Newsletter AWSC Report 4/5/14

As I wrote in my report for the April issue of *NHL*, I would like to suggest a few changes to the Mission Statement and Subscriptions information for *Northern Hi Lights*, mainly to:

- a) replace the subscription cost of \$7.50/year with a suggested donation,
- b) to note reprint permission requirements for quotes from CAL by WSO,
- c) to include the topic of the month and
- d) to take out "It will not contain poetry or personal recovery stories." I cannot find where this last sentence originated and it may conflict with sharing on the topic of the month. I would like to know how people feel about having a topic of the month. Does it make the NHL more interesting to a wider audience? Is it helpful to give a focus for our reports each month and to help us reflect on our own recovery, especially related to service?

The following is my suggestion of how the Mission Statement and Subscription Information should read. Please let me know what you think.

(Front Page Mission Statement):

Northern Hi Lights is the monthly publication 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, Area Information Services (AISs), 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 and AISs 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.

Submissions: Email by the 15th of the month prior, to: newsletter@nynafg.com. (Announcements should be submitted at least 6 weeks before event.)

When submitting reports, keep in mind that substantial quotes from Conference Approved Literature (CAL) must have prior reprint permission from WSO (see pg. 107 in your *Service Manual*).

Subscriptions (see back page for more information): All Al-Anon members are encouraged to subscribe (electronically if possible) to receive an individual copy. A copy will automatically be sent to the Group Representative of each Group on record 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: <u>www.nynafg.com</u> WSO: <u>www.al-anon.alateen.org</u>

(Changes to Back page - Subscriptions):

Take out: "One Year Subscription is \$7.50

Put in: "There is no specified charge for NHL subscriptions. However, in keeping with the Seventh Tradition of being fully self-supporting, a donation of \$10 per year is suggested, when possible, to help the Area pay for production costs."

Make checks payable to and mail to NYN Assembly, PO Box 398, Morrisonville, NY 12962. Mail address changes and updates to: Group records, 34 Ellison Ave., Rochester, NY 14625 or Email: records@nynafg.com.

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