



Recovery Through the Steps
Unity Through the Traditions
Service Through the Concepts

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Northern Hi Lights

Al-Anon News from New York North Area

Area Delegate Panel 55

Hello NYN,

First of all, I want to apologize for not writing an article in the November *Northern Hi-Lights*. My personal life got in the way of my service to Al-Anon.

There are a few thing I would like you to think about, and act upon, after you finish reading this month's newsletter:

- Go to the Al-Anon.org website. There you will see the newly-designed website that has so much information for members, groups and the public.
- Register For the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention to be held in Baltimore, Md. July 6-8, 2018. The price for will be \$150.00 if you register before December 31,2017
- Sign up to attend "A Day of Connection" preview day on July 5, 2018 . There you will meet others who are involved in service, members of World Service, learn about our Legacies, our Slogans, and Leadership, meet up with other members from all over the world, and meet old friends! (continued, pg. 2)

Mission Statement

Northern Hi Lights is the monthly publication (10 issues) of the New York North AFG Assembly Area. It is intended both as a member outreach tool and to keep the Area informed of all Service related projects and activities at the District, AIS, and Area levels in between Assemblies. Content of each issue will include Service Reports from the Delegate, Officers and Coordinators of the Area; and pertinent Service topics from the World Service Office. Reports from Districts, Information Services and Alateen Sponsors will be included as space allows. A topic of the month may be chosen by the editor as a focus for reports. **Northern Hi Lights** is not copyrighted. It is not conference approved literature.

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When submitting reports, keep in mind that all quotes from Conference Approved Literature (CAL) must have prior written permission from WSO (see pgs. 106-107 in your 2014Service Manual). **Announcements should be submitted at least 6 weeks before event.**

Subscriptions: Suggested donation of \$10/year when possible (see back page): All Al-Anon members are encouraged to subscribe (**electronically if possible**) to receive an individual copy. A copy will automatically be sent to each Group Representative onrecord with the Group Records Coordinator, unless we have instructions for a specific Group Mailing Address.

For more information visit the following websites:

New York North: www.nynafg.com

WSO: www.al-anon.alateen.org

- Encourage your group or district to show their gratitude for this program by sending an end of the year donation to the WSO. Many of us are unable to carry the message of recovery outside of our town or neighborhood, but our donations combined all together can do it for us.

Because this is my last article as your New York North Delegate, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to represent you, and I hope I have helped your groups to learn a little more about Al-Anon.

Please give your support to Molly C., our new Delegate and to all of the Panel 58 trusted servants. They will be doing their part for our Area, so please step up to service and fill in the positions that they previously held. You will experience a growth in your recovery beyond your wildest dreams.

Diane C.

Public Outreach Coordinator

Happy Holiday's everyone,

I wish all of you and your families much love and peace in this upcoming New Year. I have enjoyed being your public outreach coordinator for the last three years, thank you. Carrying the message of Al-Anon to those that are still suffering is an experience that brings me a quiet peace.

Connie D., our public outreach coordinator for the next three years, will bring much experience, strength, and hope to this position. I look forward to working with Connie in my own small way.

A few reminders:

- The deadline to order the second printing of **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 is February 7th, 2018, 5 pm ET.**
- **The 2018 Al-Anon Membership Survey will take place online from January 10th to February 27th, 2018.** This survey is Conference Approved and has been conducted once every three years since 1984. The survey will be posted on the WSO website.

Thank you all for helping in 12th Step work by making presentations to professionals, participating in health fairs, the NY State Fair, bringing meetings into recovery houses, and treatment centers for families, placing location of our meetings in local newspapers, PSA's, and the distribution of our *Al-Anon faces Alcoholism* throughout our communities. Let's continue this important service!

Together we can make a difference.

Pat H.

Group Records Coordinator

Hello NYN,

I cannot believe three years is up, that time went fast. Patti and I met for our transition, and I want you all to know NYN is in good hands. She has done this type of work in the past. As I looked around at the other people at the transition meeting, I was very much impressed with our new panel of officers and coordinators. I know that with help from the outgoing panel, and other people who have done the jobs before them, they will have many resources available. It is truly impressive the way this program works, and the love and support that is available, if we just ask. Let us all remember to be encouraging to newcomers, whether it is a service position or just someone willing to help with setup and cleanup of our meeting rooms. Remember, we were there once, and without the

support we received we wouldn't be where we are today. In order to keep it we must give it away. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you in this position and allowing me to make mistakes and helping me get through it. With love and gratitude,

Lynda S.

Archives Coordinator

Hey NYN members,

My time as NYN Archives Coordinator is almost up. Thank you for letting me serve as Archives Coordinator. It has been a pleasure. This has been my first service at an Area level. My recovery has grown from it. I was able to learn more about the Traditions and Concepts and practice these principles in all our affairs. The fellowship has been amazing. I was surprised at the last few conventions, by how many people I now know. My fellowship circle is growing. I learned much about the history of NYN. Doing this service has really helped connect me to the NYN Area.

I did the job the best I could, and did not do it alone. That is what I want to pass along to the new Archives Coordinator and to all the new officers and coordinators: you don't have to do it like the previous coordinators--you can do it your way, and to the best of your abilities. You are not alone. We are all here to help, including WSO, where you get to join AFG connects, which puts you in contact with coordinators from all over. I wish you much support and growth in your upcoming service.

Thank you again for letting me serve NYN, and I look forward to serving as Convention Coordinator to continue my growth and learn more about NYN (like what counties all these Districts are in ☺)
Yours in Service,

Kevin M.

Web Coordinator

Hello NYN,

I am at the end of a NYN Area service position again.

To my successor, the best I have to share is that you are not alone. Any information you need to respond to the "NYN Contact Us" emails is in the "book" – the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, or on the WSO web site.

My reports were dull - 173 emails received and responded to - giving hope and helping people find meetings and answers to their questions.

The work is interesting and satisfying: uploading and linking flyers to events posted on the NYN web site Calendar of events, projecting reports and video presentations at assemblies, having contact with AI-Anon members, newcomers, group and district reps, area officers and coordinators, professionals, non-professionals, and anyone who contacts our web site.

My Higher Power was right again! It's so good to be able to trust my feelings. I have always benefited by saying "yes" when invited by my AI-Anon family to serve.

Thank you all for the opportunity,

Molly C.

Treasurer's Report

Hello, NYN Family!

With holidays fast approaching, time is at a premium these days! But one thing Al-Anon has taught me is to take time for ME!! I am, as I hope each and every one of YOU is, too!

Donations received in the month of October:

<u>GR Name</u>	<u>Gr #</u>	<u>Amt</u>
Progr Not Perf	30606210	53.00
UNK	9676	20.00
Tues Night	30524821	45.00
UNK	27134	30.00
UNK	UNK	30.00
Faith & Hope	30375	20.00
Exper,Stren&Hope	UNK	40.00
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Andes	30661311	60.00
Courage Tues	48141	5.00
Friday	9828	30.00
Serenity Seekers	30576552	25.00
Penn Yan	10187	120.00
Fri Morn	9710	60.00
District 10	n/a	100.00
Chittenango	9677	15.00
Courage Tues	48141	10.00
District 17	n/a	50.00
J'town Thurs	9830	60.00
Concord	62569	50.00
Legacy	42113	25.00
UNK	9763	45.00
UNK	UNK	10.00
District 1	n/a	50.00

As you can see, we are still working on progress in having your donations submitted with GROUP NAMES & WSO ID #'s. Maybe we can continue to progress for the benefit of our new treasurer! Thanks!

There were no paid subscriptions to *NHL*.

Expenses paid since the last article:

Ruth S.	30.51
Sarah R. 2017 Fall Assy	49.00
Kevin M.	35.00
US Postal Svc	27.40
Walter S.	16.40
Leslie C.	24.60
Gwenne R.	108.74
John O.	49.00
AFG Inc (donation)	1000.00
AFG Inc. (Del. Eq. Exp.)	2150.00
NSEA	50.00

Current balances are as follows:

Regular Checking:	\$21,202.99
Reserve Checking:	10,375.20
Sage Ruddy Mut Fund:	2,977.23

This month's topic is a message for my successor, who is Pam A:

First of all, Pam, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! I never would have been able to get through my first year as Treasurer (or, the other FOUR years, come to think of it!!!!) without your CONSTANT, IMMENSE help in EVERYTHING!!!! So, NYN, please be assured that our funds are in extremely COMPETENT, CAPABLE hands, as I know Pam has been an ever-present resource to many treasurers, having served in this position previously!! Pam, I know you will continue to provide amazing service to NYN, as you have for as long as I can remember!! People like you are an inspiration to me!! THANK YOU!!!!

To ALL of my NYN family, I extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for all of your support (financially and personally!!) over the preceding five years!! You all rock!!

Love and Hugs in Service,

Linda A.

SENDING DONATIONS

To New York North

Donations should be sent by check or
money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH!!**

Make payable to: NYN Area Assembly

PO Box 398, Morrisonville, NY 12962

**Add group's registered name and group's
ID Number (VERY Important)**

Newsletter Editor

What I want to pass on to my successor is that I didn't have to do this job alone, and for a long time, couldn't have done it without my proofreaders Connie B. and Gwenne R. and Pat H. from District 2, an expert on the word processor. Word processors are my nemesis.

Proofreaders made it easier because they caught the mistakes that would have taken me forever to find, saving me a lot of effort. Pat H. took my messed-up pages and made them presentable.

This position was another one of those growth experiences that stretched my capabilities, and that proved doable. I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow, and now have another challenge as Alternate Delegate. Six years ago, I thought being a District Representative would be my last hurrah, since I was "over the hill" age-wise. Today, I don't feel that way, and hope there is a service position available for me as long as I can serve competently.

John O.

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In January, the new panel members will assume the email addresses of their predecessors. (E.g. delegate@nynafg.com) as shown on the page 7 contact sheet.

NYN AFG Spring Assembly and Convention
May 4-6, 2018
Hosted by Districts 5 & 26
****Al-Anon & Alateen Convention with AA Participation****

Hotel Reservations
Room Reservation Deadline April 4, 2018
High Peaks Resort
2384 Saranac Avenue
Lake Placid, NY 12946
(518)523-4411

Room Rate: \$145 + \$15.95 (tax) per night
To confirm reservation, one night's deposit by check or credit card is required.
Please list roommates' names.

For reservations call (518)523-4411 (mention NYN North AFG for rate)

Check in: 4 PM and Check out: 11 AM

****Alateens must have notarized permission slips / medical release forms and adult supervision****

NYN AFG 2018
Spring Assembly / Convention Registration Form

Make Checks Payable to: NYN AFG 2018 Spring Assembly / Convention

Name: _____
Address: _____
City / State /Zip _____
Phone Number: () _____
Email: _____
Cell Phone: () _____

Early Registration (before 3/30/18) \$15 ____
Full Registration (after 3/30/18) \$20 ____
Alateen Registration: \$12 ____
Dinner Banquet: \$35 (Deadline 4/15/18) ____
Donation to Hospitality ____
Total Enclosed: _____

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Are you a new Group Representative? _____
Are you a new District Representative? _____
Are you registering as Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____ AA _____
Are you here to attend the Convention? _____
Are you here to attend the Assembly? (GRs, DRs, Officers, Coordinators) _____
All are welcome to attend the Assembly meetings.

Mail to: NYN AFG 2018 Spring Assembly and Convention
P.O. Box 5015
Massena, New York [REDACTED] 13662

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