

## AWSC REPORT

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Dear NYN Family,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. By the time you read this we will be getting some more cool weather. This week that I am writing this it is pretty hot here.

I have been busy forwarding meeting information from Kathy to the proper districts and answering some of the requests myself. Please check out our NYN website under meeting information. Kathy did a great job getting up a map and meeting info. Also don't forget to check out the reports under awsc.

Elaine and I met in Albany with Marcia and Michele from NYS (New York South) and the commissioner of OASAS ( New York State office of alcoholism and Substance abuse Services) this past month. We accomplished a lot of talking about we can work together to educate professionals about Al-Anon Family Groups and reach out to family members who are still suffering. I am sure Elaine will be talking to you at the AWSC and the Assembly about things in the future we can do as an area to help and cooperate with NYS and OASAS to get the word out to professionals and those still suffering from the effects of some one else's drinking. OASAS theme is "Pathways to Recovery" and there venture is to carry the message of Al-Anon to family members and a " Renewed Partnership" with AA NA and Al-Anon.

Briefly some of the things we talked about were:

- 1 Providing contact for each other and links on websites
- 2 Use of different site they have such as " I am Recovery" and " My story Matters"
- 3 Training their personal about AL-non on " Learning Thursday"
- 4 Teaming up on video conferencing
- 5 linking our Websites
- 6 Providing a list of open meeting
- 7 They will try to make use of our Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism outreach magazine
- 8 If we want they will sent a representative to our assembly
9. Our Anonymity will be protected at all times

Enjoy our nice weather coming up this month.

Love and Sharing

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