAnon23/Register.aspx
- bit.ly/2023 International
- On our AWSCTN52 groups.io there is a message containing this information. Look for message #6939 entitled "Virtual Attendance Registration for the International Al-Anon Convention!!!".

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#### **World Service Conference Love Gifts**

As stated in "In the Loop, the Conference Leadership Team suggests, in lieu of love gifts, that we send a contribution to the WSO. If you decide to send love gifts, send them to my address. Please remember, I am flying and my space is limited.

All delegates very much appreciate your cards and letters. Please mail them to arrive after April 15, 2023. The return address should have the delegate's home address in case there is a problem with delivery. If you want to send a card or letter to another delegate, please email me for help in doing so.

This is *my* shameless request for your thoughts and encouragement. Thank you.

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#### **Strategic Projects Planning**

- 2023 International Convention and Day of Connecting
- Collaborating to improve Conference Approved Literature globally
- Improvements to the Online Store
- Alateen electronic group feasibility
- · Alateen Re-certification
- Transforming electronic groups
- Road Trip! planning
- Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App refresh
- Refining the ebook strategy to reflect international needs

The projects the WSO is able to initiate are directly correlated to the contributions Al-Anon members send in. There were projects that had to be put on hold for a period of time because there weren't enough resources to see them through *at the time*. I look forward to hearing more about these projects at the World Service Conference.

# **Policy Committee Update**

Changes in our policy only happen as the situation requires. Our policy statements explain how our Traditions or Concepts of Service apply to a certain instance in Alateen or Al-Anon. These could come about because of

- Suggestions or questions from the fellowship,
- Motions that have passed or will be presented at WSC.

#### Task Force/Thought Forces

- The Registering Multiple Meetings Thought Force will continue to work hard on their findings and report at a later WSC.
- The Local Services Task Force has a minor change to the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Polices".

# INFORMATION ON OUR WORLD SERVICE OFFICE WEBSITE

# The Legacies

I have had questions about where to find our Legacies on the WSO site.

- 1. Go to Al-Anon.org
- 2. Hover over "Members"
- 3. Click on "The Legacies" at the bottom of the page.

On the next page is our The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Traditions of Alateen, and The Twelve Concepts of Service. I encourage you to see what the difference is between The Twelve Steps and The Twelve Steps of Alateen.

#### Al-Anon Website: For Professionals

On the Al-Anon.org website, look at the menu across the top and find "For Professionals". A lot of

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information is available to help professionals. There are resources for professionals and information available for download. Much of this information is good to use when talking to newcomers or anyone interested in Al-Anon.

#### Al-Anon Website: For the Newcomer

Members have asked me where to find "The Quiz" to help people decide if Al-Anon may be right for them. On the Al-Anon.org website, on the menu at the top, go to "Newcomers". The following page will the a link for "The Quiz" at the bottom. The next page has a quiz for adults, adults having grown up with alcoholism, and for teens.

There is also information about "How Al-Anon Works" with information and links for spouses/partners, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends.

An additional page has frequently asked questions. All of this information may be useful for Newcomer's Meetings.

# **SERVING AS DELEGATE**

I am learning that participation by our members does not happen because it should; it happens when we encourage each other and when we let each other know how valuable each of us is to the health of our Area.

For a long time I thought I didn't know enough or was not well enough to encourage people about service. I have been completely wrong. If I want to see more participation, I can make a difference just by saying, "I think you would do really well at this.", and by offering specific support.

Service has been a gift and it has dramatically changed me. Why would I not want to encourage other members to experience such a wonderful gift?

Your grateful delegate,

Karla K

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# **ACRONYMS**

AIS Area Information Service

AWSC Area World Service Committee

DR District Representative GR Group Representative

LDC Literature Distribution Center

WSO World Service Officer

WSC World Service Conference