IOWA AREA FALL ASSEMBLY (hybrid) GRINNELL COLLEGE, GRINNELL, IOWA JUNE 9-11, 2023

Katy P., Area Chairperson, opened the Saturday business meeting at 3:05 PM, June 10, 2023 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. A total of 67 people were present. There was 25 GRs and 5 Alternate GRs.

All Assembly reports were posted on the Iowa Al-Anon website before the Assembly. These reports are available for all Area members. Please visit www.iowaal-anon.org, under the Members tab. You can use the dropdown box to the listing of Iowa Area Assembly.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the 2022 October Assembly minutes were approved by a consensus on Friday, June 9th. The minutes were posted on the Iowa Webpage for prior review to the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of the minutes.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: Treasurer Report –The financial statement from March 1 – May 31, 2023 was presented and was also posted on the Iowa Al-Anon website prior to the meeting. Balance brought forward was \$24,328.83. Total receipts for this period are \$4,463.23. Total of disbursements was \$5,180.07, which brought the total balance forward on May 31, 2023 to \$23,611.99. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of this report. A consensus was taken and approved for the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Delegate's Report</u>: Becky V., presented earlier in the day her Delegate's report from attending the World Service Conference (WSC) in Virginia Beach in April. Becky's complete World Service Conference report can be found on the Iowa Area website at www.iowa-al-anon.org in the Delegate's Corner.

Alternate Delegate Report: Thanks to District 8, Carolyn, Carrie and the Committee for all their hard work hosting the Spring Assembly in Grinnell at the Grinnell College. Our luncheon speakers, Riley L, Alateen Speaker, and Don B., Al-Anon Speaker, did a wonderful job on Saturday! Don B did the workshop on WSO Trustees at Large Committees and KBDM process on Sunday morning which was a great end to the weekend.

"The Three Legacies" is the Theme for the Fall 2023 Conference. which will be held in Dubuque, Iowa at the Best Western Plus Hotel on October 13-15, 2023. The Saturday luncheon speaker will be Susan B. from Lacrosse, WI, Past Delegate, Panel 59. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined. The Sunday morning spiritual speaker will be Susan M., from Dubuque, Iowa. If you haven't booked your hotel room, do so soon as rooms are limited and filling up fast. A hybrid option will be available for portions of the weekend.

SAVE THE DATE: The Spring 2024 Conference will be held at Dordt University on June 7-9, 2024, Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Forum: Linda A., shared 5 great reasons to subscribe to The Forum. The Forum will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary this month.

Currently, there are 341 subscriptions in Iowa. Let's get the Iowa numbers up by making sure that each of our groups have a copy to share especially with the newcomer.

Articles are needed regarding the Concepts. Consider submitting a sharing on Concepts 1,2,5,6,7,8 as the others have been quite popular.

The WSO is always looking for new articles and pictures for The Forum. Please consider submitting your article to: The Forum, 1600 Corporate Parkway Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617; to wso@alanon.org or online to al-anon.org/forumshare. Sharing's must range from 150-180 words and have Al-Anon focused topics and perspectives.

<u>Coordinator and DR Reports</u>: Coordinator and DR reports were posted on the Iowa Website before the Assembly. The Coordinator's and DR's from Districts 1,2,3,7,8,9,11,13 read their reports. Please visit the Iowa Website for complete copies of their reports.

Old Business:

<u>Area Service Workshop</u>- Katy P., Chairperson shared that there were 64 members that signed up to attend the online GR workshops. There were two separate workshops, hosting each session twice. Topics covered were general responsibilities of the GR role, what to present to their groups and what to expect at the Area Assemblies.

There was also 2 DR's Salons with 6 out of 8 DR's that attended

There was a final survey sent out to all that registered to find out what type of experience would be beneficial in the future.

Alateen Serenity Weekend- Judy V Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP reported that this was the 1st Serenity Weekend since 2019. It was held April 21-23, 2023. The teens participated in tie dying shirts, had a campfire, dance, made smores and had some very good workshops. Unconditional love was stated as one of the main things that the teens felt was good about the weekend. There were 14 Alateen's and 6 AMIAS that participated in the weekend.

They have set April 19-21, 2024 for the next Alateen Serenity Weekend.

Thought Forces/Task Forces: Katy P, chairperson, reviewed the Thought Forces/Task Forces:

- Thought Force- Reconnecting with all Districts
- Thought Force- Al-Anon Assembly
- Task Force- Newsletter

These committees will have updates on their thought force/task force at the August 2023 AWSC meeting. Report can be found on the Iowa Area website at www.iowa-al-anon.org.

New Business: Area Serenity Weekend will be September 22-24, 2023 at Twin Lakes Christian Center in Manson, Iowa. "The 3 C's plus 1."

The meeting topics will be from the book *Discovering Choices*. Be sure to bring your own copy of the book for the weekend.

The packages are:

- Package A- 2 overnights & 3 meals -\$120.00(Sat. Bk, L, D)
- Package B- 1 overnight & 2 meals- \$90.00(1 Night, L, D)
- Package C- Saturday only 2 meals- \$60.00(Sat. L, D)

The Apparel will be light blue with black lettering. There will also be lanyards for \$5.00. See flyer on the lowa website for information.

Save the Date: Virtual KBDM will be on Sunday, July 16, 2023. Please check the lowa webpage in the near future for time and registration link.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 4:05 PM. Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy H.G. lowa Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 29-July 2, 2023 Al-Anon International Convention, Albuquerque, NM

August 1, 2023 Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline

August 6, 2023 Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA

Sept 22-24, 2023 Iowa Area Serenity Weekend, Manson, Iowa

October 13-15, 2023 Fall Assembly, Dubuque, IA

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