

In January of this year I started my last year as New York North panel 55 Delegate. It's hard to believe our panel is on its last year of service however it has been a busy.

Some things I would like to highlight;

- Updated the New York North area is the list for both World Service Office and the AWSC (please check your emails for this update)
- Read all reports, questions and answered survey questions regarding items that would be discussed at this year's world service conference and NERD.
- Participated in conference calls with a task force that I was assigned to by the conference entitled spirituality in district money discussions. This involved many hours writing, reading, and discussing how we would present this information at the world service conference.
- Answered phone calls and emails (many) from Group Representatives, Officers, Coordinators, and other Delegates.
- Responded to AFG connects Queries regarding Alateen, Literature, & Procedures in our area (I receive these emails every day and read all.
- Wrote mailed to WSO a copy of my Three Minute Talk to be presented at the Conference on the **Theme: Our Members, Our Hope for the Future (it will appear in the Conference Summary after the Conference.**
- In March I attended the Northeast regional delegate's conference (NERD) along with Ruth our immediate past delegate. There we met with current and former delegate from the Northeast region to discuss issues that pertain to our region, help support and give encouragement to the incoming panel 57 new delegates who will attend their first world service conference in April. I posted a report of this in the April Northern Highlight and had feedback in regards to a personal opinion that I expressed in there. I have written to this person to help them to understand what I was talking about. I appreciate the feedback of those people who read our articles. We also discussed a query as to whether the WSO is responding to the needs of the membership now because of a new organizational departments.

A Delegate who is up on the Technology that is out there shared with us some current and useful apps that could be used by districts or at areas to streamline donations, events preparation, and website management. I didn't understand all of it but I do have the information it will share it in a future Northern highlights article.

At this year's World Service Conference- April 24 through April 29, 2017 the following topics will be discussed;

- approving the 2016 annual report and the 2017 financial budget
- Open and Closed Meetings- What is the definition and how groups understand these?
- How are areas feel about the Just for Today bookmark, -how was it presented to our Areas and what was their Responses. – This is only a Discussion item at this time. Approving the wording for of the world service conference relating to conventions proceeds and making announcements of events.
- Revising Text for the “Announcing Events at Meeting” in the Policy Section of the Service Manual
- Chosen Agenda Items To be discussed in Break out Session
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- **Topic:** How can we more effectively cooperate with A.A., enhancing a relationship with those members and their friends and family who are already aware of the positive impact of 12-step recovery?
- **Topic;** encouraging the need for more Service Sponsors so that newcomers understand the need for filling Service Positions. People oftentimes will let their name stand saying "oh, alright I'll be a GR but only for a y
- **Topic;** Welcoming and supporting newcomers to Al-Anon dealing with drug addiction while staying true to our Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service.

I would like to thank both **Connie D. and Lucy J.** for sending me left over items from the Fall Assembly and the Salt City Round-up to be sent as Love Gift from our Area to the Delegate at the World Service Conference. If your District would like to send anything there is still time. I placed the address in the April Northern Highlight. Please note that this Time Sensitive so that if you have any questions about it contact me by phone to verify.

Thank You ALL for your Support and I will continue and I will see you at the Spring Assembly in May.

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