

New York North Delegates Report

2017 Fall Assembly

At the beginning of the **2017 World Service Conference (WSC)**, the **Board of Trustees** announced we were beginning the search for the next Executive Director. It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees, Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. announces that on September 5th 2017, **Vali F.** will begin her tenure as our next Executive Director. Vali brings with her over 15 years as an active Al-Anon member.

She served as a Panel 53 Delegate from Arizona, Area Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Additional Al-Anon service roles include AIS Chair and Alateen Coordinator.

Vali also brings over 20 years of business experience including management of teams of staff throughout the world. Vali has a keen understanding of the world's ever-changing landscape and how those changes have and will continue to impact the growth and diversity of our fellowship. Vali fully embraces the continued need to find new ways to reach those whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

Our current Executive Director, Mary G., has committed to working side-by-side with Vali beginning September 5th through the October Board meeting. This transition period will ensure that our new Executive Director, our World Service Office (WSO) staff and our fellowship as a whole experience a smooth transition.

By now, we hope you have taken an opportunity to visit our newly-designed website. The entire staff, led by our Digital Strategy Team, has been involved in the redesign of our website. I believe you will find the site fresh and exciting and reflective of our world today, the needs of our fellowship, and those who have yet to find our help and hope. If you have not visited our new site, please take the time to visit and share your enthusiasm with our membership by encouraging a visit.

Website has been redesigned. It has a links to the member's webpage. Topics include how does Al-Anon work? teen center, Al-Anon meetings,, members website, online stores, and the membership survey.

In service manual

updates as reported in my delegates report in the brain there have been several updates to the service manual is updates and will call financial matters in which we are asked the spiritual and civil of self-support and money matters bold membership and Group Meetings/Conventions" to help us identify Al-Anon/Alateen events and they light of the spiritual principles of our Program. Also include guidance about which announcements can be made in meetings and last but not least bold the world service handbook **explains our Service Structure and how our trusted servants can best function within our Structure is now available online and pages can be downloaded and printed and sent out and pasted into the pages of our existing service**

manual the new service manual will be available time hard copy in the first months of 2018 until that you can also read it online at Al-Anon/lateen.org

Finances – As of June 30, 2017 the general fund lost \$10,349 as to the same quarter last year but that is to full staffing at the BSO and a large funds and contribution this quarter last year Outlook and finances while contributions dipped a bit in the month of June we are hopeful that the abundant demonstration in 2016 will carry over to 2017 that level of participation along with some encouraging literature sales numbers will allow the WS O to continue to support all the members carrying the message of help and help please encourage your groups to continue showing gratitude for what Al-Anon has done for their lives help us realize our dreams think abundantly

The policy committee reports there is discussion taking place currently related to group autonomy in relationship to tradition four and Warranty four electronic meetings how to reach them and allow them to participate fully, open and closed meetings the policy committee consensus is to remove the term closed from the policy digest for now and perhaps more to follow after further discussion.

Al-Anon policies are simply interpretations according to the principles they are not rigid rules

Our Al-Anon program suggests that we live one day at a time, however if I was going on a trip I would need to make plans for future events. As many of you know Al-Anon is planning the 2018 international Al-Anon convention in Baltimore Maryland on June 6-8 will you be there let's take a look at what to expect.

DAY OF CONNECTING

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Al-Anon and Alateen members from around the world will gather at the beautiful waterfront of Baltimore, Maryland on July 6 – 8, 2018 for Al-Anon's Sixth International Convention. On Thursday, July 5, 2018, an extraordinary "Day of Connecting" is planned prior to the weekend events

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Come a day early—July 5, 2018 and energize your program. The Day of Connecting is an opportunity to connect with staff members and volunteers (your Board of Trustees and Executive Committee) from the World Service Office in a variety of Al-Anon workshops, meetings and discussions. Seize the opportunity to share experiences and exchange ideas about Al-Anon service and leadership as we connect with others from around the world.

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What's on the agenda? Presentations, panels, speakers and roundtable discussions are planned. The purpose of the day is to learn more about our Structure, our service and ourselves while sharing ideas about leadership and participation in Al-Anon

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Some of the topics at the Day of Connecting include:

Know Your WSO – Service IS Its Middle Name!

Telephone Book or the Internet – What's Your Digital Age?

You're it! Now What? Becoming the Leader Others Know You Can Be

Al-Anon's International Reach – Our Worldwide Fellowship

Attitudes – Are Mine Worth Catching? The Twelve Traditions

Are They Still Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret? The Twelve Concepts of Service

"Face Time"—Not What It Used to Be! The Changing "Face" of Meetings

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Beginning in September, registration information is available to the fellowship on our Convention website www.al-anon.org/international and will include information about the Day of Connecting. Click

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Plan to register for the Day of Connecting on July 5, 2018—a day dedicated to connecting with staff members and volunteers from the World Service Office featuring exciting topics about service and leadership.

Registration for this one-day event is limited to 1,500 people so register early! You won't want to miss this special day preceding the Sixth International Convention in Baltimore.

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Let's connect. (What a concept!!) Looking forward to seeing you there on Thursday, July 5, 2018! <CLICK>

2018 International Al-Anon Family Group Celebration= July 6-8, 2018 – at the Baltimore Maryland Convention Center

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Our Theme "Celebrating One Day at a Time"

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Evening and Sunday morning "big meetings" feature U.S., Canadian, and International speakers.

Al-Anon workshops are held during the day. There are a variety of recovery topics. Workshops feature several speakers and include time for audience sharing.

Alateen workshops and A.A. daytime meetings are held at the same time.

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Members can celebrate their recovery by marching in the parade.

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Members can choose costumes for fun. Experience Al-Anon as a worldwide program from members dressed in traditional costumes from their country.

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Picture yourself and many of Your New York North Friends here, Will you be going? I have registered and have my room.

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Beginning in September, the WSO will provide information to the fellowship in a variety of ways. Articles will appear in *The Forum* magazine, the Group e-News, AFG Announcements for members, the WSO Members' web site (www.al-anon.alateen.org/members), and print and electronic group mailings.

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www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org

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Al-Anon and Alateen members and their A.A. guests will be able to register for the convention. Members will also learn and sign up for housing.

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REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE MONEY Amount

Deadline (U.S. Funds)

\$130.00 Dec. 31, 2017

\$165.00 May 31, 2018

\$195.00 June 1, 2018

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Once you have registered to attend the convention, you can:

- **Reserve a hotel room—Al-Anon has reserved a certain number of rooms at a guaranteed rate with several hotels in the area. If you book an “Al-Anon” room, you will receive the lowest possible rate, and be supporting the convention.**
- **Register to march in the Language of Love Parade**
- **Purchase tickets in advance for the Pioneer Luncheon (limited seating/first come, first serve)**

Information will also be available in The Forum, In the Loop (formerly Group e-News), other Group mailings, AFG Connects: the Announcements Community for members and the WSO Members' website.

Look for reminders about registration in print and in electronic group mailings.

2018 International will have its own website for ease of registration: www.al-anon.org/international

The 2018 International Convention link for registration is available now on the Public Outreach site <https://al-anon.org> Look at the very top of the screen (in the blue section). Click on the words "2018 International Convention Registration."

On the Members' website, there is a new added link on the sign-in / password page. Click on the link "2018 International Convention."

In closing I would like to say it is been a privilege to it as New York North delegate for the past three years, I have learned a lot of things about Al-Anon I didn't know. I have learned to work with groups, more about working with electronic going to meetings software, about finances, group dynamics around the world, and the spiritual principles embodied and are 12 steps traditions and concepts. I have met many friends from all over the world and here in New York North that I never knew existed prior to this opportunity. I am also in the last six months have learned to reach out for help for the hand of Al-Anon and the prayers of so many people who have been there for me during a personal family issue. I welcome and what offer my help to all incoming officers and coordinators who we elect here today and remind them of what I have always believed; all I can do anything with the help of my higher power and those in the Al-Anon program because I have seen this demonstrated throughout my time in service.

Thank you,

Diane C

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